General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

May 25, 2026

Present: Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Beamer, Chair
Councillor Crowley
Councillor Duguay
Councillor Haacke
Councillor Lachica
Mayor Leal
Councillor Parnell
Councillor Riel
Councillor Vassiliadis

Regrets: Councillor Bierk

Staff: Reem Ali, Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Cassandra Babcock, Director, Public Works Operations
Gillian Barnes, Director, Facilities and Property Management
Ian Boland, Director, Asset Management and Capital Planning
Jocelyn Blazey, Homelessness Program Manager
Jodi DeNoble, Director, Emergency and Risk Management
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Greg Giles, Director, Engineering and Capital Works (Acting)
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Peter Malin, Manager, Traffic and Parking Services
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Dylan Middleton, Director, Municipal Law Enforcement and Security
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management
Jessica Penner, Project Manager for Wolfe Street
Travis Patterson, Program Manager, Accessibility Standards and Integration
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Kendra Sedgwick, Committee Support Specialist
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Colin Walsh, Program Manager, Heritage Resources
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Closed Session – Sutherland Room

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Committee enter Closed Session to discuss one item under 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality and 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, and one item under 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

Councillor Haacke declared a pecuniary interest. He left the meeting at 5:20 p.m. and returned at 5:23 p.m.

Closed Session ended at 5:23 p.m.

Open Session – Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That the meeting minutes from March 26, April 13, April 20, and April 23, 2026 be approved.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Haacke declared an interest in Report LSOCS26-017 – Lease, as the applicant is a client.

Councillor Vassiliadis declared an interest in Report IPGPL26-031- Designation of 181-191 Simcoe Street, as he deals with the owner of the property in a business capacity.

Report of Closed Session

Report IPGPL26-026 – Appeal

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGPL26-026, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management and City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be authorized to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report IPGPL26-026 dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management and the City Solicitor respecting an appeal filed to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the property owner regarding 359 Hunter Street West.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Report LSOCS26-017 – Lease

Due to his previously declared interest, Councillor Haacke did not discuss or vote on the matter.

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-017, dated May 25, 2026, of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS26-017 dated May 25, 2026, of the City Solicitor respecting 475 George Street North.

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Conflict (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (9 to 0)

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That the Council Code of Conduct Amendments, Report CAOPC26-004, Activity Haven Agreement and Designation of a Municipal Capital Facility, Report CSD26-004, 2026 Aset Management Planning Update, Report IPGACP26-016, Better Homes Peterborough Local Improvement Charge By-laws, Report IPGACP26-017, Delegation of Authority during Restricted Acts Period (Lame Duck), Report LSCLK26-014 and Non-Standard Procurement – Security Services, Report MOMLES26-001 be approved on consent.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Council Code of Conduct Amendments, Report CAOPC26-004

That Council approves the recommendations outlined in Report CAOPC26-004 dated May 25, 2026 of the Director, People and Culture as follows:

a) That the City of Peterborough's existing Council Code of Conduct, being By-Law 19-028 be repealed; and

b) That the updated draft Council Code of Conduct, By-law 26-050 attached as Appendix B, be approved.

Activity Haven Agreement and Designation of a Municipal Capital Facility, Report CSD26-004

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD26-004, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Municipal Capital Facility agreement, which will also be a 20-year lease, with Activity Haven Senior Centre (Peterborough) in a form acceptable to the Commissioner of Community Services and on terms satisfactory with the City Solicitor; and

b) That the draft By-law attached as Appendix A be approved to authorize a Municipal Capital Facility agreement with Activity Haven Senior Centre (Peterborough) to exempt the Queen Alexandra Community Centre located at 180 Barnardo Avenue, in the City of Peterborough, from taxation for municipal and school purposes and designate the facility as a municipal capital facility.

2026 Asset Management Planning Update, Report IPGACP26-016

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGACP26-016, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That the report on the City's Asset Management Planning progress be received for information.

Better Homes Peterborough Local Improvement Charge By-Laws, Report IPGACP26-017

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGACP26-017, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning, and Growth Management as follows:

That Council adopt a By-Law for the Better Homes Peterborough Local Improvement Charge, in the form attached as Appendix A to Report IPGACP26-017, being a by-law which (1) permits specific work undertaken by a homeowner to be a local improvement under the City's Better Homes Peterborough program; and (2) authorizes the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management or the Director, Asset Management and Capital Planning, to pass by-laws, in substantially the form attached as Appendix B to Report IPGACP26-017, being a bylaw which authorizes a Better Homes Peterborough Local Improvement Charge to be imposed on consenting homeowners.

Delegation of Authority during Restricted Acts Period (Lame Duck), Report LSCLK26-014

That General Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report LSCLK26-014, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Legislative Services as follows:

a) That the draft By-law, attached as Appendix A to Report LSCLK26-014, to delegate authority during the Restricted Acts Period be approved; and,

b) That the By-law only be effective if a Restricted Acts Period is declared and remain in effect until the inaugural meeting of the new Council.

Non-Standard Procurement – Security Services, MOMLES26-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOMLES26-001, dated May 25, 2026 of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

That a contract for security services at Riverview Park and Zoo, the Peterborough Public Library, and for services related to after hours functions of City Hall be continued and extended through Maxama Protection Inc., 234 Romaine Street, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 2C5, as a Non-Standard Procurement, for the period being extended from April 30, 2026 to December 31, 2026, at a cost of up to $252,350.64 plus applicable taxes of $32,805.58 for a total cost of $285,156.22.

Presentations

Clean Streets Peterborough- Responding to Community Needs for a Cleaner City, Report MOCOM26-001

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report MOCOM26-001, dated May 25, 2026 of the Commissioner Municipal Operations as follows:

a) That the presentation on the Clean Streets Peterborough Program be received for information;

b) That the Clean Streets Peterborough Program be approved as a coordinated waste management, education, compliance, and enforcement initiative;

c) That Council amend the Waste Collection By-Law 23-106 by passing amending By-Law 26-XXX in the form attached hereto as Appendix B;

d) That Staff implement a targeted surveillance camera pilot at selected parks and public space locations;

e) That Staff launch a Clean Streets Peterborough communication and engagement campaign;

f) That Staff improve the public reporting process for illegal dumping and improper waste set-out;

g) That Staff undertake targeted outreach to landlords, property managers, the DBIA, and multi-residential properties to support collection education;

h) That Council approve amendments to By-law 25-128 being a By-law to establish User Fees as approved as part of the 2026 Budget Process, to Change the Large Article Collection fee from the current rate of $60 for the first item, $30 for each additional item, to a 2026 rate of Free, and a 2026 budget revenue forecast change from $22,000 to Zero.

i) That Council approve amendments to By-law 25-128 being a By-law to establish User Fees as approved as part of the 2026 Budget Process, to change 100 L SSO green bin carts sold from the current rate of $88.49 per unit to $35.40 per unit.

j) That the pause on issuance of new administrative penalties under By-law 23-106 for unattributed/orphaned garbage on Boulevards within the area bounded by and including the following municipal roads: Park Street, McDonnel Street, Water Street and Sherbrooke Street be lifted and that enforcement resume under the authority of this by-law.

k) That Council request that CPKC respond to and action the request from the City to remove all waste materials from their corridors and implement a report and response program that allows for the community and the City to identify waste that is dumped on these lands for timely cleaning response; and

l) That Staff monitor the results of the Clean Streets Peterborough Program and report back to Council after the first year of implementation.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Community Services

Winter Shelter Response Plan, Report CSSS26-006

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Report CSSS26-006, Winter Shelter Response Plan, be referred to staff for consideration of alternative shelter sites and to report back to Council in August.

For (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Parnell

Against (4): Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (6 to 4)

Finance and Corporate Support Services

Corporate Accessibility Policy, Report FCSFPM26-022

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFPM26-022, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the City of Peterborough Corporate Accessibility Policy attached to Report FCSFPM26-022 as Appendix A, be approved.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Emergency Management Program Updates and Proposed Enhancements, Report FCSERM26-005

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSERM26-005, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That respecting the City's Emergency Management Program, legislative requirements, current program structure, and evolving risk environment, the Report be received for information;

b) That Council endorse the proposed Emergency Management Program and Plan enhancements, including formalizing the Incident Management Team model, strengthened regional collaboration, and support ongoing improvements;

c) That Council recognize emergency management as a strategic investment in community safety, service continuity, and economic resilience, and direct staff to continue advancing emergency management capacity building to ensure program sustainability; and

d) That in accordance with the requirements of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act; Council approve a By-law substantially in the form of Appendix B, to adopt the City's Emergency Management Program and Plan; to formally appoint the Community Emergency Management Coordinator(s), members of the Emergency Management Program Committee and Emergency Control Group.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management

Armour Road Traffic Operations Review – Hunter Street to Parkhill Road, Report IPGENG26-014

Moved by Councillor Riel

That the General Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGENG26-014, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the 7 Short-Term Objectives outlined in report IPGENG26-014 be approved and that staff be directed to proceed with implementation of these 7 Short-Term Objectives in 2026;

b) That funds in the amount of $250,000 be pre-committed to the Capital Project for Armour Road Corridor Improvements in 2027 (budget 26-034) to implement the Medium-Term Objective outlined in report IPGENG26-014; and

c) That By-laws be passed to amend the appropriate Schedules and Articles of By-law 23-075 (Speed), By-law 09-136 (Parking), and By-law 13-098 (Community Safety Zone) to authorize the implementation of the Short-Term and Medium-Term Objectives as outlined in recommendations a) and b).

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Designation of 181-191 Simcoe Street, Report IPGPL26-031

Due to his previously declared intertest, Councillor Vassiliadis did not discuss or vote on the matter.

Council requested that the items be separated for vote.

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 181-191 Simcoe Street as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of “cultural heritage value or interest” be received.

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Conflict (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (9 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

b) That Council take the following actions to designate the property at 181-191 Simcoe Street as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of cultural heritage value or interest:

i. Serve Notice of Intention to Designate 181-191 Simcoe Street and provide public notice of that intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.31 (3);

ii. Serve the owner of the property to be designated and the Ontario Heritage Trust with a Notice of Intention to Designate as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.21 (3).

Against (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Conflict (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (0 to 9)

Municipal Operations

Windrow Removal Subsidy Pilot Program, Report MOCOM26-002

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report MOCOM26-002, dated May 25, 2026 of the Commissioner Municipal Operations as follows:

a) That the recommended Pilot Windrow Removal Subsidy Program be approved for the 2026-2027 winter season;

b) That a budget of $45,000 be pre-committed for the 2027 budget withing the Public Works budget to deliver the Program;

c) That the volunteer snow removal program, Snow Angels be initiated by the City; and

d) That Staff be directed to report back to Council on the success of the 2026/2027 Program in early 2027.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Notice of Motion

There was no Notice of Motion.

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

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John Kennedy

City Clerk

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Councillor Beamer

Chair