

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 2:00 PM

**Held Virtually and In-Person**

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT</b>		<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
<b>Mayor:</b>	John Beddows	Melanie Kirkby, CAO
<b>Councillors:</b>	Colin Brown	Penny Kelly, Clerk / CEMC
	Matt Harper	Lynsey Zufelt, Deputy Clerk
	Patrick Kirkby (arrived at 3:56 PM)	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Development
	Anne-Marie Koiner	John Morrison, Treasurer
	Vicky Leakey	David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works
	David Osmond	Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks and Recreation

<b>1. Call Meeting to Order</b>	
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 2:16 PM.
<b>2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest &amp; General Nature Thereof</b>	
	1. Councillor Brown declared a Pecuniary Interest with respect to discussions regarding the Gord Brown Memorial (GBM) Rink.
<b>3. Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda)</b> – None	
<b>4. Public Works Capital – Remove Fueling Facility Upgrades – Penny Kelly, Clerk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Penny Kelly, Clerk, advised Council that during the special meeting of December 16, 2025, a question was raised regarding the reduction in Capital spend for Public Works fueling station from \$200,000 to \$25,000 and if it was included in the draft amended Budget being presented this evening.</li> <li>It was stated that the amount remained at \$200,000, as the Motion #25-179, passed on December 5, 2025, regarding the reduction was defeated 3 Ayes, 4 Nays.</li> <li>At this point, Council thought there was an error in recording the vote and a Motion to reconsider was brought forward due to this error.</li> <li>Subsequently, the Motion was reconsidered (which noted that the reconsideration was due to a vote count error). Council unanimously passed Motion #25-179.2 whereby reducing \$200,000 to \$25,000.</li> <li>Following the meeting of December 16, staff reviewed the meeting recording of December 5, 2025, and confirmed that the vote was accurately recorded (Defeated – 3 Ayes, 4 Nays).</li> <li>Penny Kelly advised that this is being brought back to Council's attention as the vote to reconsider was not in order, as the vote was accurately recorded on December 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Should Council wish to reconsider this matter, a Motion to Reconsider should be passed and be brought back to the next meeting of Council for consideration, as if never seen before.</li> <li>As Councillor Kirkby was not available at this time Council postponed consideration of this matter until Councillor Kirkby was present. (Reference Motion #26-007, below)</li> </ul>

5.	<b>Correspondence</b>
	<p>1. <b>Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) – Request for 2026 Funding</b></p> <p><b>Motion #26-012 – Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) – Request for 2026 Funding</b></p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Councillor Kiner <b>Seconded by:</b> Deputy Mayor Leakey      BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000, TO THE UNIVERSITY OF KINGSTON HOSPITALS FOUNDATION (UKHF) TO BE FUNDED FROM THE 2026 PROPERTY TAX LEVY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>DEFEATED – UNANIMOUS</b></p>
	<p>2. Jim Lund and Lesley Poole – Budget Considerations</p> <p>3. David J. Morris – Proposed Gananoque Police Services Board 2026 – Formal Request</p> <p>4. Christopher Macrae – Stone's Mill Investments Ltd. – 2026 Rax Rates</p> <p>5. Mike Kench – Request for Toboggan / Play Hill</p>
6.	<b>Motions for Consideration (postponed from December 4 / 5, 2025)</b>
	<p><b>Motion #26-001 – 2026 Operating Budget – Fire Services</b></p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Councillor Harper <b>Seconded by:</b> Councillor Osmond      BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES AND APPROVES THE 2026 OPERATING FIRE SERVICES BUDGET, AS AMENDED MOTION #25-181, DATED DECEMBER 5, 2025.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 1 Nay</b></p>
	<p><b>Motion #26-002 – 2026 Operating Budget – Recreation and Cultural Services</b></p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Councillor Brown <b>Seconded by:</b> Councillor Osmond      BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES AND APPROVES THE 2026 OPERATING RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES BUDGET, AS PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 4, 2025.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 1 Nay</b></p>
	<p><b>Motion #26-003 – Gananoque Public Library Board 2026 Budget</b></p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Councillor Brown <b>Seconded by:</b> Councillor Osmond      BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE 2026 GANANOQUE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDS 2026 OPERATING BUDGET, AS PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 5, 2025, AND AS AMENDED BY MOTION #25-178, SUBJECT TO THE PASSAGE OF THE TOWN'S 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>POSTPONED – UNANIMOUS</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Continuation of Budget Deliberations – John Morrison, Treasurer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Morrison, Treasurer proved an overview of the amended 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets, as deliberated on December 4, 5 and 16, 2025</li> <li>• The following Motions were considered by Council.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Motion #26-004 – Transfer of Community Grant Funding to Physician Retention and Attraction</b></p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Councillor Osmond <b>Seconded By:</b> Councillor Harper      BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE ASSIGNS \$42,500 OF OLG COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING TO MD RETENTION AND ATTRACTION AND 4,000 TO SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, AS SEED FUNDING, AND; DIRECTS STAFF TO SEEK SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT JOEL STONE PARK.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED – 6 Ayes, 1 Nay</b></p>



John S. Beddows, Mayor

Penny Kelly, Clerk