



Regular Council Minutes

9:00 AM - Friday, April 25, 2025
Council Chambers

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

Also Present: Corey Klatt, Chief Administrative Officer, Dipl. M.A.; Tara Mieske, Dipl. M.A., M.M. Clerk/Planning Manager; Kelly Watkins, Dipl. M.A., M.M., Treasurer; Darwyn Sproule, P. Eng., Public Works Manager, Adam Robinson, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief; Brooke Ross, Dipl. M.A., Manager of Community Development; and Laura Manion, Public Works Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 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) *April 25, 2025*

129-25 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council approves the Agenda dated April 25, 2025, as circulated.
Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None declared.

5. Business Profile

None.

6. Presentations

None.

7. Delegations

- a) ***Concession and Shore Road Allowance Closure and By-law - Boyd/Boyle/Johnson (including Delegations from Rob Nowell and Nick Johnson, Agent for Property Owner)***

130-25 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 and Shore Road Allowance Application for Approval in Principal - Boyle, Boyd and Johnson";

And That Council approves Option #1 to sell the southern portion of the road allowance where the structures owned by the applicants are located being approximately half of the road allowances from Myers Cave Road to the high water mark;

And That if the applicants are agreeable to this, they are to provide a survey sketch (draft survey) to the Clerk to review in consultation with the Public Works Manager, prior to having the survey registered and the Road Closing By-law provided to Council for consideration.

Deferred

- b) ***Clar Mill Community Volunteers: Request to expand Bottle/Can Collection Program to the Plevna Waste Site***

131-25 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the presentation from Mary Ann Ward and Betty Hunter, Clar Mill Community Volunteers requesting Council consider allowing the CMCV to expand their current Bottle/Can Collection Program to include one new collection bin at the Plevna Waste Site;

And That Council thanks them for their time spent today;

And That Council approves the request to place one bin at the Plevna Waste Site.

Carried

8. Adoption of Minutes

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

132-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council adopts the Minutes as circulated, of:

1. A Public Meeting held April 4, 2025 regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Applications; and
2. A Regular Meeting held April 4, 2025.

Carried

9. Business Arising Out of Minutes

- a) **Resolution #431-24: Proposed Date for Open House re: Communal Servicing - June 6, 2025**

133-25 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Whereas at the meeting held December 13, 2024, Council passed Resolution #431-24 receiving for information the Administrative Report prepared by Joe Gallivan, Director of Planning and Economic Development, regarding Communal Services Land Use Policies and an Official Plan Amendment; and that an Open House was to be scheduled in early 2025 for residents to provide input on future development of communal services for residential, commercial and industrial uses;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the County Planners and representatives from Newterra are available on Friday, June 6, 2025, to provide information to the public regarding the proposed communal services at an afternoon Open House.

Carried

10. Communications

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

134-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

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**

- B1. **Melanie Hindson, Registered Dental Hygienist, Smiles 4 Miles: Gift from the Heart-Dental Hygiene Bay**

135-25 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information an email dated April 4, 2025, from Melanie Hindson, RDH, Smiles 4 Miles, advising she is participating in Gift from the Heart where oral health care professionals give back to the community by providing no cost preventative oral healthcare;

And That Ms. Hindson would like to offer this service to the North Frontenac Community on June 28, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and requests the hall rental fee be waived;

And That Council approves the Manager of Community Development advertising the event on the Township's social media and website.

Carried

- B2. **Quinte Conservation Authority: Invasive Species Boat Cleaning Station Project - Proposal 2025**

136-25 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information a letter dated April 8, 2025, from

Lindsay Nash, Outreach and Stewardship Coordinator, Quinte Conservation Authority (QCA), advising QCA is seeking to partner with the Township on the Invasive Species Management Projects with the Invasive Species Centre providing a CD3 Wayside Solar Trailer Boat Cleaning Station on a rotating basis to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species through recreational boating;

And That Quinte Conservation staff have already identified aquatic invasive vegetation such as Eurasian Water-milfoil and European Frog-bit in local waterways, which can impact local recreational uses such as boating, angling and swimming;

And That Quinte is asking for municipal partners to assist with a portion of the cost at \$300 per week of use with the trailer being placed at a boat launch in North Frontenac for a minimum one-week period; with the option to relocate the trailer to different boat launches on a weekly basis for the rental period;

And That Council approves this request and instructs the Manager of Community Development to respond to QCA with the preferred dates of use and boat launch sites for up to three weeks in 2025, one week in each Ward of the Township;

And That up to \$900 be taken from the Operating Contingency Reserve.

Carried

B3. *Tyler Seniuk, Resident re: Request for Exemption from Noise By-law*

137-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council receives the email from John Seniuk, Tyler Seniuk, Ryan Seniuk and Sheldon Willerton, Residents, advising they will be holding an event on August 23, 2025, at 1037 North Shore Road and requesting an exemption from the Noise By-law #65-21 to permit live bands;

And That Section 3.3 (c) prohibits the operation of any electronic device or group of connected electronic devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers or other electromechanical transducers, and intended for the production, reproduction or amplification of sound;

And That Council approves the exemption to the Noise By-law;

And That Council instructs the Clerk to provide a copy of this Resolution to the requester and Township's By-law Enforcement Officer.

Carried

B4. *Township of Central Frontenac: Request for Support - US Tariff Response*

138-25 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information a Resolution passed on April 8, 2025, by the Council of the Township of Central Frontenac advising United States President Donald Trump continues to threaten executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada; and that municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and that the Township of Central Frontenac will only purchase products made in Canada whenever practicable;

And That the Township of North Frontenac supports Central Frontenac's Resolution; and is purchasing products made in Canada whenever practicable and when not in violation

of trade agreements;

And That North Frontenac Council Resolution #57-25 directed staff to review existing procurement policies and applicable laws to determine if there are existing mechanisms to allot the Township of North Frontenac to offer a preference to Canadian companies for capital projects and other supplies;

And That Municipalities across Canada are facing increasing financial pressures as a result of ongoing US tariffs, particularly those impacting construction materials such as steel and aluminum, with these tariffs significantly raising the cost of infrastructure projects, directly straining municipal budgets and reducing our capacity to deliver vital services and build critical infrastructure;

And That Council respectfully urges both the Provincial and Federal Governments to include municipalities in any forthcoming stimulus packages designed to offset the economic impacts of US tariffs, particularly those affecting infrastructure;

And That Municipalities are on the front lines of infrastructure development and maintenance; and by ensuring municipal access to stimulus funding, we can continue to deliver critical infrastructure projects that not only support long-term sustainability but also provide immediate economic benefits.

And That through investment in municipal infrastructure, this will allow people to return to work during this time of great uncertainty, restore confidence in our local economies, and position communities for resilient growth in the years ahead;

And That North Frontenac staff are actively monitoring Federal and Provincial correspondence for changes to current legislation permitting preference to support Canadian products and services;

And That Council instructs the Clerk to provide this Resolution of support to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford; Scott Reid, MP; Jordan, MPP; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Township of Central Frontenac.

Carried

B5. *Town of Tillsonburg: Request for Support - Strong Mayor Powers*

139-25 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information an email dated April 15, 2025, from the Town of Tillsonburg advising the Ontario government is proposing to expand “Strong Mayor Powers” to 169 municipalities on May 1, 2025, granting the Mayors more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets, planning and operational decisions; and the Council of Tillsonburg does not support the proposed Strong Mayor Powers as currently outlined;

And That the Council of North Frontenac supports the Resolution from Tillsonburg as the Ontario government’s proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power;

And That the proposed expansion of Strong Mayor Powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminishes the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community;

And That Council has concerns about the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if Mayors are given the ability to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight;

And That Council does not support the proposed Strong Mayor Powers as currently outlined; however, Council does support specific powers to Mayors as it pertains to identifiable decisions regarding housing, development, infrastructure and transit to provide tools that reduce obstacles that can stand in the way of new housing and infrastructure developments;

And That Council strongly suggests that free reign of decision-making regarding hiring, termination, committees and so forth be removed from the proposed authority;

And That that members of the current Council are duly elected officials by citizens with the awareness of one vote per council member and majority votes are the democratic process;

And That Council requests that the Provincial Strong Mayor Powers proposed to take effect on May 1, 2025, be deferred to allow for greater clarity; and requests the Province seek collaborative input from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO);

And That Council instructs the Clerk to provide this Resolution to the Town of Tillsonburg, Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; John Jordan, MPP; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and AMCTO.

Defeated

140-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information an email from the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, addressed to Mayor Gerry Lichty, advising the Province of Ontario is proposing to expand "Strong Mayor Powers" to 169 municipalities on May 1, 2025, granting Mayors more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets as well as planning and operational decisions; and the Council of the Township of North Frontenac does not support the proposed Strong Mayor Powers;

And That the proposed expansion of Strong Mayor Powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminishes the role of elected Councillors in representing the diverse interests of our community;

And That the proposed expansion of Strong Mayor Powers fails to recognize that members of Council are duly elected officials by the citizens of the Township of North Frontenac with the expectation and awareness of one vote per Council member; and majority votes are the basis of our democratic process;

And That Township Council has concerns about the negative impact of the introduction of Strong Mayor Powers on public trust, democratic participation and municipal decision-making processes;

And That the Council of the Township of North Frontenac does not support the proposed Strong Mayor Powers; and requests that the Province of Ontario rescind the application of these powers to this municipal government;

And That Council instructs the Clerk to forward this Resolution to Premier Doug Ford;

Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and John Jordan, MPP.

Carried

B6. *John and Evelyn Garcia: Refreshment Vehicle Application*

141-25 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good

Be It Resolved That Council receives a letter dated April 17, 2025 from Evelyn Garcia requesting permission from Council to place a 24 foot Refreshment Vehicle with an awning in either the parking lot of the Clar Mill Hall or the parking lot of the Library operating 6 days a week, with hours of operation from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;

And That the Township's Refreshment Vehicle By-law #33-22 Section 3b) provides "No person shall locate or operate a Refreshment Vehicle on any property owned by the Township without the prior approval of Council";

And That Council requests Ms. Garcia provide a detailed proposal for Council's consideration in accordance with the requirements in the Refreshment Vehicle By-law including the following information:

- A site plan drawn to scale showing the location of the Refreshment Vehicle, including setbacks to lot lines and other structures on the property;
- Parking area signage (if applicable);
- Hydro/power supply and water requirements;
- Seating facilities;
- Location of refuse/recycling containers; and
- Consideration for rent.

Carried

11. Council, CAO, and Managers' Administrative Reports

a) *Chief Administrative Officer: Strong Mayor Powers*

142-25 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good

Be it Resolved That Council receives for information the Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Strong Mayor Powers";

And That the CAO and Clerk/Planning Manager shall draft updates to the Township's policies and procedures to reflect the new Strong Mayor Powers that are being granted to the Township for Council's review;

And That the CAO and Clerk shall look into potential training opportunities for the Mayor, Council and Staff to assist with the transition to Strong Mayor Powers.

Carried

b) *Clerk/Planning Manager: Request for Reconsideration of Concession Road Allowance Closure – Pisani/Willis*

143-25 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 "Request for Reconsideration of Closure of Concession Road Allowance between Lot 38, Concession 6 and 7 – Pisani/Willis";

And That Council receives the additional information from the applicants;

And That Council is willing to negotiate the sale of 3 metres adjacent to the property;

And That Council instructs the Clerk to advise the property owner and neighbours of Council's decision; and report back to Council.

Carried

c) ***Clerk/Planning Manager: Concession and Shore Road Allowance Closure and By-law - Falchetto***

144-25 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 "Concession Road Allowance Closure and Shore Road Closing By-law - Falchetto";

And That as required by By-law #2025-04, Concession Road Allowance between Concessions 10 and 11, Lots 7 and 8 (south of the wetland area) geographic Township of Clarendon, shown as Part 1 on Registered Plan 13R-23325; the Road Allowance between Lots 5 and 6, Concession 10, geographic Township of Clarendon, shown as Part 1 on Registered Plan 13R-23316; and the Shore Road Allowance lying adjacent to Part of Lot 6, Concession 10 (Big Gull Lake), geographic Township of Clarendon, being Part 2 on Registered Plan 13R-23316

be declared as surplus and sold to the adjoining owners; and that an appraisal of the properties is not necessary as these are Road Allowances;

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

Carried

d) ***Councillor Huetl: Environmental Task Force - Mandatory Septic Inspection Proposal***

145-25 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information Councillor Huetl's Administrative Report entitled "Environmental Task Force - Mandatory Septic Inspection Proposal " on behalf of the Environmental Task Force;

And That Council instructs the Clerk/Planning Manager and Public Works Manager to complete research on a potential mandatory septic inspection program on properties at the time of sale and report back to Council for future consideration;

And That the costs for Solicitor's advice is to be taken from the Operating Contingency Reserve.

Carried

- e) ***Deputy Mayor Inglis: Environmental Task Force - Battery Energy Storage Investigation***

146-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Be it Resolved That Council receives for information Deputy Mayor John Inglis' Administrative Report entitled "Battery Energy Storage Investigation", on behalf of the Environmental Task Force";

And That Council directs Staff and the Environmental Task Force to continue discussions with potential proponents and that an update with options be provided to Council in the future for discussion;

And That once more information is obtained and provided to Council for consideration, a process will be initiated seeking public input from North Frontenac rate payers to assist Council in determining whether or not there is interest in being a willing host for a Battery Energy Storage System in North Frontenac Township.

Carried

- f) ***Public Works Manager: Request to Revise the 2025 Capital Plan for Hard Surfaced Roads***

147-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council receives the Public Works Manager's (PWM) Administrative Report entitled "Request to Revise the 2025 Capital Plan for Hard Surfaced Roads" for information purposes;

And That having considered several options, Council approves paving a section of the South Lavant Road this season, with the remainder to be completed in 2026, to permit the completion of roadside improvements and culvert installations.

And That Council approve adding the paving of a section on Ardoch Road to the hard surfaced road program for 2025;

And That all hard surfaced road work shall be completed within the approved 2025 Capital Plan budget.

Carried

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

- a) ***Environmental Task Force***

148-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Minutes of Meeting of the Environmental Task Force dated March 25, 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) **Resolution #122-25: Purchase of Canadian Flags, Decals and Lapel Pins**

149-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Whereas at their meeting held April 4, 2025, Council passed Resolution #122-25 to approve the Notice of Motion provided by Mayor Lichty requesting Council consider the purchase of the following items to display the Township's patriotism:

- New, high quality Canadian flags to be maintained and flown continuously at Township Community Centres, Fire Halls, Public Works yards, and Waste Sites;
- Large Canadian flag decals for Township vehicles; and
- High quality lapel pins showing the Canadian flag for Councillors, Senior Management and Township staff;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approves spending up to \$5,000 for the purchase of Canadian flags and decals;

And That Council instructs the CAO to have flags installed at Township Community Centres, Fire Halls, Public Works Yards, Waste Sites and Astronomy Park (where none currently exist); and have Canadian Flag decals placed on Township vehicles;

And That the \$5,000 for flags and decals be funded from the Operating Contingency Reserve;

And That Council encourages residents throughout the Township to also install flags at their homes and/or businesses to express their patriotism.

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.**

Use of Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers

150-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council instructs the Manager of Community Development to provide monthly usage reports of the EV chargers to Council members.

Carried

16. Introduction and Reading of By-laws

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

151-25 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:

- #2025-21 To Close and Sell Concession Road Allowance and Shore Road Allowance;
- #2025-22 To Establish Use of Township Property Policy;

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)

None.

20. Confirmatory By-law

a) *Confirming By-law #2025-23*

152-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That By-law #2025-23, being a By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council for its Regular Meeting held April 25, 2025 be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

a) *Adjournment of the Council Meeting*

153-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Be It Resolved That Council adjourns the Meeting at 11:49 a.m. until May 15, 2025, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk