THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF

GANANOQUE

Canadian Gateway to the 1000 Islands

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Held Virtually and In-Person

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

1.	**Call Meeting to Order**
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
2.	**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof** – None
3.	**Canadian National Anthem**
	• The National Anthem was sung.
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 Reports listed on the Agenda.
6.	**Disclosure of Additional Items** – None
7.	**Delegations**
	1. Tom Haney – Cost of Garbage Collection
	• Tom Haney appeared before Council and stated that the cost of garbage collection is too expensive. • Mr. Haney requested that Council, during the 2027 budget deliberations, consider one (1) bag of garbage be free (without a bag tag) and any other bags be tagged. • Council thanked Mr. Haney for his delegation and considered the following recommendation.
	Motion #26-075 – Cost of Garbage Collection – Refer to 2027 Budget Deliberations **Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Leakey **Seconded by:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE ENCOURAGES THE NEXT TERM OF COUNCIL TO CONSIDER, DURING THE 2027 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, THE OPTION OF ONE (1) BAG OF GARBAGE BE FREE, AND ANY OTHER BAGS BE TAGGED. **CARRIED – *5 Ayes, 1 Nay***

8.	**Presentations/Awards/Deputations** – None
9.	**Mayor's Declaration** – None
10.	**Unfinished Business**
Council-CSC-2026-02 – Recording and Making Available Council Meetings	
	Motion #26-076 – Recording and Making Available Council Meetings - Postpone **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE POSTPONES COUNCIL REPORT CSC-2026-02, TO MAY 20, 2026, AND DIRECTS STAFF TO PROVIDE OPTIONS REGARDING UPLOADING VIDEO RECORDINGS OF THE MEETINGS TO YOUTUBE AND INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL COSTING. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
11.	**Approval of Minutes – Wednesday, April 22, 2026**
	Motion #26-074 – Approval of Minutes – Wednesday, April 22, 2026 **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR MINUTES OF COUNCIL, DATED WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2026. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
12.	**Staff Reports**
Council-PD-2026-05 – Castlegrove Subdivision (10664006 Canada Inc.) – Phase 2	
	By-law No. 2026-039 – Castlegrove Subdivision (10664006 Canada Inc.) – Phase 2 **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2026-039, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN A SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT WITH 10664006 CANADA INC. (CASTLEGROVE) FOR PHASE 2 PROVIDED ALL CONDITIONS AND SECURITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS ($136,125) HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, AND FURTHER THAT THE DRAFT PLAN APPROVAL BE EXTENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) YEARS FOR THE REMAINING PHASES 3-5, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT-PD-2026-05. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
Council-UTIL-2026-06 – Award of Contract – Lagoon Remediation Design Work	
	By-law No. 2026-040 – Award of Contract – Lagoon Remediation Design Work **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2026-040, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH J.L. RICHARDS & ASSOCIATES LTD., FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE LAGOON REMEDIATION PROJECT, TO AN UPSET LIMIT OF $685,802.00 (EXCLUDING THE TOWN'S SHARE OF HST), AS OUTLINED IN THEIR RFP SUBMISSION DATED APRIL 21, 2026, AND PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT UTIL-2026-06 **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
Council-FIN-2026-10 – 2026 Operating and Capital Mayors Deemed Budget	
	Motion #26-077 – 2026 Operating and Capital Mayors Deemed Budget **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION, THE 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL MAYORS DEEMED BUDGET, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL FIN-2026-10. **DEFEATED – *1 Ayes, 4 Nays, 1 Abstain***

Council-FIN-2026-11 – 2025 Unaudited Financial Statement	
	Motion #26-078 – 2025 Unaudited Financial Statement **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE 2025 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT FIN-2026-11. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
*****The Chair called a recess at 6:40 PM.** *****The meeting resumed at 6:50 PM.**	
Council-FIN-2026-12 – 2025 Long-Term Debt Schedule	
	Motion #26-079 – 2025 Long-Term Debt Schedule **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION THE 2025 LONG-TERM DEBT SCHEDULE, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT FIN-2026-12. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
Council-FIN-2026-13 – 2025 Reserve Schedule	
	Motion #26-080 – 2025 Reserve Schedule **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION THE 2025 RESERVE SCHEDULE, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL FIN-2026-13. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
Council-FIN-2026-14 – 2025 Community Grants Program	
	Motion #26-081 – 2025 Community Grants Program **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION THE STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2025, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL FIN-2026-14. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
Council-REC-2026-06 – Seniors Community Grant Summary Report	
	Motion #26-082 – Seniors Community Grant Summary Report **Moved By:** Mayor Beddows **Seconded By:** Councillor Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE SENIORS COMMUNITY GRANT SUMMARY REPORT FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT REC-2026-06. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
13.	**Motions** (Council Direction to Staff)
	1. Public Information Centre (PIC) – Pedestrian Bridge Material – Direction to Staff – Councillor Anne-Marie Koiner
	Motion #26-083 – Public Information Centre (PIC) – Pedestrian Bridge Material – Direction to Staff **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper **WHEREAS** IT IS COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN COMMEMORATING THE HISTORY OF THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE; **AND WHEREAS** THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HAS RETAINED SOME SMALL SECTIONS OF THE BRIDGE FOR THE MONUMENT / PLAQUE TO BE INSTALLED ON THE SOUTH SIDE; **AND WHEREAS** A VIEWING PLATFORM IS BEING BUILT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SITE;

	AND WHEREAS THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HAS AN ACTIVE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY AND A SCULPTURE PARK. **NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO HOLD A PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) TO SEEK SUGGESTIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO UTILIZE THE KEPT MATERIAL FROM THE STRUCTURE AND HOW TO ESTABLISH IT AT THE SITE; **AND FURTHER** DIRECTS STAFF TO PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER AS TO THE TYPE OF MONUMENT AND PLACEMENT; **AND FURTHER** BRING BACK A COUNCIL REPORT WITH FEEDBACK RECEIVED FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC), FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
14.	**Correspondence**
	1. **Thousand Islands Association (TIA) – Request for Community Grant**
	Motion #26-084 – Thousand Islands Association (TIA) – Request for Community Grant **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE REFERS THE THOUSAND ISLANDS ASSOCIATION (TIA) REQUEST FOR A COMMUNITY GRANT TO STAFF FOR CONSIDERATION. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
	2. Lynda Garrah – Animal Control By-law – Control of Cats
	3. Ontario Lottery Gaming (OLG) – Fourth (4th) Quarter Gaming Revenue Payment
	4. City of Peterborough – Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) Resolution
	Motion #26-085 – City of Peterborough – Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) Resolution – Request for Support **Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Leakey **Seconded by:** Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE SUPPORTS THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME RESOLUTION, AND FURTHER DIRECTS STAFF TO FORWARD THIS MOTION TO THE CLERK OF PETERBOROUGH FOR THEIR RECORDS. **CARRIED –** ***4 Ayes, 2 Nays***
	5. United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry – Land Transfer Tax Resolution
	6. United Counties of Leeds & Grenville – Continue Ongoing Homelessness Support
	7. United Counties of Leeds & Grenville – New Francophone Child Care Spaces Now Open in North Grenville
15.	**Notice Required Under the Notice By-law** – None
16.	**Committee Updates (Council Reps)**
	• Members of Council provide 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 8:03 PM for the purpose of discussing one (1) item under Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client Privilege, including Communications Necessary for that Purpose regarding a judicial review update. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**

20.	**Move Out of Closed Session at 9:27 PM.**
	Council returned to Open Session at 9:29 PM, with the following members present. Deputy Mayor Leakey, Councillors Koiner, Harper, Brown, and; Kirkby.
21.	**Reporting Out of Closed Session**
	• Deputy Mayor Leakey advised that 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 regarding a judicial review update There was nothing to report out on this item.
22.	**Confirmation By-law**
	By-law No. 2026-038 – Confirming By-law – May 6, 2026 **Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2026-038, BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH, 2026, BE READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY 2026. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
23.	**Next Meeting(s):** 1. Special Council – Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 4:00 PM – Strategic Plan Review 2. Regular Council – Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM
24.	**Adjournment**
	Moved By: Councillor Koiner Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this regular meeting of Council at 9:34 PM. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**

John S. Beddows, Mayor	Penny Kelly, Clerk