



PLANNING ADVISORY/COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT/PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
 In Person and Via Webex Teleconference Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Chair:	Councillor Colin Brown	Brenda Guy, Mgr of Plan/Dev
Members:	Councillor Anne-Marie Koiner	Trudy Gravel, Asst. Planner
	Brian Brooks	
	Lynda Garrah	
	Emery Groen	
	Neil McCarney	
	Kathy Warren	
Regrets:	Jana Miller	

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Chair Colin Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2.	Adoption of the Agenda
	<p>PAC-COA-PSC Motion #2025-39 Moved by: Neil McCarney Seconded by: Brian Brooks BE IT RESOLVED THAT PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT/ PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE ADOPT THE AGENDA DATED DECEMBER 9, 2025. - CARRIED</p>
3.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof – Councillor Anne-Marie Koiner – Disclosed for 145 River Street as it is in proximity to her residence. Kathy Warren - Disclosed for 145 River Street as it is in proximity to her residence.
4.	Adoption of Minutes
	<p>PAC-COA-PSC Motion #2025-40 Moved by: Neil McCarney Seconded by: Emery Groen BE IT RESOLVED THAT PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT/ PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE ADOPT THE MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 28, 2025. - CARRIED</p>

An Archeological Study was required as the lands are adjacent a known historical property being the Blockhouse to the west in proximity to the Gananoque River. Completion of the Phase 1 is unable to be completed until the Spring 2026. This is a condition of moving forward.

Eric Ridell spoke to the project and indicated that they are proposing to make improvements to the existing building to make it more functional and to make the façade improvements to suite the neighbourhood. Improvements will also be made to the site.

The Committee members were supportive of the improvements to the building including the exterior treatment, site and the parking area.

No comments were received from the public.

PAC-COA-PSC Motion #2025-42 – DP2025-16 – 77 Pine Street
Moved by: Councillor Koiner **Seconded by:** Kathy Warren

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PLANNING ADVISORY recommends to Council that they have no objection to Development Permit DP2025-16 (772663 Ontario Limited) at 77 Pine Street to construct two additions to the existing building subject to the following conditions:

- Owner obtain approvals from Public Works/Utilities Department for water and sewer services in accordance with the Urban Service Requirements;
- Owner obtain approvals from Public Works/Utilities for compliance with the Backflow Prevention program;
- Owner submit and meet all requirements of the Archeological Assessment as per the Ministry before land development can proceed.
- The Owner enter into a Development Permit Agreement within one year of the Notice of Decision or the approval may lapse; and
- The Owner fulfill all conditions within one year of this approval or the application will lapse.

- CARRIED

Councillor Anne-Marie Koiner Kathy Warren left the meeting at 6:23 pm.

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT & DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION
OPA8-25 & DP2025-13 145 River Street Class III Development Permit

Applicant Bethanie Matthews was in attendance at the meeting.

The revised Official Plan Amendment OPA8-25 has been requested to redesignate the lands from Residential to Residential Exception for the use of a Private Community Fitness Facility with no accessory uses. The existing commercial

building currently enjoys legal non-conforming status and is operating as a flea market on the weekends and holidays. Two additions are being proposed on the site. A revised planning rationale was submitted which noted that the property is well-suited to the proposed use and should not be compared to fitness centre chains. The use of the building and site in a residential designation is required to be considered including the suitability of the site and how it fits into the existing residential neighbourhood.

The revised application DP2025-13 is seeking to redesignate the lands from the Residential to Residential Exception. A Stormwater Report and Servicing Plans were submitted in support of the applications.

Staff provided an overview of the applications before the committee including the policies that the Town have in place for the review of Planning Act applications. In review of the proposed amendments, the impact of the proposed change is required to be further reviewed to ensure that the fitness facility has no accessory uses, the activities of the building are not outside the building, no outside storage is permitted and lighting, noise and traffic for the site are addressed.

It is the opinion that the request before the Committee is difficult to support for the change of use of a Private Community Fitness Facility, including the proposed addition, as the use and building design are not consistent with the intent of the residential designation. The planning policy documents are about the lands and not the individuals making the application. Should the Committee approve the application to Council there are a number of conditions that will be required for the property.

Bethanie Matthews spoke to the application as it pertains to Section 3.2.1 being the goals and objectives of Planning Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods and the goals for schools, community facilities and local commercial uses in a residential neighbourhood.

Committee members noted that the project will provide a service to the community, the building and site will be accessible, the facility is located in a safe location, the use will service groups, the new facility will be working with the service groups, canoe club, youth while making use of an existing structure which is an economic plus to the community. It was felt that this was an opportunity to repurpose the existing building. Recommendations were made as to how to construct the future addition in the rear of the building to fit in with the existing residential neighbourhood with recommendations for the style and colours of the addition. A committee member inquired as to whether staff had received any opposition to the project and staff had indicated that none were received. A resident had asked how car headlights from the site would be addressed.

A Committee member spoke to the role of the Planning Advisory Committee and the review of planning applications as they pertain to the Official Plan and Development Permit By-law. It was felt that the proposed fitness facility would be a

more extensive model than the large chains. Gananoque has limited residential infill lands and could not support the applications.

Bill Alton of Brock Street inquired as to why there had been so much regrading of the property a few years ago and why the applicant is now required to undertake further work to the site. Staff noted that any work to the site would be subject to the Fill and Alteration By-law administered by Public Works. As the applications are a change of use to the property, the property is subject to the requirements of the Development Permit By-law as it pertains to parking, landscaping, servicing and site works.

PAC-COA-PSC Motion #2025-43 – OPA8-25 – 145 River Street

Moved by: Neil McCarney

Seconded by: Brian Brooks

THAT PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE recommends to Council that that they have no objections to the redesignation of the property at 145 River Street (OPA8-2025) to a site-specific designation with restrictive controls on the permitted use, maximum building size, and enhanced landscaping to help maintain the residential character of the neighbourhood.

The following shall apply to an Official Plan:

- The subject lands (OPA8-2025) on Schedule B Residential Policy Area of the Official Plan be designated Residential Exception and the following shall apply:
 - o Site specific - Local Commercial shall be permitted on the subject lands and restricted to a Private Community Fitness Facility with no accessory uses.
 - o No activities related to the business are permitted outside the parameters of the building.
 - o No outside storage shall be permitted.
 - o No backlit, flashing, illuminated signage.

- **CARRIED**

PAC-COA-PSC Motion #2025-44 – DP2025-13 – 145 River Street

Moved by: Emery Groen

Seconded by: Neil McCarney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE recommends to Council that that they have no objections to the redesignation of the property at 145 River Street (DP2025-13) to a site-specific designation with restrictive controls on the permitted use, maximum building size, and enhanced landscaping to help maintain the residential character of the neighbourhood.

The following shall apply to the Development Permit:

- The subject lands (DP2025-13) within the Development Permit By-law be designated Residential Exception and the following shall apply:
 - Private Community Fitness Facility shall mean “a *privately owned and operated facility that offers recreational opportunities including a fitness centre exclusively to its membership or non-profit organizations within the community*”
 - Residential Exception R-XX, Special Conditions in the agreement and Notes on the site plan include:
 - The use be identified as a Discretionary Use, specific to the subject property.
 - No outside storage shall be permitted.
 - No activities related to the business are permitted outside the parameters of the building.
 - No backlit, flashing, illuminated signage.

- Site plan shall be amended to reflect:
 - 1.5m paved apron be incorporated at the entrance of the property.
 - Area along north side of property shall be landscaped, not mulched. All other areas not utilized for the building or parking shall be landscaped.
 - Tree types be identified with a minimum 70mm caliper.
 - Parking lot lighting.
 - Elevation plan shall be amended to reflect façade materials and colours that complement the residential area not the existing building, including but not limited to architectural features such as size of windows, awnings or canopies.
 - All final plans be submitted and approved to the satisfaction of the Town and CRCA;
 - The owner satisfy all requirements with regards to stormwater management to the satisfaction of the Town and the CRCA;
 - The Development Permit is subject to the Official Plan Amendment approval and appeals being exhausted;
 - All costs associated with fulfilling the conditions of this decision are borne by the owner, and;
 - The owner enters into an agreement with the Town within one (1) year of approval.

- **CARRIED**

8.	Correspondence/Other – None
9.	Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 @ 6:00 pm
10.	Questions From the Media – None
11.	Adjournment PAC-COA-PSC Motion #2025-45 Moved by: Neil McCarney Seconded by: Brian Brooks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PAC/COA/PSC ADJOURN THE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH 2025 MEETING AT 7:05 PM.

- CARRIED

Colin Brown, Chair

Brenda Guy, Committee Secretary