City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

June 15, 2026

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

Regrets: Councillor Vassiliadis

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning Development & 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
Rob McAulay, Director, Recreation Services
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Planning and Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Haacke
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That the meeting minutes of March 30, 2026 be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Registered Delegations

Renaming Knights of Columbus Park

Bob Parkion, Town Ward

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That Report MOWAT26-009 – Agreement, Report LSOCS26-018 – Litigation, Report LSOCS26-019 – Complaint, Renewal of PMC pylon Sign Agreement with Movingmedia Canada Inc., Report FCSCS26-003, Procurement By-law Update - Report FCSMM26-006, and Zoning By-law Amendment for 835 Alexander Court - Report lPGPL26-029, be approved on consent.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Report MOWAT26-009 – Agreement

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOWAT26-009 dated June 8, 2026 of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report MOWAT26-009 dated June 8, 2026, of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations respecting Water Services Agreement for Crestwood Secondary School.

Report LSOCS26-018 – Litigation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-018, dated June 8, 2026 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS26-018 dated June 8, 2026 of the City Solicitor respecting Trisan Litigation.

Report LSOCS26-019 – Complaint

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-019, dated June 8, 2026, of the City Solicitor as follows:

That Council make a determination in response to Report LSOCS26-019 and that staff be authorized to proceed as outlined in Report LSOCS26-019.

Renewal of PMC pylon Sign Agreement with Movingmedia Canada Inc., Report FCSCS26-003

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSCS26-003, dated June 8, 2026, of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the current Digital Sign Sponsorship Agreement at the Peterborough Memorial Center between the City and Movingmedia Canada Inc. be extended on terms acceptable to the Commissioner, Community Services and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Procurement By-law Update, Report FCSMM26-006

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSMM26-006, dated June 8, 2026 of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the Procurement By-law 24-077 dated October 28, 2024 be amended, effective June 15, 2026.

Zoning By-law Amendment for 835 Alexander Court, Report IPGPL26-029

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-029, dated June 8, 2026 of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That Section 3.9, Exceptions of the Zoning By-law 97-123 be amended by adding Exception Number 380 in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix D to the Report IPGPL26-029; and

b) That the subject property be rezoned from R.3 – Residential District to C.50-380 – Commercial District in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix D to the Report IPGPL26-029.

Tourism Strategy, Report FCSSCSP26-003

Moved by Councillor Riel
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSSCSP26-003, dated June 8, 2026, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services, and of the Commissioner, Community Services, as follows:

a) That the presentation on Discover Peterborough: Tourism Growth Strategy, be received for information; and

b) That Discover Peterborough: Tourism Growth Strategy, attached as Appendix A, be endorsed.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2026-2030, Report CSD26-005

Moved by Councillor Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD26-005, dated June 8, 2026, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2026-2030 be endorsed; and

b) That this Report be submitted to the Solicitor General of Ontario to meet requirements under the Safer Ontario Act.

Moved by Councillor Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That the rules of procedure be suspended to permit an amendment.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Riel

Against (2): Councillor Duguay, and Councillor Parnell

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (8 to 2) (2/3)

Moved by Councillor Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That the Active Transportation bullet be retained from the 2022 Plan.

Withdrawn

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That the Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2026-2030, Report CSD26-005, be deferred back to staff to add the Active Transportation bullet information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Renaming the New Bowl at the Knights of Columbus Park

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

Whereas the Knights of Columbus Park is currently undergoing major renovations including the floor and boards of the bowl;

Whereas Bobby Allan grew up within two blocks of the Knights of Columbus Park and played there often;

Whereas Bobby Allan is recognized as being one of the very finest lacrosse players in Canada having been inducted into the Peterborough and District Sports Hall of Fame (1980), the first lacrosse player inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame (2017) and the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame (1974);

Whereas Bobby Allan played on four Mann Cup championship teams (1954, 1956, 1962,1966); and

Whereas Bobby Allan coached box lacrosse teams in Peterborough and Philadelphia, and then coached the Canadian National Field Lacrosse Team to a world championship in Manchester in 1970, and coached the Peterborough Lakers to a Mann Cup Championship in 1973;

Be it resolved that the new bowl in Knights of Columbus Park be renamed as the Bobby Allan Bowl.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Development Charge Reduction Program

Councillor Parnell left the meeting at 7:28 p.m. and returned at 7:31 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That Clause 4 be amended by adding:
"...and to report back to Council on the projects selected for inclusion in the application, and the rationale for their prioritization, at the first regular meeting of Council following submission of the application."

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That the amended version of Clause 5 read:

"The City Treasurer is authorized and directed to amend the applicable by-laws to align with the DCRP's objectives and thereafter to submit such amending by-laws to Council for approval and to the City Clerk and Mayor for signing."

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That Clause 7 read as follows:

"That staff be directed to report back to Council no later than 30 September 2026 with an update on the status of the City's application under the DCRP and the implementation of the DC Rate Reduction."

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

Whereas the Government for the Province of Ontario announced on 1 June 2026 the creation of a Development Charge Reduction Program (the "DCRP").

And whereas municipalities which have reduced their development charges which were in effect as of 30 March 2026 by 30-50% will be eligible to apply for funding under the DCRP and City Council desires the City to obtain its equitable share of such funding.

And whereas City Council has elected, as a precondition of eligibility to apply for funding from the DCRP, to reduce the City's development charges by 50% (inclusive of any area-specific development charges), which were in effect as of 30 March 2026, for all new residential development for the next 3-years.

And whereas the DCRP has been designed to provide up to $8.8 billion in federal and provincial capital funding to enable Ontario municipalities to unlock more housing supply by providing partial relief to their builder community from development charges for 3 years; and prioritizing investments in housing-enabling infrastructure over 3 years.

And whereas the DCRP requires a project which has benefitted from the said DC Rate reduction to start no later than 31 July 2030 and be completed no later than 2035.

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Corporation of the City of Peterborough will reduce its development charge rates, inclusive of any area-specific development charges, (the "DC Rate"), in effect on 30 March 2026, by 50% as of 30 June 2026 and to maintain that reduction on all new residential development types (the "DC Rate Reduction") until a date which is 3-years plus a day after the City amends its current development charge by-laws to align with the DCRP Program's objectives;

2. Staff are directed to apply the DC Rate Reduction to all new residential development types when the DC Rate Reduction is in effect;

3. The City Treasurer and the Commissioner of Infrastructure Planning and Growth Management, in consultation with each other, are authorized and directed to do such things as necessary to submit an application under the DCRP Program on or before the 19 June 2026 deadline;

4. The City Treasurer and the Commissioner of Infrastructure Planning and Growth Management are authorized and directed to determine which housing-enabling infrastructure projects will best support the creation of new housing and thus be prioritized and to report back to Council on the projects selected for

inclusion in the application, and the rationale for their prioritization, at the first regular meeting of Council following submission of the application.

5. The City Treasurer is authorized and directed to amend the applicable by-laws to align with the DCRP's objectives and thereafter to submit such amending by-laws to Council for approval and to the City Clerk and Mayor for signing.

6. If the City is selected to receive funding under the DCRP, then the City's Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk are authorized and directed to do such things, including but not limited to executing agreements with the Province of Ontario, as are necessary to secure DCRP funding.

7. That staff be directed to report back to Council no later than 30 September 2026 with an update on the status of the City's application under the DCRP and the implementation of the DC Rate Reduction.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That the following By-laws:

26-066 Being a by-law to amend City of Peterborough Procurement By-law 24-077

26-067 Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 97-123, as amended, for the lands known as 835 Alexander Court

be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Recess for a closed session General Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That the Council meeting be recessed to enter into a Closed General Committee meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Council reconvened in Open Session at 9:19 p.m.

Recommendation from General Committee Meeting of June 15, 2026

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

Be it resolved that staff be authorized and directed to proceed as outlined during closed session General Committee meeting June 15, 2026, pursuant to paragraphs 239(2)(b) and (f) of the Municipal Act.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That By-law 26-068 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on June 15, 2026, be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Riel

That this meeting be adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

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John Kennedy

City Clerk

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Jeff Leal

Mayor