TOWN OF GANANOQUE NEWS

Council November 18, 2026

- November 18th , 2026 – Inaugural Council Meeting of the 2026-2030 Term.
- The Clerk facilitated the call for Nominations for Deputy Mayor. Council passed a motion to direct staff to amend the Procedural By-law to remove “a four (4) year term” and replace with “will be appointed for a one(1) year term”.
- Gai and Mitch Parmasar appeared before Council and requested that Council consider relief of fixed Water and Wastewater Capital charges at 460 and 462 Henrietta Street. Council received the delegation and upheld the Regulate Water Works By-law.
- Mayor Brown read into record two (2) Mayoral Directives to take effect on November 18, 2026. Directive No. 2026-008 rescinds Mayoral Directive Nos. 2025-005, 2026-002, 2026-004, and 2026-007. Mayoral Directive No. 2026-009 was passed to delegate powers and duties under Section 284.5 (Chief Administrative Officer) , 284.6 (Organizational Structure), 284.7 (Local Boards) and 284.8 (Committees).
- The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) Grant Submission was received by Council for information.
- Council amended received the Draft 2027 Council Meeting Schedule and subsequently passed a Motion to amend the Procedural By-law to move all regular Council meetings to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. A By-law to amend will be presented during the Wednesday, December 2, 2026, Regular Council meeting.
- Council defeated a By-law to procure services to complete the design of a fuel filling station at the Public Works yard, which was included in the 2026 Capital Budget.
- Council passed a By-law to appoint MNP LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, Licenced Public Accountants, as the financial auditors for the Town of Gananoque and its local boards for the fiscal years 2026 to 2030 inclusive with an option to extend the agreement for an additional years at a maximum contract value of $442,000 plus HST, including optional financial statement and financial information Return (FIR) preparation services to be confirmed by the Town annually.
- Council received the Financial Results Reconciliation of the 2025 Budget to the 2025 Financial Results and further adopts the estimate of expenses excluded from the 2026 budget as required by Ontario Regulation 284/09 including the estimating assumptions identified in the report. Council directed staff to update the estimates through the year end process and present the 2027 excluded expense report for adoption before the 2027 Budget is adopted.
- The 2026 Third Quarter (Q3) Forecast and Budget Variance was received for information.
- The 2026 Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Third Quarter (Q3) Report for information.
- A Motion was passed to authorize Mayor Colin Brown and Councillor Mike O’Callaghan to attend the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference in Toronto in January 2027.
- Council passed a Motion to authorize staff to submit a Delegation request to ROMA requesting a meeting with the Minister of Infrastructure regarding the Gananoque Forcemain project. Mayor Brown also advised that Deep River will be submitting a joint Delegation request, which includes Gananoque, regarding Police Services funding.
- Councillor Koiner informed Council that the 2026 Heritage Conservation Awards were held on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 and that the Town was the recipient of the Frontenac Heritage Foundation Certificate of Commendation to recognize the Town’s preservation of the Umbrella Station (Susan Push Umbrella). Councillor Koiner and Councillor Leakey accepted the Award on the Town’s behalf.

Next Council Meeting

December 2 at 5:00 PM
(Regular Meeting)

Council and Committee Meetings will take place in person and virtually.