

Minutes County Council - Regular Meeting



9:30 AM - Wednesday, March 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 Terry Lambshead, Councillor Jim Martin, Councillor Harold Nelson, Councillor Joe Taylor, Councillor Heather Watson, Councillor Hart Webb, Councillor Jim Whelan, and Councillor Pat Wilford

Regrets: Councillor Ryan Huntley

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 Communications and Tourism Tracie Bertrand; General Manager of People Services Allison Young; General Manager of Operations Bill Linnen; Manager of Waste Management Kerri Snoddy; Deputy Chief, PCCP, Community Programming and Emergency Management Brent Abell; General Manager of Planning Keziah Holden; Museum Operations Manager Elizabeth King;

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

Council observed a moment of silence in memory of Robert Allen, a Douro Township Councillor and County Councillor in 1973 to 1976 and 1979 to 1984, and County Warden in 1983, who passed away on February 19, 2025. Council extends their deepest condolences to his family, friends, colleagues and all mourning his loss.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 39-2025

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Amyotte

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

6. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 40-2025

Moved by Councillor Watson
Seconded by Deputy Warden Senis

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 19, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7. Public Meeting - Planning Act

a. Call to Order

Resolution No. 41-2025

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Nelson

That the Public Meeting be opened at 9:35 a.m.

Carried

- b. Keziah Holden, General Manager of Planning
Iain Mudd, Director of Planning, Development and Public Works
Re: Public Meeting - Proposed Revisions to new County Official Plan**

Resolution No. 42-2025

Moved by Councillor Lambshead
Seconded by Councillor Burt

That the presentation from Keziah Holden and Iain Mudd regarding the Proposed Revisions to the new County Official Plan be received.

Carried

c. Delegations

Emily Champagne provided their comments to staff and Council on the proposed revisions to the new Peterborough County Official Plan as shown in Appendix A attached to these minutes.

Resolution No. 43-2025

Moved by Councillor Black
Seconded by Councillor Graham

That the delegations heard for the Proposed Revisions to the new County Official Plan be received.

Carried

d. Rise from Public Meeting

Resolution No. 44-2025

Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Whelan

That Council rise from the Public Meeting held under the Planning Act at 10:16 a.m.

Carried

8. Delegations and Presentations

- a. Kelli Steele-Stanton, Managing Partner, NLS Corp Management Consulting
Re: Lang Pioneer Village Museum Service Delivery Review**

Resolution No. 45-2025

Moved by Councillor Lambshead
Seconded by Councillor Wilford

That the presentation from Kelli Steele-Stanton, Managing Partner, NLS Corp Management Consulting, regarding the Lang Pioneer Village Museum Service Delivery Review be received; and

That staff be directed to bring a report back to Council with the organizational structure and next steps to implement the recommendations therein.

Carried

- b. Lynn Fawn, Director of Strategic Services
Re: Lang Pioneer Village Museum Service Delivery Review**

Resolution No. 46-2025

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Deputy Warden Senis

That report, CPS 2025-08 Lang Pioneer Village Museum Service Delivery Review, be received;

That that the Tariff of Fees for Lang admissions be updated to be effective April 1, 2025; and

That staff be directed to work with the Lang Pioneer Village Museum Advisory Committee to bring a report back to Council in Q2 2025 with an implementation strategy.

Carried

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**
Patricia Bromfield, Chief of Paramedics
Re: Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) for 911 Calls
- b. **Staff Reports**
Michelle Fisher, General Manager, Finance/Deputy Treasurer
Re: 2024 Council Remuneration
- c. **Jennifer Stover, CFO/CIO/Deputy CAO**
Re: Employee Expense Claims Policy
- d. **Jennifer Stover, CFO/CIO/Deputy CAO**
Re: Employee Professional Development Policy
- e. **Jennifer Stover, CFO/CIO/Deputy CAO**
Christopher Lee, General Manager of Information Technology
Re: Acceptable Use of County Technology Resources
- f. **Correspondence Report**
- g. **Committee Minutes**
Peterborough County Economic Development Advisory Committee
Re: Minutes of January 29, 2025
- h. **Liaison Reports from External Committees, Boards and Agencies**
Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Board of Health
Re: Meeting Summary of February 19, 2025

Item 9. a., and the entire correspondence report, item 9. f., were pulled from the Consent Agenda to be dealt with separately.

Resolution No. 47-2025

Moved by Councillor Black
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

That Report PAR 2025-02, Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) for 911 Calls, be received.

Carried

Resolution No. 48-2025

Moved by Councillor Whelan
Seconded by Councillor Black

That the Township of McGarry Resolution dated February 18, 2025, regarding Amending the Ontario Building Code, be supported.

Carried

Resolution No. 49-2025

Moved by Councillor Wilford
Seconded by Councillor Burt

That the Township of Asphodel-Norwood Resolution dated February 19, 2025, regarding the Request for a Stop Sign on County Road 40, be referred to staff for a report back to Council as soon as possible.

Carried

Resolution No. 50-2025

Moved by Councillor Whelan
Seconded by Councillor Webb

That correspondence item 4 received from the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus be sent to the local tier municipalities requesting that they place it on an agenda.

Carried

Resolution No. 51-2025

Moved by Councillor Lambshead
Seconded by Councillor Nelson

That the balance of the Correspondence Report be received.

Carried

Resolution No. 52-2025

Moved by Councillor Amyotte
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That report FIN 2025-05, 2024 Council Remuneration, be received; and,

That Policy No. FI-5, Employee Expense Claims, be approved; and,

That Policy No. HR-19, Employee Professional Development Policy, be approved; and,

That Policy No. CORP-07, Acceptable Use of County Technology Resources, be approved; and,

That the minutes of the Peterborough County Economic Development Advisory Committee dated January 29, 2025 be adopted; and,

That the meeting summary of the Haliburton Kawartha Northumberland Peterborough Board of Health dated February 19, 2025 be received.

Carried

10. Staff Reports - Direction

- a. Sheridan Graham, CAO, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer
Re: County Tariff Response**

Resolution No. 53-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis
Seconded by Councillor Watson

That Report CAO 2025-03, County Tariff Response, be received;

That staff be directed to add "other Countries" to the plan and implement the actions identified in the Peterborough County Tariff Implications and Response Actions Plan and report back to Council as applicable; and

That a letter be sent to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting that a "Stay Local" tax credit (similar to that given during COVID in Ontario) be implemented in 2025 to support Canadian resident tourism in Canada.

Carried

- b. Kerri Snoddy, Manager, Waste Management & Sustainability
Re: Non-Eligible Sources Direction**

Councillor Taylor left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Resolution No. 54-2025

Moved by Councillor Whelan
Seconded by Deputy Warden Senis

That report, PDPW 2025-08 Non-Eligible Sources Direction, be received; and

That option 1.b. in the report be supported (non-residential properties pay) and that staff be directed to issue a non-binding Request for Proposal and come back to Council with specific costs associated with the non-eligible sources collection.

Ayes: Clark, Senis, Amyotte, Armstrong, Black, Burt, Lamshead, Martin, Nelson, Watson, Whelan, and Wilford
Nays: Graham and Webb

CARRIED. 16-2 on a recorded vote

11. Notices of Motion

12. Announcements

Warden Clark announced that Saturday, March 8th marks International Women's Day. She stated that she is proud to serve alongside the incredible women in leadership roles on Council, as well as at the County and Townships, and to be part of a Council of men and women that values and champions diversity.

Councillor Amyotte challenged the women of Peterborough County to consider joining 100 Women Peterborough in honour of International Women's Day. This organization brings together 100 women from the Peterborough Region for 1 hour, 4 times a year, who commit to donating \$100 each per meeting, totaling \$10,000 for a worthy cause. Then a local charity or not for profit organization is chosen to receive these funds.

Councillor Amyotte advised that for the upcoming Luminary Awards for Women in Business, Sheridan Graham has been nominated for the Barrier Buster - Employee Award, and Warden Bonnie Clark has been nominated for the Legacy Award.

Councillor Wilford left the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

13. Closed Session

14. Rise from Closed Session

15. Matters Arising from Closed Session

16. By-laws

- a. By-law No. 2025-08 being, "A by-law to establish a Tax Policy and Levy Property Taxes for the Year 2025".
- b. By-law No. 2025-09 being, "A by-law to appoint area weed inspectors for the County of Peterborough and to establish remuneration."

Resolution No. 55-2025

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Amyotte

That By-law Nos. 2025-08 and 2025-09 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

17. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 56-2025

Moved by Councillor Nelson
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

18. Adjournment

Resolution No. 57-2025

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Nelson

That the Council meeting adjourn at 12:14 p.m.

Carried



Warden, ~~Bonnie Clark~~ Sherry Senis, Deputy
Warden



Clerk, Kari Stevenson

Appendix A

Comments of concern with modifications to the Peterborough County Official Plan, March 5, 2025

Increased regulatory burden for property owners

- The new requirement for an Environmental Impact Study will be expensive, unequitable, and burdensome for property owners and developers.

Contradictions to the Minister's suggestions

- None of the three conditions from the Minister of MMAH for a new County Official Plan have been met as a result of the changes proposed here, including Indigenous consultation, transparency, and no new mapping.

Conflict of Interest

- The Kawarthas, Naturally Connected mapping may provide the Kawartha Land Trust with an unfair opportunity to buy devalued properties.

Recommendation

- The County of Peterborough should defer all policies and mapping decisions regarding Natural Heritage Designations, policies and mapping so that proper consultation and quality assurance can take place.

Comments of concern - March 5, 2025

Issues with the “Preferred Scenario” mapping:

- The ‘barriers’ layer is incorrectly applied
- The “Adjacent KNC Selected Areas” does not cover any Natural Heritage Features, methodology is unclear
 - One example is “**Priorities for conservation land acquisitions**”
- The shoreline mapping appears arbitrary
 - Does not include some islands
 - Leaves some properties out
- Significant work needs to be done before this mapping is ready to be applied

