



General Committee Minutes Council Chambers, City Hall

January 26, 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
Alan Barber, Director, Legal Services
Ian Boland, Manager, Water Resource Systems
Jodi DeNoble, Director, Emergency and Risk Management
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Greg Giles, Director, Engineering and Capital Works
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Ann Taylor Scott, Manager, Development Planning
Ian Walker, Planner, Land Use
Colin Walsh, Co-ordinator, Heritage Programs
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

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

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Committee enter closed session to discuss one item under Section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality, one item under Section 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, one item under Section 239(2)(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to

be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board, and one item under Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

The Closed Session meeting concluded at 5:37 p.m.

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

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the General Committee meeting minutes from December 1, 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 Duguay declared a conflict with Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for 223 Crescent Street et. al., Report IPGPL26-005, as he was associated with the original filing of land use approval.

Councillor Bierk declared a conflict with Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for 223 Crescent Street et. al., Report IPGPL26-005, as he has a business relationship with RPMD Holdings.

Report of Closed Session

Report LSRS26-001, Land Transaction

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS26-001, dated January 26, 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 LSRS26-001 dated January 26, 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 LSOCS26-005, Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-005, dated January 26, 2026, of the City Solicitor as follows:

That Closed Session Report LSOCS26-005 dated January 26, 2026 of the City Solicitor respecting City of Peterborough Holdings Inc. annual shareholder resolutions 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)

Report CSRPC26-009, Lease

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSRPC26-009, dated January 26, 2026, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That staff be authorized to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report CSRPCS26-009 dated January 26, 2026, of the Commissioner, Community 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 IPGED26-001, Staff

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGED26-001, dated January 26, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That Council receive Closed Session Report IPGED26-001, dated January 26, 2026, 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)

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That items COPHI Annual Shareholder Resolutions - Report LSCLK26-008, March 2025 Ice Storm After-Action - Report FCSERM26-003, Physician Recruitment Pilot Program Summary - Report IPGED26-002, and Commercial Lease Space at Miskin Law Community Complex - Report CSRPCS26-004 be approved on Consent.

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)

COPHI Annual Shareholder Resolutions, Report LSCLK26-008

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK26-008, dated January 26, 2026, as follows:

That the Mayor as Shareholder Representative be authorized to sign the COPHI Annual Shareholder Resolutions as provided by the COPHI Board of Directors, attached as Appendix A to Report LSCLK26-008.

March 2025 Ice Storm After-Action, Report FCSERM26-003

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSERM26-003, dated January 26, 2026, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the March 2025 Ice Storm After-Action Report be received for information.

Physician Recruitment Pilot Program Summary, Report IPGED26-002

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGED26-002, dated January 26, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That Report IPGED26-002, dated January 26, 2026, be received for information.

Commercial Lease Space at Miskin Law Community Complex, Report CSRPCS26-004

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in report CSRPCS26-004 dated January 26, 2026, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

- a) That a Commercial Lease Space within the Miskin Law Community Complex be approved and solicited as a Corporate Sponsorship Asset, and packaged with an approved Naming Right Asset in the Miskin Law Community Complex;**
- b) That staff be directed to solicit interest in the community for potential lease holders who may offer services of value and that align with the audiences using Miskin Law Community Complex; and**
- c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to do such things and execute such documents as necessary in forms acceptable to the Commissioner of Community Services and the City Solicitor to implement the components of this report including any required leases and other agreements.**

Public Meeting under the Planning Act

Councillor Parnell, Chair of Planning, assumed the Chair.

Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for 223 Crescent Street et. al., Report IPGPL26-005

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

The following individuals spoke to the application:

- Alan Deaton, 169 Lake St
- Michelle McCarthy, 169 Lake St
- Kent Randall, EcoVue Consulting Services Inc.

Moved by Mayor Leal

- a) That the subject properties be redesignated from the Little Lake South District Designation – Sub Area 1 to the Downtown Core Area, in accordance with the draft Official Plan amendment attached as Appendix D to Report IPGPL26-005;**
- b) That Section 3.9, Exceptions, of the Zoning By-law 97-123 be amended by adding Exception Number 377, in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law amendment attached as Appendix E to Report IPGPL26-005;**
- c) That the draft Zoning By-law amendment attached as Appendix E to report IPGPL26-005 be amended to implement a Maximum Building Height Above Lot Grade, Tower of 17 Storeys, a Maximum Tower Floor Plate of 1,115 square metres, and a Minimum Building Setback for the Parking Structure from West Side Lot Line of 1.5 metres and that the subject properties be rezoned from R.1,R.2 – Residential District and R.3 – Residential District to C.6-.377-H – Commercial District, in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law amendment attached as Appendix E to report IPGPL26-005, as amended; and**
- d) That the ‘H’ – Holding Symbol be removed from the lands zoned C.6-.377 at such time that:**

i. That the owner enter into an agreement which is registered on title, ensuring the implementation of any mitigation strategies related to the demolition and salvage or re-use of materials in the recommendations of the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd., dated November 6, 2024.

ii. That the properties are consolidated on title, subject to Section 50(4) of the Planning Act.

For (9): 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 (9 to 0)

Committee Reports

Procedure By-law Report, Report LSCLK26-007

Chair Beamer assumed the Chair.

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council pass a Procedure By-law in the form attached to Report LSCLK26-007 as appendix B, as amended:

Electronic Devices The proposed Procedure By-law would restrict the use of electronic devices during meetings to support transparency and uphold statutory open meeting requirements. Except for “Electronic Means” (section 15) approved by the Clerk to enable participation in a meeting, section 18 proposes that Members not be permitted to use personal or issued devices for communication during meetings. Members must communicate only through, and at the discretion of, the Chair. These restrictions reflect the principle that the public must be able to observe all decision-making activity during open meetings.

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

Against (4): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Carried (7 to 4)

Moved by Councillor Riel

Be it resolved that the report respecting proposed amendments to the City of Peterborough Procedural By-law be deferred:

And that staff be directed to return with a revised report that clearly identifies and provides rationale for each individual proposed amendments, including:

a) The specific problem or deficiency the amendment is intended to address:

- b) The governance and democratic implications of the amendment, including any impact on the Council authority, debate, voting, agenda-setting, and public participation
- c) Confirmation of whether the amendment is administrative/housekeeping in nature or represents a governance or authority-shifting change:
- d) Any legislative requirement or best practice justification supporting the amendment and
- e) A brief comparison with procedural by-laws or similar Ontario municipalities, where applicable

And that no proposed amendment be advanced for adoption until Council has had the opportunity to consider each change individually and with a clear understanding of its implications.

For (5): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Against (6): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (5 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That section 33 be amended to permit two questions of a delegation.

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 Mayor Leal

That the matter of Call the Vote be reconsidered.

For (5): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Riel

Against (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (5 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That section 18(e) be amended to change the wording from "not be in possession..." to "...not use..." for both closed and open session.

For (4): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Against (7): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (4 to 7)

Moved by Mayor Leal

That the Land Acknowledgement be amended to read:

“We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional and treaty territories of the Williams Treaties First Nations, including the Anishinaabeg peoples of Hiawatha, Curve Lake, Alderville, Beausoleil, Georgina Island, Rama, and the Mississaugas of Scugog Island. For generations, the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg have cared for these lands and waters, guided by knowledge, ceremony, and responsibility. We recognize the ongoing impacts of these treaties, the injustices that occurred, and the enduring strength and resurgence of Indigenous communities. As we live and work here, we commit to reflection, respect, and meaningful action in the spirit of reconciliation”.

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 Mayor Leal

Consent Agendas for Closed Meeting Agendas Closed meeting agendas are proposed to be disposed of in whole or in part using a consent agenda. Only matters not included as part of the consent agenda will be considered during the closed meeting. Reports approved as part of the closed session consent agenda will be disposed of by one Motion prior to the Motion to hold part of the meeting in closed session (section 24).

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

Against (2): Councillor Bierk, and Councillor Riel

Carried (9 to 2)

Moved by Mayor Leal

Notices of Motion Paragraph 20 i), Order of Business, of the proposed Procedure By-law permits notices of motion at a Meeting of a Committee. Section 19 does not permit notices of motion for a Meeting of Council. Staff recommend notices of motion be introduced at Committee meetings to follow the two-step approval process, consistent with items provided through staff reports.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

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

Carried (8 to 3)

Moved by Mayor Leal

Delegations It is proposed that a maximum of ten delegations be permitted at a Council meeting (section 33), in order to support efficient agenda management and ensure that all scheduled business can be completed in a timely manner. This limit would not apply to delegations heard as part of statutory public meetings under the Planning Act or applicable legislation. Following each delegation, Members would be permitted to ask two questions related specifically to the content of the delegation, with responses from the delegate not exceeding ninety seconds. This approach maintains opportunities for meaningful public input while balancing the need for orderly and effective meeting proceedings.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

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

Carried (8 to 3)

Moved by Mayor Leal

Motion to Amend/Motion to Defer It is proposed that when a Motion to Amend (Section 39) or a Motion to Defer (Section 43) relates to a report from City Staff, the Chair will direct a question to staff regarding any implications of the amendment or deferral on the matters addressed in the report. This will ensure Council has complete and accurate information prior to making a decision.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

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

Carried (8 to 3)

Moved by Mayor Leal

Rules of Debate To support efficient and orderly debate, it is proposed that Members be permitted to speak to a Motion no more than twice. During General Committee meetings, each speaking opportunity would be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes, and during Council meetings, to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The time required for Members to pose succinct questions would form part of their allotted speaking time. These revisions are intended to promote focused discussion, ensure equitable participation, and support the timely advancement of meeting business.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

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

Carried (8 to 3)

Moved by Mayor Leal

Order of Business A minor change in the Order of Business section in the General Committee and Council agendas. It is proposed that the Recognition of Constitution and Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms be moved up directly after the Land Acknowledgement, followed by thirty (30) seconds of reflection and the playing of the National Anthem.

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)

Moved by Mayor Leal

Voting To enhance transparency and ensure the integrity of Council's decision-making process, it is proposed that once a Member casts their vote, that vote is deemed final. Members would not have the ability to change their vote after it has been recorded. This approach supports clear and accountable outcomes and aligns with best practices observed in other municipalities.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

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

Carried (8 to 3)

Moved by Mayor Leal

Motions: Other Business It is proposed that additional parameters be established for the introduction of items under "Other Business." A Member may add a Notice of Motion to a Meeting Agenda only where the notice has been provided to the City Clerk at least seven days prior to the Meeting, the matter is being brought forward at General Committee (and not Council), and the Member is present at the Meeting. Alternatively, at a Committee meeting (but not Council), a Member may introduce a motion under "Other Business" on a two-thirds vote. As a result, motions cannot be introduced under "Other Business" at Council unless Council first agrees to suspend the rules. These controls are intended to

promote predictability, transparency, and procedural fairness in the management of Meeting Agendas.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

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

Carried (8 to 3)

Community Sector Greenhouse Emission Inventory and Update, Report IPGACP26-001

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGACP26-001, dated January 26, 2026, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That the report 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)

Notice of Objection - 384-388 George Street North, Report IPGPL26-003

Moved by Councillor Haacke

a) That the Notice of Objection to the intention to designate 384-388 George Street North be received;

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

Against (1): Councillor Riel

Carried (10 to 1)

Moved by Councillor Haacke

b) That, in consideration of the objection pursuant to Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, Council proceed with the designation of 384-388 George Street North.

For (2): Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Against (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (2 to 9)

Notice of Objection – 359 Hunter Street West, Report IPGPL26-004

Moved by Councillor Haacke

a) That the Notice of Objection to the intention to designate 359 Hunter Street West be received;

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

Against (1): Councillor Riel

Carried (10 to 1)

Moved by Councillor Haacke

b) That Council, in consideration of the objection pursuant to Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, proceed with the designation of 359 Hunter Street West.

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)

Designation of 521 George Street North, Report IPGPL26-008

Moved by Councillor Haacke

a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 521 George Street North 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 521 George Street North 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 521 George Street North 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 (7): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Against (4): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Vassiliadis
Carried (7 to 4)

Designation of 362 Queen Street, Report IPGPL26-009

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-009, dated January 26, 2026, of the Commissioner of 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 362 Queen Street 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 362 Queen Street 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 362 Queen Street 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 (2): Councillor Bierk, and Councillor Riel

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

Lost (2 to 9)

Boat Launch Provision Study, Report CSRPCS26-003

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSRPCS26-003, dated January 26, 2026, of the Commissioner, Community Services as follows:

That the Boat Launch Provision Strategy align with the existing levels of service utilized for other recreational amenities, organizing the facilities into neighbourhood, community, and regional launches as described in this report.

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)

Notice of Motion

Provincial Support of the Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program

Moved by Mayor Leal

WHEREAS small and regional airports in Ontario serve as critical infrastructure—facilitating essential public services including air ambulance operations, forest firefighting, search & rescue, and law enforcement activities, while also driving local and regional economic development; and

WHEREAS many of these airports are ineligible for the federal Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) due to eligibility constraints such as lacking year-round scheduled service, yet still require capital funding for safety-related infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the Airport Management Council of Ontario (AMCO) has identified a persistent funding gap for non ACAP eligible community airports, estimating that approximately 85 such airports need \$5.5 million annually to address critical airside infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS provinces including British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan have successfully managed permanent provincial capital-assistance programs—offering clear models for cost-sharing frameworks, eligible project criteria, and annual funding envelopes; and

WHEREAS AMCO's proposed Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP) envisions an annual operational budget of \$8.5–10 million, with a 75% provincial / 25% owner cost-share, a \$2 million per applicant cap, and bonuses for key community-benefiting projects; and

WHEREAS the 2025 Ontario Budget has already acknowledged "airports as cross country infrastructure" and signaled intent to include them in upcoming capital investments; and

WHEREAS the City of Peterborough benefits directly from airport-enabled services and ensuring its continued operation is in the public interest of resident safety, economic resilience, and efficient connectivity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the City of

Peterborough formally urges the Government of Ontario to:

- i. Implement the Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP) managed by the Ministry of Transportation.**
- ii. Adopt the recommended cost-sharing structure (75% provincial / 25% municipal or operator), and cap funds at \$2 million per project per**

- iii. **Expand eligibility to include public-use registered aerodromes and certified airports not currently eligible for ACAP.**
- iv. **Reinstate the Ontario Air Advisory Panel to advise on airport infrastructure and policy priorities.**
- v. **Designate community and regional airports as critical infrastructure under provincial policy.**
- vi. **Investigate stable funding mechanisms—such as a dedicated stream from the aviation fuel tax—to support OACAP sustainably.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Transportation, local MPPs, AMCO, and all Ontario municipalities operating public airports calling for provincial commitment to OACAP.

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)

Redpath

Moved by Councillor Riel

Be it resolved that the motion brought forward under New Business to provide \$150,000 in municipal funding to Right to Heal for soft costs related to transitional housing be deferred; and,

That staff be directed to report back on:

1. Whether this request qualifies under existing Social Services funding streams with the approved City budget;
2. Whether the proponent has applied, or is eligible to apply, for provincial funding programs, including but not limited to the Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub funding or other provincial housing and homelessness supports;
3. The appropriate process for evaluating third-party funding requests to ensure consistency, transparency, and fairness across all community organizations; and,
4. Any budgetary impacts or precedent-setting implications of approving funding outside of established funding mechanisms.

And that no funds be allocated until Council has received and considered this report.

For (3): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Duguay, and Councillor Riel

Against (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (3 to 8)

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That staff be directed to:

- 1. Provide a one-time grant of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to Right to Heal, funded from the City/County Housing Reserve, to be used towards the planning of their affordable housing project located at 271 Brock Street;**
- 2. To work with Right to Heal (Redpath) and Peggy Shaughnessy to identify and pursue options for municipal, federal and provincial capital grant funding to support Redpath's long-term operations and facility for the 2027 Budget process.**
- 3. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign all agreements and documents necessary to facilitate this funding with terms and conditions approved by the Commissioner of Community Services and in forms agreeable to the City Solicitor.**

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

Against (1): Councillor Riel

Carried (10 to 1)

Seniors Snow Clearing Support Program

Moved by Mayor Leal

WHEREAS Peterborough's aging population includes seniors who live alone and face increased risk and barriers during winter snow and ice events; and

WHEREAS the cost of property maintenance, including snow clearing, has increased and can be challenging for seniors on fixed incomes and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS more severe winter storms can increase hazards and limit safe access to homes, sidewalks, and essential services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to investigate options for a Seniors Snow Clearing Support Program beyond baseline winter maintenance, including potential models implemented by other municipalities such as windrow assistance, subsidy/rebate, community/agency partnership or volunteer matching, and that investigates eligibility criteria, delivery methods, costs, and funding options; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff conduct community engagement including a public survey and stakeholder outreach to assess local needs and perspectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff report back to Council with findings, potential program options, estimated impacts/costs, and recommended next steps including the potential for a pilot program.

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)

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That this meeting be adjourned at 9:42 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