



## Township of Central Frontenac Council Highlights January 23, 2026

Council held its Regular Meeting on January 13, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m., chaired by Deputy Mayor Cindy Kelsey. The meeting opened with a land acknowledgement recognizing the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation, followed by the National Anthem. Council approved the meeting agenda and the minutes from the December 9, 2025, meeting. No conflicts of interest were declared.

During Mayor's Remarks, Council was advised that the Polar Bear Plunge hosted by the Heritage Festival Committee was held last weekend and was very successful. Council also confirmed that the Heritage Festival will take place over the Family Day weekend in February.

Council received a presentation from Alto High-Speed Rail. Council members raised concerns about the lack of available route details, possible impacts on recreational trail systems, and limited long-term benefits for the Township. Alto representatives advised that routing details are not yet finalized. One Councillor opposed receiving the presentation and requested a recorded vote.

Council also heard from the North Frontenac Little Theatre, which shared information about its strong community involvement, local events, youth programming, and cultural activities. The Theatre presented a cheque to the Township from proceeds of its most recent production. Staff confirmed that discussions are underway regarding improved communications and potential grant applications for a portable stage and seating risers.

Under the Consent Agenda, Council received routine correspondence for information, including municipal and provincial letters, the Eastern Ontario Regional Network update, and the Sharbot Lake Farmers Market minutes.

Council reviewed staff reports and departmental updates. The December 2025 Building Activity Report was received, and Council approved a 2.0 per cent increase to building permit fees effective February 1, 2026, in line with inflation requirements. Public Works activity reports and capital project updates were also received for information.

Council reviewed an updated Parking By-law and related Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) amendments. Adoption of the by-law was deferred to allow for further review at certain boat launches to ensure parking areas are clearly defined before enforcement begins.

Council also received the results of a public survey related to the draft Sewage System Standards By-law. A total of 62 responses were received. Staff noted that some survey responses reflected confusion, with respondents believing the sewage system standards themselves were changing. Staff clarified that no changes to the standards are proposed. The only proposed change is how the by-law would be enforced, moving from the Provincial Offences Act to an Administrative Monetary Penalty System. Staff noted that additional public communication may be needed to clarify this.

Council approved the Heritage Festival Committee Terms of Reference. Correspondence regarding the extension of Ontario Courts' use of space at Soldiers Memorial Hall was deferred for further review.

Council also passed the Committee of Adjustment appointment by-law for 2026 and the Confirming By-law for the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of Council will be held on January 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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