

# Minutes County Council - Regular Meeting



9:30 AM - Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Electronic Participation

The meeting was held hybrid (in-person and electronic) and was streamed live on the County of Peterborough's YouTube channel ([Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)).

**Present:** Warden Bonnie Clark, Deputy Warden Sherry Senis, Councillor Carolyn Amyotte, Councillor Carol Armstrong, Councillor Ron Black, Councillor Lori Burt, Councillor Matthew Graham, Councillor Ryan Huntley, Councillor Terry Lamshead, Councillor Jim Martin, Councillor Harold Nelson, Councillor Joe Taylor, Councillor Tom Watt, Councillor Hart Webb, Councillor Jim Whelan, and Councillor Pat Wilford

**Regrets:**

**Staff Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Sheridan Graham; Senior Director of Emergency & Shared Services/Chief of Paramedics/Deputy CAO Randy Mellow; Chief Information Officer/Chief Financial Officer and Senior Director of Corporate Services Jennifer Stover; Director of Strategic Services Lynn Fawn; Director of Human Resources Mary Spence; Senior Director of Planning and Public Works Bryan Weir; Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Kari Stevenson; Director of Planning Iain Mudd; Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer Michelle Fisher; Deputy Chief of Operations Patricia Bromfield; General Manager of People Services Allison Young; General Manager of Public Works Operations Bill Linnen;

**1. Call To Order**

Warden Clark called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

The Warden recited the Land Acknowledgement.

**3. Moment of Silent Reflection/Silence**

**4. Adoption of Addendum Agenda**

**Resolution No. 28-2024**

Moved by Councillor Burt

Seconded by Councillor Lamshead

That the addendum agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

**5. Disclosure of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**6. By-laws**

- a. By-law No. 2024-04 being, "A by-law to appoint a Chief of Paramedics for the Corporation of the County of Peterborough".

**Resolution No. 29-2024**

Moved by Councillor Graham

Seconded by Councillor Black

That By-law No. 2024-04 be read and passed and that this by-law shall be signed by the Warden and Clerk and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Carried

Sheridan Graham, CAO, and Council congratulated Trisha Bromfield on being appointed the new Chief of Paramedics for the County of Peterborough.

**7. Adoption of Minutes**

**Resolution No. 30-2024**

Moved by Councillor Wilford

Seconded by Councillor Amyotte

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 24, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

**8. Delegations and Presentations**

**9. Consent Items**

Note: All matters listed under Consent Items are considered to be routine, housekeeping, information or non-controversial in nature and to facilitate Council's consideration can be approved by one motion.

- a. **Staff Reports**  
Sheridan Graham, CAO  
Re: AMO Support Resolution
- b. **Staff Reports**  
Sheridan Graham, CAO  
Re: CAO 2024-03 Organizational and Service Delivery Review (ODSR) Projects and Funding Summary
- c. **Staff Reports**

**Michelle Fisher, Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer**  
**Re: FIN 2024-03 PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations**

- d. **Staff Reports**  
**Bill Linnen, General Manager, Public Works**  
**Re: PPW 2024-02 HBM Unimin Road Maintenance Services Agreement**
- e. **Correspondence Report**  
**Re: CPS 2024-04 Correspondence**
- f. **Committee Minutes**  
**Finance Committee**  
**Re: Minutes of February 2, 2024**
- g. **Committee Minutes**  
**Lang Pioneer Museum Advisory Committee**  
**Re: Minutes of January 30, 2024**
- h. **Liaison Reports from External Committees, Boards and Agencies**  
**Peterborough Public Health - Board of Health**  
**Re: Summary of January 10, 2024 Meeting**

Consent item 8. b., and the entire correspondence report, Consent item 8.e., were pulled from the Consent Agenda to be dealt with separately.

**Resolution No. 31-2024**

Moved by Councillor Nelson  
Seconded by Councillor Watt

That report CAO 2024-03 Organizational and Service Delivery Reviews be received for information.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 32-2024**

Moved by Councillor Graham  
Seconded by Councillor Huntley

That the County of Prince Edward's resolution regarding Expanding the Life Span of Fire Apparatus be supported and a letter of support be sent to Prince Edward County.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 33-2024**

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis  
Seconded by Councillor Lambshead

That the balance of the Correspondence Report be received.

**Carried**

## **Resolution No. 34-2024**

Moved by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Councillor Burt

Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

Whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

Whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

Whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

Whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

Whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

Whereas property taxpayers, including people on fixed incomes and small businesses, can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

Whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

Whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

Therefore Be It Resolved That the County of Peterborough call upon the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

And Further That a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ([minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)); the Minister of Finance ([minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.fin@ontario.ca)); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)).

That the Asset Retirement Obligation Report from DFA Infrastructure International Inc. be received; and,



That report FIN 2024-03 PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations be received and that comments be forwarded to the Finance Manager/Deputy Treasurer by February 14, 2024; and,

That report PPW 2024-02, HBM Unimin Road Maintenance Services Agreement be received;

That the agreement between the County of Peterborough and the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen for winter road maintenance services, attached as Attachment 1 to Report PPW 2024-02, be approved; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute any documents and agreements required by the approval of this agreement; and,

That the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting dated February 2, 2024 be adopted; and,

That the minutes of the Lang Pioneer Village Museum Advisory Committee meeting dated January 30, 2024 be adopted; and

That the proposed changes to the 2024 Tariff of Fees for Lang Pioneer Village Museum be approved for consideration with the 2024 Tariff of Fees By-law; and

That a moratorium be placed on accepting new acquisitions from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025; and,

That the summary of Peterborough Public Health - Board of Health meeting on January 10, 2024 be received.

**Carried**

## **10. Staff Reports - Direction**

### **a. Staff Reports**

**Randy Mellow, Senior Director of Emergency & Shared Services/Deputy CAO**

**Re: CAO 2024-02 Consolidated Municipal Service Management (CMSM) Agreement Review Committee**

### **Resolution No. 35-2024**

Moved by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That Report CAO 2024-02 Consolidated Municipal Service Management (CMSM) Agreement Review Committee be received; and,

That the establishment of a Consolidated Municipal Service Management (CMSM) Agreement Review Committee consisting of the County of

Peterborough Senior Leadership Team and two representatives of Council be authorized; and,

That Council Members interested in participating on the CMSM Committee, advise the Warden in order for the Warden to appoint two members at the February 21st Council meeting; and,

That the Committee be directed to report back to Council in Q2 2024 with recommendations for renegotiation of the CMSM Agreement.

**Carried**

**b. Jennifer Stover, CIO/CFO, Senior Director of Corporate Services  
Re: 2024 Draft Budget**

**Resolution No. 36-2024**

Moved by Councillor Nelson  
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That Report FIN 2024-001, 2024 Draft Budget Update, be received.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 37-2024**

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis  
Seconded by Councillor Amyotte

That the following recommendations from the Finance Committee be included in the 2024 Budget to reduce the tax levy:

- an efficiency target of \$850,000, as noted in the 2023 budget, be added;
- the Employee Post Retirement Benefit reserve of \$725,801 be utilized entirely;
- the Cannabis funding of \$136,437 be utilized entirely;
- the LSR (Local Services Realignment) reserve be drawn by \$1,187,611; the remaining funding in the Public Works Service Delivery Review reserve (\$361,752) be utilized;
- the net impact of producer paid recycling be removed (\$1,407,022).

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 38-2024**

Moved by Councillor Graham  
Seconded by Councillor Wilford

That Peterborough County-City Paramedics budget be increased by \$300,000 to include a 5% administration allocation.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 39-2024**

Moved by Councillor Graham  
Seconded by Councillor Lambshead

That the Landfill Post Closure contribution to reserves be decreased by \$130,000.

**Ayes:** Armstrong, Black, Burt, Graham, Huntley, Lambshead, Webb, and Wilford

**Nays:** Clark, Senis, Amyotte, Martin, Nelson, Taylor, Watt, and Whelan

**DEFEATED. 10-10 on a recorded vote**

#### **Resolution No. 40-2024**

Moved by Councillor Nelson  
Seconded by Deputy Warden Senis

That the transfer to the Public Works Infrastructure Long Term Planning reserve of \$320,940 not be removed from the budget.

**Ayes:** Clark, Senis, Amyotte, Armstrong, Black, Burt, Graham, Huntley, Martin, Nelson, Watt, Whelan, and Wilford

**Nays:** Lambshead, Taylor, and Webb

**CARRIED. 16-4 on a recorded vote**

#### **Resolution No. 41-2024**

Moved by Councillor Black  
Seconded by Councillor Graham

That the Health Unit Long Term Planning be left as is.

**Ayes:** Clark, Senis, Amyotte, Armstrong, Black, Burt, Graham, Huntley, Lambshead, Martin, Nelson, Taylor, Watt, Webb, Whelan, and Wilford

**CARRIED. 20-0 on a recorded vote**

#### **Resolution No. 42-2024**

Moved by Councillor Whelan  
Seconded by Councillor Nelson

That the Local Services Realignment reserve not be reduced further.

**Ayes:** Clark, Senis, Amyotte, Black, Burt, Huntley, Martin, Nelson, Watt, Webb, Whelan, and Wilford

**Nays:** Armstrong, Graham, Lambshead, and Taylor

**CARRIED. 15-5 on a recorded vote**

## **11. Notices of Motion**

## **12. Announcements**

Councillor Martin announced that on Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 12 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., the Fire and Ice Festival will be held in Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Township.

Warden Clark advised that the Polar Plunge last weekend in Selwyn Township was a big success, with over \$61,000 raised.

Councillor Burt announced that there is a Peterborough Agriculture Innovation Award presentation being held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 1 p.m., at Sunderland Co-op on Keene Road.

Councillor Graham advised that the Minister of Health announced an initial commitment of \$3 million in provincial funding to allow the newly established Peterborough Community Health Centre to connect up to 11,375 people to primary care. Councillor Graham thanked Council and supporting partners, including MPP Smith, for all their support and advocacy for the Community Health Centre.

## **13. Closed Session**

**Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, S. 239(2) to consider:**

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (County property).

### **Resolution No. 43-2024**

Moved by Councillor Black  
Seconded by Councillor Wilford

That Council move into Closed Session at 10:44 a.m. under Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

**Carried**

## **14. Rise from Closed Session**

### **Resolution No. 44-2024**

Moved by Councillor Watt  
Seconded by Councillor Burt

That Council rise from closed session at 11:19 a.m.

**Carried**

## **15. Matters Arising from Closed Session**

### **Resolution No. 45-2024**



Moved by Councillor Graham  
Seconded by Councillor Nelson

That the minutes of the Closed Session dated January 24, 2024 be adopted.

**Carried**

## **16. Confirming By-law**

### **Resolution No. 46-2024**

Moved by Councillor Wilford  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

That the confirming by-law to adopt, ratify, and confirm the actions of Council at today's meeting in respect to each report, motion, resolution or other action passed and taken by Council be adopted.

**Carried**

## **17. Adjournment**

### **Resolution No. 47-2024**

Moved by Councillor Lambshead  
Seconded by Councillor Watt

That the Council meeting adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

**Carried**

  
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Warden, Bonnie Clark

  
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Clerk, Kari Stevenson