# Minutes County Council - Regular Meeting



9:30 AM - Wednesday, June 25, 2025 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 Burtt, Councillor Matthew Graham, Councillor Ryan Huntley,

Councillor Terry Lambshead, Councillor Jim Martin, Councillor Joe Taylor, Councillor Heather Watson, Councillor Tom Watt, Councillor Hart Webb,

Councillor Jim Whelan, and Councillor Pat Wilford

Regrets: N/A

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer Sheridan Graham; CFO/CIO/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 Economic Development Rhonda Keenan; General Manager of Operations and Fleet Bryan Robinson; Manager of Waste Management & Sustainability Kerri Snoddy; Deputy Chief of Operations

Ryan Moloney;

#### 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. 116-2025

Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Burtt

#### 5. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Black declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 12. c.

## 6. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 117-2025

Moved by Councillor Armstrong Seconded by Councillor Watson

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 4, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

# 7. Delegations and Presentations

a. Iain Mudd, Director of Planning, Development and Public Works, Peterborough County

Re: Introduction of Bryan Robinson to County Council

lain Mudd, Director of Planning, Development and Public Works, introduced Bryan Robinson, Peterborough County's new General Manager of Operations and Fleet.

b. Richard Steiginga, Partner, Baker Tilly

**Re: Draft Financial Statements** 

Resolution No. 118-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis Seconded by Councillor Wilford

That the Draft 2024 Financial Statements presented by Baker Tilly be received.

Carried

#### 8. Closed Session

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

- (h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them (confidential information supplied by the province).
- (i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other

negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization (confidential trade secrets)

#### Resolution No. 119-2025

Moved by Councillor Webb Seconded by Councillor Whelan

That Council move into Closed Session at 9:54 a.m. under Section 239 (2) (h) and (i) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

Councillor Taylor left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

#### 9. Rise from Closed Session

Resolution No. 120-2025

Moved by Councillor Watt Seconded by Councillor Webb

That Council rise from closed session at 11:49 a.m.

Carried

# 10. Matters Arising from Closed Session

Resolution No. 121-2025

Moved by Councillor Lambshead Seconded by Councillor Black

That the minutes of the Closed Session dated April 23, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

#### Resolution No. 122-2025

Moved by Councillor Whelan Seconded by Councillor Burtt

That the report titled, Results of Non-Eligible Sources Negotiable Request for Proposal, be received;

That NRFP-03-2025 not be awarded;

That commencing January 1, 2026, the County discontinue the service of noneligible source collection; and

That staff be directed to notify the affected businesses providing the reasoning.

Ayes: Amyotte, Burtt, Graham, Huntley, Martin, Watt, Watson,

Webb, Whelan, and Wilford

Nays: Clark, Senis, Armstrong, Black, and Lambshead

CARRIED. 10-9 on a recorded vote

#### 11. 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: Elect Respect Motion

b. Warden Clark

Re: Advocacy for a Tax-Exempt Canada Disability Benefit and Support for Disability Without Poverty

c. Staff Reports

Michelle Fisher, General Manager, Finance/Deputy Treasurer Re: Borrowing By-law

d. Staff Reports

Kim Squires, Manager, Purchasing

Re: Purchasing Awards Report - November and December 2024, and January, February, March and April 2025

e. Staff Reports

Ann Hamilton, Secretary Treasurer, Land Division
Re: Land Division Committee Report January to December 2024

- f. Correspondence Report
- g. Committee Minutes

**Finance Committee** 

Re: Minutes of June 17, 2025

h. Committee Minutes

Peterborough County Economic Development Advisory Committee Re: Minutes of May 8, 2025

i. Committee Minutes

**Accessibility Advisory Committee** 

Re: Minutes of February 20, 2025 and March 20, 2025

Resolution No. 123-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis Seconded by Councillor Huntley

Whereas democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

And Whereas we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

And Whereas Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

And Whereas social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office:

And Whereas better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

And Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

And Whereas in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

And Whereas H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called "Elect Respect" to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

And Whereas on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

Now therefore be it resolved that Peterborough County Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct

And that Peterborough County Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca;

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and,

That the letter dated June 12, 2025, from Prince Edward County regarding Advocacy for a Tax-Exempt Canada Disability Benefit and Support for Disability Without Poverty be received and supported; and,

That Report FIN 2025-14, Borrowing By-law, be received; and,

That a by-law be brought forward which would allow, if required, a borrowing limit of up to \$5,000,000 in 2026 at the discretion of the Warden and the Treasurer for the purpose of short-term cash flow management; and,

That Report FIN 2025-09, Purchasing Awards Report for November and December 2024, and January, February, March and April 2025, be received; and,

That Report PDPW 2025-20, Land Division Committee Report January to December 2024, be received for information; and,

That Report CPS 2025-16, Correspondence Report, be received; and,

That the minutes of the Finance Committee dated June 17, 2025 be adopted; and.

That the minutes of the Peterborough County Economic Development Advisory Committee dated May 8, 2025 be adopted; and,

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated February 20, 2025, and March 20, 2025, be adopted.

Carried

# 12. Staff Reports - Direction

a. Sheridan Graham, CAO, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer Re: 2025 Ice Storm Debrief Report

Resolution No. 124-2025

Moved by Councillor Watson Seconded by Councillor Graham

That Report CAO 2025-09 2025, Ice Storm Debrief Report, be received; and

That the Ice Storm Debrief Report be circulated to the local municipalities, Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nation, MPPs, partner agencies and utilities, Minister Dunlop and Premier Ford for their information.

Carried

# b. Ryan Moloney, Deputy Chief of Operations, PCCP Re: Pre-Purchase Approval for Supply & Delivery of Four (4) Ambulances

Resolution No. 125-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis Seconded by Councillor Amyotte

That Report PAR 2025-04, Pre-Purchase Approval for Supply & Delivery of Four (4) Ambulances, be received; and

That the Limited Tendering acquisition of Four (4) New Ambulances through Crestline Coach Ltd. in the estimated amount of \$1,086,839.00 (net of refundable HST), funded by the PCCP Long Term Plan Shared Reserve, be approved based on the replacement schedule, under pre-budget approval.

Carried

Councillor Black left the meeting due to his conflict of interest.

c. Rhonda Keenan, General Manager, Economic Development Re: Funding Agreement with Community Futures Peterborough

Resolution No. 126-2025

Moved by Councillor Graham Seconded by Councillor Webb

That Report PDPW 2025-21, Funding Agreement with Community Futures Peterborough, be received; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the funding agreement with Community Futures Peterborough.

Carried

Councillor Black rejoined the meeting.

d. Kerri Snoddy, Manager, Waste Management & Sustainability Re: Proposed Amendments to the Blue Box Regulation

Resolution No. 127-2025

Moved by Councillor Wilford Seconded by Councillor Black

That Report PDPW 2025-22, Proposed Amendments to Blue Box Regulation, be received:

That staff be directed to submit Report PDPW 2025-22 on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) posting number 025-0009 as the formal response from Peterborough County on the proposed changes; and

That a copy of the report be forwarded to each local Township and to our local MPPs for their information.

Carried

#### 13. Notices of Motion

Resolution No. 128-2025

Moved by Councillor Amyotte Seconded by Councillor Watson

Whereas Peterborough County has submitted its Official Plan to the Province for approval;

And Whereas the seven lower-tier townships that are part of the County's Official Plan will need to prepare a revised comprehensive zoning by-law ("CZB") amendment to align with the new official plan;

And Whereas it could be beneficial to have one planning consultant prepare the draft CZB for the seven townships as there may be synergies found within neighbouring municipalities;

Now therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to draft a Request for Proposal (RFP) pending review and discussion by the 7 townships with their decisions forwarded to County Council prior to September 3rd, 2025, as each township would be financially responsible to pay for their part of the CZB amendment. And further that this motion be circulated to the 7 townships.

Carried

#### 14. Announcements

Councillor Wilford announced that on Saturday, June 28th there will be a Farmer's Market behind the Norwood Town Hall from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. He also advised that on Canada Day a free pancake breakfast will take place from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Norwood Town Hall.

Councillor Watson advised that the weekend of July 4th-6th Celebrations will take place in the Township of Douro-Dummer for the 200th Anniversary of the Peter Robinson Irish Emigration. The full lineup of events can be found on Nine Ships website (www.nineships1825.com) for those interested.

Warden Clark announced that the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan's Canada Day Parade will take place on Tuesday, July 1st at 10 a.m., followed by a full day of events for Keene's 200th anniversary celebrations at the Keene's Lions Den. She also advised that residents and visitors can go to www.thekawarthas.ca to see full list of events happening throughout the County.

Councillor Webb advised that the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen will be holding a local celebrity dunk tank event as part of their Canada Day Celebrations on July 1st at the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Community Centre. The dunk tank will run from around 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and include local celebrities such as Councillor Webb and MPP Dave Smith.

## 15. By-laws

**a.** By-law No. 2025-23 being, "A by-law to authorize the borrowing of \$5,000,000.00 for the year of 2026".

Resolution No. 129-2025

Moved by Councillor Amyotte Seconded by Councillor Huntley

That By-law No. 2025-23 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

# 16. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 130-2025

Moved by Councillor Lambshead Seconded by Councillor Watt

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. 131-2025

Moved by Councillor Huntley Seconded by Councillor Webb

That the Council meeting adjourn at 12:18 p.m.

Carried

Warden, Bonnie Clark

Bonnie Clark

Clerk, Kari Stevenson