

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

| COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT | | STAFF PRESENT |
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| Mayor: | John Beddows | Melanie Kirkby, CAO |
| Councillors: | Colin Brown | Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Development |
| | 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 | |

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| 1. | Call Meeting to Order |
| | Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. |
| 2. | Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof – None |
| 3. | Canadian National Anthem |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Anthem was played. |
| 4. | Land Acknowledgement Statement |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Beddows read the Land Acknowledgement Statement. |
| 5. | Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Public addressed Reports listed on the Agenda. |
| 6. | Disclosure of Additional Items |
| | 1. Councillor Harper – Vote of Non-Confidence 2. Mayor Beddows – Concerns about Councillor Interaction and Communication with Staff |
| 7. | Public Meeting – None |
| 8. | Presentations / Awards / Deputations |
| | 1. KPMG – Lori Huber, Lead Audit Engagement Partner – Town of Gananoque 2024 Audited Financial Statement (+Ref. Report Council-FIN-2025-28) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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”. |
| **At this point, Council considered Report Council-FIN-2025-28. | |
| 9. | Delegations |
| | 1. Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) – Holly Evans, Watershed Planning Coordinator – 2026 Regional Invasive Phragmites Control Fund Project |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

2. 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 ASSOCIATION TEAM JACKET;
4. 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

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:

- CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**

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.

- 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.

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

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 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.

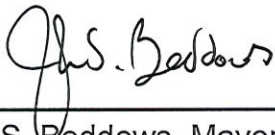
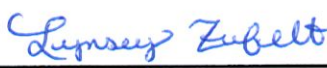
Motion #2025-146 – Vote of Non-Confidence
Moved By: Councillor Harper **Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Leakey
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PROCEEDS WITH A VOTE OF NON CONFIDENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP (HEAD OF COUNCIL) OF THE MAYOR.

| RECORDED VOTE: | Aye | Nay | Abstained |
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| Brown, Colin | X | | |
| Harper, Matt | X | | |
| Kirkby, Patrick | X | | |
| Koiner, Anne-Marie | X | | |
| Leakey, Vicki | X | | |
| Osmond, David | X | | |
| Beddows, John | | | X |
| TOTALS | 6 | 0 | 1 |

CARRIED – 6 Ayes, 1 Abstain

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| 10. | Mayor’s Declaration |
| | 1. Ontario Municipal Water Association (OMWA) – Operator Appreciation Day |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gananoque 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. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Beddows made a statement regarding the matter. |
| | **Following the Mayor’s statement, he resumed the Chair. |
| | **Councillor Harper returned to the room. |
| 12. | Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, October 7, 2025 |
| | Motion #25-140 – Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, October 7, 2025 Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 TH , 2025. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS |

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| 13. | Staff Reports |
| Council-FIN-2025-28 – 2024 KPMG Audited Findings Report | |
| | <p>Motion #2025-147 – 2024 KPMG Audited Findings Report (+Ref. Presentation)</p> <p>Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p> |
| Council-REC-2025-17 – Lease Agreement – 400 Stone Street North – YMCA of Eastern Ontario | |
| | <p>By-law No. 2025-096 – Lease Agreement – 400 Stone Street North – YMCA of Eastern Ontario</p> <p>Moved By: Councillor Koiner Seconded By: Councillor Osmond</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p> |
| 14. | Motions (Council Direction to Staff) – None |
| 15. | Correspondence |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lynda Garrah – Letter to Mayor and Council 2. Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Addictions and Mental Health – Media Release – HART Hub location announcement 3. 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 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concerns about Councillor Interaction and Communication with Staff – Mayor Beddows |
| 19. | Questions from the Media – None |

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| 25. | Adjournment |
| | <p>Moved By: Councillor Koiner Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this regular meeting of Council at 8:43 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p> |
|  John S. Beddows, Mayor |  Lynsey Zufelt, Deputy Clerk |