



Canadian Gateway to the 1000 Islands

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Held Virtually and In-Person

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

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof
	1. Councillor Koiner declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Report Council-UTIL-2026-02 – 2025 Annual Stormwater Management Report due to the proximity of a stormwater basin to her home.
	2. Councillor Kirkby declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Report Council-REC-2026-04 – Award of Contract – Cleaning and Janitorial Contract, as he was part of the hiring process in awarding Riverstone Janitorial for cleaning services at Talbot Street condominiums.
3.	Canadian National Anthem
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Anthem was played.
4.	Land Acknowledgement Statement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Beddows read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
5.	Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Member of the Public addressed Reports listed on the Agenda.
6.	Disclosure of Additional Items
	1. Recording of Minutes – Mayor Beddows
	2. End of Ramadan – Mayor Beddows
	3. Minister Flack Correspondence – Mayor Beddows
7.	Delegations
	1. Glenda Olivier – Gananoque Retired Women Teachers of Ontario (GRWTO) – 70th Anniversary – Request to Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenda Olivier, Joan Gamble, Janet Roy and Betty Lee-Daigle, from Gananoque Retired Women Teachers of Ontario (GRWTO), appeared before Council and provided an overview GRWTO and requested that Council support the 70th Anniversary of the Gananoque Retired Women Teachers of Ontario organization by lighting up the Town Hall in blue and gold on April 9, 2026 and attend a ceremony in front of Town Hall. Council thanked the delegates and considered the following.

Council-UTIL-2026-02 – 2025 Annual Stormwater Management Report	
***At this point, Councillor Koiner left the Council Chambers.	
	<p>Motion #26-052 – 2025 Annual Stormwater Management Report Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Kirkby BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE 2025 ANNUAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL UTIL-2026-02.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS, by those present</p>
***Councillor Koiner returned to the room.	
Council-UTIL-2026-03 – 2025 Fourth (4th) Quarter Water & Wastewater Report	
	<p>Motion #26-053 – 2025 Fourth (4th) Quarter Water & Wastewater Report Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE 2025 WATER AND WASTEWATER FOURTH (4th) QUARTER REPORT FOR INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT UTIL-2026-03.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
Council-UTIL-2026-04 – 2025 Water Quality & Wastewater Annual Performance	
	<p>Motion #26-054 – 2025 Water Quality & Wastewater Annual Performance Moved By: Councillor Osmond Seconded By: Councillor Kirkby BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE 2025 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT AND THE 2025 ANNUAL WASTEWATER PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT UTIL-2026-04.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
Council-REC-2026-04 – Award of Contract – Cleaning and Janitorial Contract	
***At this point, Councillor Kirkby left the room.	
	<p>By-law No. 2026-023 – Award of Contract – Cleaning and Janitorial Contract Services Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2026-023, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH RIVERSTONE JANITORIAL FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF CLEANING AND JANITORIAL SERVICES OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY, AS PRESCRIBED IN RFP REC-2026-01, AND AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT REC-2026-04.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS, by those present</p>
***At this point, Councillor Kirkby returned to the room.	
13.	Motions (Council Direction to Staff) – None
14.	Correspondence
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cataraqui Conservation Board – Alto High-Speed Rail Network 2. Rideau Lakes Township – Rideau Lakes Concerns – Alto High-Speed Project (Bill C-15 Budget) 3. The CAHDCO Team – Request for Letter of Support for Rural Eastern Ontario Housing Pipeline <p>Motion #26-056 – The CAHDCO Team – Request for Letter of Support for Rural Eastern Ontario Housing Pipeline Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Mayor Beddows BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE AUTHORIZES MAYOR BEDDOWS TO DRAFT A GENERAL LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE CAHDCO TEAM FOR RURAL EASTERN ONTARIO HOUSING PIPELINE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 6 Ayes, 1 Nay</p>

23.	Next Meeting(s): Regular Council – Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM	
24.	Adjournment	
	<p data-bbox="354 276 834 311">Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey</p> <p data-bbox="354 311 1438 384">Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this regular meeting of Council at 9:18 PM.</p> <p data-bbox="1170 384 1552 419" style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>	
<hr/> <p data-bbox="277 572 634 607">John S. Beddows, Mayor</p>	<hr/> <p data-bbox="899 572 1162 607">Penny Kelly, Clerk</p>	