City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

July 2, 2025

Present: Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Beamer (electronic)
Councillor Bierk (electronic)
Councillor Crowley
Councillor Duguay (5:14 p.m.)
Councillor Haacke (electronic)
Councillor Lachica
Mayor Leal
Councillor Parnell (5:40 p.m., electronic)
Councillor Riel
Councillor Vassiliadis (electronic)

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning Development and Urban Design (electronic)
Jocelyn Blazey, Program Manager, Homelessness
Ian Boland, Manager, Water Resource Systems
Sarah Deeth, Specialist, Communications
Robert Dunford, Manager, Transportation Planning
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
Jessica Penner, Project Manager, Homelessness
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Anne Taylor Scott, Manager, Development Planning (electronic)
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations

Call to Order

Ceremonial Presentation – Corporate Awards for Excellence

David Moore, Jocelyn Blazey, Robert Dunford and Joe Crooks were recognized with Corporate Awards for Excellence.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That the Council minutes of April 28, 2025 be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Parnell

Carried (10 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Duguay declared a conflict with Report IPGPL25-031 - Zoning By-law Amendment for 780 Argyle Street, and By-law 25-089, as a family member has the owner as a client.

Registered Delegations

Preliminary Information about the 2026 Budget, Report FCSFS25-011

Rob Hailman, 500 Murray Street

Zoning By-law Amendment, 1341 Water Street, Report IPGPL25-032

Dennis Carter-Edwards, 301 Carnegie Avenue

Eldon Theodore, MHBC

Sister City Motion

Volodymyr (Walter) Palagniuk, Canada-Ukraine Twin Cities Initiative

Homelessness Winter Shelter Options, Report CSSS25-008

Auden Palmer, One City Peterborough
Jessica Correa, 486 Edison Avenue
Danielle Turpin, Bridal Drive
Jennifer Lacey, 700 Parkhill Road West
Ashley Safar, Peterborough Community Health Centre
Dr. Thomas Piggott, Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Public Health
Melissa Hughes, 472 Reid Street
Danyell Trotter Worr, Town Ward
George Jonathon, Stewart Street
Melissa Addison-Webster, 11 Edgewood Avenue

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That Preliminary Information about the 2026 Budget - Report FCSFS25-011, Land Acquisition, Appeal, Appointments, Indemnity, Request for a Crossing Guard at St. Paul’s Street and Herbert Street - Report IPGENG25-018, Charlotte Street

Reconstruction and Streetscape Project - Report IPGACP25-016, Zoning By-law Amendment for 250-258 Reid Street and 324 Sherbrooke Street - Report IPGPL25-030, December 31, 2024 Financial Report (Unaudited) - Report FCSFS25-013, Notice of Public Meeting – Amended Development Charges City-wide Background Study - Report FCSFS25-012, 2025 Asset Management Plan - Report IPGACP25-013, Armour Road Traffic Operations Review – Parkhill Road to Nassau Mills Road - Report IPGENG25-017, Growing Canada's Community Canopies (GCCC) Tree Planting Project - Report MOPW25-014, 2025 Asset Management Plan Water Services - Report MOWAT25-005, and Sister City Motion 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)

Presentations - Preliminary Information about the 2026 Budget, Report FCSFS25-011

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-011, dated June 10, 2025, of the Acting Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That Report FCSFS25-011 advising Council that presentations respecting the 2026 Budget will be made on June 10, 2025, at 9:00 am, be received.

Land Acquisition

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-006, dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed land acquisition, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS25-006 dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

Appeal

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGPL25-033, dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management and of the City Solicitor as follows:

That, respecting an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal filed by Aird & Berlis LLP on behalf of the County of Peterborough regarding City Council's Notice of Intention to Designate 470 Water Street under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report IPGPL25-033.

Appointments

Closed Session Report LSCLK25-013, June 23, 2025

That staff be directed to proceed as amended respecting the 2024 Civic Awards.

Indemnity

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS25-010, dated June 23, 2025 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS25-010 dated June 23, 2025 of the City Solicitor respecting Director's Indemnity.

Request for a Crossing Guard at St. Paul's Street and Herbert Street, Report IPGENG25-018

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGENG25-018, dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That a crossing guard be implemented at the intersection of St. Paul's Street and Herbert Street during the school admission and dismissal times; and

b) That funding in the amount of $14,000 plus annual increases for the crossing guard at the intersection of St. Paul's Street and Herbert Street be included in future Operating Budgets for Adult Crossing Guards; and

c) That By-law 23-075 being a By-law to Regulate Speed Limits be amended to modify the existing boundary of the speed limit on St. Paul's Street, to encompass the proposed school crossing.

Charlotte Street Reconstruction and Streetscape Project, Report IPGACP25-016

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGACP25-016 dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the presentation by AECOM regarding the proposed conceptual streetscape design for Charlotte Street from Park Street North to Aylmer Street North be received for information;

b) That the Proposed Conceptual Design as shown in Report IPGACP25-016 be approved for Charlotte Street from Park Street North to Aylmer Street North and that staff be directed to proceed with detailed engineering and tender preparation including consultation with effected property owners and business operators regarding project timelines, and measures appropriate to mitigating potential effects of the project as much as practicable; and

c) That Charlotte Street – Water St. to Park St. (Q#18-005) budget be adjusted as follows:

i. The $1,100,000 Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) federal allocation to the Charlotte St. - Water St. to Park St. (Q#18-005) be eliminated with the funding returned to the CCBF reserve and reallocated within the 2026 budget.

ii. The Charlotte St. - Water St. to Aylmer St. $490,000 budget (Q #19-093) be transferred to the Charlotte St. - Water St. to Park St. project (Q#18-005).

iii. That $27,600,000 be pre-committed from the 2026 to 2029 capital budgets, of which $10,791,100 is DMAF funding.

Zoning By-law Amendment for 250-258 Reid Street and 324 Sherbrooke Street, Report IPGPL25-030

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-030, dated June 23, 2025 of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That a new Section 401 be added to the Zoning By-law 1997-123, consisting of Special District 371 (SP.371), in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix C to report IPGPL25-030; and

b) That the subject properties be rezoned from SP.241-184 – Commercial District, SP.241-184-H – Commercial District and R,1, R.2, R.3 – Residential District to SP.371 – Commercial District, in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix C to report IPGPL25-030.

December 31, 2024 Financial Report (Unaudited), Report FCSFS25-013

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS25-013, dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That the December 31, 2024, Quarterly Financial Update Report (Unaudited) attached as Appendix A to Report FCSFS25-013, dated June 23, 2025, be received;

b) That the unspent 2024 reserve commitment of $200,000 from the Home Ownership Loan Fund reserve to the 2024 Home Ownership operating budget be transferred to the 2025 Home Ownership operating budget, to support Habitat for Humanity's Leahy's Lane Phase II development;

c) That the following year end entries be approved, transferring funds to/from reserves:

i. $8,893 representing 100% of the Police Services 2024 year-end surplus be transferred to the Police Special Projects Reserve;

ii. $50,000 of the 2024 operating surplus funds be transferred to the Organizational Development Reserve;

d) That the 2026 budget for Capital Project #18-148 Improvements to Morrow Park be pre-committed for $1,600,000.

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

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS25-012, dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That Report FCSFS25-012, 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.

2025 Asset Management Plan, Report IPGACP25-013

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGACP25-013, dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That the 2025 City of Peterborough Asset Management Plan be approved.

Armour Road Traffic Operations Review – Parkhill Road to Nassau Mills Road, Report IPGENG25-017

That the General Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGENG25-017, dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the seven Short-Term Objectives outlined in report IPGENG25-017 be approved and that staff be directed to proceed with implementation of these seven Short-Term Objectives in 2025;

b) That a Capital project for Armour Road Corridor Improvements be approved to implement the Medium-Term Objective outlined in report IPGENG25-017;

c) That a $300,000 budget amount for the 2026 Capital budget for Armour Road Corridor Improvements be pre-committed; and

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

Growing Canada’s Community Canopies (GCCC) Tree Planting Project, Report MOPW25-014

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report MOPW25-014, dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner of Municipal Operations as follows:

a) That $580,000 be transferred from the Tree Removal By-law Planting Program (2025 Capital budget #22-018) to the GCCC Tree Planting project (2025 Capital Budget #25-088);

b) That $955,900 be transferred from the Derecho Tree Replacement project (2024 Capital Budget #25-003) be allocated to the GCCC Tree Planting project (2025 Capital Budget #25-088); and

c) That $321,100 be pre-committed against the 2026 Capital Budget for the FCM GCCC Tree Planting project (2025 Capital Budget #25-088).

2025 Asset Management Plan Water Services, Report MOWAT25-005

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOWAT25-005, dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

That the 2025 City of Peterborough Asset Management Plan for Water Services be approved.

Sister City Motion

Whereas the City of Peterborough values global cooperation, cultural exchange, and the promotion of peace and mutual understanding; and

Whereas many municipalities across Ontario have successfully formed Sister City (twinning) partnerships that foster international friendship, cultural programming, and shared municipal knowledge; and

Whereas establishing a Sister City relationship with a municipality in Ukraine would demonstrate solidarity with the people of Ukraine and strengthen Canada–Ukraine ties at the local government level;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

Council direct staff to prepare a report on the development of a policy to guide the City in its consideration of Sister City (twinning) requests.

Zoning By-law Amendment, 1341 Water Street, Report IPGPL25-032

Amended Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Lachica

That the Zoning By-law application for 1341 Water Street, be deferred pending confirmation from the applicant on the intended use of the property.

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)

Zoning By-law Amendment for 1545 Monaghan Road, Report IPGPL25-029

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGPL25-029, dated June 23, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That Section 376, Special Districts, of Zoning By-law 1997-123, be modified by adding Regulation 376.3(i) in accordance with Exhibit D of Report IPGPL25-029.

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

Against (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 1)

Zoning By-law Amendment for 780 Argyle Street, Report IPGPL25-031

Due to his previously declared conflict, Councillor Duguay did not discuss or vote on this item.

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Crowley
That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-031, dated June 23, 2025 of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That a new Section 402 be added to the Zoning By-law 1997-123, consisting of Special District 372 (SP.372), in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix B to Report IPGPL25-031; and

b) That the subject property be rezoned from UC, UC-366 – University and College District to SP.372 – Residential District in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix B to Report IPGPL25-031.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Duguay

Carried (10 to 0)

Homelessness Winter Shelter Options, Report CSSS25-008

Moved by Councillor Riel
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

Amendment to Recommendation a)

• $269,280 to enhance the Trinity Overnight Drop-In Program.
• $244,800 to expand the operating hours at the Trinity daytime program.

For (5): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Against (6): Councillor Beamer, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (5 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the question be put.

For (5): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (6): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Riel

Lost (5 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

Amended Recommendation:

That Social Services be directed to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified community organizations with experience in homelessness and wellness support, for the provision of additional low-barrier shelter beds within the City of Peterborough in accordance with the Procurement By-law, subject to funding and that staff report back to Council with a list of all organizations that submitted proposals in response to the RFP.

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 Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to continue the meeting past 10:00 pm to complete the agenda.

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 Riel
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

d) That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to apply for capital funding as it may become available to increase the number of units on site at the Wolfe Street Bridge Modular Housing Program up to 16 units.

For (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Riel

Against (5): Councillor Beamer, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (6 to 5)

It was requested to separate Item d) from the main motion for vote.

Moved by Councillor Riel
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

a) That $535,600 of the City's 2026 Operating Budget be pre-committed to maintain existing homelessness services that were funded through reserve in 2025, including:

- **$250,000 increase to the Housing Stability Fund (HSF).**
- **$285,600 to expand Brock Mission's 24/7 capacity.**

b) That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to do such things as execute such documents as necessary in consultation with the Treasurer and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor to implement the components of this report.

c) That Social Services be directed to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified community organizations with experience in homelessness and wellness support, for the provision of additional low-barrier shelter beds within the City of Peterborough in accordance with the Procurement By-law, subject to funding and that staff report back to Council with a list of all organizations that submitted proposals in response to the RFP.

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

Against (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (10 to 1)

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Riel

d) That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to apply for capital funding as it may become available to increase the number of units on site at the Wolfe Street Bridge Modular Housing Program up to 16 units.

For (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Riel

Against (5): Councillor Beamer, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (6 to 5)

Notice of Motion

There was no Notice of Motion.

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That the following By-laws:

25-084 Being a By-law to Amend By-law 23-075 being a By-law to Regulate Speed Limits on Certain Streets in the City of Peterborough

25-085 Being a By-law to Amend By-Law 13-098 being a By-Law to Designate a Part of a Highway in the City of Peterborough as a Community Safety Zone

25-086 Being a By-law to Amend By-Law 23-075 being a By-Law to Regulate Speed Limits on certain streets in the City of Peterborough

25-087 Being a By-law to Amend By-law 09-136 a By-Law for the Regulation of Parking in the City of Peterborough

25-088 Being a By-law to amend the Zoning By-law for the lands municipally known as 250-258 Reid Street and 324 Sherbrooke Street

25-090 Being a By-law to amend the Zoning By-law for the lands municipally known as 1545 Monaghan Road

25-091 Being a by-law to approve the Initiation of Expropriation Proceedings of portions of 2 properties on Lansdowne Street West and Park Street South, 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)

25-089 Being a By-law to amend the Zoning By-law for land municipally known as 780 Argyle Street

Due to his previously declared conflict, Councillor Duguay did not discuss or vote on this item.

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That By-law 25-089 be approved.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Duguay

Carried (10 to 0)

Other Business

There were not items of Other Business.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That By-law 25-092, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on 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)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That this meeting be adjourned at 10:18 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