THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF

GANANOQUE

Canadian Gateway to the 1000 Islands

INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 5:00PM Open Session

Held via Telephone, Video and In-Person

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Mayor:	Colin Brown	Melanie Kirkby, CAO
Councillors:	Michael Bannister	Penny Kelly, Clerk/CEMC
	Ben Goernert	Lynsey Zufelt, Deputy Clerk
	Matt Harper	Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks, Recreation & Facilities
	Anne-Marie Koiner	
	Vicki Leakey	
	Mike O'Callaghan	

1.	**Call Meeting to Order – Melanie Kirkby, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)**
	• Melanie Kirkby, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) called the Council Inauguration meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2.	**Swearing In Ceremonies of New Council – Officiated by Melanie Kirkby, CAO**
	• Town Crier, Brian Mabee, read the Land Acknowledgement Statement and introduced the individual members of the newly elected Council followed by the CAO commissioning the Declaration of Office of each member. • Council members assumed their positions at the Council table upon completion of their Oath.
****At this point Melanie Kirkby, CAO turned the Chair over to Mayor Brown.**	
3.	**Mayor Colin Brown – Mayor's Address**
	Mayor Brown provided his inaugural comments.
4.	**Council Members Address**
	Each Council Member delivered their inaugural comments.
5.	**Questions from the Media** – None
6.	**Confirmation By-law**
	By-law No. 2026-085 – Confirming By-law – Monday, November 16, 2026 **Moved by:** Councillor Harper **Seconded by**: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2026-085, BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT ITS INAUGURAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2026, BE READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
7.	**Next Meeting(s)**
	1. Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2026 2. Special Closed Session – Tuesday, November 24, 2026 – Council Training 3. Special Closed Session – Tuesday, December 1, 2026 – Corporate Training and Orientation 4. Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 2, 2026

8.	**Adjournment**
	Moved by: Mayor Brown Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this inaugural meeting of Council at 5:49 PM. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**

_____ Colin Brown, Mayor	_____ Penny Kelly, Clerk / CEMC