General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

August 4, 2026

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

Regrets: Councillor Crowley

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning, Development and Urban Design
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Darren Hancock, Director, Financial Services
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Rob McAulay, Acting Commissioner, Community Services
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Closed Session - 5:30 p.m., Sutherland Room

Closed Session Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That item 1.e, Citizen Appointments to a Compliance Audit Committee - Report LSCLK26-016, be approved on consent.

Carried

Resolution to meet in closed session

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Committee enter Closed Session to discuss one item under 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, (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 or local board.

Carried

Committee rose from Closed Session at 5:59 p.m.

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That the meeting minutes of June 8, 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

Consent Agenda - Report LSCLK26-016 – Appointments

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Closed Session Report LSCLK26-016, dated August 4, 2026, of the City Clerk as follows:

That Cristine De Clercy, David Nusko, Leonard Lifchus, and Zac Rogers be appointed to serve as members of the Compliance Audit Committee with a term from November 15, 2026, to November 15, 2030.

Report LSOCS26-025 – Potential Litigation

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-025, dated August 4, 2026, of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS26-025 dated August 4, 2026 of the City Solicitor respecting Potential Litigation.

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 Baldwin

That City of Peterborough/Cavan Monaghan Township – Contract Police Service Extension Agreement - Report FCSFS26-011, and Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) Funding Application - Report IPGCOM26-001, 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)

City of Peterborough/Cavan Monaghan Township – Contract Police Service Extension Agreement, Report FCSFS26-011

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS26-011, dated August 4, 2026 of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services, as follows:

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an extension to the Contract Police Services Agreement with the Township of Cavan Monaghan and the Peterborough Police Service Board for a one-year term from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027 and in a form acceptable to the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services and the City Solicitor and substantially in the form attached as Appendix A to Report FCSFS26-011.

Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) Funding Application, Report IPGCOM26-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGCOM26-001, dated August 4, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management and the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That report IPGCOM26-001, dated August 4, 2026, be received for information.

Prudent Investor Standard for Municipal Investments, Report FCSFS26-008

Moved by Councillor Haacke

a) That the report Prudent Investor Standard for Municipal Investments, be received for information;

b) That the Treasurer, on behalf of the City of Peterborough and in consultation with ONE Investment, be directed to complete the necessary steps to join the ONE Joint Investment Board as a participating municipality under the Prudent Investor Standard, including all administrative requirements to execute the necessary agreement and ancillary paperwork including, but not limited to the client questionnaire;

c) That the Prudent Investor Investment Policy, attached as appendix A, be approved with an effective date to be determined by staff following the execution of the agreement with ONE Joint Investment Board;

d) That the attached By-Law, Appendix B, be approved with an effective date to be determined by staff following the execution of the agreement with ONE Joint Investment Board; and

e) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the ONE Joint Investment agreement on terms acceptable to the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor, following the ONE Joint Investment Board approving the City as a participating Municipality.

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

Against (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (9 to 1)

Economic Development Update, Report IPGED26-010

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGED26-010, dated August 4, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That Report IPGED26-010, dated August 4, 2026, be received for information.

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 Baldwin left the meeting at 6:42 pm and returned at 6:43pm

Designation of 192 Hunter Street West, Report IPGPL26-036

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-036, dated August 4, 2026, 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 192 Hunter Street West 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 to designate the property at 192 Hunter Street West 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 192 Hunter Street West 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 (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)

Designation of 479 Reid Street, Report IPGPL26-037

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-037, dated August 4, 2026, 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 479 Reid Street 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 to designate the property at 479 Reid Street 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 479 Reid 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 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 (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)

Designation of 715 George Street North, Report IPGPL26-045

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-045, dated August 4, 2026, 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 715 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 to designate the property at 715 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 715 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 (2): Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Parnell

Lost (2 to 8)

Demolition of 297 Hunter Street West, Report IPGPL26-046

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That report IPGPL25-046, be deferred, to provide staff time to research alternatives for the structure.

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

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

Lost (4 to 6)

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-045, dated August 4, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That Council acknowledges receipt of a notice of intention to demolish the building at 297 Hunter Street West issued pursuant to subsection 27(9) of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18;

b) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 297 Hunter Street West 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,

c) That Council take the following actions to designate the property at 297 Hunter Street West 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 297 Hunter Street West 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 (1): Councillor Bierk

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

Lost (1 to 9)

Tire Program Update, Report MOENV26-016

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOENV26-016, dated August 4, 2026, of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

That Report MOENV26-016 be received for information.

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 Mayor Leal

Whereas the City of Peterborough has been approached by local retailers asking that they be permitted to open on statutory holidays such as Canada Day and Labour Day;

Whereas many local businesses are reporting lower sales due to the uncertainty caused by tariff wars and inflation, and assert that opening on some statutory holidays would allow them to benefit from consumer spending on those days;

Whereas The Retail Business Holidays Act, R.S.O., 1990, which prohibits most retail businesses from opening on statutory holidays, allows municipalities to pass a by-law to render the Act inapplicable in their jurisdiction;

Whereas City Council last considered a report on this matter in 2011;

Whereas the Government of Ontario passed legislation this year to allow retailers across the province to open on Family Day and Victoria Day;

Now therefore be it resolved that City staff be directed to bring a report to Council in the first quarter of 2027 with information on the considerations of retail businesses being permitted to open on various statutory holidays, and outlining the options and required next steps should Council wish to proceed further at that time.

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

Moved by Councillor Lachica

Whereas, local labour-management policy language requires updating to reflect the good faith intended by broad provincial expectations, and to align with municipalities widely;

Whereas, it is a judgement to convey that a lawful strike is not an approved activity, requiring a penalty;

AND

Whereas, being subject to eligibility screening for as an “exception” is arbitrary and based on a penalty assumption that a strike is unlawful;

Thus, the City of Peterborough cannot therefore disapprove lawful strike hours as eligible hours;

MOTION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

a) That staff expedite their review of and revision of section 4.9 of Labour Disputes in Social Services Operational Practices Document S01-FS-0268, to ensure that no participant receiving subsidy at the time of the labour disruption will be impacted by the loss of the subsidy for the duration of the lawful strike/lockout.

b) That staff report back to council with the relevant updates by the end of September and allow all subsidies until the policy is revised.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (2): Councillor Duguay, and Mayor Leal

Carried (8 to 2)(2/3)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:00 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