
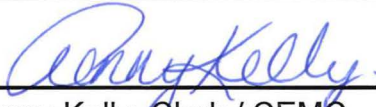


REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 Held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM
 Held via WebEx Video, Teleconference and In-Person

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Mayor:	John Beddows	Melanie Kirkby, CAO / Treasurer
Councillors:	Colin Brown	Penny Kelly, Clerk / CEMC
	Patrick Kirkby	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Development
	Anne-Marie Koiner	David Armstrong, Manager of Public Works
	Vicky Leakey	Jeff Johnston, Manager of Parks and Recreation
	David Osmond	
Regrets:	Matt Harper	Scott Gee, Police Chief
		Gord Howard, Fire Chief

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof – None
3.	Closed Meeting of Council (Beginning at 5:00 PM)
	Move into Closed Session
	Moved by Deputy Mayor Leakey that the Council of the Town of Gananoque, in accordance with Section 239.2 of the <i>Municipal Act</i> , moves into Closed Session at 5:05 PM for the purpose of discussing two (2) items under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees regarding the Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Directors, and; a Human Resources Matter. <p align="right">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
4.	Move Out of Closed Session at 5:25 PM
	Council resumed the Open Session at 6:02 PM
	Reporting Out of Closed Session – Matters Arising
	A Closed Meeting was held. Council discussed two (2) items under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees regarding the Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Directors, and; a Human Resources Matter. There was nothing to report out on the HR Matter. Council considered the following with respect to the BIA Board of Directors.
	By-law No. 2024-018 – Amend By-law No. 2023-016 – BIA Board of Directors Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2024-018, BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2023-016, BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (BIA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM OF COUNCIL (2023 TO 2026), TO REMOVE SHANNON TREANOR AND KATHRINE CHRISTENSEN AS MEMBERS OF THE BIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. <p align="right">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>

5.	Canadian National Anthem
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Anthem was sung.
6.	Land Acknowledgement Statement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Beddows read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
7.	Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Motion(s) or Reports on the Agenda)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Member of the public addressed Reports listed on the Agenda.
8.	Disclosure of Additional Items – None
9.	Delegations – None
10.	Presentations / Awards / Deputations – None
11.	Mayor’s Declaration – None
12.	Public Meetings – None
13.	Unfinished Business – None
14.	Motion #24-014 – Approval of Minutes – February 6 and 12, 2024
	<p>Motion #24-014 – Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, February 6 and 12, 2024 Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024, AND ITS SPECIAL MINUTES OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
15.	Staff Reports
	Council-REC-2024-04 – Lease Agreement – 125 Water Street – 1000 Islands History Museum
	<p>***Moved by Councillor Kirkby and seconded by Councillor Osmond to amend the recommendation in Report Council-REC-2024-04 to remove “TEN (10) YEAR TERM” and replace with “SEVEN (7) YEAR TERM”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DEFEATED – 2 Ayes, 4 Nays</p>
	<p>By-law No. 2024-016 – Lease Agreement – 125 Water Street – 1000 Islands History Museum Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2024-016, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE 1000 ISLANDS HISTORY MUSEUM LOCATED AT 125 WATER STREET FOR A TEN (10) YEAR TERM, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT REC-2024-04.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
	Council-FIN-2024-05 – 2024 Tax Rates and Ratios
	<p>Motion #24-015 – 2024 Tax Rates and Ratios – A New to Class Multi-Residential Tax Rate – Refer to 2025 Budget Deliberations Moved by: Mayor Beddows Seconded by: Councillor Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE POSTPONES THE RECOMMENDATION IN COUNCIL REPORT COUNCIL REPORT FIN-2024-05, WITH RESPECT TO “A NEW TO CLASS MULTI-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE” AT THE RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE TO BE APPLIED FOR THE FIRST TWO (2) YEARS OF TAXATION, TO THE 2025 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>

	<p>By-law No. 2024-017 – 2024 Tax Rates and Ratios Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE READS BY-LAW NO. 2024-017, A FIRST AND SECOND TIME ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, BEING A BY-LAW TO APPROVE THE 2024 TAX RATES AND RATIOS, AS AMENDED TO REMOVE “A NEW TO CLASS MULTI-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE” FROM SCHEDULE “A”, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL-FIN-2024-05,</p> <p>AND FURTHER, THAT BY-LAW NO. 2024-017, BE CONSIDERED AND READ A THIRD TIME FOR FINAL PASSAGE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
16.	Motions (Council Direction to Staff) – None
17.	Correspondence
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accounts Payable – January 29 to February 12, 2024 2. Gananoque Police Service – Polar Plunge 2024 3. Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit – Sexual Health Awareness Week – February 12 to 16, 2024 4. Unadopted Tourism Advisory Panel Minutes – January 25, 2024 5. Unadopted Minutes – Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) – February 1, 2024
18.	Notice Required Under the Notice By-law – None
19.	Committee Updates (Council Reps)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of Council provided their updates.
20.	Discussion of Additional Items – None
21.	Questions from the Media – None
22.	Confirmation By-law
	<p>By-law No. 2024-015 – Confirming By-law – February 20, 2024 Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2024-015, BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2024, BE READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
23.	Next Meeting(s): Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 6:00 PM
24.	Adjournment
	<p>Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this regular meeting of Council at 7:06 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <hr/> John S. Beddows, Mayor </div> <div style="width: 45%;">  <hr/> Penny Kelly, Clerk / CEMC </div> </div>