

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 9:00 AM

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
	Anne-Marie Koiner	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Development
	Vicky Leakey	John Morrison, Treasurer
	David Osmond	David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works
		Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks and Recreation
		Andrew Dickson, Fire Chief
		Amanda Trafford, Economic Development & Communications Officer
Regrets:	Patrick Kirkby	

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM.
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof – None
3.	Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Member of the Public addressed Reports listed on the Agenda.
4.	Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suzanne Gibson & Associates – Suzanne Gibson, Principal – Alternative Vision and Mission Options and Draft Town of Gananoque Strategic Plan Review (+Report Council-CAO-2025-15 – Draft Strategic Plan 2026 – 2030 Update) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne Gibson appeared before Council to present, "Alternative Vision and Mission Options and the Draft Town of Gananoque Strategic Plan Review – Draft Strategic Plan 2026 – 2030 Update".
**Mayor Beddows vacated the Chair to speak to the Draft Strategic Plan.	
**Deputy Mayor Leakey took the Chair.	
**Following the Mayor's statement, Deputy Mayor Leakey vacated the Chair.	
**Mayor Beddows resumed the Chair.	
**Councillor Brown left the meeting at 9:30 AM.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors reviewed the Draft Strategic Plan. • Suzanne Gibson, Principal, presented the Mission/Vision Options and invited Councillors to offer their amendments via the CAO.
**Mayor Beddows called a recess at 10:34 AM.	
**The meeting resumed at 10:41 AM.	

Motion #25-183 – Draft Strategic Plan 2026-2030 Update – Postpone**Moved By:** Councillor Koiner **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE POSTPONES CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL REPORT CAO-2025-15, TITLED DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2026 – 2030 UPDATE.

CARRIED – 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain

John S. Beddows, Mayor

Penny Kelly, Clerk