



# Regular Council Minutes

5:00 PM - Thursday, June 12, 2025

Council Chambers

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

**Absent with Regret:** Councillor Wayne Good

**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; and Brooke Ross, Dipl. M.A., Manager of Community Development

## 1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.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) *June 12, 2025*

**173-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council approves the Agenda dated June 12, 2025, as circulated.

**Carried**

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

None declared.

## 5. Business Profile

None.

## 6. Presentations

- a) **Senior of the Year - Betty Hunter**
- b) **Richard Allen, Manager of Economic Development, County of Frontenac, and Debbi Miller, Community Development Officer, County of Frontenac: Programs and Initiatives with Economic Development**

**174-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the presentation from Richard Allen, Manager of Economic Development, County of Frontenac, and Debbi Miller, Community Development Officer, County of Frontenac providing an overview of the Programs and Initiatives with Economic Development; and thanks them for their time spent today.

**Carried**

## **7. Delegations**

- a) **Kevin Whyte, Government Relations and Development, Alectra Energy Solutions: Battery Energy Storage System Project Proposal**

**175-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the presentation from Kevin Whyte, Government Relations and Development with Alectra Solutions; and thanks him for his time spent today;

**And That** Council directs the Clerk's Department to work with Alectra Energy Solutions to conduct Public Consultations regarding the proposed Battery Energy Storage System in North Frontenac Township;

**And That** the Environmental Task Force is directed to work with Alectra Energy Solutions to develop information regarding a potential Battery Energy Storage System in North Frontenac for the Township's Website and Social Media;

**And That** the Public Works Manager is directed to work with Alectra Energy Solutions to negotiate potential use of municipal land for Council's consideration at an upcoming meeting.

**Carried**

## **8. Adoption of Minutes**

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

**176-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

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

1. A Public Meeting of Council regarding amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law held May 15, 2025;
2. A Regular Meeting of Council held May 15, 2025; and
3. A Meeting of the Personnel and Audit Committee held May 27, 2025.

**Carried**

## 9. Business Arising Out of Minutes

- a) **Resolution #150-25: Manager of Community Development - Electronic Vehicle Charging Station Usage Report**

**177-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Whereas** at the meeting held April 25, 2025, Council passed Resolution #150-25 instructing the Manager of Community Development to provide monthly usage reports of the EV Chargers to Council;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** Council receives for information the May 2025 Usage Report.

**Carried**

- b) **Resolution #142-25: Strong Mayors Powers**

**178-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Whereas** at the meeting held on April 25, 2025, Council received for information the Chief Administrative Officer's Administrative Report entitled "Strong Mayor Powers";

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information an email dated June 5, 2025, from the Clerk/Planning Manager providing an overview of the provisions the Mayor has chosen to delegate, being Appointment, Suspension or Dismissal of the Chief Administrative Officer to Council; Organizational Structure to Council and Chief Administrative Officer as per the Personnel and Employment Policy; and Committees to Council;

**And That** Council receives for information the forms to be completed if the Mayor chooses to use Strong Mayor powers;

**And That** additional information regarding the process for the Mayor to propose and adopt the annual budget; and policies requiring updates will be provided to Council at a future meeting.

**Carried**

- c) **Resolution #436-24: Manager of Community Development - Update regarding "Ontario Protecting the Environment from Harmful Invasive Species" Grant**

**179-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Whereas** at the meeting held December 13, 2024, Council passed Resolution #436-24 receiving for information an email dated December 5, 2024, from the Mazinaw Property Owners Association (MPOA) advising the "Ontario Protecting the Environment from Harmful Invasive Species" grant funds had been released with an application deadline of January 15, 2025; and that Council instructed the Manager of Community Development (MCD) to work with the MPOA to apply for the \$3500 microgrant for invasive species prevention measures with a Township contribution of \$1750;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information an email from the MCD advising the Township was unsuccessful in obtaining the Invasive Species Grant.

Carried

## 10. Communications

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

**180-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, 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***

**B1. *Township of Puslinch re: Request for Support - Ban Nazi Swastika in Canada***

**181-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Township of Puslinch's Resolution advising in recent years Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society;

**And That** the Nazi Hakenkreuze has become universally synonymous with systemic violence, terror and hate; and its growing presence in our country undermines the core values of equality, diversity and inclusion that defines our nation;

**And That** North Frontenac Council supports the Durham Regional Council's request for the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols of hate and iconography, specifically:

1. Ban the Nazi Hakenkreuze
2. Ban all Nazi symbols of hate and iconography;

**And That** Council instructs the Clerk to provide this resolution to the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice; Township of Puslinch; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**Carried**

**B2. *Clar-Mill Community Volunteers re: Grant Application***

**182-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the email dated May 7, 2025 from the Clar-Mill Community Volunteers (CMCV) requesting permission from the Township to apply for a grant in September 2025 for proposed renovations to the storage room next to the kitchen at the Clar-Mill Community Hall;

**And That** Council approves the CMCV and Township's Application to the *The Commonwell L.E.A.F* initiative for 100% project funding;

**And That** Council directs the CAO or CMCV (depending on grant eligibility) to enter into a Funding Agreement with *The Commonwell L.E.A.F* initiative upon successful

Application for 100% project funding;

**And That** Council directs the MCD to work with the CMCV to have the renovations completed if the Application for Funding is successful.

**Carried**

**B3. *Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility re: June is Seniors Month 2025***

**183-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information an email dated May 30, 2025, from the Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, advising June is Seniors' Month, a time to acknowledge and recognize the amazing seniors living across the province of Ontario;

**And That** this year's theme "Fit, Active and Healthy Seniors: highlights the importance of supporting our older adults through programs and initiatives that promote wellness, social engagement, and education;

**And That** Council proclaims June as Seniors' Month within the Township of North Frontenac; and the provided materials (poster, sharables, factsheet and tip sheet) be posted on the Township's Website and Social Media to celebrates our outstanding older adults.

**Carried**

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

**a) *Mayor Gerry Lichty: Highlighting the Importance of Housing as an Integral Part of Economic Development through the Establishment of a Housing Advisory Task Force.***

**184-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be it Resolved That** Council receives for information Mayor Lichty's Administrative Report entitled "Highlighting the Importance of Housing as an Integral Part of Economic Development through the Establishment of a Housing Advisory Task Force";

**And That** a Housing Advisory Task Force be established to provide housing related information, advice, and recommendations to Council including advice regarding housing in general, seniors housing, rental housing, housing that is affordable, and homelessness and the precariously housed, but not including social housing;

**And That** the Economic Development Task Force Sub-Committee on housing and the Seniors Housing Committee be dissolved;

**And That** Council recognizes the work of the Members of the Economic Development Task Force Sub-Committee and the Seniors Housing Committee and thanks them for their time and commitment spent on these important topics;

**And That** all pertinent Sub-Committee information be transferred to the new Housing Advisory Task Force;

**And That** the newly established Housing Task Force membership will include the Mayor, two Members of Council, and 3 Council-appointed members of the public, preferably one from each Ward;

**And That** Council appoints Mayor Lichty as the Chair of the Task Force;  
**And That** Council appoints Councillor Good and Deputy Mayor Inglis as Members of the Task Force;  
**And That** should Council agree to having a Housing advisory Task Force, per the Township's Procedural Policy the CAO will appoint a secretary and make recommendations for a member of Management to be part of the Task Force;  
**And That** staff is directed to advertise for 3 Members from the Community, preferably one from each Ward, to participate in the Task Force;  
**And That** the Chair of the Task Force will recommend individuals who responded to the advertisement for the voluntary sector participants on the Task Force for approval by Council Resolution, prior to holding the Task Force Inaugural Meeting at an upcoming Council Meeting.

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

**Carried 5-1 on a recorded vote**

**b) *Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief: 2025 Automatic Aid Agreement Between Central Frontenac and North Frontenac***

**185-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief's Administrative Report entitled "2025 Automatic Aid Agreement between Central Frontenac and North Frontenac";

**And That** Council directs the Fire Chief to negotiate with Central Frontenac and provide recommendations to Council at an upcoming meeting for consideration.

**Carried**

**c) *Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief: Ompah Fire Station - Celebrating Fifty Years of Community Service***

**186-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief's Administrative Report entitled "Ompah Fire Station - Celebrating 50 Years of Community Service";

**And That** Council approves an open house, on a future date to be determined by the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief at the Ompah Fire Station to celebrate fifty (50) years of Volunteer Firefighter service, thirty (30) years of Emergency First Responder (EFR) service, showcase Fire Department equipment and recognize the dedicated members of the North Frontenac Fire Department.

**Carried**

**d) *Manager of Community Development: Shabomeka Lake Landing and Parking Area***

**187-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Manager of Community Development's (MCD) Administrative Report entitled "Shabomeka Lake Landing and Parking Area";

**And That** Council instructs the MCD to tag all boats/trailers (notice written by the Township and placed on boats by Township staff) providing owners with 60 days to claim usage of the boats and any boats that are not claimed and otherwise "abandoned" be removed by the Township and stored for an appropriate amount of time prior to disposal;

**And That** Council approves the Shabomeka Lake Association (SLA) installing two metal light posts with solar powered, dark & motion activated lights that will not require an electrical connection and that conform with the Townships Outdoor Lighting Policy and that the future maintenance of the lights will be the responsibility of the SLA;

**And That** Council directs the MCD to install signage at the boat ramp to indicate time restrictions per the Townships Parking By-law Section 5. (c) *"No person shall Park or cause to be Parked, any Vehicle, Trailer, Boat or Object within 5 meters of any Boat Launch for an excess of 20 minutes"*;

**And That** Council does **not** approve signage indicating the area is under video surveillance as this is not recommended by the Township's Insurance Company.

**Carried**

e) ***Treasurer: Unsuccessful Tax Sale - Options***

**188-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Treasurer's Administrative Report entitled "Unsuccessful Tax Sale - Options";

**And That** Council defers a decision on this matter; and instructs staff to complete research on potential development and report back to Council.

**Carried**

f) ***Public Works Manager: Purchase of a Sickle Mower Attachment for Tractor***

**189-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be it Resolved That** Council receives for information the Public Works Manager's (PWM) Administrative Report entitled "Purchase of a Sickle Mower Attachment for Tractor";

**And That** Council approve purchasing the mower at an estimated cost of the \$25,000;

**And That** \$6,000 will be funded from the approved Capital budget (Roads - Small Equipment and Machinery), and the remaining balance of \$19,000 from the Infrastructure Sustainability Reserve Fund with an estimated year end balance of \$2,053,658 per the 2025 approved Budget;

**And That** Council approves the sole sourcing of this purchase of a flale mower.

**Carried**

g) ***Deputy Mayor Inglis: A Net Metering Proposal for the Township Office***

**190-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be it Resolved That** Council receives for information an Administrative Report entitled "A Net Metering Proposal for the Township Office" from Deputy Mayor Inglis on behalf of the Environmental Task Force;

**And That** Council refers this matter back to the Task Force for review.

**Carried**

- h) ***Environmental Task Force: Sub-Committee for Short Term Accommodations: A Case of Action - North Frontenac Short Term Rental By-law***

**191-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Administrative Report prepared by the Environmental Task Force Sub-committee for Short Term Accommodations regarding a potential Short Term Rental By-law;

**And That** Council requests the Task Force continue investigating the details for regulating short-term rentals, and provide an updated report to Council for further discussion.

**Carried**

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

- a) ***Economic Development Task Force***

**192-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Minutes of the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF) dated May 20, 2025;

**And That** Deputy Mayor Inglis will discuss the EDTF's concerns at an upcoming meeting of Council.

**Carried**

- b) ***Environmental Task Force***

**193-25 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Notes from the Environmental Task Force dated May 28, 2025.

**Carried**

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

**194-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment/Planning Advisory Committee dated April 28, 2025.

**Carried**

d) ***Kaladar Barrie Joint Fire Committee***

**195-25 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Minutes of the Kaladar/Barrie Joint Fire Committee dated February 14, 2025.

**Carried**

e) ***Kaladar Barrie Joint Fire Committee: Resolution #17-25 - Purchase of Tanker***

**196-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information Resolution #17-25 passed at the meeting held June 6, 2025, by the Kaladar Barrie Joint Fire Committee receiving for information an Administrative Report regarding Tanker Bids;

**And That** the Council approves the Committee's recommendation and approves the Fire Chief proceeding with the purchase of a tanker at the price of \$717,400 plus the surcharge estimated at \$19,000 and \$1500-\$3000 for tariff charges for an estimated total of \$739,400.

**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)**

None.

**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**

None.

**17. Public Forum**

Public comments were received by Council.

Note: The DESFC left the meeting at this time.

**18. Closed Session**

- a) ***Closed Meeting of Council***

**197-25 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Be It Resolved That Council retires to Closed Session at 7:42 p.m. to:**

- a. Adopt Minutes of a Closed Meeting held April 4, 2025; and
- b. Receive Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory, or a Crown agency of any of them.

**Carried**

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

The Mayor advised that, during the Closed Session, Council adopted the Closed Minutes of a Meeting held April 4, 2025; and discussed confidential information provided to the Municipality by the Province.

**20. Confirmatory By-law**

a) ***Confirming By-law #2025-26***

**198-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Be It Resolved That** By-law #2025-26, being a By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council for its Regular Meeting held June 12, 2025, be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

**21. Adjournment**

a) ***Adjournment of the Council Meeting***

**199-25 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Be It Resolved That** Council adjourns the Meeting at 8:17 p.m. until July 10, 2025, or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk