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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 16, 2025

A regular meeting of the Council of the County of Frontenac was held in the Frontenac Room of the County Administrative Office, 2069 Battersea Road, Glenburnie on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Present: Warden Gerry Lichty, Deputy Warden Bill Saunders, Councillors Fred Fowler, Nicki Gowdy, Judy Greenwood-Speers, Ray Leonard, Fran Smith, and Ron Vandewal

Also Present:

County:

Richard Allen, Manager of Economic Development

Jannette Amini, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Susan Brant, Administrator-Fairmount Home

Rob Dillbough, Manager of Marine Services

Kevin Farrell, Chief Administrative Officer

Joe Gallivan, Director of Planning and Economic Development

Marc Goudie, Chief/Director of Emergency & Transportation Services

Alex Lemieux, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer

Brieanna McEathron, Deputy Clerk

Barb McCulloch, Director of Human Resource

Call to Order

We begin this gathering by acknowledging and celebrating these traditional lands as a gathering place of the first peoples and their ancestors who are entrusted to care for mother earth since time immemorial. We do so respecting both the land and the Indigenous People who continue to walk with us through this world. Today, the County is committed to working with Indigenous peoples and all residents to pursue a united path of reconciliation.

Roll Call

Closed Session

Approval of Addendum

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Adoption of Minutes

a) Minutes of Meeting held March 19, 2025

Whereas economic development is a shared responsibility that draws strength from the creativity, collaboration, and commitment of local businesses, community members, and municipal leaders working together to support vibrant, resilient communities; and,

Whereas the County of Frontenac affirms that a strong, inclusive, and sustainable economy is essential to community well-being — enriching the lives of residents, supporting business and service delivery, and contributing to the long-term prosperity of the region; and,

Whereas the Charter for Economic Development adopted by Frontenac County in 2024 articulates a community-driven vision that celebrates our rural identity, prioritizes partnerships, and advances growth through investment in economic infrastructure, housing, food and beverage, and tourism; and,

Whereas the people of Frontenac — from entrepreneurs and food producers to service providers, developers, and volunteers — are the driving force behind a thriving local economy and a shared quality of life;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Frontenac hereby proclaims **May 11 through May 17, 2025** as **Economic Development Week in Frontenac County**, and encourages all residents to recognize and support the businesses, organizations, and individuals whose efforts continue to shape a vibrant and prosperous future for our communities.

Carried

f) Personal Support Worker (PSW) Day

May 19, 2025

Motion #: 97-25 Moved By: Councillor Gowdy

Seconded By: Councillor Greenwood-Speers

Whereas the Canadian PSW Network promotes support and advocacy for PSWs across Ontario that offers support for mental health, education, resources and strength to our community's most invaluable PSWs;

And Whereas the Canadian PSW Network advocates that PSWs are the ones who take care of our community's seniors and most vulnerable every day while they live, work and raise their own families;

And Whereas the Canadian PSW Network takes action to improve the PSWs access to affordable education, resources and increased awareness to the public of the importance of the role that the PSW plays in our communities in the care of our community's loved ones;

And Whereas the Canadian PSW Network actively encourages everyone to join in recognizing the monumental importance of the Personal Support Workers who provide the utmost of care, respect and dignity to our community's most vulnerable and acknowledge that the work and services they provide selflessly every day are truly invaluable, especially during the current crisis they are faced with in this Global Pandemic;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the County of Frontenac hereby proclaims May 19, 2025 to be "Personal Support Worker (PSW) Day" in the County of Frontenac.

Carried

- g) Paramedic Services Week**
Diversity in Paramedicine
May 18-25, 2025

Motion #: 98-25 Moved By: Councillor Smith

Seconded By: Councillor Vandewal

Whereas each year the paramedics of Frontenac Paramedic Services will respond to approximately 29,000 calls for assistance from the public;

And Whereas the paramedics are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year;

And Whereas access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury;

And Whereas the members of paramedic services teams, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their life saving skills;

And Whereas the members of paramedic services teams often find themselves in dangerous and traumatic situations requiring spontaneous decision-making;

And Whereas the members of paramedic services teams provide a vital pre-hospital service to the residents of the geographic area of the County of Frontenac and the City of Kingston;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the week of May 18 - 25 ,2025 be proclaimed **Paramedic Services Week** in the County of Frontenac and recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the National EMS Week with the theme of **"We care. For Everyone"**

Carried

Move into Committee of the Whole

1. **2025-036**

Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Guidelines Final Document

Be It Resolved That the Council of the County of Frontenac receive the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Guidelines, as prepared by Envision Consultants Ltd., dated December 12, 2024, in fulfilment of the terms of the project contract;

And Further That Council direct County staff to use the EIS Guidelines, where applicable, for all planning applications where the County is the approval authority;

And Further That Council direct County staff to share the EIS Guidelines with our partner Townships and encourage them to adopt the guidelines for use in applicable planning applications where they are the approval authority, in order to ensure a consistent approach for these types of studies across the County

2. **2025-037**

Eastern Ontario Rail Trail Loop Market Readiness Assessment Results and Next Steps

Be It Resolved That the County of Frontenac take the following actions:

Be It Resolved That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to enter into a formal partnership with OHTO, relevant municipalities and trail managers to continue and encourage the development of the Eastern Ontario Rail Trail Loop

And Further That staff be authorized to participate in the development of a joint strategy, action plan and governance structure for the Eastern Ontario Rail Trail Loop.

3. **2025-009**

E-Bikes, E-Scooters, Mobility Scooters and other forms of micromobility on the K&P Trail

Be It Resolved the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee receives report 2025-009;

And Further That staff be directed to amend Bylaw No. 2022-0033 as follows:

1. **That** Section 2, Definitions, be amended by deleting the following:

“**E-Bike**” shall mean a motor assisted bicycle within the meaning of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O .1990, c.H.8, as amended.

And replacing with:

“**E-Bike**” shall mean a power-assisted bicycle, also called an electric bicycle or e-bike, is a bicycle with an electric motor that has a handlebar for steering, working pedals, two or three wheels, an electric motor and braking systems.

2. **That** Section 2, Definitions, be amended by adding the following definitions, in alphabetical order:

Electric Kick Scooter shall mean an a two-wheeled, handlebar-equipped, stand-up scooter powered by an electric motor and is equipped with a brake, bell or horn, and front and rear lights.

Low Speed Vehicle (LSV) shall mean a four-wheeled electric vehicle designed for short-distance transportation. It is equipped with essential safety features including seat belts, mirrors, turn signals, headlights, brake lights, and a horn. LSVs can operate at speeds up to 40 km/h and are permitted only on roads with a posted speed limit of 50 km/h or less, as regulated under Ontario's Low-Speed Vehicle Pilot Program. LSVs must be registered, insured, and operated by a licensed driver.

3. **That** Section 2 be re-numbered accordingly.

That the report of the Committee of the Whole Council be adopted and that the necessary actions or by-laws be enacted.

Carried

Motions, Notice of Which has Been Given

Giving Notice of Motion

Communications

That Council consent to the following communications of interest to Council listed below be received and filed:

- a) **From the Municipality of Assiginack regarding a Resolution on Tariffs and a Canadian Business First policy**
[Distributed to Members of County Council March 21, 2025]

- b) **From the Municipality of Temagami providing a Letter of Support for County of Frontenac Tile Drainage Resolution**
[Distributed to Members of County Council March 21, 2025]

- c) **From the Township of Joly regarding a Resolution on Blood Collection and No paid plasma**

[Distributed to Members of County Council March 21, 2025]

- d) From the Township of McGarry regarding a Resolution supporting the governments tariff measures**

[Distributed to Members of County Council March 21, 2025]

- e) From the EOWC providing its April 2025 Newsletter**

[Distributed to Members of County Council April 11, 2025]

- f) From the Municipality of St. Charles regarding a Resolution on Child Welfare Funding**

[Distributed to Members of County Council April 11, 2025]

- g) From the Municipality of St. Charles regarding a Resolution on Proposed US Tariffs on Canadian Goods**

[Distributed to Members of County Council April 11, 2025]

- h) From the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan regarding a Resolution on Child Welfare Funding**

[Distributed to Members of County Council April 11, 2025]

- i) From the Township of Central Frontenac regarding a Resolution on a US Tariff Response**

[Distributed to Members of County Council April 11, 2025]

- j) From the Township of North Glengarry regarding a Resolution concerning Rural Roads Safety**
[Distributed to Members of County Council April 11, 2025]

- k) From the Whitewater Region regarding a Resolution concerning the Ontario Deposit Return Program**
[Distributed to Members of County Council April 11, 2025]

- l) From the Whitewater Region regarding a Resolution on Tile Drainage**
[Distributed to Members of County Council April 11, 2025]

- m) From the County of Lennox and Addington regarding a Resolution on Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates**
[Distributed to Members of County Council April 11, 2025]

Other Business

By-Laws – General By-laws and Confirmatory By-law

- a) First and Second Reading**

