City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

August 11, 2025

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

Staff: Colton Ambrosio, Support Specialist, Clerk and Council
Brad Appleby, Director, Planning Development and Urban Design
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
Chris Kawalec, Manager, Community Development Program
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Peter Malin, Manager, Traffic and Parking Services
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That the Council meeting minutes of May 20, June 9 and July 2, 2025 be approved.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Duguay declared an interest in Monetary Plan - Report FCSFS25-015, as a family member is involved with the project at 780 Argyle Street.

Councillor Crowley declared a conflict with Acquisition and Use of Lands – Report LSRS25-009, Land Acquisition – Report LSOCS25-008, Property Disposition – Report LSOCS25-012 and Litigation – Report LSOCS25-011 as he was absent from the Closed session on August 5, 2025.

Registered Delegations

There were no delegations

Consent Items: Reports to be approved under one motion

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That items Notice of Public Meeting – Amended Development Charges City-wide Background Study - Report FCSFS25-012b, Traffic Calming Phase 2 Permanent Installations - Report IPGENG25-021, Designation of 216 Simcoe Street - Report IPGPL25-034 - Designation of 183 Hunter Street West, Report IPGPL25-035, Designation of 441 Rubidge Street - Report IPGPL25-038, Designation of 1290 Hilliard Street - Report IPGPL25-039, Request for Additional Funds for Future Monitoring of Jackson Creek - Report MOENV25-003, March 31, 2025 Financial Report (Unaudited) -Report FCSFS25-014, Zoning By-law Amendment for 1341 Water Street – Update - Report IPGPL25-040, Pedestrian crossing Program on Collector Roads - Report IPGENG25-019, Renewing Community Safety and Well-being Plan - Report CSD25-004, Capital Loan Funding Request for Thrive Housing and Support - Report CSSS25-009, 2026 Community Wellbeing Fund - Report CSD25-007, and Municipal Landfill Hours of Operation be approved on Consent.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Notice of Public Meeting – Amended Development Charges City-wide Background Study, Report FCSFS25-012b

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-012b, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That Report FCSFS25-012b, advising Council that a public meeting will be held on August 5, 2025, at 4:45 pm in Council Chambers to present the Amended City-wide Development Charge Background Study and to hear public delegations, be received.

Traffic Calming Phase 2 Permanent Installations, Report IPGENG25-021

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGENG25-021, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That permanent traffic calming measures for the Sherburne Street and Highland Road neighbourhoods, as described in Report IPGENG25-021, be implemented and that staff be directed to include a request for funding for consideration in the 2026 Capital Budget review;

b) That permanent traffic calming measures for the High Street neighbourhood, as described in Report IPGENG25-021, be implemented and that staff be directed to maintain the temporary traffic calming measures, beyond 2026, until High Street can be funded and reconstructed through a Capital Project;

c) That By-law 91-71 being a By-law for the Regulation of Traffic be amended to modify the limits of the one-way traffic on High Street as outlined in Report IPGENG25-021; and

d) That staff be directed to remove the temporary rubber speed cushions from all Phase 1 and Phase 2 traffic calming pilot project locations.

Designation of 216 Simcoe Street, Report IPGPL25-034

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-034, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 216 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; and,

b) That Council take the following actions should it concur with the recommendation of PACAC to designate the property at 216 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 216 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).

Designation of 183 Hunter Street West, Report IPGPL25-035

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-035, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 183 Hunter Street West 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; and,

b) That Council take the following actions should it concur with the recommendation of that PACAC to designate the property at 183 Hunter Street West 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 183 Hunter Street West 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).

Designation of 441 Rubidge Street, Report IPGPL25-038

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-038, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 441 Rubidge 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; and

b) That Council take the following actions should it concur with the recommendation of the PACAC to designate the property at 441 Rubidge 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 441 Rubidge 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).

Designation of 1290 Hilliard Street, Report IPGPL25-039

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-039, dated August, 5, 2025, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 1290 Hilliard 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; and,

b) That Council take the following actions should it concur with the recommendation of the PACAC to designate the property at 1290 Hilliard 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 1290 Hilliard 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).

Request for Additional Funds for Future Monitoring of Jackson Creek, Report MOENV25-003

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report MOENV25-003, dated August 05, 2025, of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

a) That the purchase order issued to Cambium Inc. for the work outlined in the initial approval report IPSES23-015 be increased by $290,000 plus HST of $37,000 to provide ongoing groundwater and surface water monitoring and reporting for a five-year period concluding December 31, 2029.

b) That a budget of $200,000 plus HST of $26,000 be approved to identify and implement a continuous oil sheen detection system at the confluence of Jackson Creek and the Jackson Creek bypass sewer for real time monitoring and alarming of petroleum products that may enter the water course.

March 31, 2025 Financial Report (Unaudited), Report FCSFS25-014

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS25-014, dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That the March 31, 2025 Quarterly Financial Update Report (Unaudited) attached as Appendix A to Report FCSFS25-014, dated August 5, 2025, be received;

b) That the $4,075,316 Airport Water and Sewer Upgrades (2022 Capital Budget #18-143) project budget be reduced by the $866,700 Canada Community Building Fund allocation for a total approved budget of $3,208,616; and

c) That three new capital projects be created and the Incentives for Affordable Housing (2025 Capital Budget 15882) uncommitted budget be transferred into these projects as outlined in Chart 2 of Report FCSFS25-014.

Zoning By-law Amendment for 1341 Water Street - Update, Report IPGPL25-040

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IGPL25-040, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That Section 3.9, Exception No. 324, of Zoning By-law 1997-123, be amended to establish additional site-specific regulations for the property known as 1341 Water Street in accordance with the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix B to Report IPGPL25-040.

b) That the subject property be rezoned from R.5-324 'F' to OS-1 and R.5-324-'F'-'H', in accordance with the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix B to Report IPGPL25-040.

Pedestrian crossing Program on Collector Roads, Report IPGENG25-019

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGENG25-019, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That Council direct staff to proceed with the implementation of the Pedestrian Crossing Program on Collector Roads as outlined in Report IPGENG25-019.

b) That the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning, and Growth Management be delegated the authority to enact and/or amend By-law 09-136 being a By-law for the Regulation of Parking in the City of Peterborough from time to time to give effect to the implementation of pedestrian crossings under the Pedestrian Crossing Program on Collector Roads.

Renewing Community Safety and Well-being Plan, Report CSD25-004

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSD25-004, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That staff be authorized to proceed with a renewal of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan as outlined in this report.

Capital Loan Funding Request for Thrive Housing and Support, Report CSSS25-009

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSSS25-009, dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:

a) That Council direct staff to proceed with the making of an unsecured loan of up to $1 million in repayable funding for Thrive Housing and Support ("Thrive"), with a repayment plan following the end of the current mortgage on January 1, 2028, subject to a satisfactory pro forma review;

b) That the Commissioner of Community Services be delegated authority to approve the unsecured loan, being payable from the Housing Reserve, including the terms and conditions of the loan and any required security; and

c) That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to do such things as necessary to give effect to recommendations a) and b), on terms acceptable to the Commissioner in consultation with the Manager of Housing, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

2026 Community Wellbeing Fund, Report CSD25-007

Be it resolved:

That Report CSD25-007 (2026 Community Wellbeing Fund) be deferred until such time as:

1. The Municipal Cultural Plan is completed and adopted by Council,

2. A clear transition strategy for arts organizations currently receiving Community Investment Grants is presented,

3. The Professional Arts Organization Grant program is in place with a committed timeline and budget reflecting sector needs.

4.The guidelines and program details used for the 2025 program be used in the meantime.

Municipal Landfill Hours of Operation

Whereas the current hours of operation at the municipal landfill may not adequately meet the needs of residents and businesses; and

Whereas there have been inquiries and feedback from the community regarding the potential benefits of extended landfill hours, including improved accessibility and convenience;

Therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to prepare a report outlining the operational, financial, and environmental implications of extending the hours of operation at the municipal landfill;

That the report include options for extended hours from Monday to Saturday from 8:00am to 6:00pm, potential staffing and cost impacts, and any anticipated changes in service levels or usage; and

That staff be directed to forward the motion to the Waste Management Committee for their input, and that a report be brought back to Council for consideration during upcoming budget deliberations.

Moved by Councillor Haacke
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That Acquisition and Use of Lands – Report LSRS25-009, Land Acquisition – Report LSOCS25-008, Property Disposition – Report LSOCS25-012 and Litigation – Report LSOCS25-011, be approved.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Crowley

Carried (10 to 0)

Acquisition and Use of Lands, Report LSRS25-009

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-009 dated August 5, 2025 the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting the property known municipally as Trent University, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS25-009 dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

Land Acquisition, Report LSOCS25-008

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-008, dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That respecting the property known municipally as 2317 Television Road and 2000 Television Road, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS25-008 dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

Property Disposition, Report LSOCS25-012

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS25-012, dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner Legislative Services as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS25-012 dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner Legislative Services respecting the disposition and road widening of 1529 and 1533 Sherbrooke Street, Peterborough.

Litigation, Report LSOCS25-011

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS25-011, dated August 5, 2025 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS25-011 dated August 5, 2025 of the City Solicitor respecting settlement of litigation and acquisition of property.

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That item Monetary Plan - Report FCSFS25-015, be approved on consent.

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Conflict (2): Councillor Crowley, and Councillor Duguay

Carried (9 to 0)

Monetary Plan, Report FCSFS25-015

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS25-015, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That Council authorize staff to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report FCSFS25-015 dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services, respecting financing to The Mount Community Centre for its purchase of 780 Argyle Street.

b) That a by-law be passed to authorize the borrowing of $4,500,000 to help finance the purchase of 780 Argyle Street, Peterborough to be undertaken by The Mount Community Centre;

c) That the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services be authorized to prepare the necessary borrowing by-laws to borrow funds up to a maximum of $4,500,000 for a term not to exceed 5 years; and

d) That the Treasurer be authorized to submit an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation, if necessary, to borrow these funds.

Physician Recruitment, Report IPGED25-003

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGED25-003 dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That Council approve the physician recruitment program becoming a permanent program beginning with the 2026 fiscal year.

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (2): Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Carried (9 to 2)

Designation of Listed Heritage Properties Update, Report IPGPL25-037

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That the question be put.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That the deferral motion be amended to request the staff report return to General Committee Meeting of September 15, 2025.

For (5): Councillor Beamer, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Lost (5 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That the question be put.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

It was requested that the items be separate for vote.

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

General Committee adopted the following motion:

a) That Report IPGPL25-037 be received for information, and

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That item b) be amended to add "that the next property in sequence on the list be included",

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

Against (2): Councillor Haacke

Carried (10 to 1)

Moved by Councillor Haacke
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

b) That the property at 297 Hunter Street West be removed from the Listed Heritage Properties and that the next property in sequence on the list be included.

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

Against (1): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Lachica

Carried (9 to 2)

Notice of Motion

There was no Notice of Motion

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That By-laws the following by-laws:

25-094 Being a By-law to establish certain lands in the City of Peterborough as part of the Public Highway named Sherbrooke Street

25-095 Being a By-law to amend the Zoning By-law to remove the 'H' Holding Symbol from the Zoning of the property municipally known as 345 Armour Road

25-096 Being a By-law to Designate Certain Properties in the City of Peterborough Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 (640 Walkerfield Avenue)

25-097 Being a By-law to amend the Zoning By-law for the lands municipally known as 1341 Water Street

25-098 Being a By-law to Amend By-Law 91-71 being a By-Law for the Regulation of Traffic in the City of Peterborough

be approved.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Other Business

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That the wishes of the property owner be included in the designation report.

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

Against (2): Councillor Bierk, and Councillor Lachica

Carried (9 to 2)(2/3)

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That By-law 25-099 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on August 11, 2025, be approved.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That this meeting be adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

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John Kennedy

City Clerk

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Jeff Leal

Mayor