

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 5:00 PM Held Virtually and In-Person

COUN	CIL MI	EMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	
Mayor: John Beddows		John Beddows	Melanie Kirkby, CAO	
Councillors:		Colin Brown	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Developme	
		Matt Harper	John Morrison, Treasurer	
		Patrick Kirkby	David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works	
		Anne-Marie Koiner	Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks and Recreation	
		Vicky Leakey	Lynsey Zufelt, Deputy Clerk	
		David Osmond		
1.	Call Meeting to Order			
			meeting to order at 5:01 PM.	
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof – None			
3.	Canadian National Anthem			
	The National Anthem was played.			
4.	Land Acknowledgement Statement			
	Mayor Beddows read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.			
5.	Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda			
	Members of the Public addressed Reports listed on the Agenda.			
6.	Disclosure of Additional Items		Items	
	Councillor Harper – Vote of Non-Confidence			
	Mayor Beddows – Concerns about Councillor Interaction and Communication with Staff			
7.	Pub	Public Meeting - None		
8.	Pres	entations / Awards /	Deputations	
	1. KPMG – Lori Huber, Lead Audit Engagement Partner – Town of Gananoque 2024 Audited Financial Statement (+Ref. Report Council-FIN-2025-28)			
	 Lori Huber, KPMG Lead Audit Engagement Partner appeared online before Council and presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Corporation of the Town of Gananoque Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2024". 			

9. Delegations

- Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) Holly Evans, Watershed Planning Coordinator – 2026 Regional Invasive Phragmites Control Fund Project
 - Holly Evans, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) Watershed Planning Coordinator, appeared before Council and presented a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Cataraqui Region Phragmites Management", regarding the 2026 Regional Invasive Phragmites Control Fund Project.

Motion #2025-141 – Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) – 2026 Regional Invasive Phragmites Control Fund Project

Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECT STAFF TO COLLABORATE WITH THE CATARAQUI REGION INVASIVE PHRAGMITES MANAGEMENT AREA WORKING GROUP VIA THE CATARAQUI REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INVASIVE PHRAGMITES CONTROL FUND TO CONTROL INVASIVE PHRAGMITES WITHIN THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE OVER THREE (3) YEARS, IN PRINCIPLE, AND,

THAT COUNCIL ALLOCATES UP TO \$3,300, IN FISCAL YEAR 2026, AS WELL AS IN-KIND STAFF SUPPORT TO HELP MATCH THE GRANT, AND;

THAT THE MAYOR AND CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ANY RELEVANT AGREEMENTS SHOULD THE APPLICATION BE SUCCESSFUL.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

- Joanne van Dreumel, Executive Director, and Molly Shea, Collections Manager, 1000 Islands History Museum – Artefacts Oversight Committee Report, Year-In Review and Funding Proposals
 - Molly Shea, 1000 Islands History Museum Collections Manager, appeared before Council and presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Gananoque Civic Collection 2025".
 - Following the presentation, Council considered the following.

Motion #2025-142 – 1000 Island History Museum – 2025 Artefacts Oversight Committee Presentation

Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE CIVIC COLLECTIONS 2025 COORDINATOR REPORT, AND FURTHER APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACQUISITIONS TO BE ADDED TO THE TOWN'S CIVIC COLLECTION:

- 1. ONE (1) PHOTOGRAPH OF ED LINK AND CHILDREN;
- 2. GANANOQUE ISLANDERS #5 HOCKEY SWEATER;
- 3. GANANOQUE JUNIOR C ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATON TEAM JACKET;
- COLLECTION OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY (80) OBJECTS, DOCUMENTS AND POSTCARDS FROM FIRST WORLD WAR PERIOD;
- 5. GANANOQUE WATER & POWER COMPANY MAPS AND SURVEYS COLLECTION;
- 6. COLLECTION OF ONE HUNDRED (100) OBJECTS, DOCUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND LEDGERS FROM THE GANANOQUE PUBLIC WORKS UTILITIES DIVISION;
- 7. ONE (1) POSTCARD, HALSTEAD BAY, AND;
- 8. COLLECTION OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HUNDRED (800) COLOUR POSTCARDS OF VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN GANANOQUE AND THE 1000 ISLANDS REGION FROM THE 1950'S AND 1960'S,

AS PRESENTED ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

By-law No. 2025-097 – Amend By-law No. 2024-078 – Civic Collections Policy

Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2025-097, BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2024-078, COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT POLICY TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

- TO REMOVE IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 13.2, CRITERIA FOR COLLECTING AND REPLACE WITH THE AMENDED 13.2 VERSION AS PRESENTED:
- TO REMOVE IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 13.3, CRITERIA FOR NOT ACCEPTING OBJECTS, AND REPLACE WITH THE AMENDED 13.3 VERSION AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

Motion #2025-143 – Artefact Oversight 2026 Funding Proposal – Refer to 2026 Budget Deliberations

Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE REFERS THE 1000 ISLANDS HISTORY MUSEUM ARTEFACT OVERSIGHT 2025 FUNDING PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,935 TO MAYOR BEDDOWS FOR THE 2026 BUDGET DELIBERATION PROCESS, AS PRESENTED ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

- Joanne van Dreumel, 1000 Islands History Museum Executive Director, appeared before Council and presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "1000 Islands History Museum – A Year-In Review".
- Following the presentation, Council considered the following recommendation.

Motion #2025-144 – 1000 Islands History Museum – A Year In Review Presentation

Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE 1000 ISLANDS HISTORY MUSEUM 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PRESENTATION ENTITLED, "A YEAR IN REVIEW 2025", AS PRESENTED ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

Motion #2025-145 – 1000 Islands History Museum – 2026 Operations and Programming Budget Proposal

Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE REFERS THE 1000 ISLANDS HISTORY MUSEUM 2026 OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING BUDGET PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,115 TO MAYOR BEDDOWS FOR THE 2026 BUDGET DELIBERATION PROCESS, AS PRESENTED ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

^{**}The Chair called a recess at 6:25 PM

^{**}The meeting resumed at 6:38 PM

At this point, the Mayor moved to Item #18 and invited Councillor Harper to speak to the proposed Motion. Councillor Harper brought forward a Vote of Non Confidence in the Head of Council (Mayor). Council members provided their comments regarding the Vote of Non Confidence. Mayor Beddows reserved comments at this time. Councillor Harper requested a recorded vote on the recommendation being considered below. Motion #2025-146 - Vote of Non-Confidence Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Moved By: Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PROCEEDS WITH A VOTE OF NON CONFIDENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP (HEAD OF COUNCIL) OF THE MAYOR. RECORDED VOTE: Nay Abstained Aye X Brown, Colin X Harper, Matt X Kirkby, Patrick X Koiner, Anne-Marie X Leakey, Vicki X Osmond, David X Beddows, John 6 **TOTALS CARRIED - 6 Ayes, 1 Abstain 10. Mayor's Declaration 1. Ontario Municipal Water Association (OMWA) – Operator Appreciation Mayor Beddows proclaimed October 23rd to be observed as "Water & Wastewater & Stormwater Operators Appreciation Day" in the Town of Gananoque. 11. **Unfinished Business** 1. Gananoque Police Services Board Vacancy • The Chair requested Gananoque Police Services Board (PSB) Chair Christine Milks to come forward to address Council on the matter. **Mayor Beddows vacated the Chair and left the room at 7:05 PM. **Deputy Mayor Leakey took the Chair. Gananogue Police Services Board (PSB) Chair Ms. Milks briefed Council on the member/quorum status of the Board. Council members provided their comments. **Mayor Beddows returned to the room at 7:21 PM. **Councillor Harper left the room. Mayor Beddows made a statement regarding the matter. **Following the Mayor's statement, he resumed the Chair. **Councillor Harper returned to the room. Approval of Minutes - Tuesday, October 7, 2025 12.

Motion #25-140 – Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, October 7, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY,

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

Seconded By: Councillor Osmond

OCTOBER 7TH, 2025.

Moved By: Councillor Koiner

13.	Staff Reports			
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	Motion #2025-147 – 2024 KPMG Audited Findings Report (+Ref. Presentation)			
	Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE 2024 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT AS PRESENTED BY KPMG ON OCTOBER 21, 2025, AND AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL FIN-2025-28.			
	CARRIED – UNANIMOUS			
Council-REC-2025-17 – Lease Agreement – 400 Stone Street North – YMCA of Eastern Ontario				
	By-law No. 2025-096 – Lease Agreement – 400 Stone Street North – YMCA of Eastern Ontario			
	Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2025-096, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE YMCA OF EASTERN ONTARIO FOR A PORTION OF 400 STONE STREET NORTH FOR TWENTY (20) YEARS, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT REC-2025-17.			
	CARRIED – UNANIMOUS			
14.	Motions (Council Direction to Staff) – None			
15.	Correspondence			
	Lynda Garrah – Letter to Mayor and Council			
	2. Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health – Media Release – HART Hub location announcement			
	Greer Galloway – Response to Resident Correspondence Regarding Species at Risk			
	4. South East Health Unit – Media Release – September 24, 2025			
	5. Ontario Sheep Farmers – Letter to Municipalities with High Predation			
16.	Notice Required Under the Notice By-law			
	 Mayor Beddows advised that a Public Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM, regarding Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Class III Development Permit – OPA8-25 / DP2025-13 – 145 River Street – Residential to a Site Specific General Commercial Designation to Permit a Commercial Sports and Recreation Facility and, Redesignate the Property from the Residential to Site Specific Progressive Commercial Use (PC-XX) to Permit a Commercial Sports and Recreation Facility. 			
17.	Committee Updates (Council Reps)			
-	 Councillor Koiner – South East Public Health Unit levy harmonization. The 2026 Levy is anticipated to be a 5 – 6% increase over 2025. The remaining Committee Updates were postponed to the next scheduled meeting of Council (Tuesday, November 4, 2025). 			
18.	Discussion of Additional Items			
9	Concerns about Councillor Interaction and Communication with Staff – Mayor Beddows			
19.	Questions from the Media - None			

Closed Session Moved by Councillor Koiner that the Council of the Town of Gananoque, in accordance with Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act, moves into Closed Session at 7:58 PM for the purpose of discussing one (1) item under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees, and one (1) item under Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client Privilege, including Communications Necessary for that Purpose. CARRIED - UNANIMOUS 21. Move Out of Closed Session at 8:35 PM. Council resumed the Open Session at 8:35 PM 22. Reporting Out of Closed Session A Closed Meeting was held. Council discussed one (1) item under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees, and one (1) item under Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client Privilege, including Communications Necessary for that Purpose. The following was considered. By-law No. 2025-098 - By-law No. 2023-016 - Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Directors Seconded By: Councillor Osmond Moved By: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2025-098, BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2023-016, BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (BIA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM OF COUNCIL (2023 TO 2026) TO REMOVE THE FOLLOWING MEMBER: 1. RANDALL SMITH AND FURTHER APPOINTS THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO THE BIA BOARD FOR THE REMAINING TERM OF COUNCIL: RAY STEDMAN 2. MICHELLE WILLIAMS CARRIED - UNANIMOUS Motion #2025-148 - Legal Services Spending Report - Direction to Staff Seconded By: Councillor Osmond Moved By: Mayor Beddows BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO BRING FORWARD A REPORT ON LEGAL SERVICES SPENDING BY TYPE OF SERVICE, AND SERVICE PROVIDER, 2021 TO 2025 INCLUSIVE, ITEMIZED IF ALLOWABLE. CARRIED - UNANIMOUS 23. Confirmation By-law

By-law No. 2025-095 – Confirming By-law – October 21, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS

BY-LAW NO. 2024-095, BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF

COUNCIL AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST,

2025, BE READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 21ST DAY OF

OCTOBER, 2025.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

24. Next Meeting(s): Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM

25.	Adjournment				
	Moved By: Councillor Koiner Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this regular meeting of Council at 8:43 PM.				
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Johr	n S. Beddows. Mayor	Lynsey Zufelt, Deputy Clerk			