

Minutes County Council - Regular Meeting



9:30 AM - Wednesday, February 5, 2025

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 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; 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 People Services Allison Young; General Manager of Economic Development Rhonda Keenan; General Manager of Engineering and Construction Doug Saccoccia; Deputy Chief, PCCP, Community Programming and Emergency Management Brent Abell;

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. 13-2025

Moved by Councillor Black

Seconded by Councillor Lamshead

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

6. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 14-2025

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Amyotte

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 22, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7. Delegations and Presentations

- a. **Jason Armstrong, Municipal Group Manager, Engage Engineering Ltd.
Re: Ward Street Environmental Assessment**

Resolution No. 15-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis
Seconded by Councillor Whelan

That the presentation from Jason Armstrong, Municipal Group Manager, Engage Engineering Ltd. regarding the Ward Street Environmental Assessment be received.

Carried

- b. **Public Works - Engineering and Construction
Doug Saccoccia, General Manager, Engineering & Construction
Re: Ward Street Widening; Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**

Resolution No. 16-2025

Moved by Councillor Nelson
Seconded by Councillor Burt

That Report PDPW 2025-03 Ward Street Widening; Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) be received;

That the preferred alternative recommendation as presented by Engage Engineering being Alternative 1 be endorsed; and

That the Environmental Study Report be advertised for the mandatory 30 day review period.

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**
Doug Saccoccia, General Manager, Engineering & Construction
Re: Annual Review of E&C Policies
- b. **Staff Reports**
Doug Saccoccia, General Manager, Engineering & Construction
Re: Amend Reduced Load By-law
- c. **Correspondence Report**
- d. **Liaison Reports from External Committees, Boards and Agencies**
Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Board of Health
Re: Meeting Summary of January 16, 2025

Resolution No. 17-2025

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Watson

That Report PDPW 2025-04 Annual Review of E&C Policies be received;

That the revised PDPW-E&C-01 Design and Construction Standards Policy be adopted; and

That Policy ISD-E&D-04 Internal Bike Share be rescinded; and,

That report PDPW 2025-05 Amend Reduced Load By-law be received; and,

That correspondence report CPS 2025-05 be received for information; and,

That the meeting summary of the Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Board of Health dated January 16, 2025 be received.

Carried

9. Staff Reports - Direction

- a. **Brent Abell, Deputy Chief, PCCP, Community Programming and Emergency Management**
Re: Grant Approval For 2024-2025 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG)

Resolution No. 18-2025

Moved by Councillor Huntley
Seconded by Councillor Graham

That Report PAR 2025-01, Grant Approval For 2024-2025 CEPG, be received;
and

That Peterborough County Emergency Management procure and develop a deployable Emergency Operations Centre/Mobile Clinic for emergency preparedness; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant with the Province of Ontario.

Carried

10. Notices of Motion

Resolution No. 19-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis
Seconded by Warden Clark

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the County of Peterborough supports the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

And that the CAO be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary purchasing policy that integrates and addresses these concerns;

And that County Economic Development & Tourism Division be directed to implement a "Buy Local Peterborough County, Buy Canadian" campaign to encourage residents and businesses to purchase locally made and Canadian goods and services.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers.
- All local MPs and MPPs,
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

Carried

11. Announcements

Councillor Martin announced that the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen is holding their annual Fire and Ice Festival on Saturday, February 8th from 12 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Community Centre.

Councillor Burt reminded Council that the Peterborough Cattlemen's Association and the Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture will be

holding their second annual Celebration of Agriculture event at the Lang Heritage building on Saturday, February 8th starting at 6 p.m.

Warden Clark advised in light of the U.S. government's proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods, that she will be meeting with the local Chamber of Commerce, neighbouring municipalities, and industry organizations to discuss the potential impacts and offer her support. Through the EOWC, she has reached out to municipal organizations in the U.S. to build relationships and grow in solidarity in light of recent political and economic challenges. She encouraged all residents, businesses, and council members to buy Canadian and shop local.

12. Closed Session

13. Rise from Closed Session

14. Matters Arising from Closed Session

15. By-laws

- a. By-law No. 2025-03 being, "A by-law to establish reduced loads on County roads".
- b. By-law No. 2025-05 being, "A by-law to authorize the Corporation of the County of Peterborough to enter into an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the President of the Treasury Board".

Resolution No. 20-2025

Moved by Councillor Wilford
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That By-law Nos. 2025-03 and 2025-05 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. 21-2025

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Lambshead

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. 22-2025

Moved by Councillor Nelson
Seconded by Councillor Watson

That the Council meeting adjourn at 10:08 a.m.

Carried



Warden, Bonnie Clark



Clerk, Kari Stevenson

