



# Special Council Minutes

9:00 AM - Friday, October 24, 2025  
Council Chambers

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

**Also Present:** Corey Klatt, Chief Administrative Officer, Dipl. M.A.; Tara Mieske, Dipl. M.A., M.M. Clerk/Planning Manager; Darwyn Sproule, P. Eng., Public Works Manager; Kelly Watkins, Dipl. M.A., M.M., Treasurer; Brooke Drechsler, Deputy Clerk/Assistant to the Planning Manager; Fire Chief Casey Cuddy, Kaladar Barrie Fire Department; James McCarthy, Solicitor with Cunningham Swan; Lisa Asbreuk, Solicitor with Cunningham Swan; Sonya Bolton, Manager of Community Development, County of Frontenac; and Dmitry Kurylovich, Project Manager/Senior Planner, County of Frontenac

## 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and read the opening remarks.

## 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) *October 24, 2025*

**341-25 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler**

**Be It Resolved That** Council approves the Agenda for the Special Meeting dated October 24, 2025, as circulated.

**Carried**

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

None declared.

## 5. Closed Session

### a) *Closed Meeting of Council*

**342-25 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer**

**Be It Resolved That** Council moves into Closed Session at 9:03 a.m. pursuant to the following subsections of the Municipal Act Section 239(2):

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

More specifically, to discuss a potential Battery Energy Storage System Project, including a potential option agreement

**Carried**

**Note:** Councillor Good arrived at the Closed Session at 9:34 a.m.

## 6. Rise and Report (Overview of the Closed Session by the Chair)

The Mayor advised that, during the Closed Session, Council received a presentation from Lisa Asbreuk, Solicitor with Cunningham Swan, regarding a potential option agreement for the Battery Energy Storage System.

## 7. Presentation

### a) *Lisa Asbreuk, Cunningham Swan*

**343-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the presentation from Lisa Asbreuk, Partner with Cunningham Swan, entitled "Legal Review of Alectra Proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project; and thanks her for her time spent today.

**Carried**

### b)

**Note:** The CPM left the meeting at this time.

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

- a) **Public Comments**
  - 1. **Public Comments provided by email**
  - 2. **BESS Opposition Petition**
- b) **Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project Update**

**344-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Be It Resolved That** Council receives for information the Clerk Planning Manager's (CPM) and Public Works Manager's (PWM) Administrative Report entitled "Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project Update";

**And That** Council will consider the Municipal Support Resolution (MSR) and Lease Option Agreement (LOA) at the next regular meeting of Council on October 31, 2025.

**Carried**

## 9. Public Forum

- a) **Comments during Public Forum**

**345-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Be It Resolved That** Council provides that during the Public Forum comments will be limited to two (2) minutes with no compound or follow up questions to ensure all public have an opportunity to be heard;

**And That** Council includes these provisions as the Procedural Policy provides for Public Forum but does not set out any time provisions.

**Carried**

The Mayor invited questions and comments from the public attending the meeting in person and virtually.

Note: Councillor Good and Councillor Regent left the meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m.

## 10. Confirmatory By-law

- a) **Confirming By-law #2025-45**

**346-25 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl**

**Be It Resolved That** By-law #2025-45, being a By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council for its Special Meeting held October 24, 2025 be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

## 11. Adjournment

- a) **Motion to Adjourn**

**347-25 Moved by Councillor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Deputy Mayor John Inglis**

**Be It Resolved That** Council adjourns the Meeting at 2:48 p.m. until October 31, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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