General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

November 10, 2025

Present: Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Beamer, Chair
Councillor Bierk
Councillor Crowley
Councillor Duguay
Councillor Haacke, Vice Chair
Councillor Lachica
Mayor Leal
Councillor Parnell
Councillor Riel
Councillor Vassiliadis (3:15 p.m.)

Staff: Reem Ali, Advisor, Diversity Equity and Inclusion
Brad Appleby, Director, Planning, Development and Urban Design
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Shelley Knott, Advisor, Indigenous Relations
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Dan Lukes, Analyst, Financial Reporting
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
Yvette Peplinskie, Director, Financial Services
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Sriram Raman, Manager, Government Relations
Ilmar Simanovskis, Director, Municipal Operations
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Remembrance Day Remarks - Mayor Leal

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Mayor Leal

That the General Committee meeting minutes of October 6, 2025 be approved.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That items Fairhaven 2026 Budget - Report FCSFS25-028, and Peterborough Humane Society 2026 Budget - Report FCSFS25-032 be approved on Consent.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Fairhaven 2026 Budget, Report FCSFS25-028

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-028, dated November 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the 2026 budget details for Fairhaven be received for information.

Peterborough Humane Society 2026 Budget, Report FCSFS25-032

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-032, dated November 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the budget details of the Peterborough Humane Society for the 2026 Budget be received for information.

Presentations

Actions to Date Toward Truth & Reconciliation, Report CAOPC25-004

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That City Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CAOPC25-004, dated November 10, 2025, 2025 of the Director, People & Culture as follows:

a) That Council receives the presentation and this report for information.

b) That Council direct staff to deliver Indigenous Cultural Competency training as a priority for all members of Council and City staff, in collaboration with local First Nations, with a target completion date by the end of 2026.

c) That Council direct staff to review and report back on the City's signage and naming policy to enable the respectful incorporation of Indigenous names for public assets and spaces, in consultation with Indigenous partners.

d) That Council direct staff to report annually on updates related to the City's commitment to Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity, and Inclusion (READI) with further recommendations and next steps.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Peterborough Police Services 2026 Budget, Report FCSFS25-027

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-027, dated November 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the presentation and budget details presented on November 10, 2025, to General Committee by the Peterborough Police Services Board for the 2026 Budget be received for information.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Committee Reports

Otonabee Region Conservation Authority 2026 Budget, Report FCSFS25-030

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-030, dated November 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the budget details of the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority for the 2026 Budget be received for information.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Lakelands Public Health 2025 Budget, Report FCSFS25-031

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-031, dated November 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the budget details of the Lakelands Public Health for the 2026 Budget be received for information.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Downtown Business Improvement Area 2026 Budget, Report FCSFS25-033

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-033, dated November 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the budget details of the Downtown Business Improvement Area for the 2026 Budget be received for information.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

The meeting recessed at 5:12 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Public Delegations - 6:00 p.m.

Notice of Public Meeting – November 10, 2025, 2026 Draft Budget, Report FCSFS25-026

Draft Budget Report FCSFS25-026

Larry MacDonald, 1252 Cartier Blvd

Dr Peggy Shaughnessy, Redpath Wellness Centre

Roy Brady, Ware Street

Teresa Macdonald, 1599 Monaghan Rd

Laurianne Gruzas, Peterborough Public Library Board

Bill Kimball, 214 London St

Nour Mazloum, Peterborough DBIA

Sacha Lai-Svirk, Peterborough DBIA

Laurie Graham, 636 Brown St

Sarah van den Berg, 168 Antrim St

Jo Pillon, EC3

Victoria Yeh, EC3 (electronic)

Rob Hailman, 500 Murray St

Leslie Menagh, Artistic Director, Artspace

Moved by Councillor Beamer

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-026 dated November 10, 2025, of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services, as follows:

That Report FCSFS25-026, advising Council that a public meeting will be held on November 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm, to hear public delegations on the 2026 Draft Budget, be received.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, 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 Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, 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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Councillor Haacke

Vice Chair