

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 5:45PM Closed

Session and 6:00PM Open Session

Held via WebEx Video, Teleconference and In-person

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Mayor:	John Beddows	Shellee Fournier, CAO
Councillors:	Colin Brown	Penny Kelly, Clerk/CEMC
	Matt Harper (connected at 6:00 PM)	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Development
	Patrick Kirkby	Melanie Kirkby, Treasurer
	Anne-Marie Koiner	Doug Wark, Manager of Parks and Recreation
	Vicky Leakey	David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works
	David Osmond	Gord Howard, Fire Chief
		Scott Gee, Police Chief

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 5:47 PM, with the following members of Council present – Deputy Mayor Leakey, Councillors Brown, Kirkby Koiner and Osmond.
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof – None
3.	Closed Meeting of Council (Beginning at 5:45 PM)
	Move into Closed Session
	Moved by Deputy Mayor Leakey that the Council of the Council of the Town of Gananoque, in accordance with Section 239.2 of the <i>Municipal Act</i> , moves into Closed Session at 5:48 PM for the purpose of discussing one (1) item under a Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction to be Applied to any Negotiations Carried On or to be Carried on by or on Behalf of the Municipality or Local Board. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS
4.	Move Out of Closed Session at 5:52 PM
	Council resumed the Open Session at 6:02 PM, with all members of Council present.
5.	Reporting Out of Closed Session – Matters Arising
	A Closed Meeting was held. Council discussed one (1) item under A Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction to be Applied to any Negotiations Carried on or to be Carried on by or on Behalf of the Municipality or Local Board. There was nothing to report out on this item.
6.	Canadian National Anthem
	• The National Anthem was played.
7.	Land Acknowledgement Statement
	• Mayor Beddows read the Land Acknowledgement Statement
8.	Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda)
	• Members of the public addressed Reports on the Agenda.

9.	Disclosure of Additional Items – None
10.	Delegations – None
11.	Presentations / Awards / Deputations – None
12.	Mayor’s Declaration 1. Mayor Beddows proclaimed Friday, April 28 th , 2023 to be observed as “National Day of Mourning” in the Town of Gananoque. 2. Mayor Beddows proclaimed the week of May 7 to 14, 2023, to be observed as “Emergency Preparedness Week”.
13.	Public Meeting – None
14.	Unfinished Business
Council-RDS-2023-06 – King Street Pedestrian Bridge – Update (Report Postponed from April 4, 2023)	
	Motion #23-081 – King Street Pedestrian Bridge – Update Moved by: Councillor Kirkby Seconded by: Councillor Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE KING STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE – UPDATE AND SEEKING DIRECTION REPORT FOR INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT RDS-2023-06. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS
	Motion #23-089 – King Street Pedestrian Bridge – Direction to Staff Moved by: Councillor Harper Seconded by: Councillor Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE KING STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE FOR COUNCIL’S REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION. CARRIED – 6 Ayes, 1 Nay
Council-CAO-2023-07 – Strategic Plan Update	
	Motion #23-082 – Strategic Plan Update Moved by: Councillor Osmond Seconded by: Councillor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES OPTION #1, COUNCIL REVIEWS AND REAFFIRMS THE EXISTING 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT CAO-2023-07. CARRIED – 4 Ayes, 3 Nays
Council-CAO-2023-08 – Lowertown Bilingual Signage	
	***Moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Kirkby that the recommendation contained in Council Report CAO-2023-08, be amended to add “AND INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF QR CODES AND A POLICY ON BILINGUAL RECAPITALIZATION OR UNIVERSAL SIGNAGE AS APPROPRIATE.” CARRIED – UNANIMOUS
	Motion #23-083 – Lowertown Bilingual Signage – Refer to 2024 Budget Deliberations Moved By: Councillor Brown Seconded By: Councillor Kirkby BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES OPTION #3, REFER THE COST OF \$37,035 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SIGNS TO THE 2024 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT CAO-2023-08, AND INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF QR CODES AND A POLICY ON BILINGUAL RECAPITALIZATION OR UNIVERSAL SIGNAGE AS APPROPRIATE. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS, as amended

Council-CAO-2023-09 – 400 Stone Street North – Future of Building

Motion #23-084 – 400 Stone Street North – Future of Building – Postpone
Moved by: Councillor Osmond **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Leakey
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
POSTPONES REPORT COUNCIL-CAO-2023-09, TO THE TUESDAY, MAY 2,
2023 MEETING OF COUNCIL.

CARRIED – 4 Ayes, 3 Nays

*****At this point, the Chair called a recess at 8:30 PM.**
*****The meeting resumed at 8:45 PM.**

Council-FIN-2023-17 – 341 Garden Street – Utility Account

****The Chair asked Mr. Dailey if he wished to speak to the report.**
****Mr. Dailey thanked Council for considering the request and provided comments regarding the report and the outstanding utility billing.**

*****Moved by Councillor Koiner and seconded by Councillor Osmond to amend the recommendation presented in Report Council-FIN-2023-17 to add “AND FURTHER COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE TOWN TREASURER TO WAIVE INTEREST FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS ON THE CURRENT OUTSTANDING BALANCES PENDING FINALIZATION OF A REPAYMENT PLAN WITH THE OWNER.”**

CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 2 Nays

Motion #23-085 – 341 Garden Street – Utility Account
Moved by: Councillor Koiner **Seconded by:** Councillor Osmond
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
UPHOLDS BY-LAW NOS. 2008-020 AND 2022-002, AS IT RELATES TO THE
341 GARDEN STREET UTILITY ACCOUNT, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL
REPORT COUNCIL-FIN-2023-17,

AND FURTHER COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE TOWN TREASURER TO WAIVE
INTEREST FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS ON THE CURRENT
OUTSTANDING BALANCES PENDING FINALIZATION OF A REPAYMENT
PLAN WITH THE OWNER.

CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 2 Nays

Council-CSC-2023-06 – Integrity Commissioner Appointment

Motion #23-090 – Reconsider the Appointment of Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner
Moved by: Councillor Osmond **Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Leakey
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
APPROVES OPTION #5, RECONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF TONY
FLEMING AS THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER, AS PRESENTED IN
COUNCIL REPORT CSC-2023-06.

CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 2 Nays

By-law No. 2023-056 – Repeal By-law No. 2023-020 – Integrity Commissioner Appointment
Moved by: Mayor Beddows **Seconded by:** Councillor Koiner
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE
APPROVES OPTION #3, PASS BY-LAW NO. 2023-056, BEING A BY-LAW TO
REPEAL BY-LAW NO. 2023-020, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE
MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH PRINCIPLES
INTEGRITY, AS THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE’S INTEGRITY
COMMISSIONER, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT CSC-2023-06.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

Council-PD-2023-08 – Amend Mobile Canteen By-law and General Fees & Rates By-law

***Moved by Deputy Mayor Leakey and seconded by Councillor Osmond to amend:

1. That Section 6.9.1 to read as follows “**All mobile canteens located on private property are encouraged to use food and/or drink containers that are accepted in blue box (plastic/metal/glass) or green box (paper/fibre) program.**”, and;
2. That Section 6.9.2. to read as follows “**All mobile canteens located on public property are required to use acceptable biodegradable food service containers such as bowls, plates, trays, cups, lids, straws.**”

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

By-law No. 2023-047 – Amend Mobile Canteen By-law No. 2015-012 (3rd Reading)

Moved by: Councillor Osmond **Seconded by:** Councillor Harper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE READS FOR A THIRD TIME BY-LAW NO. 2023-047, BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2015-012, A BY-LAW TO REGULATE AND GOVERN MOBILE CANTEENS, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT PD-2023-08,

AND FURTHER THAT SECTION 6.9.1., BE REMOVED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACED WITH “**ALL MOBILE CANTEENS LOCATED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE FOOD AND/OR DRINK CONTAINERS THAT ARE ACCEPTED IN BLUE BOX (PLASTIC/METAL/GLASS) OR GREEN BOX (PAPER/FIBRE) PROGRAM.**”,

AND FURTHER THAT SECTION 6.9.2., BE REMOVED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACED WITH “**ALL MOBILE CANTEENS LOCATED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY ARE REQUIRED TO USE ACCEPTABLE BIODEGRADABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS SUCH AS BOWLS, PLATES, TRAYS, CUPS, LIDS, STRAWS.**”

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS, as amended

By-law No. 2023-049 – Amend General Fees & Rates By-law No. 2016-047 – Schedule ‘A’

Moved by: Councillor Koiner **Seconded by:** Councillor Osmond

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2023-049, BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE GENERAL FEES AND RATES BY-LAW NO. 2016-047, SCHEDULE ‘A’, GENERAL LICENCES, TO ADD FEES WITH RESPECT TO MOBILE CANTEENS, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT PD-2023-08.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

***At this point, Council consider Reports Council -REC-2023-11, 2023-12 and 2023-13.

15. **Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

Motion #23-080 – Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Kirkby **Seconded by:** Councillor Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2023 MEETING.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

17.	Motions (Council Direction to Staff)
	<p data-bbox="341 209 1507 249">1. Parking Shortage in Lowertown – Direction to Staff – Mayor Beddows</p> <p data-bbox="341 290 1507 774"> Motion #23-092 – Parking Shortage in Lowertown – Direction to Staff Moved By: Mayor Beddows Seconded By: Councillor Brown WHEREAS THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECOGNIZES THAT WATERFRONT ACCESS IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE RESIDENTS OF GANANOQUE; AND WHEREAS THE SHORTAGE OF PARKING IN LOWERTOWN IS ACKNOWLEDGED AS AN IMPEDIMENT TO THAT ACCESS AND ENJOYMENT OF THE WATERFRONT BY RESIDENTS OF GANANOQUE; AND WHEREAS PLACEMENT OF TREES IN PARKING AREAS HAS DECREASED PARKING SPACES IN LOWERTOWN AS WELL AS INCREASED THE COST OF SNOW-CLEARANCE ON WATER STREET. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE COST OF MITIGATION OF THE PARKING SHORTAGE IN LOWERTOWN THROUGH CONDUCT OF ALL NECESSARY WORK TO PAVE THE SOUTH SIDE OF WATER STREET FACING THE 1000 ISLANDS HISTORY MUSEUM, WHERE POSSIBLE, STAFF ARE DIRECTED TO RE-PLANT TREES REMOVED IN THIS PROCESS ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ELSEWHERE. <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 200px;">CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 2 Nays</p> </p>
	<p data-bbox="341 1163 1507 1298"> 2. Vehicle Traffic Counter on Bay Road – Direction to Staff – Councillor Koiner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no seconder for the Motion as presented. No further action required at this time. </p>
18.	Correspondence
	<p data-bbox="341 1365 1507 1405">1. Accounts Payable – March 25 to April 11, 2023</p>
	<p data-bbox="341 1419 1507 1459">2. Unadopted Minutes – Business Improvement Area (BIA) – April 6, 2023</p>
	<p data-bbox="341 1473 1507 1540"> 3. Business Improvement Area (BIA) – Appointment to the Downtown BIA Board of Directors (BIA Motion #23-010) </p>
	<p data-bbox="341 1580 1507 1943"> By-law No. 2023-055 – Amend By-law No. 2023-016 – Appointments to the Downtown BIA Board of Directors Moved By: Councillor Osmond Seconded By: Mayor Beddows BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE AMENDS BY-LAW NO. 2023-016, BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINTMENT MEMBERS TO THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (BIA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ADD THE FOLLOW MEMBERS: 1. LESLEY POOLE; 2. RYAN CHARTRAND, AND; 3. SHANNON TREANOR. <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 200px;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p> </p>
	<p data-bbox="341 1997 1507 2064">4. Thousand Islands Youth Boxing Club (TIYBC) – Request to Council (+Ref. Report CAO-2023-09)</p>
	<p data-bbox="341 2077 1507 2145">5. Leeds & Grenville Labour Council – Invite to Day of Mourning Ceremony – Saturday, April 29, 2023</p>
	<p data-bbox="341 2158 1507 2225">6. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – <i>Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act</i></p>
	<p data-bbox="341 2239 1507 2279">7. International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia – May 17, 2022</p>
	<p data-bbox="341 2292 1507 2373">8. Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) – Audited Financial Statement – December 31, 2022</p>
	<p data-bbox="341 2386 1507 2427">9. Household Hazardous Waste Days</p>

