General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

June 8, 2026

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

Regrets: Councillor Crowley

Staff: Chris Allen, Director, Materials Management
Brad Appleby, Director, Planning Development & Urban Design
Stacy Dedlow, Committee Support Specialist
Scott Elliott, Corporate Sponsorship Program Manager
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
Chris Kawalec, Community Development Program Manager
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Rob McAulay, Director, Recreation Services
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Kendra Sedgwick, Committee Support Specialist
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Cara Walsh, Communications Specialist
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Closed Session – 4:45 p.m., Sutherland Room

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Report LSOCS26-018, Litigation be passed as part of the Consent Agenda.

Carried

Resolution to meet in Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Committee enter Closed Session to discuss one item under 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality, one item under 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and one item under 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality.

Carried

Closed Session ended at 5:24 p.m.

Open Session – Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That the meeting minutes from April 23 and May 4, 2026 be approved.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Report of Closed Session

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 MOWAT26-009 – Agreement

Moved by Councillor Lachica

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.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Report LSOCS26-019 – Complaint

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

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.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That items Renewal of PMC pylon Sign Agreement with Movingmedia Canada Inc., - Report FCSC26-003 and Procurement By-law Update - Report FCSMM26-006 be approved on consent.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Renewal of PMC pylon Sign Agreement with Movingmedia Canada Inc., Report FCSC26-003

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.

Public Meeting under the Planning Act

Councillor Parnell assumed the Chair.

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

Delegations

Diana Keay, D.M. Wills Associates Limited

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

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.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Councillor Beamer assumed the Chair.

Presentations

Tourism Strategy, Report FCSSCSP26-003

Councillor Haacke left the meeting at 6:37 p.m. and returned at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Leal left at 6:53 p.m. and returned at 6:55 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Parnell

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

Against (1): Councillor Riel

Carried (9 to 1)

Councillor Duguay left at 7:01 p.m and returned at 7:03 p.m.

Councillor Parnell left at 7:05 p.m. and returned at 7:07 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That the Tourism Growth Strategy be deferred until such time as a Municipal Cultural Plan and Economic Development strategy are implemented.

For (5): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Riel

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

Lost (5 to 5)

Community Services

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

Moved by Councillor Riel

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.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Notice of Motion

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

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, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Other Business

Development Charge Reduction Program

Moved by Mayor Leal

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 DRCP 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 DRCP 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.**
5. **The City Treasurer is authorized and directed to amend the applicable by-laws to align with the DRCP's objectives and thereafter to submit such amending by-laws 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.**

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (2): Councillor Bierk, and Councillor Lachica

Carried (8 to 2)

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That the matter of the Development Charge Reduction Program (the "DCRP") be deferred to a special General Committee and Council meeting to be held on June 15, 2026, to obtain further information.

For (3): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Against (7): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (3 to 7)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That this meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, 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