

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 5:00 PM Held Virtually and In-Person

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
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
	Vicky Leakey	Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks and Recreation
	David Osmond	Lynsey Zufelt, Deputy Clerk
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Regrets:	Anne-Marie Koiner	Penny Kelly, Clerk / CEMC

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		
	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)		
	Members of the Public addressed Reports listed on the Agenda.		
6.	Disclosure of Additional Items –		
	1. King Street Pedestrian Bridge Removal – Councillor Osmond		
7.	Delegations - None		
8.	Presentations / Awards / Deputations		
21	Kathrine Christensen, 1000 Islands Accommodations Partners (TIAP) – Report on Business 2025		
	 Kathrine Christensen, 1000 Islands Accommodations Partners (TIAP), appeared before Council and presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "1000 Islands Accommodations Partners (TIAP) – Report on Business 2025". 		

Motion #25-157 - Thousand Islands Accommodations Partners (TIAP) - Report on Business

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BET IT RESOLVED THAT HE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVE THE THOUSAND ISLANDS ACCOMMODATIONS PARTNERS (TIAP) REPORT ON BUSINESS 2025", FOR INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

- 2. Tourism Advisory Panel (TAP) 2025 Year-End Review Councillor Matt Harper, TAP Chair
 - Councillor Matt Harper, TAP Chair, presented to Council the "Tourism Advisory Panel 2025 Year End Review".

Motion #25-158 – Tourism Advisory Panel (TAP) – 2025 Year End Review

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Harper
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF THE TOWN OF
GANANOQUE RECEIVE THE "TOURISM ADVISORY PANEL (TAP) – 2025
YEAR END REVIEW" FOR INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 18, 2025.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

9. Mayor's Declaration

- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women Leeds Grenville Interval House (LGIH) – November 25, 2025
 - Mayor Beddows proclaimed November 25th, 2025, to be observed as "International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women", in the Town of Gananoque.

10. Unfinished Business

Council-CSC-2025-08 - 2026 Council Schedule - Recognize Statutory Holidays

Motion #2025-159 – 2026 Council Schedule – Recognize Statutory Holidays

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Harper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE

APPROVES OPTION #4, PASS A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE PROCEDURAL BY
LAW NO. 2016-094, SECTION 5.3.4. TIME OF MEETING – COUNCIL TO

REMOVE IN ITS ENTIRETY "TUESDAY" AND REPLACE WITH

"WEDNESDAY", AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT CSC-2025-09.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

11. Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Motion #25-156 – Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE

HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY,

NOVEMBER 18, 2025.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

12. Staff Reports

Council-RDS-2025-13 – Award of Contract – Skid Steer

By-law No. 2025-103 – Award of Contract – Skid Steer Purchase

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE

PASS BY-LAW NO. 2025-103, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR

AND CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH DOOSAN BOBCAT NORTH

AMERICA INC., FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A NEW SKID STEER WITH

ATTACHMENTS TO AN UPSET LIMIT OF \$234,777.44 (EXCLUSIVE OF TOWN

SHARE OF HST), AS PRESCRIBED IN THE QUOTE DATED SEPTEMBER 25,

2025, AND AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT RDS-2025-13.

CARRIED - 5 Ayes, 1 Nay

Council-UTIL-2025-10 - 2025 Third (3rd) Quarter Water & Wastewater Reports

Motion #2025-160 – 2025 Third (3rd) Quarter Water & Wastewater Reports Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE 2025 THIRD (3RD) QUARTER WATER AND WASTEWATER REPORT FOR INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT UTIL-2025-10.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

- 13. Motions (Council Direction to Staff)
 - 1. Disincentivization of Deliberate Vacancy of Commercial, Industrial and Residential Property in Gananoque Mayor Beddows
- ***At this point, Mayor Beddows vacated the Chair to speak to the Motion recommendation.
- ***Deputy Mayor Leakey took the Chair.
- ***Following the Mayor's statement, Mayor Beddows resumed the Chair.

Motion #25-161 – Disincentivization of Deliberate Vacancy of Commercial, Industrial and Residential Property in Gananoque

Moved By: Mayor Beddows

Seconded By: Councillor Osmond
WHEREAS HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN ONTARIO IS UNDER PRESSURE
AND THE LOOK AND FEEL OF GANANOQUE'S COMMERCIAL AND
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES, INCLUDING NOT ONLY APPEARANCE BUT THE
IMPACT OF VACANT STOREFRONTS ON THE PERCEPTION OF VISITORS IS
OF CONCERN TO COUNCIL AND TOURISM BUSINESSES.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO PRODUCE A REPORT WHICH LISTS THE METHODS USED BY ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES TO ELIMINATE ANY ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE IN A POLICY OF DELIBERATE VACANCY OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY BY OWNERS AND DELIBERATE VACANCY OF NON-PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS FOUR-SEASON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES BY OWNERS.

POINTS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE REPORT ARE TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

- 1. INCREASED PROPERTY TAX RATES,
- 2. THE USE OF FINES,
- 3. THE NUMBER OF LICENCED SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE ON A PER-YEAR BASIS SINCE THE SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION BYLAW WAS PUT IN PLACE,
- 4. THE NUMBER OF UNLICENCED SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION RESIDENTIAL UNIT IDENTIFIED BY YEAR SINCE THE SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION BYLAW WAS PUT IN PLACE AND,
- 5. A REVIEW OF THE PROPERTY STANDARDS BYLAW TO ASSESS ITS USEFULNESS AS AN ENFORCEMENT TOOL FOR VACANT COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES TO ENSURE THEY REMAIN IN SERVICEABLE CONDITION; AND,
- 6. ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR COUNCIL TO DELIBERATE EFFECTIVELY ON MEANS OF DISINCENTIVIZATION OF DELIBERATE VACANCIES.

CARRIED - 5 Ayes, 1 Nay

14. Correspondence

 Festival of Trees Fundraiser – Leeds and Grenville Interval House (LGIH) – Request for Support

Motion #2025-162 – Festival of Trees Fundraiser – Leeds & Grenville Interval House (LGIH)

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE

DONATE A DECORATED TABLE TOP CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE LEEDS &

GRENVILLE INTERVAL HOUSE FESTIVAL OF TREES HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

EVENT TAKING PLACE FROM NOVEMBER 28 TO 30, 2025, TO A MAXIMUM

AMOUNT OF \$300.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

2.	Township of Edwardshurgh Care			
	(OCIF) – Request for Support	dinal – Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund		
M	Motion #2025-163 – Township of Edwardsburg-Cardinal – Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) – Request for			
BI SI R	E IT RESOLVED THAT THE COU JPPORTS THE TOWNSHIP OF E ESOLUTION REGARDING ONTA	Seconded By: Councillor Harper NCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DWARDSBURGH-CARDINAL'S RIO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE		
	JND (OCIF).	CARRIED - UNANIMOUS		
3	Ministry of the Environment, Cor Boundaries for the Regional Cor Authorities	nservation and Parks (MECP) – Proposed nsolidation of Ontario's Conservation		
	Grenville Selected for National F	renville (UCLG) – Media Release – Leeds and lomelessness Reduction Innovation Fund		
5	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Faster Act, 2025 (Bill 60)	Housing (MMAH) – Fighting Delays, Building		
15. N	Notice Required Under the Notice By-law - None			
16. C	Committee Updates (Council Reps)			
•	Members of Council provided their updates.			
17. D	Discussion of Additional Items			
1.	King Street Pedestrian Bridge Site Visit – Councillor Osmond			
	Councillor Osmond provided an update to Council.			
18. Q	Questions from the Media – None			
19. C	Closed Session – None			
20. C	Confirmation By-law			
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21. N	Next Meeting(s): Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 5:00 PM			
22. A	Adjournment			
Be	oved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey e it resolved that Council hereby a 49 PM.	djourns this regular meeting of Council at CARRIED – UNANIMOUS		
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