

Minutes County Council - Regular Meeting



9:30 AM - Friday, December 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](#)).

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 Lambshead, Councillor Harold Nelson, Councillor Joe Taylor, Councillor Heather Watson, Councillor Hart Webb, Councillor Jim Whelan, and Councillor Pat Wilford

Regrets: Councillor Jim Martin

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer Sheridan Graham; CFO/CIO/Director of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO Jennifer Stover; Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Kari Stevenson; Director of Planning, Development and Public Works Iain Mudd; Director of Strategic Services Lynn Fawn; Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer Michelle Fisher; General Manager of Communications and Tourism Tracie Bertrand; General Manager of People Services Allison Young; General Manager of Operations Bill Linnen; Manager of Waste Management Kerri Snoddy; Senior Financial Analyst Dan Sutherland.

1. Call To Order

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

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Moment of Silent Reflection/Silence

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 260-2024

Moved by Councillor Nelson
Seconded by Councillor Lambshead

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

6. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 261-2024

Moved by Councillor Burt
Seconded by Councillor Whelan

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 20, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7. Delegations and Presentations

- a. **Kim Dolan, Executive Director, YWCA Peterborough Haliburton
Brittany McMillan, Executive Director, Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre
Re: Peterborough Domestic Abuse Network Update on Domestic
Violence/Intimate Partner Violence Initiatives**

Resolution No. 262-2024

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis
Seconded by Councillor Amyotte

That the presentation from Kim Dolan, Executive Director, YWCA Peterborough Haliburton and Brittany McMillan, Executive Director, Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre regarding Peterborough Domestic Abuse Network Update on Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence Initiatives be received; and

That domestic violence and intimate partner violence be added to the local community wellbeing plans; and

That the County requests the province to monetarily help with this epidemic.

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. **Warden Clark
Re: Calling for Investment in Municipal Infrastructure for Eastern
Ontario's Small and Rural Communities**

Whereas Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both new growth-related infrastructure and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including local roads and bridges, clean

water, wastewater, waste facilities, and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries; and

Whereas the [Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#) has calculated that Municipal Governments across Canada are responsible for approximately 60 percent of public infrastructure that supports our economy and quality of life, but only receive 10 cents of every tax dollar; and

Whereas the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) region's capital infrastructure deficit has increased by 58 percent since 2011 and is now at \$6 billion, and growing; and

Whereas in 2018, the Ontario Government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop and fully fund capital asset management plans by July 2025; and

Whereas the EOWC has released a regional [Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper](#) showing key infrastructure data, opportunities and challenges in small rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario; and

Whereas Eastern Ontario is a growing economy that can grow more with sustainable, innovative infrastructure partnership and investment from the Federal and Ontario Governments; and

Whereas the infrastructure deficit for small rural municipalities cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue, restricted municipal borrowing capacity, and municipalities limited ability to generate revenue; and

Whereas small rural taxpayers cannot afford dramatic increases to pay for the current and future infrastructure.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Peterborough County joins the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the Federal and Ontario Governments to immediately and sustainably partner with Municipal Governments by investing in both the new and ongoing maintenance and repairs of municipal infrastructure in Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities; and

That the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately review data and work together to implement solutions based on the [EOWC's Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper](#) in partnership with small rural municipalities; and

That this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs; The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance; The Honourable Prabmeet Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation; The

Honourable Victor Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; MP Michelle Ferreri, MP Jamie Schmale, MP Philip Lawrence; The Honourable David Piccini, Ontario Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, MPP David Smith, MPP Laurie Scott; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

- b. Staff Reports**
Sheridan Graham, CAO/Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer
Re: CAO 2024-27 Courthouse Lease Extension
- c. Staff Reports**
Ann Hamilton, Secretary Treasurer, Land Division
Re: PPW 2024-28 Land Division Committee Report January to June 2024.
- d. Correspondence Report**
- e. Committee Minutes**
Finance Committee
Re: November 20, 2024
- f. Committee Minutes**
Finance Committee
Re: November 25, 2024
- g. Committee Minutes**
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Re: September 26, 2024
- h. Committee Minutes**
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Re: October 24, 2024
- i. Committee Minutes**
Waste Management Committee
Re: November 22, 2024
- j. Liaison Reports from External Committees, Boards and Agencies**
Fairhaven Committee of Management
Re: Minutes of October 9, 2024
Resolution No. 263-2024

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

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Immigration, Training and Skills Development, MPP David Smith, MPP Laurie Scott; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus; and,

That Report CAO 2024-27 Courthouse Lease Extension be received; and

That a by-law be passed to authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute the Courthouse lease extension with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure commencing January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31 2029; and,

That Report PPW 2024-28 Land Division Committee Report January to June 2024 be received for information; and,

That the correspondence report CPS 2024-39 be received; and,

That the minutes of the Finance Committee dated November 20, 2024 be adopted; and,

That the minutes of the Finance Committee dated November 25, 2024 be adopted; and,

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated September 26, 2024 be adopted; and,

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated October 24, 2024 be adopted; and,

That the minutes of the Waste Management Committee dated November 22, 2024 be adopted; and,

That the minutes of the Fairhaven Committee of Management dated October 9, 2024 be received.

Carried

9. Staff Reports - Direction

a Finance

- . Jennifer Stover, CFO/CIO, Sr. Director of Corporate Services**
Re: FIN 2024-26 2025 Budget Options

Resolution No. 264-2024

Moved by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by Councillor Webb

That the 2025 budget be referred back to the Finance Committee to consider the discussions today and bring back more options at the January 22, 2025 Council meeting.

Ayes: Amyotte, Black, Graham, Huntley, Nelson, Taylor, Watson, and Webb
Nays: Clark, Senis, Armstrong, Burt, Lamshead, Whelan, and Wilford
DEFEATED. 9-10 on a recorded vote

Resolution No. 265-2024

Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Wilford

That report FIN 2024-26 2025 Budget Options be received; and

That the following be approved on the recommendations of the Finance Committee:

- the Peterborough Public Health budget increase of \$138,654 to be funded from the Health Unit LTP reserve; and
- the 2025 budget be amended to defer the hiring of the four (4) new paramedic positions until June 1; and
- the Public Works budget be amended as outlined in this report; and
- the 2025 Budget be approved with a tax levy increase of 8.4%, inclusive of a 2.5% dedicated infrastructure levy, to reduce the reliance on reserves to support County operations; and
- staff continue to work with the Finance Committee to achieve an additional \$208,270 in operating efficiencies to achieve a minimum of 2% operating efficiencies and report back to Council no later than April 9, 2025.

Ayes: Clark, Senis, Amyotte, Armstrong, Black, Burt, Lamshead, Nelson, Whelan, and Wilford

Nays: Graham, Huntley, Taylor, Watson, and Webb

CARRIED. 14-5 on a recorded vote

Councillor Graham left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

10. Notices of Motion

11. Announcements

Councillor Wilford announced that on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. a Christmas Market with fireworks will be held in Norwood.

Councillor Taylor announced that on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. the Christmas Parade will be held in Keene.

Warden Clark announced that current Deputy Warden Senis, has been reappointed as Deputy Warden for 2025 and 2026.

12. Closed Session

13. Rise from Closed Session

14. Matters Arising from Closed Session

15. By-laws

- a. By-law No. 2024-44 being, "A by-law to set out all the roads in the County Road System under the jurisdiction of the County of Peterborough and to consolidate the by-laws establishing the County Road System" (Council accepted the recommendation in Report No. PPW 2024-26 at the November 20, 2024 meeting).
- b. By-law No. 2024-47 being, "A by-law to authorize the Corporation of the County of Peterborough to enter into a sixth lease extension and amending agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure commencing January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2029" (refer to item 8.b).

Resolution No. 266-2024

Moved by Councillor Huntley
Seconded by Councillor Black

That By-law Nos. 2024-44, and 2024-47 be read and passed and that these by-laws shall be signed by the Warden and Clerk and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Carried

16. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 267-2024

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Whelan

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. 268-2024

Moved by Councillor Nelson
Seconded by Councillor Wilford

That the Council meeting adjourn at 10:48 a.m.

Carried

Bonnie Clark
Warden, Bonnie Clark

Karl Stevenson
Clerk, Karl Stevenson

