



# Regular Council Minutes

9:00 AM - Friday, February 21, 2025  
Council Chambers

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**Present:** Mayor Gerry Lichty, Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Councillor Roy Huetl (Electronic Participation), Councillor Wayne Good, Councillor Vernon Hermer; and Councillor Fred Fowler

**Absent with Regret:** Councillor Stephanie Regent

**Also Present:** Corey Klatt, Chief Administrative Officer, Dipl. M.A.; Kelly Watkins, CAO Back up/Treasurer, Dipl. M.A., M.M.; Brooke Drechsler, Deputy Clerk/Assistant to the Planning Manager, Dipl.M.A.; Darwyn Sproule, Public Works Manager, P. Eng.; Adam Robinson, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief; Brooke Ross, Manager of Community Development, Dipl.M.A.; and Don Reed, Chief Building Official

## 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) February 21, 2025

**52-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council approves the Agenda dated February 21, 2025, as circulated.

**Carried**

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

None declared.

## 5. Business Profile

### a) Highland Vinyl Designs

**53-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Business Profile of Highland Vinyl Designs provided by the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF).

**Carried**

## 6. Presentations

None.

## 7. Delegations

None.

## 8. Adoption of Minutes

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

**54-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council adopts the Minutes of a meeting held January 31, 2025, as circulated.

**Carried**

## 9. Business Arising Out of Minutes

### a) *Resolution #380-24 - Amendment to Waste By-law*

**55-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Whereas** at the meeting on November 22, 2024, Council passed Resolution #380-24 to amend Schedule 'C' of the Township's Waste By-law #60-17:

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information an email dated February 4, 2025, from the Clerk/Planning Manager advising Schedule 'C' of By-law #80-23 should have been amended;

**And That** Council will consider a By-law later in the meeting to amend Schedule 'C' of By-law #80-23.

**Carried**

## 10. Communications

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

**56-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**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.

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

### a) *Deputy Mayor: Response to U.S. Aggression*

**57-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be it Resolved That** Council receives for Information Deputy Mayor John Inglis' Administrative Report entitled "Response to U.S. Aggression";

**And That** in response to U.S. President Donald Trump's comments that Canada should become the 51st state, this Council finds the comments offensive and insulting, and advises both Provincial and Federal governments to never consider or discuss the possibility of such a union;

**And That** federal and provincial leaders have encouraged Canadians to support Canadian businesses and municipalities have significant purchasing power; however have traditionally been prevented from giving preference to Canadian suppliers;

**And That** Council requests that staff review existing procurement policies and applicable laws to determine if there are existing mechanisms to allow the Township of North Frontenac to offer a preference to Canadian companies for capital projects and other supplies;

**And That** Council instructs the Clerk to provide a copy of this resolution to Scott Reid, MP; John Jordan, MPP; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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

**Carried 4-2 on a recorded vote**

### b) *Clerk/Planning Manager: Shore Road Allowance Closure and By-law - Scaletta and Smith/Demoe*

**58-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Shore Road Allowance Closure and Sale By-law –Scaletta and Smith/Demoe";

**And That**, as required by By-law #20-23, the following be declared as surplus and sold to the adjoining owners:

- All That Part of the Road Allowance in front of Lot 23, Concession 6, and Block A on Registered Plan 1090, geographic Township of Barrie, being Part 2 on Registered Plan 13R-23291 (Kashwakamak Lake); and
- All Those Parts of the Road Allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 1, geographic Township of South Canonto, Township of North Frontenac, County of Frontenac being Parts 4 and 5 on Registered Plan 13R-22057 (Palmerston Lake)

**And That** appraisals of the properties are not necessary as these are Shore Road Allowances;

**And That** Council will consider a By-law later in the meeting to Stop-up, Close and Sell portions of the Shore Road Allowances.

**Carried**

- c) ***Clerk/Planning Manager: Concession and Shore Road Allowance Application for Approval in Principle – Boyle, Bond and Johnson***

**59-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

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

**And That** Council approves in principle the Application to close, stop up and sell the Concession Road Allowance described as Part of the Concession Road Allowance between Concessions 6 and 7, geographic Township of Barrie (Kashwakamak Lake), shown as Part 1 on Registered Plan 13R-21377 and the Shore Road Allowance between the Concession Road Allowance and Kashwakamak Lake being Part 2 on Registered Plan 13R-21377.

**Carried**

- d) ***Clerk/Planning Manager: Senior of the Year Award - 2025 Nominations***

**60-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Senior of the Year Award – 2025 Nominations";

**And That** this award gives the Municipality the opportunity to honour one of our outstanding local seniors for the contributions they've made to enrich the social, cultural and civic life of our community;

**And That** Council wishes to participate in the Ontario Senior Achievement Award in 2025 as it recognizes an individual for significant contributions to their community after the age of 65;

**And That** Council defers the nominations until the next Council meeting for additional candidates to be considered for the awards.

**Carried**

- e) ***Clerk/Planning Manager: To Sign the Statement of the Municipality as Part of the Application for Environmental Compliance Approval – Fernleigh Lodge***

**61-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "To Sign the Statement of the Municipality as Part of the Application for Environmental Compliance Approval – Fernleigh Lodge";

**And That** Council will consider a By-law later in the Meeting to authorize the Mayor and

Clerk to sign the Statement of the Municipality as part of the Application for Environmental Compliance Approval;

**And That** in the future, if the Planner's review of the proposal determines the development proposed under the ECA submission complies with the relevant policies of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer or the Clerk to sign the Statement of the Municipality on behalf of the Township. If concerns are identified the Statement of Municipality shall be provided to Council for consideration.

**Carried**

- f) ***Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief: 2025 Essential Services Fair***  
**62-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council received for information the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief's Administrative Report entitled "2025 Essential Services Fair" for information purposes.

**Carried**

- g) ***Manager of Community Development: Community Halls - Standby Generators***  
**63-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Manager of Community Development's Administrative Report entitled "Community Halls - Standby Generators";

**And That** Council approves the purchase of a standby generator for the Snow Road Community Hall at a estimated cost of \$15,500;

**And That** Council Instructs the Treasurer to transfer an estimated \$12,000 from the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) and thanks the Snow Road Hall Committee for their contribution of \$3,500 towards this project;

**And That** the Manager of Community Development will continue to work with Hall Committees and watch for grant opportunities for Harlowe Hall and Clar Mill Hall generators and if nothing arises in 2025, the MCD will bring back to Council for consideration in the 2026 budget.

**Carried**

- h) ***Manager of Community Development: Crown Land Stewardship Program Annual Report 2024***

**64-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Manager of Community Development's Administrative Report entitled "Crown Land Stewardship Program Annual Report 2024".

**Carried**

- i) ***Manager of Community Development: Ontario Trillium Capital Grant – Bike Park at Cloyne Ball Diamond Property***

**65-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Manager of Community Development's (MCD) Administrative Report entitled "Ontario Trillium Capital Grant – Bike Park at Cloyne Ball Diamond Property";

**And That** Council approves the MCD's Application to the 2025 Ontario Trillium Capital Grant for 100% project funding;

**And That** Council directs the CAO to enter into a Funding Agreement with Ontario Trillium Capital Grant upon the Township's successful Application for 100% project funding;

**And That** Council directs the MCD to have the Bike Park installed at the Cloyne Ball Diamond Property if the Application for Funding is successful.

**Carried**

j) ***Public Works Manager: Joint Application to the Active Transportation Fund with the County of Frontenac - Snow Road Multi-use Pathway***

**66-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Public Works Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Joint Application to the Active Transportation Fund with the County of Frontenac - Snow Road Multi-use Pathway".

**And That** Council endorses the proposed joint grant application to the Federal Active Transportation Fund for the construction of the multi-use pathway in Snow Road Station;

**And That** staff are authorized to collaborate with relevant County and community partners to prepare and submit the application prior to the February 26 deadline;

**And That** the County will submit the application with the Township as a joint participant;

**And That** the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada should the joint application to the Active Transportation Fund be successful.

**And That** Council instructs the Treasurer to transfer the estimated \$25,000 from the Canada Community Building Fund.

**Carried**

k) ***Public Works Manager: 2024 Annual Waste Management/Recycling Statistics and Year-End***

**67-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Public Works Manager's Administrative Report entitled "2024 Annual Waste Management/Recycling Statistics and Year-End".

**Carried**

***Note: The Chief Building Official left at this time.***

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

a) ***Environmental Task Force***

**68-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Task Force held January 28, 2025;

**And That** Council declares April 22, 2025 as Earth Day;

**And That** Council instructs the Clerk to prepare a Mayoral Declaration and once approved by the Mayor to include a copy on the Township's social media accounts.

**Carried**

b) ***Joint Health and Safety Committee***

**69-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Minutes of a Meeting of the Joint Health and Safety Committee held February 4, 2025.

**Carried**

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

None.

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

a) ***Notice of Motion from Councillor Fowler: Implementation of Provincial Regulations to restrict the possession, breeding and use of non-native (exotic) wild animals and licenced zoos***

**70-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Whereas** at the meeting on January 31, 2025, Council received a Notice of Motion from Councillor Fowler regarding petitioning the Provincial Government to implement Provincial Regulations to restrict the possession, breeding and use of non-native (exotic) wild animals and licenced zoos and Council approved the request;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council supports World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native (exotic) wild animals and roadside zoos;

**And That** the Township of North Frontenac hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

**And That** Council instructs the Clerk to provide the Resolution of Support to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Solicitor General; the Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry; John Jordan, MPP; and Scott Reid, MP, after the upcoming Provincial Election on February 27, 2025.

**Carried**

## 15. Council Portfolio Verbal Reports

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

## 16. Introduction and Reading of By-laws

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

**71-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**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:

- #2025-08 To Close and Sell Shore Road Allowance;
- #2025-09 To Amend Schedule 'C' of Waste By-law #80-23; and
- #2025-10 To Sign Environmental Compliance Approval Application;

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

**Carried**

## 17. Public Forum

None.

## 18. Closed Session

None.

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

## 20. Confirmatory By-law

- a) *Confirming By-law #2025-11*

**72-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Be It Resolved That** By-law #2025-11, being a By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council for its Regular Meeting held February 21, 2025, be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

## 21. Adjournment

- a) *Adjournment of the Council Meeting*

**73-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council adjourns the Meeting at 10:36 a.m. until March 14, 2025, or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk