

City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

February 2, 2026

Present: Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Beamer
Councillor Bierk
Councillor Crowley
Councillor Duguay (electronic 6:08 p.m.)
Councillor Haacke
Councillor Lachica
Mayor Leal
Councillor Parnell
Councillor Riel
Councillor Vassiliadis (electronic)

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning Development & Urban Design
Sarah Dilamarter, Junior Planner
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance & 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
Peter Malin, Manager, Traffic and Parking Services
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Sriram Ramen, Manager, Government Relations
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Mara Vande Beek, Manager, Workforce Strategy & People Operations
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That the City Council minutes from the meetings of December 8, 2025 and January 12, 2026, be approved.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Duguay

Carried (10 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 had worked on 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.

Registered Delegations

Procedure By-law Report, Report LSCLK26-007

1. Diane Therrien-Hale, 626 Romaine St
2. Danielle Turpin, 1288 Bridal Dr
3. Rob Hailman, 500 Murray St
4. Roy Brady, Ware St

Redpath

1. Phillip Joliceur, 37 York Dr
2. George Horton, 455 Stewart St
3. Peggy Shaughnessy, Redpath Wellness Centre

Consent Items:

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That the following items Report LSRS26-001-Land Transaction, Report LSOCS26-005 – Resolutions, Report CSRPCS26-009 – Lease, Report IPGED26-001 – Staff, COPHI Annual Shareholder Resolutions - Report LSCLK26-008, March 2025 Ice Storm After-Action - Report FCSERM26-003, Physician Recruitment Pilot Program Summary - Report IPGED26-002, Commercial Lease Space at Miskin Law Community Complex - Report CSRPCS26-004, Community Sector Greenhouse Emission Inventory and Update - Report IPGACP26-001, Designation of 521 George Street North - Report IPGPL26-008, Boat Launch Provision Study - Report CSRPCS26-003, and Provincial Support of the Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program, 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 LSRS26-001, Land Transaction

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.

Report LSOCS26-005, Resolutions

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.

Report CSRPCS26-009, Lease

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSRPCS26-009, 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.

Report IPGED26-001, Staff

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.

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.

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

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.

Designation of 521 George Street North, Report IPGPL26-008

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-008, 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 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).

Boat Launch Provision Study, Report CSRPCS26-003

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.

Provincial Support of the Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program

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.

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 this item

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

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, 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)

Procedure By-law Report, LSCLK26-007

Moved by Councillor Haacke
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That section 33.b) "the number of Delegations for an item on the Agenda will exceed four (4)."

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)

Moved by Councillor Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That the amendment be amended to add the words "... except for family status or accessibility purposes".

For (7): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (4): Councillor Beamer, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Parnell

Carried (7 to 4)

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That section 18(e) be amended to change the wording by removing the phrase "not be in possession of" and replace with "not communicate through", except for family status and accessibility reasons.

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

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

Lost (5 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

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

a) That the Land Acknowledgement in section 23 a) read as follows:

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.

b) That Members be permitted to ask two questions of delegations, specifically related to the content of the delegation (section 36).

c) That section 33.b) be amended to read "the number of Delegations for an item on the Agenda will exceed four (4)."

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, 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)

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

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGPL26-003, dated January 26, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

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

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

Against (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (10 to 1)

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

Moved by Councillor Parnell

Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGPL26-004, dated January 26, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

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

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

Against (2): Councillor Crowley, and Councillor Haacke

Carried (9 to 2)

Redpath

Moved by Councillor Crowley

Seconded by Councillor Bierk

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, 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 Councillor Bierk

Seconded by Councillor Crowley

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

Recommendations from February 2, 2026, General Committee

Moved by Councillor Haacke

Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CAOPC26-001, dated February 2, 2026, of the Chief Administrative Officer as follows:

That Council direct staff to proceed as recommended in Closed Session Report CAOPC26-001 dated February 2, 2026, of the Chief Administrative Officer respecting the collective bargaining process.

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)

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, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Update on 314 Carnegie Avenue, Report IPGPL26-010

Moved by Councillor Bierk

Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGPL26-010, dated February 2, 2026, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommendation from the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) be received; and

b) That the property at 314 Carnegie Avenue be removed from the City's Heritage Register.

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)

Council did not recommend the designation of 362 Queen Street, Report IPGPL26-009.

Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That the following By-laws:

26-010 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 (368 George Street North)

26-011 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 (390-392 George Street North)

26-012 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 (394 George Street North)

26-013 Being a By-law to temporarily exempt Block 363, Registered Plan 45M-257 from Part Lot Control

26-014 Being a by-law to establish rules of procedure for meetings of Council and its standing committees

be approved.

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

Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

Due to their previously declared interests, Councillors Duguay and Bierk did not discuss or vote on the following by-laws.

That the following by-laws,

26-015 Being a By-law to amend the Zoning By-law for the lands municipally known as 195, 199, 203, 209, 215 and 223 Crescent Street; 131-133 and 137 Lake Street; and 362 George Street South

26-016 Being a By-law to adopt Amendment 9 to the Official Plan of the City of Peterborough for the lands municipally known as 195, 199, 203, 209, 215 and 223 Crescent Street; and 131-133 and 137 Lake Street

be approved.

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)

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Councillor Crowley

Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That By-law 26-017, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on February 2, 2026 be approved.

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

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Crowley

Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That this meeting adjourn at 9:15 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