City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

March 17, 2025

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

Regrets: Councillor Lachica

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning Development and Urban Design
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Darryl Julot, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, City Clerk
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
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That the Council meeting minutes of January 13 and February 3, 2025 be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Crowley declared a conflict with Closed Session Property Acquisition, Report LSRS25-005.

Councillor Bierk declared an interest with Designation of Listed Properties Update, Report lPGPL25-015, 129 Hunter Street West, as he is a tenant of this property.

Mayor Leal declared an interest with Designation of Listed Properties Update, Report lPGPL25-015, St. John Baptist Church 300 Wilson Street, as he is a member.

Registered Delegations

To speak as a registered delegation, individuals must register no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. To register, complete the online application at www.peterborough.ca/delegations, or phone 705-742-7777 ext. 1820.

Strategic Growth Areas Project Update and Expansion of Community Planning Permit By-law Scope, Report lPGPL25-011

Mark Bullock, 884 Valleyview Drive

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That items 2024 Council Remuneration and Expense Statements - Report FCSFS25-006, Rogers Street Parking Restrictions - Report lPGENG25-001, Bensfort Road and Otonabee Drive Traffic Signal and All-Way Stop Review - Report lPGENG25-007, Contract Extension for Selwyn Link Bus Service - Report MOTR25-002, Renewal of Trent University Universal Bus Pass Funding Agreement - Report MOTR25-001, Agreement with ORCA for the operation of Beavermead Campground - Report CSRS25-002, Zoning By-law Amendment for 2248 Old Norwood Road - Report lPGPL25-010, Strategic Growth Areas Project Update and Expansion of Community Planning Permit By-law Scope - Report lPGPL25-011, Supply and Installation of Eight Radio Consoles for Fire Services and Police Services for the Next Generation 9-1-1 Implementation - Report FCSIT25-001, Appointment to PACAC - Report LSCLK25-002, Housing Accelerator Fund 2 Program Update - Report lPGPL25-012, Snowmobile Club Request, and On-Street Parking Options, be approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 0)

Recommendations from General Committee Meeting of March 10, 2025

2024 Council Remuneration and Expense Statements, Report FCSFS25-006

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-006, dated March 10, 2025 of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the 2024 Remuneration and Expense Statements for Council Members and Council appointees to boards and commissions, outlined in Report FCSFS25-006, dated March 10, 2025 of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services, be received for information.

Rogers Street Parking Restrictions, Report IPGENG25-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGENG25-001, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That the 1-hour parking restriction be removed on Rogers Street, between Hunter Street and Sophia Street.

Bensfort Road and Otonabee Drive Traffic Signal and All-Way Stop Review, Report IPGENG25-007

That the General Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPENG25-007, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the following recommended improvements at the intersection of Bensfort Road and Otonabee Drive be approved:

i. Relocation of the stop sign and stop bar on Otonabee Drive at Bensfort Road.

ii. Implementation of a painted median island, painted edge lines, and painted curb radii.

Contract Extension for Selwyn Link Bus Service, Report MOTR25-002

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOTR25-002, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner Municipal Operations as follows:

That Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute documents between the City and Selwyn Township for the continued operation of the pilot transit service within Selwyn Township for an additional twelve months, expiring March 31, 2026, on terms acceptable to the said Commissioner and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Renewal of Trent University Universal Bus Pass Funding Agreement, Report MOTR25-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOTR25-001, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the renewal agreement with the Trent Central Student Association for the continuation of the Universal Transit Pass Agreement substantially in the form as attached in Appendix A and on terms satisfactory to the Commissioner, Municipal Operations, in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Agreement with ORCA for the operation of Beavermead Campground, Report CSRS25-002

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSRS25-002, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Community Services as follows:

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign an agreement between the City of Peterborough and Otonabee Region Conservation Authority as outlined in Report CSRS25-002 dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Community Services, on terms satisfactory to the said Commissioner and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Zoning By-law Amendment for 2248 Old Norwood Road, Report IPGPL25-010

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-010, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management, as amended, as follows:

a) That section 3.4.12 Alternative Regulations – Maximum Height (Accessory Building) be amended to add regulation (g), specifying a maximum height of 5 metres, in accordance with the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix D to Report IPGPL25-010; and

b) That the subject property be rezoned from R1 OSM to SP.31, 12g – Residential District, in accordance with the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix D to Report IPGPL25-009.

Strategic Growth Areas Project Update and Expansion of Community Planning Permit By-law Scope, Report IPGPL25-011

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-011, dated March 10, 2025 of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the update presentation on the Secondary Plan and Community Planning Permit By-law project for the City's Strategic Growth Areas by Dillon Consulting Ltd., and Report IPGPL25-011 be received; and

b) That Staff be directed to proceed with Option 2 described Report IPGPL25-011 and expand the scope of work for the CPP By-law to implement a city-wide CPP By-law.

Supply and Installation of Eight Radio Consoles for Fire Services and Police Services for the Next Generation 9-1-1 implementation, Report FCSIT25-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSIT25-001, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services, as follows:

That the supply and installation of eight radio consoles, to support the Next Generation 9-1-1 implementation, be awarded to Bearcom Canada Corp. PO Box 4550 Stn. A Toronto, ON, M5W 4R7, at a cost of $219,365.20 plus HST of $28,517.47 for a total of $247,882.67.

Appointment to PACAC, Report LSCLK25-002

That General Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK25-002, dated March 10, 2025, of the City Clerk as follows:

That Marilyn MacNaughton be appointed as the Peterborough Historical Society representative to the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee for a term ending November 2026.

Housing Accelerator Fund 2 Program Update, Report IPGPL25-012

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-012, dated March 10, 2025 of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the Housing Accelerator Fund 2 Program Update, Report IPGPL25-012, dated March 10, 2025, be received; and

b) That three capital projects be established, Housing Accelerator Funds be transferred to capital projects, and sources of funding in the existing projects be replaced with Housing Accelerator Funds, all as detailed in Chart 2 of Report IPGPL25-012.

Snowmobile Club Request

That a request by a snowmobile club for the use of city land as a means to traverse from the Trans Canada Trail to an establishment on Ashburnham Drive, be referred to staff for a report.

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On-street parking Options

That staff provide a report regarding parking options for on-street parking on Hetherington Drive.

Property Acquisition, Report LSRS25-005

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

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis
Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-005, dated March 10, 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 LSRS25-005 dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Crowley

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (9 to 0)

Designation of Listed Properties Update, Report IPGPL25-015

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That the property at 180 Barnardo St, be removed from the listing of properties.

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

Against (2): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Riel

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (8 to 2)

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That the property at 219 Simcoe St, be removed from the listing of properties.

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

Against (2): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Riel

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (8 to 2)

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That the property at 90 Hunter St, be removed from the listing of properties.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That the properties at 129 Hunter Street West and St. John Baptist Church be received as part of Report IPGPL25-015.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Conflict (2): Councillor Bierk, Mayor Leal

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (8 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGPL25-015, dated March 10, 2025, as amended, as follows:

That staff report back on any properties with known development applications on the list.

That the property at 90 Hunter Street, 180 Barnardo St, and 219 Simcoe Street, be removed from the listing of properties

That Report IPGPL25-015 be received for information, less 129 Hunter Street and St. John Baptist Church.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 0)

Use of X by the City of Peterborough

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

c) That, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

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

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

Whereas X has become a media platform that is not adequately responding to hate speech and misinformation;

Whereas continued use of X could be perceived as tacit approval of or association with ideologies that are inconsistent with the City of Peterborough's commitment to freedom, inclusivity, and nondiscrimination.

Whereas the City of Peterborough maintains other social media accounts to reach residents about municipal services and news that provide comparable functionality like Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

Whereas Peterborough Transit relies on X as one of its main methods to communicate with customers about Transit service changes;

Whereas Peterborough Transit has implemented customer service enhancements such as real time tracking of buses through the My Transit Rid-GPS Tracker map for transit customers to see when the next bus will arrive;

Whereas emergency services require the ability to use all available channels to reach residents for emergency messaging;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council approve the following:

a) that to support enhanced communication with residents and customers and to reduce reliance on social media that City staff report back to Council during the 2026 Budget deliberations with recommendations and associated budget implications for implementing a Snow Plow Tracker service for residents and a smartphone app for Peterborough Transit, which includes the ability to send notifications to subscribers, with the goal of improving customer service and eliminating the use of X; and

b) that the City of Peterborough discontinue the use of X, formerly known as Twitter, except for Peterborough Transit, Fire Services, and emergency information as necessary.

c) that, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

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

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 0)

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Haacke
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That By-law 25-054 and 25-055 be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 0)

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Riel

That By-law 25-056, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on March 17, 2025, be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 0)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That this meeting be adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 0)

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John Kennedy

City Clerk

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Jeff Leal

Mayor