General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

December 1, 2025

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

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning, Development and Urban Design
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Kendra Sedgwick, Committee Support Specialist
Ilmar Simanovskis, Director, Municipal Operations
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Closed Session

Councillor Parnell

That Committee enter closed session at 4:15 p.m. to discuss three items under 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality and one item under 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

Councillor Beamer was not present.

Committee rose from closed session at 4:52 p.m.

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the General Committee meeting minutes of October 20, 2025 be approved.

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)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Duguay declared a conflict with Zoning By-law Amendment for 736 Maryland Avenue, Report IPGPL25-058, as a family member's company is working for the applicant.

Councillor Haacke declared a conflict with the Designation of 387 George Street South, Report IPGPL25-064, as his employer owns this building.

Councillor Haacke declared a conflict with Draft Plan of Subdivision, Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment for 689 Towerhill Road, Report IPGPL25-056, as his employer was involved in the property sale.

Report of Closed Session

Report LSRS25-022 - Property Lease

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-022, dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner of Legislative Services as follows:

That staff be authorized to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS25-022 dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services respecting a lease to the City.

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)

Report LSOCS25-019 - Lease

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS25-019, dated December 1, 2025, of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS25-019 dated December 1, 2025, of the City Solicitor respecting termination of a lease.

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)

Report LSRS25-020 - Agreement

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-020, dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting the property known municipally as 360 Reid Street, staff be authorized to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS25-020 dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

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)

Report LSRS25-021 - Land Acquisition

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-021, dated December 1, 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 LSRS25-021 dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

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)

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That items Tax Adjustments under Section 356 and Tax Appeals under Sections 357, 358 and 359 of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Report FCSFS25-036, Green Bin Organic Program - Phase 2 - Report MOENV25-013, MRF Lease Agreement

Amendment, Non-Eligible Sources - Report MOENV25-018, Drinking Water System Mandated Reporting Requirements to Council - Report MOWAT25-014, and 2026 Water System Financial Plan, Report MOWAT25-015.

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)

Tax Adjustments under Section 356 and Tax Appeals under Sections 357, 358 and 359 of the Municipal Act, 2001, Report FCSFS25-036

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS25-036, dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That tax reductions in the amount of $340,562.02 calculated in accordance with Sections 357, 358 and 359 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and attached to report FCSFS25-036 as Appendix A be received.

b) That land apportionments under Section 356 of the Municipal Act, 2001 be received.

Green Bin Organic Program - Phase 2, Report MOENV25-013

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report MOENV25-013, dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner of Municipal Operations as follows:

a) That Council endorse the implementation strategy for Phase 2 of the City's Organic Green Bin Collection Program.

b) Approval for Phase 2, Stage 1 and a follow up Report on the results of the pilot period.

MRF Lease Agreement Amendment, Non-Eligible Sources, Report MOENV25-018

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOENV25-018, dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner of Municipal Operations as follows:

That the existing Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Lease and Operating agreement be amended to establish a non-standard, single-source procurement arrangement with Halton Recycling (Emterra Environmental) for the collection of recycling from non-eligible source units, effective January 1, 2026.That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute documents to give effect to the recommendations in this report on terms acceptable to the Commissioner and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor.

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOENV25-009, dated September 15, 2025, of the Commissioner of Municipal Operations as follows:

That Report MOENV25-009 be received for information.

Drinking Water System Mandated Reporting Requirements to Council, Report MOWAT25-014

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOWAT25-014, dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner Municipal Operations as follows:

The Council endorse the proposed reporting and engagement best practices outlined in this report for the purposes of fulfilling Councils responsibility to meet the Duty of Care standard for providing safe drinking water to the community.

2026 Water System Financial Plan, Report MOWAT25-015

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOWAT25-015, dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner of Municipal Operations as follows:

That Report MOWAT25-015 dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner of Municipal Operations be received for information.

Public Meeting under the Planning Act

Councillor Parnell, Chair of Planning, assumed the Chair.

Draft Plan of Condominium for 700 Parkhill Road West, Report IPGPL25-059

Paul Curtis, 700 Parkhill Road
Jen Lacey, 700 Parkhill Road West
Sam Debrit, 700 Parkhill Road West
Matt Jarvis, 700 Parkhill Road West
Todd C. Slater, The Simple Company

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGPL25-059, dated December 1, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That Council deny the request for Draft Plan of Condominium File 15CDM-25501 on the basis that it is not consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS) and that it does not conform with Policies 5.2.5 a. iv. and 5.2.5 c. of the City Official Plan.

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)

Zoning By-law Amendment for 736 Maryland Avenue, Report IPGPL25-058

Tom Calwell, Kawartha Commons Co-Housing
Laura Stone, One Community Planning Inc.

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

Moved by Councillor Beamer

Council approved the following at the meeting of December 1, 2025;

a) That Section 3.9, Exceptions, of the Zoning By-law 97-123 be amended by adding Exception Number 376 in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix D to Report IPGPL25-058; and

b) That the subject property be rezoned from PS.2 – Public Service District to R.5-376 – Residential District in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix D to Report IPGPL25-058.

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

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That the Holding (H) symbol for Low Impact Development (groundwater infiltration) be removed.

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

Against (2): Councillor Baldwin, and Councillor Parnell

Conflict (1): Councillor Duguay

Carried (8 to 2)

Draft Plan of Subdivision, Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment for 689 Towerhill Road, Report IPGPL25-056

Chris Roberts, 381 Simons Ave (has petition)
Kent Randall, EcoVue Consulting Services Inc.
Thomas Binczyk, MDM Developments

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

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-056, dated December 1, 2025 of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That Schedule 'D' – Road Network Plan of the Official Plan be amended in accordance with the draft Official Plan Amendment attached as Appendix D to Report IPGPL25-056;

b) That Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval for Plan 15T-25501, File No. 18-1802 dated July 4, 2025 submitted by EcoVue Consulting Services Inc. on behalf of Muskoka D&M Corp., be granted, subject to the Conditions of Draft Plan Approval attached as Appendix A to Report IPGPL25-056;

c) That Section 3.9, Exceptions, of Zoning By-law 97-123 be amended by adding exception 375, in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix E to Report IPGPL25-056;

d) That the subject lands be rezoned from D.2-96 – Development District to R.6-375-H – Residential District and OS.2 – Open Space District, in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix E to Report IPGPL25-056; and

e) That the 'H' – Holding Symbol be removed from the lands zoned R.6-375-H at such time that Site Plan Approval has been granted for all, or a portion of, the subject lands.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to extend the hour of the meeting past 10:00 p.m. to complete the agenda.

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)

Councillor Beamer assumed the Chair.

At 10:17 Committee recessed and reconvened at 10:29 p.m.

Correspondence from Peterborough Police Service Board, Report LSCLK25-022

Moved by Councillor Riel

That City Council direct the Police Service Board to revise its 2026 budget submission to Council by reducing the proposed increase from 9.92% to 7%, and that the revised submission be returned to Council for consideration within the statutory timelines.

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

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

Lost (5 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council return the 2026 Police Services Board request that the Board not resubmit the budget unless it includes demonstrated reductions to the overall spending increase, and a clear explanation of where those savings have been found.

For (4): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

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

Lost (4 to 7)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK25-022, dated December 1, 2025, of the City Clerk, as follows:

That Report LSCLK25-022 and correspondence from the Police Service Board, attached as Appendix A, be received for information.

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

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

Carried (8 to 3)

September 30, 2025 Financial Report (Unaudited), Report FCSFS25-025

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS25-025, dated December 1, 2025 of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That the September 30, 2025 Quarterly Financial Update Report (Unaudited) attached as Appendix A to Report FCSFS25-025, dated December 1, 2025, be received;

b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute agreements and do such things as necessary to give effect to Development Charge exemption, discount and deferral agreements and any other agreements that may be necessary to implement the Development Charge By-law 25-100, By-law 24-050 and By-laws 22-053 through to 22-060 and their successor by-laws and/or associated legislation, on terms acceptable to the Commissioner of Community Services or the Commissioner Infrastructure Planning & Growth Management and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor;

c) That the following budgets be transferred into the Municipal Snow Storage Facility project (Project #18-150) to replace the $1,000,000 federal grant funding:

i. $200,000 wastewater reserve funding from Wastewater Collection System Servicing Study (Project #21-091). Subsequent to the transfer the Wastewater Collection System Servicing Study (Project #21-091) can be closed.

ii. $100,000 wastewater reserve funding from Sanitary Sewer River Crossings (Project #21-104). Subsequent to the transfer the Wastewater Collection System Servicing Study (Project #21-104) can be closed.

iii. $400,000 wastewater reserve funding from Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Program (Project #19-073)

iv. $100,000 wastewater reserve funding from City Wide Stormwater Quality Master Plan Implementation (Project #17-034)

v. $200,000 FRMP-sewer surcharge reserve funding from CCTV Inspection of Sewers (Project #06402)

d) That the following budget transfers, further detailed in Chart 3 of Report FCSFS25-025, be approved to align with the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program–Transit Stream (ICIP–Transit Stream) amended transfer payment agreement:

i. $1,458,800 be transferred from the New Transit Buses project (Project #20-078) and $25,200 be transferred from Transit Capital Reserve to the Conventional Bus Replacement project (Project #24-136) resulting in a net increase of $1,484,000 for a total approved budget of $5,631,900;

ii. $30,000 be transferred from the New Transit Buses project (Project #20-078) to the Conventional Bus Refurbishment project (Project #24-124) resulting in a total approved budget of $2,030,000;

iii. the New Transit Buses (Project #20-078) project budget be further reduced by $228,800 for a total approved budget of $3,905,300.

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)

Designation of 390-392 George Street North, Report IPGPL25-061

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-061, dated December 1, 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 390-392 George Street North 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 390-392 George Street North 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 390-392 George Street North 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).

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

Against (2): Councillor Beamer, Chair, and Councillor Haacke

Carried (9 to 2)

Designation of 394 George Street North, Report IPGPL25-062

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-062, dated December 1, 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 394 George Street North 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 394 George Street North 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 394 George Street North 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).

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

Against (2): Councillor Beamer, Chair, and Councillor Haacke

Carried (9 to 2)

Designation of 368 George Street North/140-142 Simcoe Street Report IPGPL25-063

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-063, dated December 1, 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 properties at 368 George Street North/140-142 Simcoe Street as heritage properties 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 properties at 368 George Street North/140-142 Simcoe Street as heritage properties 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 368 George Street North/140-142 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 properties 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).

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

Against (2): Councillor Beamer, and Councillor Haacke

Carried (9 to 2)

Designation of 387 George Street South, Report IPGPL25-064

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

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-064, dated December 1, 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 387 George Street South 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 387 George Street South 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 387 George Street South 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).

For (4): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Riel

Against (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Conflict (1): Councillor Haacke

Lost (4 to 6)

OPHI 2025-26 Allocation - Abbeyfield, Report CSSS25-017

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSSS25-017, dated December 1, 2025 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That Council, acting as Service Manager under the Housing Services Act, S.O. 2011, c.6, Sched. 1, approve the allocation and administration of Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) 2025/26 Year 7 funding to support the development of three affordable housing units at 95 Ermatinger Street Lakefield (Abbeyfield).

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

Moved by Councillor Bierk

WHEREAS Section 21 of the City of Peterborough's Procedural By-law permits a motion to "call the vote," which, if carried, ends all debate and forces an immediate vote on the matter under discussion;

AND WHEREAS the current provisions do not require a supermajority to pass, nor do they guarantee that all Members of Council have had the opportunity to speak;

AND WHEREAS misuse of this motion can suppress fair and democratic debate, and similar procedural by-laws in other Ontario municipalities have added safeguards to ensure its fair use;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following amendments to Section 21 – Call the Vote of the City of Peterborough's Procedural By-law be adopted and take effect immediately:

Amendments to Section 21 – Call the Vote

1. Opportunity to Speak
A motion to "call the vote" shall not be in order until all Members of Council who wish to speak to the motion have had the opportunity to do so once.

2. Two-Thirds Majority Required
A motion to "call the vote" shall require a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting in order to pass.

3. Restriction During Amendments
A motion to "call the vote" shall not be in order while an amendment to the main motion is under discussion, except for the purpose of calling the vote on the amendment itself.

4. Non-Debatable
A motion to “call the vote” shall not be debatable or amendable.

For (4): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

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

Lost (4 to 7)

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That this meeting be adjourned at 10:56 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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Natalie Garnett

Deputy City Clerk

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Councillor Beamer

Chair