



General Committee Minutes Council Chambers, City Hall

January 12, 2026

Present: Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Beamer, Chair
Councillor Bierk
Councillor Crowley
Councillor Duguay
Councillor Haacke
Councillor Lachica
Mayor Leal
Councillor Parnell
Councillor Riel
Councillor Vassiliadis

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning, Development and Urban Design
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Sriram Raman, Manager, Government Relations
Ilmar Simanovskis, Director, Municipal Operations
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management

Closed Session – Sutherland Room, 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Committee enter closed session to discuss two items under Section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality, two items under 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation and (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and one item under 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

Councillors Bierk and Duguay declared interests in Report LSRS26-003 and left the meeting at 5:06 p.m. They returned to the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Committee rose from Closed Session at 5:42 p.m.

Open Session – Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That the General Committee meeting minutes of October 27, November 3, November 3 (special), November 10 and November 17 and 18, 2025 be approved.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Bierk declared an interest in Closed Session Report LSRS26-003, as he is a tenant of the property.

Councillor Duguay declared an interest in Closed Session Report LSRS26-003, as he was involved in past planning activities regarding the property

Councillor Haacke declared an interest in Report IPGPL26-001, 201 George Street North, as the property owner is a client.

Mayor Leal declared a conflict with Integrity Commissioner Report 2025-03-CC - Report LSCLK26-005, is it is regarding an investigation on his conduct.

Report of Closed Session

Report LSRS26-002, Land Acquisition

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS26-002, dated January 12, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed land acquisition, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS26-002 dated January 12, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Report LSRS26-003, Subject Lands

Due to their previously declared interests, Councillors Bierk and Duguay did not discuss or vote on this item

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation in Report LSRS26-003, dated January 12, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting the Lands known municipally as part of 115 Hunter Street East and part of 124 Robinson Street, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS26-003 dated January 12, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Conflict (2): Councillor Bierk and Councillor Duguay,

Carried (11 to 0)

Report LSOCS26-001, Litigation

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-001, dated January 12, 2026 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS26-001 dated January 12, 2026 of the City Solicitor respecting litigation instructions.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Report LSOCS26-002, Small Claims

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-002, dated January 12, 2026 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS26-002 dated January 12, 2026 of the City Solicitor respecting Litigation Instructions – Small Claims.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Report LSOCS26-003, Litigation
Moved by Councillor Baldwin

- a) Council waive solicitor/client privilege respecting the report; and that**
- b) Staff cause the Report to be made available to the public.**

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

- a) That the requirements of the Procedure By-law be waived to the extent permitting a special Council meeting to be convened immediately for the sole purpose of approving the General Committee resolution respecting Closed Report LSOCS26-003;**

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (2): Councillor Bierk, and Councillor Lachica

Carried (9 to 2) (2/3)

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

- b) That the General Committee meeting of January 12,2026 be recessed forthwith to permit the special Council meeting referred to in Part a).**

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 1)

Committee recessed at 6:24 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That items Integrity Commissioner Report 2024-03-CC - Report LSCLK26-002, and Integrity Commissioner Report 2025-01-CC - Report LSCLK26-004, be approved on Consent.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (10 to 1)

Integrity Commissioner Report 2024-03-CC, Report LSCLK26-002

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK26-002, dated January 12, 2026, of the City Clerk, on behalf of the Integrity Commissioner, as follows:

That the Report 2024-03-CC, of the Peterborough Integrity Commissioner, dated December 15, 2025, be received for information.

Integrity Commissioner Report 2025-01-CC, Report LSCLK26-004

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK26-004, dated January 12, 2026, of the City Clerk, on behalf of the Integrity Commissioner, as follows:

That the Report 2025-01-CC, of the Peterborough Integrity Commissioner, dated December 19, 2025, be received for information.

Integrity Commissioner Report 2024-05-CC, Report LSCLK26-003

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK26-003, dated January 12, 2026, of the City Clerk, on behalf of the Integrity Commissioner, as follows:

That the Report 2024-05-CC, of the Peterborough Integrity Commissioner, dated December 19, 2025, be received for information.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Integrity Commissioner Report 2025-03-CC, Report LSCLK26-005

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve as follows:

- a) That the Report 2025-03-CC, of the Peterborough Integrity Commissioner, dated December 22, 2025, be received for information.**
- b) City staff be directed to amend the 2023–2050 Strategic Plan to include anti-racism and race relations as a strategic priority under the Community and Wellbeing pillar, as recommended by the Integrity Commissioner;**
- c) All Members of Council and all City staff receive anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion training, with an implementation plan and timeline to be brought back to Council within 90 days;**
- d) City staff be directed to review and amend the Council Code of Conduct to explicitly prohibit the use of racial slurs—including but not limited to the N-word—regardless of context or circumstance, in alignment with the Integrity Commissioner's findings and recommendations, with proposed amendments to be presented to Council within 60 days.**

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Conflict (1): Mayor Leal

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. City staff be directed to amend the 2023–2050 Strategic Plan to include anti-racism and race relations as a strategic priority under the Community and Wellbeing pillar, as recommended by the Integrity Commissioner;**
- 2. All Members of Council and all City staff receive anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion training, with an implementation plan and timeline to be brought back to Council within 90 days;**
- 3. City staff be directed to review and amend the Council Code of Conduct to explicitly prohibit the use of racial slurs—including but not limited to the N-word—regardless of context or circumstance, in alignment with the Integrity Commissioner's findings and recommendations, with proposed amendments to be presented to Council within 60 days.**

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Ontario Power Generation Nuclear Host Community Funding Agreement 2026-2030, Report FCSERM26-001

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSERM26-001, dated January 12, 2026, of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with Ontario Power Generation substantially in the form attached as Appendix A and on terms acceptable to the CAO and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Traffic Technical Working Group Report IPGENG26-001

Moved by Mayor Leal

That the Co-Chairs of the Operations Portfolios be included as part of the Working Group.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council approve as follows:

a) That the proposed Terms of Reference to establish a Traffic Technical Working Group (“TTWG”), attached as Appendix A to Report IPGENG26-001, be approved; and

b) That the draft By-law, attached as Appendix B to Report IPGENG26-001, be passed; and,

c) That the Co-Chairs of the Operations Portfolios be included as part of the Working Group.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Designation of 201 George Street North, Report IPGPL26-001

Due to his previously declared conflict, Councillor Haacke did not discuss or vote on this item.

Moved by Councillor Parnell

b) That council has no interest in pursuing heritage designation of 201 George Street North and that this property be removed from the Heritage Registry.

For (7): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (3): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Conflict (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (7 to 3)

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve as follows:

a) That the report be received for information

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Conflict (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (10 to 0)

Designation of 227-233 Hunter Street West, Report IPGPL26-002

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-002, dated January 12, 2026, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 227-233 Hunter Street West as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of “cultural heritage value or interest” be received; and,

b) That Council take the following actions should it concur with the recommendation of the PACAC to designate the property at 227-233 Hunter Street West as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of cultural heritage value or interest:

i. Serve Notice of Intention to Designate 227-233 Hunter Street West and provide public notice of that intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.31 (3);

ii. Serve the owner of the property to be designated and the Ontario Heritage Trust with a Notice of Intention to Designate as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.21 (3).

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Against (3): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Haacke, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (8 to 3)

Notice of Motion

Moved by Councillor Haacke

Whereas the property at 314 Carnegie Avenue is listed on the City’s Heritage Register as a property of cultural heritage value or interest based on the heritage qualities of the property’s farmhouse;

And whereas the City has issued a Notice of Non-Compliance with the City’s Property Standards By-law, Chapter 611 which orders the farmhouse to be demolished;

And whereas the property owner has provided Council a 60-day notice of intent to demolish the farmhouse pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act on December 15, 2025;

And whereas the Ontario Heritage Act requires Council to consult with its PACAC prior to designating a property under Part IV of the Act or prior to removing a property from the Heritage Register;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

Council acknowledges receipt of a notice of intention to demolish the farmhouse 314 Carnegie Avenue issued pursuant to subsection 27(9) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18; and,

Council directs staff to expeditiously consult with the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and report back to Council on or before February 13, 2026 on the appropriateness of removing 314 Carnegie Avenue from the City's Heritage Register.

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (2): Councillor Bierk, and Councillor Lachica

Carried (9 to 2)

Other Business

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That staff review the Portfolio Chairs By-law and report back to Council with any recommended updates.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That this meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

John Kennedy

City Clerk

Councillor Beamer

Chair