

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 Held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 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
	Patrick Kirkby	Lynsey Zufelt, Deputy Clerk
	Anne-Marie Koiner	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Development
	Vicki Leakey	David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works
	David Osmond	Tanya Dallaire, Deputy Treasurer
Regrets:	Matt Harper	Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks and Recreation
		John Morrison, Treasurer

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof
	- Mayor Beddows declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Report Council-2026-PD-2026-07, Gananoque Seniors Association and Legion Request for Parking Relief, as he is the President of the Legion. - Councillor Koiner, declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Report Council-2026-PD-2026-07, Gananoque Seniors Association and Legion Request for Parking Relief, as she is a Member of the Gananoque Seniors Association. - Councillor Brown declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Report Council-FIN-2026-20, as Brown’s Hospitality pays Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT).
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)
	None
6.	Disclosure of Additional Items – None
7.	Presentations/Awards/Deputations
	2026 Senior of the Year Award – Mary Donevan - Mayor Beddows provided a brief biography of Mary Donevan’s accomplishments and volunteer work over the years, and; presented Mary with flowers and the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, 2026 Senior Award Certificate.
8.	Delegation
	Dave Schur – 279 North Street – Exemption from Water Works By-law No. 2008-020 – Request to Use Existing Water/Sewer Line - Dave Schur, owner of 279 North Street appeared before Council as Delegation to request Council provided an exemption from Water Works By-law No. 2008-020 to allow the use of the existing water/sewer line from his dwelling to the development of his garage to install a bathroom. - Council received the Delegation and considered the following recommendation.

Council-RDS-2026-14 – Award of Contract – Sidewalk Multi-Function Tractor

Moved By: Councillor Brown **Seconded By:** Mayor Beddows

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES A BUDGET DEVIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$443.84 TO COVER THE SHORTFALL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SIDEWALK MULTI-FUNCTION TRACTOR, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT RDS-2026-14.

CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 1 Nay

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Moved By: Councillor Brown **Seconded By:** Mayor Beddows

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2026-058, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH JOE JOHNSON EQUIPMENT, FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ONE (1) SIDEWALK MULTI-FUNCTION TRACTOR, TO AN UPSET LIMIT OF \$187,150.00 (EXCLUSIVE OF TOWN SHARE OF HST), AS PRESCRIBED IN RFT RDS-2026-04, AND AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL RDS-2026-14.

CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 1 Nay

CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 1 Nay

Council-RDS-2026-15 – Award of Contract – Arthur Street Reconstruction Phase II

Moved By: Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Leakey
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
APPROVES A BUDGET DEVIATION OF \$2,220,490.00, TO BE FUNDED
THROUGH BORROWING, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL RDS
-2026-15.

CARRIED – 4 Ayes, 2 Nays

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***Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Kirkby to remove “**ORIN CONTRACTORS CORP.**”, and replace with “**LEN CORCORAN EXCAVATING LTD.**”.

DEFEATED – 3 Ayes, 3 Ayes

***At this point, Councillor Brown requested a Recorded Vote.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW 2026-060, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH ORIN CONTRACTORS CORP., FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES TO COMPLETE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PHASE II OF ARTHUR STREET BETWEEN CHARLES STREET AND THE EASTERN DEAD-END OF ARTHUR STREET, TO AN UPSET LIMIT OF \$6,112,610.00 (EXCLUDING THE TOWNS SHARE OF HST, AS PRESCRIBED IN RFT RDS-2026-04, AND AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL RDS-2026-15.

RECORDED VOTE:	Aye	Nay
Brown, Colin		X
Kirkby, Patrick		X
Koiner, Anne-Marie	X	
Leakey, Vicki	X	
Osmond, David	X	
Beddows, John	X	
TOTALS	4	2

CARRIED – 4 Ayes, 2 Nays

**Council-UTIL-2026-08 – Groundwater Sampling and Monitoring – 251 Third Street
(formerly 305 Third Street)**

**Motion #26-121 – Groundwater Sampling and Monitoring – 251 Third Street
(formerly 305 Third Street)**

Moved By: Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Osmond
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION THE 251 THIRD STREET (FORMERLY KNOWN
AS 305 THIRD STREET) GROUNDWATER SAMPLING AND MONITORING
REPORT, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL UTIL-2026-08.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

Council-UTIL-2026-09 – Award of Contract – Elmwood Drive Watermain Replacement

Motion #26-122 – Award of Contract – Elmwood Drive Watermain Replacement – Budget Deviation

Moved By: Councillor Brown **Seconded By:** Mayor Beddows

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES A BUDGET DEVIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,976.00 TO FUND THE SHORTFALL OF BUDGET FOR THIS PROJECT, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL-UTIL-2026-09.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

By-law No. 2026-059 – Award of Contract Elmwood Drive Watermain Replacement

Moved By: Councillor Brown **Seconded By:** Mayor Beddows

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2026-059, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH LEN CORCORAN EXCAVATING LTD., FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES TO COMPLETE THE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT ON ELMWOOD DRIVE, TO AN UPSET LIMIT OF \$436,494.00 (EXCLUDING TOWN'S SHARE OF HST), AS PRESCRIBED IN RFT UTIL-2026-04, AND AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL-UTIL-2026-09.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

Council-UTIL-2026-10 – East End Pumping Station (EEPS) Projected Costs and Budget Deviation

Motion #26-123 – East End Pumping Station (EEPS) Projected Costs and Budget Deviation

Moved By: Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Leahey

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES A BUDGET DEVIATION OF \$900,000.00, FOR THE EAST END PUMPING STATION PROJECT TO BE DRAWN FROM THE WASTEWATER RESERVE, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT UTIL-2026-10.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

14.	Motions (Council Direction to Staff) – None
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15.	Correspondence
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1. Ministry of Municipal Housing and Affairs (MMAH) – <i>Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act</i> – Proposed Amendment	
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**Motion #26-124 – Ministry of Municipal Housing and Affairs (MMAH) –
Protecting Ontario’s Streets and Communities Act –
Proposed Amendment**

Moved By: Mayor Beddows **Seconded By:** Councillor Koiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO REPLY TO THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING AND AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING *PROTECTING ONTARIO'S STREETS AND COMMUNITIES ACT* – PROPOSED AMENDMENT, TO REQUEST THAT SECTION 70.2., OF THE *PLANNING ACT*, BE INCLUDED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MONETARY PENALTY (AMP) SYSTEM.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

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June 15, 2026

Your Worship
Mayor Beddows
Town of Gananoque
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Dear Mayor Beddows,

Thank you for your letter requesting a 30-day extension of the approval of the 2026 municipal budget for the Town of Gananoque.

The budgeting framework recognizes municipalities as responsible and accountable governments, with responsibility to manage their annual budgeting processes, taking into account local circumstances and needs. The Ministry will not be making any changes to the budget timelines for the Town at this time.

As you know, for the purpose of raising an additional levy amount in the year under section 312 of the Municipal Act, 2001, the head of council has the power to prepare a proposed budget amendment for the municipality. You may wish to explore whether this process can be used to address any of your and council's concerns.

Thank you for writing to share your question and for your continued engagement on the strong mayor framework.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)
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