

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 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	John Morrison, Treasurer
	Vicky Leakey	Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks and Recreation
	David Osmond	Andrew Dickson, Fire Chief
Regrets:		David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof
	 Councillor Kirkby declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Report Council-CAO- 2025-07, titled "Physician Locum Grant Application – Greenwood Medical Centre", as he is a patient of the medical centre.
3.	Closed Session (beginning at 4:30 PM)
	Moved by Deputy Mayor Leakey that the Council of the Town of Gananoque, in accordance with Section 239.2 of the <i>Municipal Act</i> , moves into Closed Session at 4:33 PM for the purpose of discussing one (1) item under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees, regarding a report from the Integrity Commissioner. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS
4.	Move Out of Closed Session at 4:47 PM.
	Council resumed the Open Session at 5:00 PM.
5.	Reporting Out of Closed Session
Ma	this point Mayor Beddows vacated the Chair, as this matter relates to his position as ayor. puty Mayor Leakey took the Chair.
	 Deputy Mayor Leakey advised that a Closed Meeting was held. Council discussed one (1) item under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees regarding the Integrity Commissioner's report. Council requested that Tony Fleming present the Integrity Commissioner Report.
¥	 Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner appeared before Council and provided key findings and a summary of the Integrity Commissioner's report titled "Town of Gananoque – Complaint against Mayor John Beddows – File No. 16418-171", dated May 16, 2025, (attached). Mr. Fleming advised Council that the Mayor does have the opportunity to make submissions to Council regarding the penalty, notwithstanding this would otherwise be a pecuniary interest, but there is an exception within the Act to

provide the Mayor the ability to make submission to Council.

- Deputy Mayor Leakey opened the floor to Council for comments and questions.
- ****Moved by Councillor Koiner and seconded by Councillor Harper to amend the recommendation to add "ZERO (0) DAYS" following the words "FOR A PERIOD OF" and further amend to include "THAT COUNCIL REQUESTS MAYOR BEDDOWS TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN APOLOGY TO TOWN STAFF".
- ***At this point, Councillor Osmond requested that the proposed amendment be divided.

Amendment as Divided:

- ***Councillor Koiner moved that the recommendation be amended to add "ZERO (0) DAYS" following the words "FOR A PERIOD OF". There was no seconder for the motion.
- ***Moved by Councillor Koiner and seconded by Councillor Osmond to add "THAT COUNCIL REQUESTS MAYOR BEDDOWS TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN APOLOGY TO TOWN STAFF."

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS, by those voting

***Moved by Councillor Harper and seconded by Councillor Osmond to add "80 DAYS" following the words "FOR A PERIOD OF".

CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 1 Nay, by those voting

- At this point, Deputy Mayor Leakey asked Mayor Beddows if he wished to make a verbal submission regarding the Integrity Commissioner (IC) Report.
- Mayor Beddows made a brief statement regarding the penalties and IC Report.
- Council considered the following recommendation.

Motion #25-064 – Integrity Commissioner Investigation Report – Mayor John Beddows

Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES TONY FLEMING'S, INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER (IC) REPORT REGARDING MAYOR JOHN BEDDOWS, DATED MAY 16, 2025,

AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL IMPOSE THE FOLLOWING SANCTIONS ARISING FROM THE FINDINGS SET OUT IN THE IC REPORT:

- 1. THAT COUNCIL SUSPEND THE REMUNERATION PAID TO MAYOR JOHN BEDDOWS IN RESPECT OF HIS SERVICES AS THE HEAD OF COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD OF 80 DAYS:
- 2. THAT THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT BE MADE AVAILABLE AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025, COUNCIL MINUTES AND; POSTED TO THE TOWN'S WEBSITE, IMMEDIATELY ON THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONERS PAGE AND;
- 3. THAT COUNCIL REQUESTS MAYOR BEDDOWS TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN APOLOGY TO TOWN STAFF.

CARRIED - 5 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Abstained

- ***At this point, Deputy Mayor Leakey vacated the Chair.

 ***Mayor Beddows resumed the Chair.
 - 6. Canadian National Anthem
 - The National Anthem was played.
 - 7. Land Acknowledgement Statement
 - Mayor Beddows read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
 - **8. Public Question / Comment** (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda)
 - A Member of the Public addressed Reports listed on the Agenda.

9. Disclosure of Additional Items

1. Sensitivity Awareness Training – Councillor Koiner

10. Presentations / Awards / Deputations

- 1. York University Completion of Parks and Recreation Management Certificate Program Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks & Recreation
 - Mayor Beddows congratulated Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks & Recreation on completing the Parks and Recreation Management Certificate Program.

11. Delegations

- Rodger Gollogly, Lions Club of Gananoque Member Request to Place a Cement Lion Statue in Lions Park
 - Rodger Gollogly, Member of the Lions Club of Gananoque, appeared before Council and requested Council consider placing a cement Lion Statue in Lions Park.
 - The following recommendation was considered.

Motion #25-065 – Lions Club of Gananoque – Request to Place Lion Statue in Lions Park

Moved By: Mayor Beddows

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
DIRECTS STAFF TO ENGAGE WITH THE LIONS CLUB TO ENABLE THE
INSTALLATION OF THE LION STATUE AT LIONS' PARK, ENSURING
CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY IS RESPECTED, AND;

FURTHER THAT THE COST OF MOVING THE LION AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE BASE BE BORNE BY THE LIONS CLUB OF GANANOQUE.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

2. Phil Mangan – Town of Gananoque Ice Allocation Policy

- Phil Mangan appeared before Council and requested that the Town's Ice Allocation Policy be reviewed, specifically addressing the guaranteed ice allotments for all users; application submission timeline, and; tournament guarantees.
- Council considered the following recommendation.

Motion #25-066 – Town of Gananoque Ice Allocation Policy – Direction to Staff Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO REVIEW THE TOWN'S ICE ALLOCATION POLICY REGARDING:

- 1. GUARANTEE ICE ALLOTMENTS FOR ALL USERS;
- 2. APPLICATION SUBMISSION TIMELINE, AND;
- 3. TOURNAMENT GUARANTEES,

AND FURTHER, THAT STAFF BRING BACK A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

12. Mayor's Declaration – None

13. Unfinished Business

Council-CSC-2025-04 - Reduce Council Composition - Request Public Input

Motion #25-067 – Reduce Council Composition – Direction to Staff
Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
POSTPONES THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN COUNCIL REPORTCSC-2025-04, TITLE "REDUCE COUNCIL COMPOSITION – REQUEST PUBLIC INPUT";

AND FURTHER DIRECTS STAFF TO BRING BACK A REPORT FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION, THAT SPEAKS TO:

- 1. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION;
- 2. DEMOCRACY;
- 3. LEGISLATED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES;
- 4. WORKLOAD COMPARISON OF LIKE TO LIKE;
- 5. PROS AND CONS OF REDUCING COMPOSITION TO FIVE (5) MEMBERS;
- 6. EXPLORE WARD / BOUNDARY SYSTEM;
- WILL MOVING TO FIVE (5) MEMBER COUNCIL REMOVE THE TOWN FROM STRONG MAYOR POWERS. AND:
- 8. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS.

CARRIED - 4 Ayes, 3 Nays

Council-CSC-2025-05 – Reconsider General Fees and Rates By-law – Disposal Site Fees, Schedule 'l'

Motion #25-068 – Reconsider General Fees and Rates By-law – Disposal Site Fees, Schedule 'I'

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE GENERAL FEES & RATES BY-LAW NO. 2025-015, SCHEDULE 'I', DISPOSAL SITE FEES, WASTE ITEMS TO REMOVE IN ITS ENTIRETY, ITEM #2, BRUSH, LEAF AND YARD WASTE AT THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD @ \$40.00 PER ½ TON TRUCK LOAD, AND; RESIDENTIAL (IN BAGS) AT NO CHARGE;

AS RECONSIDERED ON MAY 20TH, 2025 AND PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT-CSC-2025-05.

Council-FIN-2025-13 – Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) Long-Term Marina Debt Financing

By-law No. 2025-048 – Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC)
Long-Term Marina Debt Financing

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2025-048, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO ONTARIO INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDS CORPORATION ("OILC") FOR THE LONG-TERM FINANCING OF MARINA CAPITAL WORK(S) OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL-FIN-2025-13.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

14. Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Motion #25-063 – Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

15. Staff Reports

Council-CAO-2025-06 - Strong Mayor Powers

Motion #25-069 – Strong Mayor Powers

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey **Seconded By:** Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE STRONG MAYOR POWERS REPORT FOR INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL CAO-2025-06.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

Council-CAO-2025-07 – Physician Locum Grant Application – Greenwood Medical Center ***Councillor Kirkby declared a Conflict of Interest and left the room. Motion #25-070 – Physician Locum Grant Application – Greenwood Medical Center Moved By: Councillor Osmond Seconded By: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE AWARDS A LOCUM GRANT TO THE GREENWOOD MEDICAL CENTRE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000.00, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT CAO-2025-07. CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 1 Nay, by those voting ***Councillor Kirkby returned to the room. 16. Motions (Council Direction to Staff) - None 17. Correspondence Roberta Abbott – Tree Canopy Policy – Request to Council It was generally agreed that Roberta Abbott's request to review the Town's Tree Canopy Policy be referred to the Trees and Trails Advisory Panel. Pam Hudson, Rotary Club of Gananoque's Director of Environment – Invasive Species Clean-Up – Request to Council Motion #25-071 – Rotary Club of Gananogue Invasive Species Clean-Up + Request to Council Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO BRING BACK A COUNCIL REPORT REGARDING THE ROTARY CLUB OF GANANOQUE'S REQUESTS TO CONDUCT AN INVASIVE SPECIES CLEAN-UP ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY IN COORDINATION WITH THE TOWN'S PUBLIC WORKS STAFF, AS REQUESTED IN THE ROTARY CLUB'S DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENCE DATED MAY 8, 2025. CARRIED - UNANIMOUS Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Municipal Notification Letter of Legislation Changes 4. Ministry of Natural Resources - Oral Rabies Vaccine (ORV) Bait Distribution 18. Notice Required Under the Notice By-law Mayor Beddows advised that a Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM, regarding a proposed Class III Development Permit (DP2025-07) – 250 Wilson Drive – Relocate the building to the south side of the dwelling for before and after school and summer programs. 19. Committee Updates (Council Reps) • This item was postponed to the next scheduled meeting of Council (Tuesday, June 3, 2025) 20. **Discussion of Additional Items** 1. Sensitivity Awareness Training – Councillor Koiner Motion #25-072 - Sensitivity Awareness Training

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO SOURCE SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR COUNCIL AND

Questions from the Media - None

Moved by: Councillor Koiner

STAFF.

21.

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Leakey

DEFEATED - 2 Ayes, 4 Nays, 1 Abstained

22.	Closed Session
	Moved by Deputy Mayor Leakey that the Council of the Town of Gananoque, in accordance with Section 239.2 of the <i>Municipal Act</i> , moves into Closed Session at 8:16 PM for the purpose of discussing two (2) items under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees. CARRIED – UNANIMOL
23.	Move Out of Closed Session at 8:47 PM.
24.	Reporting Out of Closed Session
	 A Closed Meeting was held. Council discussed two (2) items under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees. There was nothing to report out on these items.
25.	Confirmation By-law
	By-law No. 2025-047 – Confirming By-law – May 6, 2025 Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leak BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2025-047, BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 20 TH , 2025, BREAD THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 20 TH DAY OF MAY 2025.
26	Next Meeting: Regular Council - Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM
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	Next Meeting: Regular Council – Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM Adjournment Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this regular meeting of Council at 8:49 PM.
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