General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

April 7, 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
Ian Boland, Manager, Water Resource Systems
James Byrne, Climate Change Coordinator
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Chris Kawalec, Manager, Community Development Program
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Caroline Kimble, Manager, Policy Planning
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Sarah McDougall Perrin, Advisor, Government Relations
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & 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

Closed Session

Moved by Mayor Leal

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.

Carried

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the General Committee meeting minutes of February 18 and 24, 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)

Report Arising from Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

WHEREAS there exist vacancies on the Boards of Directors of City of Peterborough Holdings Inc. (CoPHI) and of its subsidiaries requiring appointments.
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved:
1. That the following individuals be appointed as Directors to the Boards of CoPHI and of its subsidiaries:
a) Mark Rodger, Chair
b) Daniel J. Gormley; and
c) Paul Kwasnik; and
2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute amendments to the CoPHI Shareholder Direction and Unanimous Shareholder Declaration as amended to July 30, 2012 on terms considered advisable by the Mayor in consultation with the City's Chief Administrative Officer and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor to ensure interim compositions of the Boards of Directors of CoPHI and of its subsidiaries that are composed of members with the requisite industry, financial and legal expertise.

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

There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Budget Amendment and Award of ITT-24-25 for Switchgear Replacement at Del Crary Park - Report FCSFPM25-014, and 2025 Community Project and Investment Grants, Report CSD25-002 be approved on Consent.

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)

Budget Amendment and Award of ITT-24-25 for Switchgear Replacement at Del Crary Park, Report FCSFPM25-014

That Council approves the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFPM25-014, dated April 7, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a)That the Switchgear Replacement at Del Crary Park Capital Budget be amended from $100,000 to $135,000 through an additional transfer of funds from the Art Gallery Roof Replacement project (Q#24-012).

b)That ITT-24-25 for Switchgear Replacement at Del Crary Park be awarded to Barry Electrical Contractors Inc., 1003 Monaghan Road, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 5K8 at a cost of $104,000 plus HST of $13,520 for a total cost of $117,520.

2025 Community Project and Investment Grants, Report CSD25-002

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD25-002, dated April 7, 2025 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the recommendations of the Community Project Grant Committee in the total amount of $20,965 be allocated to various community groups as described in Appendix A; and

b) That the recommendations of the Community Investment Grant Committee in the total amount of $167,170 be allocated to various local charitable and Not-For-Profit organizations (NFPs) as described in Appendix B.

Public Meeting under the Planning Act

Zoning By-law Amendment and Community Improvement Plan to End Exclusionary Zoning, Report IPGPL25-013

Councillor Parnell, Chair of Planning, assumed the Chair.

There were no delegations.

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-013, dated April 7, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That Council approve amendments to the City's Comprehensive Zoning By-law (By-law 1997-123) to permit up to four residential dwelling units on a lot as-of-right, city-wide within the R.1 and R.2 Zoning Districts, and to update the Zoning By-law provisions for Additional Residential Units in keeping with recent legislative changes, in accordance with the draft By-law attached hereto as Appendix A of Report IPGPL25-013;

b) That Council designate lands as a Community Improvement Project Area for the 'Missing Middle Community Improvement Plan' as identified on Schedule A of the draft By-law attached hereto as Appendix B of Report IPGPL25-013; and

c) That Council approve the 'Missing Middle Community Improvement Plan' pursuant to Section 28(4) of the Planning Act, in accordance with the draft By-law attached hereto as Appendix C of Report IPGPL25-013.

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)

Presentations

Climate Change Action Plan 2.0 – Pathway to Net Zero 2050, Report IPGACP25-002

Moved by Councillor Haacke

h) That the city's annual budgets from 2026 to 2031 include $4M each year for this project, Climate Change Action Plan 2.0.

Against (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

Lost (0 to 11)

Councillor Haacke requested the items be separated for vote.

Moved by Councillor Lachica

a) That Council receives the presentation by Sustainability Solutions Group outlining the Climate Change Action Plan 2.0 – Pathway to Net Zero 2050 findings.

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)

Moved by Councillor Lachica

b) That Council adopts the Climate Change Action Plan 2.0 – Pathway to Net Zero 2050 as the official community emission reduction strategy to achieve net zero by 2050 in Peterborough, thereby replacing the previous community Climate Change Action Plan endorsed by Council in 2016.

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

c) That staff be directed to pursue implementing the recommended actions assigned to the City to support community emission reduction subject to future budget approvals.

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)

Moved by Councillor Lachica

d) That staff be directed to explore opportunities to partner with external organizations to develop and implement the recommended actions, where applicable.

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)

Moved by Councillor Lachica

e) That, subject to future budget approvals, staff be directed to utilize the Climate Change Reserve and seek external funding from Provincial and Federal governments and utilities in support of the City's assigned actions to facilitate community emission reductions.

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)

Moved by Councillor Lachica

f) That staff be directed to engage with higher orders of government, utilities, and other responsible bodies for implementation of decarbonization measures and policies outside the authority of the City of Peterborough to enact.

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)

Moved by Councillor Lachica

g) That staff be directed to report annually on implementation progress of the Climate Change Action Plan 2.0 – Pathway to Net Zero 2050 as a dedicated section in the annual Community GHG Inventory Report to Council.

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)

Committee Reports

Appointments to Advisory Committees, Report LSCLK25-003

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report LSCLK25-003 dated April 7, 2025, of the City Clerk as follows:

a) That Morgan Carl, Patrick Fuellbeck, Sarah Hurley, Carolyn Buntin, David King, and Talia Nepotiuk be appointed to serve as members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) with terms until December 2026;

b) That Jennifer Guerin and Sam Diamond be appointed to serve as members of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) with terms until December 2026;

c) That Joe Rees, Alex McLeod and Nikhil Chaudhary be appointed to serve as members of the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) with terms until December 2026;

d) That Bolanle Abodunrin be appointed to serve as a member of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee (ACAC) with a term until December 2026;

e) That Gayelyn Heffernan be appointed to serve as a member of the Museum and Archives Advisory Committee (MAAC) with a term until December 2026;

f) That Nicola Todd-McVean be appointed to serve as a member of the Property Standards Committee (PSC) with a term until December 2026;

g) That Reilly Lafreniere be appointed to serve as a member of the Transit Liaison Committee (TLC) with a term until December 2026; and,

h) That Linda Kehoe be appointed to serve as a member of the Peterborough Public Library Board (PPL) with a term until December 2026.

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)

Other Business

Moved by Councillor Riel

That recommendations for appointments of members to committees, contain a brief biography.

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)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That this meeting be adjourned at 5:58 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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John Kennedy

City Clerk

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Councillor Beamer

Chair