

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 5:00 PM 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	Melanie Kirkby, Treasurer
	Anne-Marie Koiner	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Development
	Vicky Leakey	Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks and Recreation
	David Osmond	Scott Gee, Police Chief
		Gord Howard, Fire Chief
Regrets:	Patrick Kirkby	David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof – None
3.	Closed Meeting of Council (Beginning at 5:00 PM)
	Move into Closed Session
	Moved by Deputy Mayor Leakey that the Council of the Town of Gananoque, in accordance with Section 239.2 of the <i>Municipal Act</i> , moves into Closed Session at 5:03 PM for the purpose of discussing two (2) items under A Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality; one (1) item under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees, and; one (1) item under Security of Property of the Municipality or Local Board. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS
4.	Move Out of Closed Session at 6:07 PM
	Council resumed the Open Session at 6:17 PM.
5.	Reporting Out of Closed Session – Matters Arising
	A Closed Meeting was held. Council discussed two (2) property items under A Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality. There is nothing to report out on the first property matter. Council also discussed one (1) item under Security of Property of Municipality or Local Board. There was nothing to report out on this item. Further, Council discussed a second matter under A Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality, and one (1) item under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees, with respect to a Human Resources Matter. The following recommendations were considered.
	By-law No. 2023-093 – Purchase of Vacant Lands Front the North Side of the St. Lawrence River Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2023-093, BEING A BY-LAW TO APPROVE THE

	<p>PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT SUBSTANTIALLY, TO ACQUIRE VACANT LANDS FRONTING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, AND; AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO ANY AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN'S SOLICITOR, AND AS PRESENTED IN CLOSED SESSION ON AUGUST 15, 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
	<p>By-law No. 2023-091 – Appoint a Chief Building Official (CBO) Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2023-091, BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT BLAKE KEYES AS CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL (CBO) FOR THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
	<p>By-law No. 2023-092 – Appoint a Casual Building Inspector Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2023-092, BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT TERRY WILLING AS A CASUAL BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
6.	Canadian National Anthem
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Anthem was sung.
7.	Land Acknowledgement Statement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Beddows read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
8.	Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the public addressed Reports listed on the Agenda.
<p>***At this point, Council considered Report-REC-2023-20, entitled “Amend General Fees & Rates By-law, Schedule ‘H’ – 2023/2024 Ice Rental Rates”.</p>	
<p>***Councillor Osmond left the meeting and did not return.</p>	
9.	Disclosure of Additional Items – None
10.	Delegations – None
11.	Presentations / Awards / Deputations
	<p>1. Dr. Linna Li, Medical Officer of Health – Introduction to Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Linna Li, Medical Officer of Health appeared before Council to introduce herself and provide updates on the Lanark, Leeds & Grenville Health Unit.
	<p>2. Mayor’s Report to Council – Physician Attraction Incentive Program – Mayor Beddows, Steve Donachey, CAO, TLTI and Councillor Jamison and Deputy Mayor Fodey, TLTI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Donachey, CAO from TLTI, provided background on the Physician Recruitment Working Group. The Group is established to recruit physicians to our area. • Dr. Hart, Mayor Beddows, and Deputy Mayor Leakey, are the representatives for the Town of Gananoque. • TLTI Councillor Jamison and Deputy Mayor Fodey were in attendance to answer any questions. • Mayor Beddows provided an overview on the Mayor’s Report to Council and the Physician Attraction Incentive Program. • Council considered the following recommendation.

	<p>Motion #23-168 – Physician Recruitment Attraction Incentive Program Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO IMPLEMENT AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSES OF ATTRACTING FAMILY PHYSICIANS TO GANANOQUE, AND TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO COLLABORATE WITH TLTI IN OVERALL ATTRACTION EFFORTS. FUNDING FOR THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM IS TO BE PRO-RATED FOR 2023 FROM THE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND SET ASIDE THE CRITERIA FROM THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM TO DRAW \$40,000, IF NEEDED, FOR THE BALANCE OF THE 2023 BUDGET YEAR. FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM GOING FORWARD, UP TO \$80,000 ANNUALLY, IS TO BE INCLUDED AND BRIEFED AS AN ELEMENT OF THE 2024 BUDGET DELIBERATION PROCESS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
	<p>3. Ann Weir, Economic Development Manager, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville – Leeds Grenville Economic Development Overview</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann Weir, appeared before Council and presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Leeds Grenville Economic Development Overview”.
12.	Mayor’s Declaration – None
13.	Public Meeting – None
14.	Unfinished Business
Council-CAO-2023-20 – Municipal Agreement – Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA)	
<p>***Moved by Mayor Beddows and seconded by Councillor Koiner to amend the recommendation in Report-Council-CAO-2023-20, to remove “\$1,767 ANNUALLY” and replace with “\$492 ANNUALLY”, and further add “PROVIDING CATEGORY #3 OPTIONS FOR WATERSHED MONITORING AND LAND STEWARDSHIP CAN BE SEVERED”, after “COUNCIL REPORT CAO-2023-20”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 3 Ayes, 2 Nays</p>	
	<p>Motion #23-169 – Municipal Agreement – Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) Moved by: Councillor Osmond Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPROVES A MODIFIED OPTION #1 (PASS A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN A 5-YEAR AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE WITH THE TOWN PARTICIPATING THE WATERSHED MONITORING AND LAND STEWARDSHIP PORTION OF CATEGORY #3 ACTIVITIES AT A COST OF \$492 ANNUALLY), REGARDING THE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE AND THE CATARAQUI REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (CRCA), AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT CAO-2023-20, PROVIDING CATEGORY #3 OPTIONS FOR WATERSHED MONITORING AND LAND STEWARDSHIP CAN BE SEVERED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 3 Ayes, 2 Nays</p>
15.	Approval of Minutes – July 18 and 28, 2023
	<p>Motion #23-167 – Approval of Minutes – July 18 and 28, 2023 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023, AND THE SPECIAL MINUTES OF FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>

16.	Staff Reports
Council-FIN-2023-35 – Capital Matters Pending	
	<p>Motion #23-170 – Capital Matters Pending Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE CAPITAL MATTERS PENDING UPDATE, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT FIN-2023-35.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
Council-FIN-2023-36 – 2023 Second (2nd) Quarter Operating Income Statement	
	<p>Motion #23-171 – 2023 Second (2nd) Quarter Operating Income Statement Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION, THE 2023 SECOND QUARTER OPERATING INCOME STATEMENT AS AT JUNE 30, 2023, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT FIN-2023-36.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
Council-REC-2023-20 – Amend General Fees & Rates By-law – 2023/2024 Ice Rental Rates – Schedule ‘H’	
	<p>***Moved by Councillor Koiner and seconded by Councillor Brown, to amend the recommendation in Council Report REC-2023-20, to add “AND FURTHER, IN ORDER TO ASSIST AFFECTED USER GROUPS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INCREASED FEES, THAT COUNCIL PRE-APPROVES A ONE TIME COMMUNITY GRANT TO EACH USER GROUP THAT APPLIES, USING THE APPLICATION FORM, A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF 7% OF THEIR NEW ANNUAL FEE”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
	<p>By-law No. 2023-089 – Amend General Fees & Rates By-law – 2023/2024 Ice Rental Rates – Schedule ‘H’ Moved by: Councillor Koiner Seconded by: Councillor Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2023-089, BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE GENERAL FEES AND RATES BY-LAW NO. 2016-047, COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL SERVICES, SCHEDULE ‘H’, TO ADD A 10% INCREASE TO THE ICE SURFACE FEES AND RATES FOR THE 2023/2024 ICE SEASON, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT REC-2023-20;</p> <p>AND FURTHER, IN ORDER TO ASSIST AFFECTED USER GROUPS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INCREASED FEES, THAT COUNCIL PRE-APPROVES A ONE TIME COMMUNITY GRANT TO EACH USER GROUP THAT APPLIES, USING THE APPLICATION FORM, A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF 7% OF THEIR NEW ANNUAL FEE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS, as amended</p>
Council-PD-2023-15 – Housing Accelerator Fund – Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation (CMHC)	
	<p>Motion #23-172 – Housing Accelerator Fund – Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation (CMHC) Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE AUTHORIZE STAFF TO APPLY TO THE CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION (CMHC) FOR THE HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND (HAF), AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT-PD-2023-15.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>

