



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 5:00 PM Held On-Line Only

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Mayor:	John Beddows	Melanie Kirkby, CAO
Councillors:	Anne-Marie Koiner	Penny Kelly, Clerk / CEMC
	Patrick Kirkby	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning & Development
	Vicky Leakey	
Regrets:	Colin Brown	
	Matt Harper	
	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.	Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda)		
<u>*</u>	None.		
4.	Closed Session		
	Moved by Councillor Koiner 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 5:02 PM for the purpose of discussing one (item) under Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege, including Communications Necessary for that Purpose, regarding a Judicial Review.		
5.	Move Out of Closed Session at 6:46 PM		
	Return to Open Session at 6:48 PM		

**It should be noted that during the Closed Session meeting Mayor Beddows declared a Pecuniary Interest regarding the Judicial Review Application, disconnected from the Closed Session Meeting and did not return to the Open Session as a result of the Pecuniary Interest.

Quorum was still maintained, as if the number of Members, who, by reason of the provisions of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, are disabled from participating in a meeting is such that at that meeting the remaining members are not of sufficient number to constitute a quorum, then, despite any other general or special Act, the remaining number of Members shall be deemed to constitute a quorum, provided such number is not less than two (2).

- Council resumed the Open Session meeting at 6:47 PM, with the following three (3) members present. Deputy Mayor Leakey, Councillor Koiner and Councillor Kirkby.
- Deputy Mayor Leakey advised that Council held a Closed Session meeting to discuss one (1) item under Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client Privilege, including Communications Necessary for that Purpose. In Closed Session Council directed staff to retain legal counsel regarding a Judicial Review Application filed by Mayor Beddows against the Town of Gananoque and the Integrity Commissioner.

6. Questions from the Media - None 7. **Confirmation By-law** By-law No. 2025-057 - Confirming By-law - June 25, 2025 Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Kirkby BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2025-057, BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025, BE READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 25TH DAY OF JUNE 2025. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS** 8. Next Meeting: Regular Council - Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM 9. Adjournment Moved By: Councillor Koiner Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this special meeting of Council at 6:51 PM. CARRIED - UNANIMOUS Penny Kelly, Clerk Vicki Leakey, Deputy Mayor