

**Mayoral Directive  
Decision Number: 2026-002**

Under Bill 3, the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022*, which amended the *Municipal Act, 2001*, I, John Beddows, Mayor of the Town of Gananoque, have decided as follows:

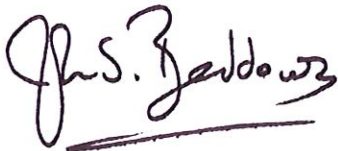
**Directive to the Chief Administrative Officer, Clerk and Managers of the Corporation of the Town of Gananoque:**

The employees of the Corporation are the people who delivery the high-quality municipal services we are accustomed to, and their time is a critical resource. Initiatives which enhance efficiency deliver a net saving for the taxpayers of Gananoque.

I therefore direct that outside of public meetings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gananoque and the meetings of Committees or Boards of Council where minutes are published, and closed-sessions of Council where minutes are recorded, that questions put to the CAO, Clerk, Managers, CBO and Fire Chief of the Corporation by Councillors of the Corporation, related to the business of the Corporation, will be answered by e-mail with a “reply all” that includes all members of Council and the Mayor. To be clear, this directive does not apply to communication by Councillors on behalf of named constituents, the relay of concerns of named constituents by Councillors to the appropriate staff so they can be addressed by staff or confidential questions by councillors about themselves.

This initiative will help ensure that all members of Council share a common understanding of issues of interest by allowing a single answer to serve all members of Council, it prevents staff having to answer the same question or issue more than once, provides the benefit of saving staff time and actively enables transparency by ensuring there is an electronic record of all correspondence between Councillors and staff.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2026



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John S. Beddows, Mayor