

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 Held on Wednesday, September 2, 2026,
 Closed Session began at 4:00 PM
 Open Session began 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	David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works
	Vicki Leakey	Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks and Recreation
	David Osmond	John Morrison, Treasurer
		Andrew Dickson, Fire Chief
		Rich Swann, Chief of Police

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof
	1. Councillor Brown declared a Pecuniary Interest regarding Report Council FIN-2026-31, as Brown Hospitality Corporation charges Municipal Accommodation Taxes (MAT).
3.	Closed Session (Beginning at 4:00 PM)
	Moved by Mayor Beddows 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 4:05 PM for the purpose of discussing two (2) items under Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client Privilege, including Communications Necessary for that Purpose regarding a Judicial Review update and one other matter, and; one (1) item under a Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality CARRIED – UNANIMOUS
4.	Move Out of Closed Session at 4:56 PM.
	Open Session resumed at 5:03 PM
5.	Reporting Out of Closed Session
	Mayor Beddows advised that a Closed Meeting was held. Council discussed two (2) items under advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client Privilege, Including Communications Necessary for that Purpose, and; one (1) item under a Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality. There is nothing to report out on these items.
6.	Canadian National Anthem
	The National Anthem was sung.
7.	Land Acknowledgement Statement
	Mayor Beddows read the Land Acknowledgement Statement

8.	Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda)
	Members of the public spoke to Reports on the Agenda.
9.	Disclosure of Additional Items – None
10.	Delegation
	1. Delegation – Eastern Workforce Innovation Board (EWIB) – Frank O’Hearn, Executive Director and Sandra Wright, LMI Analyst – Postponed to September 16, 2026
11.	Motion #26-150 – Approval of Minutes – Wednesday, August 12, 2026
	Motion #26-150 – Approval of Minutes – Wednesday, August 12, 2026 Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Kirkby BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 TH , 2026. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS
12.	Unfinished Business
Council-FIN-2026-30 – Council Benefits and OMERS Entitlement	
	Motion #26-151 – Council Benefits and OMERS Entitlement Moved By: Councillor Osmond Seconded By: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE POSTPONES REPORT COUNCIL FIN-2026-30 REGARDING COUNCIL BENEFITS AND OMERS ENTITLEMENT, TO THE NEW COUNCIL’S 2 ND REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED IN DECEMBER 2026. CARRIED – 6 Ayes, 1 Nay
Council-FIN-2026-31 – Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Revenue Report	
***At this point, Councillor Brown left the room.	
	Motion #26-152 – Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Revenue Report Moved By: Councillor Harper Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION, THE SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX (MAT) REVENUE, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT FIN-2026-31. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS, by those present
***At this point, Councillor Brown returned to the room.	
Council-UTIL-2026-15 – East End Pumping Station – Monthly Project Update	
	Motion #26-153 – East End Pumping Station – Monthly Project Update Moved By: Mayor Beddows Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Leakey BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVE THE EAST END PUMPING STATION – MONTHLY PROJECT UPDATE REPORT FOR INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL UTIL- 2026-15. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS
13.	Staff Reports
Council-CAO-2026-12 – Mayoral Directive 2026-007 2027 Budget Directives – Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Costing Estimate	
	- Mayor Beddows vacated the Chair to speak to the recommendation contained in Report Council-CAO-2026-12. Deputy Mayor Leakey took the Chair. - Following the Mayor’s statement, he resumed the Chair and moved the recommendation presented in Report Council-CAO-2026-12. There was no seconder. - The Chair moved on to the next order of business.

