

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM Held Virtually and In-Person

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Mayor:	John Beddows	Melanie Kirkby, CAO
Councillors:	Patrick Kirkby	Penny Kelly, Clerk / CEMC
	Anne-Marie Koiner	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Development
	Vicky Leakey	John Morrison, Treasurer
	David Osmond	David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works
		Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks and Recreation
Regrets:	Colin Brown	
	Matt Harper	

	Matt Harper		
1.	Call Meeting to Order		
**	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.		
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof – None		
3.	Canadian National Anthem		
	The National Anthem was played.		
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4.	Land Acknowledgement Statement		
	Mayor Beddows read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.		
5.	Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda)		
	A Member of the Public addressed a Report listed on the Agenda.		
6.	Disclosure of Additional Items - None		
7.	Delegations		
	1. Kimberley Marshall, RN, South East Health Unit (formerly Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit) – Alcohol in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark – Municipal Alcohol Policy		
	 Kim Marshall, RN, from South East Health Unit appeared before Council and presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Alcohol Use in Leeds, Grenville & Lanark (LGL). 		
	Motion #25-003 – Municipal Alcohol Policy – Direction to Staff Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Leakey BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO WORK WITH THE SOUTH EAST HEALTH UNIT TO REVIEW THE MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL POLICY AND BRING BACK A COUNCIL REPORT FOR REVIEW. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS		
8.	Presentations / Awards / Deputations		
	1. KPMG – Lori Huber, Auditor, Lead Audit Engagement Partner – 2023 Consolidated Financial Statement – Year Ending December 31, 2023 and Audit Findings Report		
	 Lori Huber of KPMG appeared before Council and presented the Town's 2023 Consolidated Financial Statement (Year-Ending December 31, 2023) and the Audit Findings Report. 		

Motion #25-004 – 2023 Consolidated Financial Statement – Year Ending December 31, 2023 and Audit Findings Report

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
RECEIVES THE 2023 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEARENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT FOR
INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED BY LORI HUBER OF KPMG ON TUESDAY,
JANUARY 14, 2025.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

- 2. Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks & Recreation Gananoque Municipal Marina 2024 Season Summary (+Ref. Report Council-REC-2025-01)
 - Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks & Recreation and Lori Higgs, Marina / Recreation Coordinator, appeared before Council and presented a PowerPoint entitled "Gananoque Municipal Marina 2024 Season Summary".
 - At this point, Council considered Report Council-REC-2025-01.

***At this point, the Chair called a recess.
***The meeting resumed at 7:00 PM.

- 9. Mayor's Declaration
 - Mayor Beddows announced that Sue Smith, retired-Manager of Recreation, passed away on Friday, January 3, 2025. Sue was a long serving employee with the Town and will be deeply missed by all. Our condolences go out to Sue's family and friends.
- **10.** Unfinished Business None
- 11. Approval of Minutes Tuesday, December 3 and Thursday, December 5, 2024

Motion #25-002 – Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, December 17 and Thursday, January 9, 2025

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024, AND THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025.

CARRIED - 6 Ayes, 1 Abstained

12. Staff Reports

Council-CSC-2025-02 - Artefact Oversight Agreement - Five (5) Year Renewal

By-law No. 2025-005 – Artefact Oversight Agreement – Five (5) Year Renewal Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey

Seconded By: Councillor Koiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE, PASS
BY-LAW NO. 2025-005, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND

CLERK TO SIGN AN ARTEFACT AGREEMENT WITH THE HISTORIC 1000

ISLANDS VILLAGE FOUNDATION, OPERATING AS (O/A) THE 1000 ISLANDS

HISTORY MUSEUM, FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM WITH A 2.8% INCREASE
FROM THE 2025 BUDGET AMOUNT OF \$21,400, FOR THE YEARS 2026 TO
2029, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT CSC-2025-01.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

Council-REC-2025-01 – Amend General Fees and Rates By-law No. 2016-047 – Marina Services, Schedule 'K'

By-law No. 2025-006 – Amend General Fees and Rates By-law No. 2016-047 – Marina Services, Schedule 'K'

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2025-006, BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE GENERAL FEES AND RATES BY-LAW NO. 2016-047, MUNICIPAL MARINA SERVICES, SCHEDULE 'K', TO:

1. INCREASE 2025 RESIDENT SEASONAL SLIP HOLDER RATES BY 8%;

- 2. INCREASE 2025 NON-RESIDENT SEASONAL SLIP RATES BY 10%; INCREASE 2025 TRANSIENT SLIP HOLDER RATES BY 12%, AND;
- 3. INCREASE 2025 SEASONAL PARKING RATES TO \$300,

AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT REC-2025-01.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

Council-FIN-2025-01 – Short-Term Borrowing By-law

By-law No. 2025-007 - Short-Term Borrowing By-law

Moved By: Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2025-007, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE SHORT-TERM BORROWING, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT FIN-2025-01.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

Council-FIN-2025-02 – Interim Tax Levy By-law

By-law No. 2025-008 – Interim Tax Levy By-law

Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2025-008, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ISSUE BILLS FOR THE 2025 INTERIM TAX LEVY, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT FIN-2025-02.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

- **13.** | **Motions** (Council Direction to Staff) None
- 14. Correspondence
 - 1. House of Commons Gretchen Huntley, Gananoque Poet Laureate To be Awarded with the King Charles III Coronation Medal Congratulations
- 15. Notice Required Under the Notice By-law None
- 16. Committee Updates (Council Reps)
 - Members of Council provided their updates.
- 17. Discussion of Additional Items None
- 18. Questions from the Media None
- 19. Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Koiner that the Council of the Town of Gananoque, in accordance with Section 239.2 of the *Municipal Act*, moves into Closed Session at 7:23 PM for the purpose of discussing (1) item under Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client Privilege, including Communications Necessary for that Purpose.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

20. Move Out of Closed Session at 7:47 PM.

Council resumed the Open Session at 7:49 PM

- 21. Reporting Out of Closed Session
 - A Closed Meeting was held. Council discussed one (1) item under Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client Privilege, including Communications Necessary for that Purpose. There is nothing to report out on this item.
- 22. | Confirmation By-law

By-law No. 2025-004 – Confirming By-law – January 14, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Mayor Beddows

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS

BY-LAW NO. 2025-004, BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF

COUNCIL AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025, BE READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025. **CARRIED - UNANIMOUS Next Meeting(s):** 23. 1. Special Council – Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 9:00 AM (10 Year Town Capital & Water / Wastewater Capital and Operating Budgets) Regular Council – Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM
 Special Council – Tuesday February 6, 2025 at 5:00 PM (2025 Town Operating & Capital Budgets) 24. Adjournment Moved By: Councillor Koiner Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this regular meeting of Council at 7:50 PM. CARRIED - UNANIMOUS John S. Beddows, Mayor