

# Minutes County Council - Regular Meeting



9:30 AM - Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Electronic Participation

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

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**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 Heather Watson, Councillor Hart Webb, Councillor Jim Whelan, and Councillor Pat Wilford

**Regrets:**

**Staff Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Sheridan Graham; CFO/CIO/Director of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO Jennifer Stover; Chief of Paramedics Patricia Bromfield; Senior Director of Planning and Public Works Bryan Weir; Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Kari Stevenson; Director of Planning, Development and Public Works Iain Mudd; Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer Michelle Fisher; General Manager of Economic Development Rhonda Keenan; Manager of Community Development Sarah Budd; General Manager of Engineering and Construction Doug Saccoccia; Manager of Waste Management Kerri Snoddy; General Manager of Operations Bill Linnen; Senior Financial Analyst Dan Sutherland;

**Guests:** MPP Dave Smith

## 1. Call To Order

Warden Clark called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

## 2. Land Acknowledgement

## 3. Moment of Silent Reflection/Silence

## 4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 234-2024

Moved by Councillor Huntley

Seconded by Councillor Black

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**5. Disclosure of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**6. Adoption of Minutes**

**Resolution No. 235-2024**

Moved by Councillor Wilford  
Seconded by Councillor Amyotte

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 16, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**7. Delegations and Presentations**

**a. MPP Dave Smith**

**Re: Announcement**

MPP Dave Smith announced various provincial funding programs for the County and townships within the Peterborough-Kawarthas catchment area.

The County and Townships shall be receiving Ontario Community Investment Funding (OCIF). OCIF is a funding program based around township asset management plans, it is predominantly funding for water, wastewater and roads. This funding amount is dependent on whether the township has water/wastewater facilities.

Additionally, Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) has been released with an increase for all municipalities for the next two years (2025-2026).

**b. Warden Clark**

**Re: Employee Recognition Awards**

Warden Clark congratulated the Fall 2024 winners of the Peterborough County employee recognition awards. These awards are intended to recognize staff for demonstrating outstanding dedication to their work. They have consistently gone above and beyond in their roles. Their contributions strengthen Peterborough County and make our municipality the great place it is every day.

**c. Iain Mudd, Director of Planning, Development & Public Works**

**Re: Introduction of Rhonda Keenan, General Manager of Economic Development and Sarah Budd, Manager of Community Development**

Iain Mudd, Director of Planning, Development & Public Works introduced two new staff members joining the Planning, Development and Public Works department. Rhonda Keenan, previously of PKED is joining the County as the General Manager of Economic Development and Sarah Budd, previously of the

Peterborough & the Kawarthas Chamber of Commerce is joining the County as the Manager of Community Development.

- d. **Rebecca Morgan-Quin, Director of Social Services, City of Peterborough**  
**Marnie Sicker, Financial Supervisor, City of Peterborough**  
**Carolyn Hagg, Financial Supervisor, City of Peterborough**  
**Re: Draft 2025 Budget for Social Services**

**Resolution No. 236-2024**

Moved by Councillor Armstrong  
Seconded by Councillor Watson

That the presentation from Rebecca Morgan-Quin, Director of Social Services, City of Peterborough, Marnie Sicker, Financial Supervisor, City of Peterborough and Carolyn Hagg, Financial Supervisor, City of Peterborough regarding Draft 2025 Budget for Social Services be received; and,

That the financial request be referred to the 2025 County of Peterborough budget deliberations.

**Carried**

**8. 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/Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer**  
**Re: CAO 2024-23 Economic Development Transition Committee Update**
- b. **Staff Reports**  
**Kerri Snoddy, Manager, Waste Management**  
**Re: PPW 2024-25 Waste Management Master Plan Update - Waste Audit Results**
- c. **Correspondence Item**  
**Doug Saccoccia, General Manager of Engineering & Construction**  
**Re: Ontario Rural Road Safety Program**
- d. **Correspondence Report**
- e. **Committee Minutes**  
**Finance Committee**  
**Re: Minutes of October 23, 2024**
- f. **Liaison Reports from External Committees, Boards and Agencies**  
**Fairhaven Board of Directors**  
**Re: Minutes of September 11, 2024**
- g. **Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture**  
**Re: Minutes of October 11, 2023**

Item 8.b. was pulled from the Consent Agenda to be dealt with separately.

**Resolution No. 237-2024**

Moved by Councillor Webb  
Seconded by Councillor Burt

That Report PPW 2024-25, Waste Management Master Plan Update - Waste Audit Results, be received for information.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 238-2024**

Moved by Councillor Lambshead  
Seconded by Councillor Nelson

That Report CAO 2024-23 Economic Development Transition Committee Update be received for information; and,

Whereas official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads; and

Whereas despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads; and

Whereas rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base; and

Whereas preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system; and

Whereas roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the County of Peterborough requests the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support; and,

That report CPS 2024-36 Correspondence be received; and,

That the minutes of the finance committee meeting of October 23, 2024 be adopted; and,

That the minutes of the Fairhaven Board of Directors meeting of September 11, 2024, be received; and,

That the minutes of the Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture annual general meeting of October 11, 2023, be received.

**Carried**

## **9. Staff Reports - Direction**

- a. **Jennifer Stover, CFO/CIO/Sr. Director of Corporate Services**  
**Michelle Fisher, Deputy Treasurer**  
**Re: Peterborough County 2025 Draft Budget**

### **Resolution No. 239-2024**

Moved by Councillor Watson  
Seconded by Councillor Black

That staff be directed to attempt to achieve a two percent (2%) reduction in the operating budget to offset the pull from reserves to reduce expenses; and

That staff keep looking for this size of reduction for ongoing budgets.

**Carried**

### **Resolution No. 240-2024**

Moved by Councillor Graham  
Seconded by Councillor Whelan

That staff be directed to report back to council within the budget process regarding a review of the volume of capital projects and the feasibility of those projects being completed in 2025.

**Carried**

## **10. Notices of Motion**

## **11. Announcements**

Councillor Graham announced that the Cavan-Monaghan legion is holding a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Millbrook cenotaph.

Warden Clark advised that on Tuesday, October 29th, the Kawartha Chamber of Commerce held its 2024 Business Excellence Awards. Lang Pioneer Village Museum received two awards, one for Local Focus and another for Tourism. In addition to this, Lang has been recognized by the Peterborough Examiner as the Reader's Choice Museum for 2024. Other County organizations, businesses, groups, individuals and partners that won awards include:

- Wanderlight Alpaca Experience, ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT
- Dr. Taylor Bonner, Cavan Chiropractic, 4-UNDER-40
- Paris Marine, RETAIL
- The Chocolate Rabbit, MICRO BUSINESS
- Heidi Popov, Kawartha Gymnastics, BUSINESS WOMEN OF THE YEAR (organization)
- Camp Kawartha, GREEN INITIATIVES
- Millbrook Mercantile, HOSPITALITY
- Scott, Paula, Jason & Shelby Cornish, PTBO COUNTY FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR
- Habitat for Humanity Peterborough & Kawartha Region, NOT-FOR-PROFIT
- The Canadian Canoe Museum, COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OR RENOVATION

Warden Clark recognized the county businesses that were announced as part of the Starter Company Plus Cohort, offered by Community Futures Peterborough's Business Advisory Centre:

- Davis Orchards, Douro-Dummer Township
- Duff Acres, Otonabee-South Monaghan Township
- Kayla Le Franc Photo, Otonabee-South Monaghan Township
- High Springs Trading Post, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Township
- Jodi-Lee Nutrition & Wellness, Trent Lakes Township
- Showbile Media, Cavan Monaghan Township

Warden Clark announced that Peterborough County Chief of Paramedics, Trisha Bromfield, was one of two recipients of the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs - ZOLL Medical Canada Scholarship for the Queen's Smith School of Business Executive Leadership Program.

Warden Clark reminded everyone that Monday, November 11th is Remembrance Day and encouraged all staff, council members, and residents to attend local ceremonies if they can.

## **12. By-laws**

- a. By-law No. 2024-41 being, "A by-law to authorize the Corporation of the County of Peterborough to enter into an Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of the Province of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of primary public safety answering point (PSAP) services".

**Resolution No. 241-2024**

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Nelson

That By-law No. 2024-41 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**

### **13. Confirming By-law**

**Resolution No. 242-2024**

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis  
Seconded by Councillor Graham

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**

### **14. Adjournment**

**Resolution No. 243-2024**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Wilford

That the Council meeting adjourn at 12:26 p.m.

**Carried**

  
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Warden, Bonnie Clark

  
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Clerk, Kari Stevenson

