


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	
	1. 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	
	***At this point Mayor Beddows vacated the Chair, as this matter relates to his position as Mayor. ***Deputy Mayor Leakey took the Chair.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Council requested that Tony Fleming present the Integrity Commissioner Report.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Leahey 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this point, Deputy Mayor Leahey 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. | |
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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 Leahey vacated the Chair.

***Mayor Beddows resumed the Chair.

6.	Canadian National Anthem
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- The National Anthem was played.

7.	Land Acknowledgement Statement
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- Mayor Beddows read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

8.	Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda)
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- A Member of the Public addressed Reports listed on the Agenda.

	<p>AND FURTHER DIRECTS STAFF TO BRING BACK A REPORT FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION, THAT SPEAKS TO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 7. WILL MOVING TO FIVE (5) MEMBER COUNCIL REMOVE THE TOWN FROM STRONG MAYOR POWERS, AND; 8. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 4 Ayes, 3 Nays</p>
<p>Council-CSC-2025-05 – Reconsider General Fees and Rates By-law – Disposal Site Fees, Schedule 'I'</p>	
	<p>Motion #25-068 – Reconsider General Fees and Rates By-law – Disposal Site Fees, Schedule 'I'</p> <p>Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>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;</p> <p>AS RECONSIDERED ON MAY 20TH, 2025 AND PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT-CSC-2025-05.</p>
<p>Council-FIN-2025-13 – Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) Long-Term Marina Debt Financing</p>	
	<p>By-law No. 2025-048 – Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) Long-Term Marina Debt Financing</p> <p>Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
14.	<p>Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, May 6, 2025</p>
	<p>Motion #25-063 – Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, May 6, 2025</p> <p>Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
15.	<p>Staff Reports</p>
<p>Council-CAO-2025-06 – Strong Mayor Powers</p>	
	<p>Motion #25-069 – Strong Mayor Powers</p> <p>Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>

***Councillor Kirkby declared a Conflict of Interest and left the room.

	<p>Motion #25-070 – Physician Locum Grant Application – Greenwood Medical Center</p> <p>Moved By: Councillor Osmond Seconded By: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 1 Nay, by those voting</p>
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***Councillor Kirkby returned to the room.

17.	Correspondence	
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1	Roberts Abbott	Tree Canopy Policy – Request to Council
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2. Pam Hudson, Rotary Club of Gananoque's Director of Environment – Invasive Species Clean-Up – Request to Council

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey **Seconded by:** Councillor Koiner

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

4. Ministry of Natural Resources – Oral Rabies Vaccine (ORV) Bait Distribution

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
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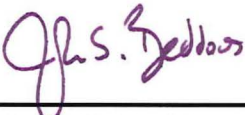
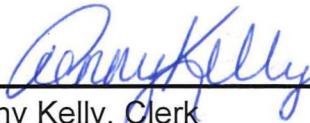
19.	Committee Updates (Council Reps)	
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| 20. | Discussion of Additional Items | |
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1. Sensitivity Awareness Training – Councillor Koiner

DEFEATED – 2 Ayes, 4 Nays, 1 Abstained

21.	Questions from the Media – None	
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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 – UNANIMOUS
23.	Move Out of Closed Session at 8:47 PM.
24.	Reporting Out of Closed Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 Seconded By: Councillor Koiner 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, BE READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 20 TH DAY OF MAY 2025. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS
26.	Next Meeting: Regular Council – Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM
27.	Adjournment
	Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this regular meeting of Council at 8:49 PM. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS
<div> _____ John S. Beddows, Mayor</div> <div> _____ Penny Kelly, Clerk</div>	