THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF

GANANOQUE

Canadian Gateway to the 1000 Islands

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Held via Teleconference and Virtual

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Mayor:	John Beddows	Melanie Kirkby, CAO
Councillors:	Matt Harper	Penny Kelly, Clerk
	Patrick Kirkby	Lynsey Zufelt, Deputy Clerk
	Anne-Marie Koiner	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Development
	Vicky Leakey	David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works
	David Osmond	John Morrison, Treasurer
		Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks & Recreation
Regrets:	Colin Brown	

1.	**Call Meeting to Order**
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM
2.	**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof** – None
3.	**Public Questions/Comments** – None
****At this point, Mayor Beddows provided a summary of the 2026 Budget Deliberations to date.**	
4.	**Staff Report**
Council-FIN-2025-31 – Community Grant Program & Casino Reserve Funding	
	Motion #25-189 – Community Grant Program & Casino Reserve Funding **Moved by:** Mayor Beddows **Seconded by:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION THE STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM AND CASINO RESERVE FUNDING, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL-2025-FIN-31. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
5.	**Correspondence (Postpone to January 8, 2026 Special Council Meeting)**
	1. Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) – Request for 2026 Funding
	2. Jim Lund and Lesley Poole – Budget Considerations
	3. David J. Morris – Proposed Gananoque Police Services Board 2026 – Formal Request
6.	**Unfinished Business 2026 Budget Deliberations**
	Continuation of Budget Deliberations – John Morrison, Treasurer • John Morrison, Treasurer, provided Council with an overview of the amended 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets. • The following Motions were considered by Council.
	Motion #25-179.1 – Reconsider – Public Works Capital – Fueling Facility Upgrades **Moved By:** Mayor Beddows **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECONSIDER MOTION #25-179, UNDER NEW INFORMATION DUE TO A POSSIBLE ERROR IN VOTE COUNTS. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**

	Motion #25-179.2 – Reconsideration of Motion #25-179 – Public Works Capital – Fueling Facility Upgrades **Moved By:** Mayor Beddows **Seconded By:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE AMEND THE PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY REDUCING THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD FUELING FACILITY UPGRADES/ RENEWALS FROM $200,000 TO $25,000 IN 2026. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
	Motion #25-190 – Arena Lift Replacement – Direction to Staff **Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Leakey **Seconded by:** Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS THAT THE LIFT REPLACEMENT AT THE AREA BE FUNDED BY DEBENTURE IN 2026. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
	Motion #25-191 – Exception to Procedural By-law – Extend Curfew **Moved by:** Mayor Beddows **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Leakey BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE EXTENDS THE CURFEW FROM 9:00 PM TO 9:20 PM. **DEFEATED – *3 Ayes, 3 Nays***
	Motion #25-192 – Special Council Meeting – Thursday, January 8, 2026 **Moved by:** Mayor Beddows **Seconded by:** Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE SCHEDULES A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO CONTINUE THE 2026 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026, BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
7.	**Questions from the Media** – None
8.	**Confirmation By-law**
	By-law No. 2025-114 – Confirming By-law – December 16, 2025 **Moved By:** Mayor Beddows **Seconded By:** Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2025-114, BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2025, BE READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**
9.	**Next Meeting(s): Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM**
10.	**Adjournment**
	Moved By: Mayor Beddows Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this special meeting of Council at 9:01 PM. **CARRIED – UNANIMOUS**

John S. Beddows, Mayor	Penny Kelly, Clerk