

## Regular Council Minutes

9:00 AM - Friday, December 13, 2024  
Council Chambers

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**Present:** Mayor Gerry Lichty, Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Councillor Roy Huetl, Councillor Stephanie Regent, Councillor Wayne Good, Councillor Vernon Hermer; and Councillor Fred Fowler

**Also Present:** Corey Klatt, Chief Administrative Officer, Dipl. M.A.; Kelly Watkins, CAO Back up/Treasurer, Dipl. M.A., M.M., Tara Mieske, Clerk/Planning Manager, Dipl.M.A. Dipl.M.M., Darwyn Sproule, Public Works Manager, P. Eng., Adam Robinson, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief (Electronic Participation), and Brooke Ross, Manager of Community Development, Dipl.M.A.

### 1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

### 2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

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 Township of North Frontenac is committed to working with Indigenous Peoples and all residents to pursue a united path of reconciliation.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

#### a) *December 13, 2024*

**428-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good**

**Be It Resolved That** Council approves the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated December 13, 2024, as circulated.

**Carried**

### 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None declared.

### 5. Closed Session

#### a) *Closed Meeting of Council*

**429-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good**

**Be It Resolved That** Council retires to Closed Session at 9:03 a.m. to:

- a. Adopt Minutes of a Closed Meeting held November 22, 2024; and
- b. Discuss Litigation or Potential Litigation, affecting the Municipality or a Local Board.

**Carried**

## **6. Rise and Report (Overview of the Closed Session by the Presiding Officer)**

The Mayor advised that, during Closed Session, Council adopted Minutes of a Closed Meeting held November 22, 2024; and discussed Potential Litigation, affecting the Municipality or a Local Board.

## **7. Presentations**

### **a) *Recipients of Years of Service Awards:***

#### **Waste/Recycling**

**Antonio Runco - 15 Years**

**Gary Thompson - 15 Years**

**Randy Baker - 10 Years**

#### **North Frontenac Fire Department**

**Dillon Boles 15 Years**

#### **North Frontenac Council Members**

**Wayne Good - 20 Years**

**Vernon Hermer - 10 Years**

***The following recipients will receive their recognition at an event organized by Kaladar Barrie Fire Chief Cuddy:***

#### **2023 Recipients**

**Mitchell Alcock - 15 Years**

**Russell Gray - 10 Years**

**John Nowell - 20 Years**

**Jamie Miles - 10 Years**

**Dwayne Thibault - 20 Years**

**Kristin Warlick - 10 Years**

#### **2024 Recipients**

**James Nowell - 15 Years**

**Kevin Smart - 30 Years**

*Wayne Speck - 10 Years*  
*Casey Cuddy - 45 Years*

- b) *Tyler Lalonde, Administrative Coordinator, Frontenac Municipal Services Corporation: Annual Update*

**430-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the annual update from Tyler Lalonde, Administrative Coordinator with Frontenac Municipal Services Corporation, and Kevin Farrell, CAO, County of Frontenac; and thanks them for their time spent today.  
**Carried**

- c) *Joe Gallivan, Director of Planning & Economic Development, County of Frontenac: Communal Services Land Use Policies – Official Plan Amendment*

**431-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Communal Services Land Use Policies – Official Plan Amendment";

**And That** an Open House will be scheduled in early 2025 for residents to provide input and help determine where the Township should support future development on communal services for future residential, commercial, and industrial uses.

**Carried**

## 8. Delegations

- a) *Pat Storms and Tyler Wood: Site Plan*

**432-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the delegation from Dave and Pat Storms (Storm Development); and Tyler Wood (Southern Wood Inc.) and thanks them for their time spent today.

**Carried**

## 9. Adoption of Minutes

- a) *Minutes of the Meeting(s) to be adopted by Council*

**433-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Be It Resolved That** Council adopts the Minutes of the following meetings as circulated:

1. A Public Meeting regarding amendments to the Zoning By-law held November 22, 2024;

2. A Public Meeting regarding amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law held November 22, 2024;
3. A Regular Meeting of Council held November 22, 2024; and
4. A Special Meeting regarding the 2025 Proposed Draft Budget held November 29, 2024.

**Carried**

## **10. Business Arising Out of Minutes**

a) ***Resolution #355-24: 2025 Annual Billing Statement Package from Ontario Provincial Police***

**434-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Whereas** at the meeting on October 25, 2024, Council passed Resolution #355-24 receiving for information a letter dated October 4, 2024, from the Municipal Policing Board with the 2025 Annual Billing Statement Package, with an increase of \$178,294 (21.39%) over last year; and Council requested the Mayor send a letter to the Municipal Policing Board, Solicitor General, the Premier, MPP John Jordan, AMO and all other municipalities;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information an email dated December 4, 2024, from the CAO advising MPP John Jordan's office advised the Township would be receiving funding in the amount of \$147,480 to allocate towards the Township's policing costs;

**And That** as a result of this information, Council rescinds Resolution #355-24 requesting the Mayor provide a letter objecting the large increase in policing costs, as the issue has been resolved at this time.

**Carried**

b) ***Resolution #350-24: Update related to MPOA Request and Eurasion Milfoil Issue***  
***a. Update from Addington Highlands CAO/Clerk and Councillor Hook***

***b. Ontario Protecting Environment from Harmful Invasive Species Grant***

**435-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Whereas** at the meeting on October 25, 2024, Council passed Resolution #350-24 receiving for information a letter from the Mazinaw Property Owners' Association regarding government action to manage Eurasian Water Milfoil Invasive Species; and that Council supported a meeting with representatives from the Township of North Frontenac and Addington Highlands; MPs and MPPs from both ridings; and senior level representatives from Ministry of Natural Resources and Fishery, the Department of Oceans and Fisheries and Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority to discuss the issue;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** Council receives for information an email dated December 5, 2024, from Addington Highlands CAO/Clerk providing a letter from Councillor Ken Hook related to the MPOA request and the Eurasian Milfoil issue; and advising Addington Highlands Council would like to explore the option of partnering on the installation of a boat washing station as part of an initiative to prevent the spread of

invasive species from lake to lake;

**And That** Council is interested in having further discussions and requests Addington Highlands to provide more information for consideration if the Township of Addington Highlands approves this initiative within their 2025 budget.

**Carried**

**436-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Whereas** at the meeting on October 25, 2024, Council passed Resolution #350-24 receiving for information a letter from the Mazinaw Property Owners' Association requesting Council pursue the "Ontario Protecting the Environment from Harmful Invasive Species" grant; and that Council deferred the request until after discussion with the Township of Addington Highlands and other representatives;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information an email dated December 5, 2024, from the MPOA advising the grant funds have been released and the deadline for application is January 15, 2025; and MPOA requests the Township of North Frontenac submit an application for grant funding;

**And That** Council instructs the MCD to work with the MPOA and to apply for the \$3500 microgrant for invasive species prevention measures with the Township's portion of the \$1750 coming from the Contingency Reserve.

<b>For:</b>	Mayor Gerry Lichty, Councillor Wayne Good, Councillor Stephanie Regent, Councillor Roy Huetl, Councillor Vernon Hermer, Deputy Mayor John Inglis, and Councillor Fred Fowler
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**Carried 7-0 on a recorded vote**

c) **2025 Budget Updates**

**437-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Be It Resolved That** Council approves hiring an Economic Development Student for 2025;

**And That** Council instructs the Treasurer to incorporate the cost in to the 2025 Contingency Reserve Fund;

**And That** Council instructs the MCD to apply for Student Funding; and, if successful, the grant money is placed in the Contingency Reserve Fund;

**And That** the MCD shall report to Council in fall of 2025 on the position.

<b>For:</b>	Mayor Gerry Lichty, Councillor Stephanie Regent, Councillor Roy Huetl, Deputy Mayor John Inglis, and Councillor Fred Fowler
<b>Against:</b>	Councillor Wayne Good and Councillor Vernon Hermer

**Carried 5-2 on a recorded vote**

**438-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Whereas** at the Special meeting on November 29, 2024 Council passed Resolution #425-24 approving in principle the 2025 Draft Budget with a levy increase of \$327,376 being a 4.55% increase;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the 2025 Final Budget Document including the amendments as directed by Council at the Special Meeting on November 29, 2024;

**And That** Council will consider a By-law to adopt the 2025 Budget later in the meeting.

**Carried**

## 11. Communications

a) ***Clerk's Administrative Report - Communications 'A' Section***

**439-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information Section 'A' Items of the Clerk's Administrative Report entitled "Communications of Interest."

**Carried**

b) ***Communications 'B' Section - Action Items***

**None.**

## 12. Council, CAO, and Managers' Administrative Reports

a) ***Clerk/Planning Manager: Appointment of Deputy Mayor***

**440-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Appointment of Deputy Mayor";

**And That** Council receives for information the presentation(s) from:

Councillor Fowler

Councillor Inglis

**And That** Council appoints John Inglis as the Deputy Mayor for a one year term;

**And That** Council will consider an Appointing By-law later in the Meeting.

**Carried**

b) ***Clerk/Planning Manager: Shore Road Allowance Application for Approval in Principle – Camp***

**441-24 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Shore Road Allowance Application for Approval in Principle – Camp";

**And That** Council approves in principle the Application(s) to close, stop up and sell the Shore Road Allowance as described as Part of the Shore Road Allowance lying adjacent

to Part of Lot 9, South West Range, geographic Township of Clarendon (Big Gull Lake).  
**Carried**

- c) ***Clerk/Planning Manager: Concession Road Allowance Closure - Pisani/Willis***  
**442-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Concession Road Allowance Closure – Pisani/Willis";

**And That** Council denies the Application to close, stop up and sell a portion of the Concession Road Allowance between Concessions 6 and 7 in Lot 38, geographic Township of Clarendon;

**And That** Council instructs the Clerk to advise the Applicant of the denial of the application.

**Carried**

- d) ***Public Works Manager: Proposed Speed Limit Reductions on Road 509 and Myers Cave Road***

**443-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Public Works Manager's (PWM) Administrative Report entitled "Proposed Speed Limit Reductions on Road 509 and Myers Cave Road";

**And That** Council approves the speed limit reductions and limits proposed on Road 509 and Myers Cave Road by the Public Works Manager;

**And That** requests to amend posted speed limits were previously administered by the Public Works Manager and/or CAO through the Township's Complaints Policy based on previous direction from Council; however it is recommended that as we receive so few of these requests that Resolution # 290-21 be rescinded to direct the Public Works Manager to bring future requests for changes to speed limits on North Frontenac owned roads to Council for consideration, moving forward;

**And That** Council will consider an updated By-law later in the meeting.

**Carried**

- e) ***Treasurer: 2025 WSIB Rates for Fire Volunteers***

**444-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Corporation of Township of North Frontenac receives the Treasurer's Administrative Report entitled "2025 WSIB Rate for Fire Volunteers" for information purposes;

**And That** Council of the Township of North Frontenac set Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) at the maximum coverage for 2025, being \$117,000 for Volunteer Firefighter Personnel in Wards 2 & 3;

**And That** the maximum number of members of the brigade shall not exceed 30 members per station, plus the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief.

**Carried**

- f) ***Treasurer: Waiver of Penalty & Interest for Supplemental Billings issued after November 10, 2024 due to Canada Post Strike***

**445-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Treasurer's Administrative Report entitled "Waiver of Penalty & Interest for Supplemental Billings issued after November 10, 2024 due to Canada Post Strike".

**And That** Council approves waiving any Penalty and Interest on outstanding Supplemental Tax Billings issued after November 10th until 45 days after the end of the Canada Post Strike.

**Carried**

### **13. External Committees/Local Boards/Task Force Notes and Reports**

- a) ***Committee of Adjustment/Planning Advisory Committee***

**446-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment/Planning Advisory Committee dated September 23, 2024.

**Carried**

- b) ***Economic Development Task Force***

**447-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Notes of the Economic Development Task Force dated November 18, 2024.

**Carried**

- c) ***Environmental Task Force***

**448-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Notes of the Environmental Task Force dated November 26, 2024.

**Carried**

### **14. Giving Notice of Motion (By a Member of Council to the Clerk for Council's consideration for inclusion on the next Meeting Agenda)**

None.

### **15. Motions, Written Notice of which has been Given (By a Member of Council and approved by Council at a prior Meeting)**

None.

### **16. Council Portfolio Verbal Reports**

- a) *Each Council member has a portfolio for which they are responsible and provided a verbal report for information purposes.*

## 17. Introduction and Reading of By-laws

- a) *By-law(s) to be Considered:*

**449-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** leave be given the Mover to introduce the following By-law(s) that have been circulated to all members of Council:

- #2024-77 To Appoint the Deputy Mayor;
- #2024-78 Speed Limit By-law;
- #2024-79 Final Tax Rate;

**And That** these By-law(s) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

## 18. Public Forum

None.

## 19. Confirmatory By-law

- a) *Confirming By-law #2024-80*

**450-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** By-law #2024-80, being a By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council for its Regular Meeting held December 13, 2024 be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

## 20. Adjournment

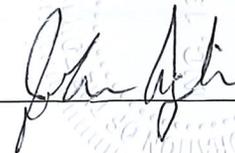
- a) *Adjournment of the Council Meeting*

**451-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council adjourns the Meeting at 11:49 a.m. until January 10, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

Deputy Mayor



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A. ...', is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature is a faint circular seal of the North Frontenac Council, featuring the text 'COUNCIL OF NORTH FRONTENAC' and '1850'.

Tara Mieske  
Clerk