

Minutes County Council - Regular Meeting



9:30 AM - Wednesday, March 18, 2026

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 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; 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 Planning, Development and Public Works Bryan Robinson; General Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer Michelle Fisher; General Manager of Operations Rod Porter; Senior Financial Analyst, Dan Sutherland; Deputy Clerk, Marissa Martin

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. 35-2026

Moved by Councillor Burt

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That the addendum agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. Disclosure of Interest

6. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 36-2026

Moved by Councillor Lambshead
Seconded by Councillor Wilford

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 4, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

7. Delegations and Presentations

**a. Bryan Robinson, Director of Planning, Development & Public Works
Re: Introduction of Rod Porter, General Manager of Operations**

Bryan Robinson, Director of Planning, Development & Public Works, introduced Rod Porter, Peterborough County's new General Manager of Operations.

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

**Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Re: Council Remuneration By-law Review**

b. Staff Reports

**Michelle Fisher, General Manager, Finance/Deputy Treasurer
Re: 2025 Council Remuneration Report**

c. Correspondence Report

d. Committee Minutes

**Accessibility Advisory Committee
Re: Minutes of March 5, 2026**

e. Committee Minutes

**Awards and Bursaries Committee
Re: Minutes of March 13, 2026**

**f. Liaison Reports from External Committees, Boards and Agencies
Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture**

Re: Minutes of August 13, 2025 Meeting

**g. Liaison Reports from External Committees, Boards and Agencies
Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture**

Re: Minutes of January 28, 2026 Meeting

The entire correspondence report, item 8. c., was pulled from the consent agenda to be dealt with separately.

Resolution No. 37-2026

Moved by Councillor Burt
Seconded by Deputy Warden Senis

That the Resolution from the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding Ontario Veterinary College Expansion of Enrollment Capacity be supported.

Carried

Resolution No. 38-2026

Moved by Councillor Watson
Seconded by Councillor Black

That the balance of the correspondence report be received.

Carried

Resolution No. 39-2026

Moved by Councillor Graham
Seconded by Councillor Huntley

That Report CPS 2026-06, Council Remuneration By-law Review, be received for information.

That all comments be forwarded to the Clerk prior to March 31st for a report to come back to Council in April.

That report FIN 2026-04, 2025 Council Remuneration, be received.

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) dated March 5, 2026, be adopted.

That Peterborough County Council endorse the proposed video project for the Ennismore Waterfront Accessible Playground as supported by the AAC.

That the minutes of the Awards and Bursaries Committee dated March 13, 2026 be adopted.

That the Minutes of the Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture dated August 13, 2025 be received.

That the Minutes of the Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture dated January 28, 2026 be received.

Carried

9. Staff Reports - Direction

10. Notices of Motion

- a. **Moved by Councillor Amyotte
Seconded by Councillor Whelan**

Whereas the County's Procedure By-law was amended in 2022 to prohibit an individual to run for the position of County Warden after serving two consecutive two-year terms as County Warden;

And Whereas the Procedure By-law also restricts the County Warden from appointing an individual as Deputy Warden for more than two consecutive two-year terms;

And Whereas some current members of County Council wish to remove the restrictions to allow all willing members to run in the election for the position of County Warden with a Council vote; and

And Whereas the elected County Warden needs the ability to appoint the Deputy Warden that best fits the position;

That staff be directed to review the Procedure By-law recommending necessary changes for the upcoming election and to remove all wording restricting an individual to hold the position of Warden for more than two consecutive terms.

Resolution No. 40-2026

Moved by Councillor Graham
Seconded by Councillor Wilford

That the Notice of Motion be deferred to the April 8, 2026, County Council meeting.

Carried

11. Announcements

Warden Clark announced that the Keene Lions Club will be hosting its annual Good Friday fish fry on Friday, April 3.

12. Closed Session

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

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (identifiable individuals)

Resolution No. 41-2026

Moved by Councillor Burt
Seconded by Councillor Nelson

That Council move into closed session at 10:06 a.m. under Section 239(2) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

13. Rise from Closed Session

Resolution No. 42-2026

Moved by Councillor Whelan
Seconded by Councillor Amyotte

That Council rise from closed session at 10:25 a.m.

Carried

14. Matters Arising from Closed Session

Resolution No. 43-2026

Moved by Councillor Lambshead
Seconded by Councillor Black

That staff be directed to contact the award recipients set out in the Closed Session minutes of the March 13, 2026, Awards and Bursaries Committee and that those minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

15. By-laws

By-law No. 2026-09 being, "A by-law to appoint area weed inspectors for the County of Peterborough and to establish remuneration" (subject to Council approval).

Resolution No. 44-2026

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Webb

That By-law No. 2026-09 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

16. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 45-2026

Moved by Councillor Huntley
Seconded by Councillor Black

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. 46-2026

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor Lambshead

That the Council meeting adjourn at 10:26 a.m.

Carried



Warden, Bonnie Clark



Clerk, Kari Stevenson