

City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

January 19, 2026

Present: Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Beamer
Councillor Bierk
Councillor Crowley (electronic)
Councillor Duguay (6:09 p.m.)
Councillor Haacke
Councillor Lachica
Mayor Leal
Councillor Parnell
Councillor Riel
Councillor Vassiliadis

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning Development & Urban Design
Alan Barber, Director, Legal Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Greg Giles, Director, Engineering and Capital Works
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Barry Wakeford, Director, Transit Services
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service
Peterborough

Call to Order

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

Ceremonial Presentation

Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) - Recognition of Peterborough Transit

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That the City Council minutes from the meeting of December 1, 2025 be approved.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, 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, as it is regarding an investigation into his conduct.

Registered Delegations

Mayor Leal recused himself and Councillor Baldwin assumed the Chair.

Integrity Commissioner Report 2025-03-CC, Report LSCLK 26-005

Iyola Alade, Trent Central Student Association

Patricia Wilson, Community Race Relations Committee of Peterborough

Mayor Leal returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair at 6:21 p.m.

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That items Report LSOCS26-001 - Litigation, Report LSOCS26-002 - Small Claims, Integrity Commissioner Report 2024-03-CC - Report LSCLK26-002, Integrity Commissioner Report 2024-05-CC - Report LSCLK26-003, Integrity Commissioner Report 2025-01-CC - Report LSCLK26-004, Ontario Power Generation Nuclear Host Community Funding Agreement 2026-2030 - Report FCSERM26-001, Traffic Technical Working Group - Report IPGENG26-001, Designation of 227-233 Hunter Street West -Report IPGPL26-002, 314 Carnegie Avenue, and Portfolio Chairs By-law be approved on Consent.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Report LSOCS26-001, Litigation

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.

Report LSOCS26-002, Small Claims

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.

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 2024-05-CC, Report LSCLK26-003

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.

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.

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

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.

Traffic Technical Working Group Report IPGENG26-001

- 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.

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

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).

314 Carnegie Avenue

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.

Portfolio Chairs By-law

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

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

Moved by Councillor Bierk

Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

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

Carried (11 to 0)

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

Moved by Councillor Bierk

Seconded by Councillor Lachica

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.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, 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)

Report LSRS26-003, Subject Lands

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

Moved by Councillor Beamer

Seconded by Councillor Haacke

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

Conflict (2): Councillor Bierk, and Councillor Duguay

Carried (9 to 0)

Report LSRS26-002, Land Acquisition

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

Moved by Councillor Bierk

Seconded by Councillor Duguay

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 (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (2): Councillor Bierk, and Councillor Lachica

Conflict (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (8 to 2)

Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Beamer

Seconded by Councillor Lachica

That the following By-laws:

26-003 Being a By-law to Provide for Interim Tax Levies for the Year 2026

26-004 Being a By-law to authorize the 2026 portion of The Mount Community Centre (“TMCC”) Property Purchase at 780 Argyle Street at an estimated cost of \$4,750,000 and to authorize an other-revenue supported loan to a maximum principal amount of \$4,500,000 to finance such capital work and the borrowing of \$4,500,000 through a CIBC loan

26-005 Being a By-law to Designate Certain Properties in the City of Peterborough Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 (362-366 George Street North)

26-006 Being a By-law to Designate Certain Properties in the City of Peterborough Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 (450 George Street North)

26-008 Being a By-law to delegate certain authority respecting Highways in relation to the City's Traffic Technical Working Group and to the Director, Engineering and Capital Works

be approved.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

26-007 Being a By-law to Designate Certain Properties in the City of Peterborough Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 (310-314 George Street North)

Moved by Councillor Haacke

Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That By-law 26-007 be deferred to satisfy the notice provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act in relation to the intended passage of the by-law.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That By-law 25-009, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on January 19, 2026 be approved.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, 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 Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That this meeting be adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, 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

Jeff Leal

Mayor