THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF

GANANOQUE

Canadian Gateway to the 1000 Islands

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Held Virtually and In-Person

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Mayor:	John Beddows	Melanie Kirkby, CAO
Councillors:	Colin Brown	Penny Kelly, Clerk / CEMC
	Matt Harper	Lynsey Zufelt, Deputy Clerk
	Patrick Kirkby	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Development
	Anne-Marie Koiner	David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works
	Vicky Leakey	John Morrison, Treasurer
	David Osmond (joined at 6:20 PM)	Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks and Recreation

1.	**Call Meeting to Order**
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.
2.	**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**
	1. Councillor Kirkby declared a Conflict of Interest regarding report Council-PD-2026-01 titled "Garden Street – Speed Limit, Speed Bumps and Stop Sign" as he owns a condo in Talbot Place.
3.	**Canadian National Anthem**
	• The National Anthem was played.
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.	**Presentations/Awards/Deputations** – None
8.	**Delegations** – None
9.	**Mayor's Declaration** – None
10.	**Approval of Minutes**
	Motion #26-015 – Approval of Minutes – December 2, 4 & 5 and 8, 2025 **Moved By:** Councillor Kirkby **Seconded By:** Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2025, THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2025. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
	Motion #26-016 – Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, December 16, 2025 **Moved By:** Councillor Brown **Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Leakey BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2025 AND ITS SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2025, CONTINUATION OF BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. **CARRIED – *5 Ayes, 1 Abstain***

	Motion #26-017 – Approval of Special Minutes – Thursday, January 8, 2026 **Moved By:** Councillor Harper **Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Leakey BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
11.	**Unfinished Business**
Council-RDS-2026-01 – Garden Street – Speed Limit, Speed Bumps and Stop Sign (Postponed from December 16, 2025)	
****Councillor Kirkby declared a Conflict of Interest and left the room.**	
	******Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Deputy Mayor Leakey to amend the recommendation contained in Report Council-RDS-2026-01 to remove in its entirety **"TO SEEK QUOTES TO UNDERTAKE A TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY FOR THIS AREA OF GARDEN STREET AND TALBOT STREET"** and insert **"TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE SECTION OF GARDEN BETWEEN HERBERT AND TALBOT TO 30 KM/HR AND INSTALL A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF GRADEN STREET AND TALBOT"** **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS*, by those voting***
	Motion #26-018 – Garden Street – Speed Limit, Speed Bumps and Stop Sign **Moved By:** Councillor Brown **Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Leakey BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE GARDEN STREET – REQUEST FOR REDUCED SPEED LIMIT AND TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT FOR INFORMATION, AS POSTPONED BY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 16, 2025 (REPORT COUNCIL-RDS-2025-15) AND BROUGHT BACK FOR CONSIDERATION IN REPORT COUNCIL RDS-2026-01; AND FURTHER DIRECTS STAFF TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE SECTION OF GARDEN BETWEEN HERBERT AND TALBOT TO 30 KM/HR AND INSTALL A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF GARDEN STREET AND TALBOT. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS*, as amended, by those voting***
*****At this point, Councillor Kirkby returned to the room.**	
12.	**Staff Reports** (Postponed from December 16, 2025)
Council-RDS-2026-02 – Award of Contract – Town Gates Repair and Maintenance	
	Motion #25-019 – Town Gates Repair and Maintenance – Budget Deviation **Moved By:** Councillor Brown **Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Leakey BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES A BUDGET DEVIATION OF $21,181.70 (EXCLUDING THE TOWN'S SHARE OF HST), FOR THE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE THREE (3) TOWN GATES, AS POSTPONED BY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 16, 2025 (REPORT COUNCIL-RDS-2025-16) AND BROUGHT BACK FOR CONSIDERATION IN REPORT COUNCIL RDS-2026-02. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
	By-law No. 2026-004 – Award of Contract – Town Gates Repairs and Maintenance **Moved By:** Councillor Kirkby **Seconded By:** Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2026-004, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH T. DONALDSON CONSTRUCTION LTD., FOR THE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE THREE (3) TOWN GATES, TO AN UPSET LIMIT OF $96,181.70 (EXCLUDING THE TOWN'S SHARE OF HST), AS PRESCRIBED IN TENDER RDS-2025-07 AND OUTLINED IN THEIR TENDER SUBMISSION DATED DECEMBER 4, 2025, AND AS POSTPONED BY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 16, 2025 (REPORT COUNCIL-RDS-2025-16) AND BROUGHT BACK FOR CONSIDERATION IN REPORT COUNCIL RDS-2026-02. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**

13.	**New Staff Report**
Council-PD-2026-01 – Castlegrove Subdivision – Part Lot Control – Plan 28M-18 – Extension	
	By-law No. 2026-005 – Castlegrove Subdivision – Part Lot Control – Plan 28M-18 – Extension **Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Leakey **Seconded By:** Councillor Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2026-005, BEING A BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2020-132 TO EXEMPT LANDS WITHIN PLAN 28M-18 CASTLEGROVE SUBDIVISION UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT PD-2026-01. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
14.	**Motions** (Council Direction to Staff) – None
15.	**Correspondence (Postponed from December 16, 2025)**
	1. **Municipality of North Grenville – Elect Respect Pledge – Resolution of Support**
	Motion #26-020 – Municipality of North Grenville – Elect Respect Pledge – Resolution of Support **Moved By:** Councillor Brown **Seconded By:** Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE SUPPORTS THE MUNICIPALITY OF N ORTH GRENVILLE'S RESOLUTION #C-2025-412, PERTAINING TO ITS ELECT RESPECT PLEDGE, AND ENCOURAGE ELECTED OFFICIALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN AND SIGN THE PLEDGE AT WWW.ELECTRESPECT.CA. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
	2. **United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry – Conservation Authorities Amalgamation – Request for Support**
	Motion #26-021 – United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry – Conservation Authorities Amalgamation – Request for Support **Moved By:** Councillor Harper **Seconded By:** Councillor Kirkby BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE SUPPORTS THE UNITED COUNTIES OF STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY'S RESOLUTION NO. 2025-159, DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2025, PERTAINING TO A CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO MAINTAIN LOCAL, INDEPENDENT, MUNICIPALLY GOVERNED, WATERSHED-BASED CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES. **CARRIED – *5 Ayes, 1 Nay***
	3. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Communications – Help Us Advocate for Strong OMERS Governance • It was generally agreed to bring the above correspondence back to Council on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, following the ROMA Conference
	4. Office of the Solicitor General – 2026 Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Annual Billing Statements
16.	**New Correspondence**
	1. Flix (FlixBus Agreement) – Andrew Miller, Senior Manager, Public Affairs – Section 2 of Agreement – Accepts Automatic Renewal of Agreement for an Additional One (1) Year
	Motion #26-022 – Flix (FlixBus Agreement) – Andrew Miller, Senior Manager, Public Affairs – Section 2 of Agreement – Accepts Automatic Renewal of Agreement for an Additional One (1) Year **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Leakey BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES FLIX'S EMAIL DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2025, REGARDING

	ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF THE EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT AND ITS ASSOCIATED INCREASE IN FEES, AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR A FURTHER ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
17.	**Notice Required Under the Notice By-law** – None
18.	**Committee Updates (Council Reps)**
	• Members of Council provided their updates.
19.	**Discussion of Additional Items** – None
20.	**Questions from the Media** – None
21.	**Closed Session**
	Moved by Councillor Harper that the Council of the Town of Gananoque, in accordance with Section 239.2 of the *Municipal Act,* moves into Closed Session at 6:12 PM for the purpose of discussing two (2) items under A Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction to be Applied to any Negotiations Carried On or to be Carried on by or on Behalf of the Municipality or Local Board. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
22.	**Move Out of Closed Session at 7:01 PM.**
	Council resumed the Open Session at 7:01 PM, with all members of Council present. (Councillor Osmond joined the meeting in Closed Session)
23.	**Reporting Out of Closed Session**
	• A Closed Meeting was held. Council discussed one (1) item and postponed one (1) item under A Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction to be Applied to any Negotiations Carried On or to be Carried on by or on Behalf of the Municipality or Local Board. There is nothing to report out on the first item.
24.	**Confirmation By-law**
	By-law No. 2026-006 – Confirming By-law – January 14, 2026 **Moved By:** Mayor Beddows **Seconded By:** Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2026-006, BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2026, BE READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
25.	**Next Meeting(s):** 1. Special Council – Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM – Amended 2026 Operating and Capital Budget 2. Regular Council – Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 5:00 PM
26.	**Adjournment**
	Moved By: Mayor Beddows Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this regular meeting of Council at 7:03 PM. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**

John S. Beddows, Mayor	Penny Kelly, Clerk