

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 5:00 PM Closed
 Session and 6:00 PM Open Session

Held via WebEx Video, Teleconference and In-person

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

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 Councillor Harper 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 5:02 PM for the purpose of discussing one (1) item under A Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees, regarding a Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel vacancy and; one (1) item under A Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality
	CARRIED – UNANIMOUS
4.	Move Out of Closed Session at 5:41 PM
	Council resumed the Open Session at 6:01 PM.
5.	Reporting Out of Closed Session – Matters Arising
	A Closed Meeting was held. Council discussed one (1) item under a Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality. There was nothing to report out on this item.
	Council also discussed one (1) item under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees, with respect to a Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel vacancy. The following recommendation will now be considered.
	Motion #23-185 – Appointment to Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel Moved by: Councillor Harper Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE ACCEPTS THE RESIGNATION OF THERESE CONWAY FROM THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY PANEL, AND FURTHER APPOINTS MATHEW THIVIERGE TO THE PANEL FOR THE REMAINING TERM OF COUNCIL.
	CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

Council-REC-2023-21 – 2023 Le FestivLES Report	
	<p>Motion #23-181 – 2023 Le FestivLES Report Moved by: Councillor Harper Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION THE 2023 LE FESTIVLES REPORT, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT REC-2023-21. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
Council-UTIL-2023-13 – Water and Wastewater 2nd Quarter Reports	
	<p>Motion #23-182 – Water and Wastewater 2nd Quarter Reports Moved by: Councillor Harper Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SECOND (2nd) QUARTER REPORT FOR INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT UTIL-2023-13. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
<p>***At this point, the Chair called a recess at 7:55 PM. ***The meeting resumed at 8:06 PM.</p>	
Council-LIB-2023-03 – Gananoque Public Library Quarterly Report	
	<p>Motion #23-183 – Gananoque Public Library Quarterly Report Moved by: Councillor Harper Seconded by: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE GANANOQUE PUBLIC LIBRARY QUARTERLY REPORT, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL LIB-2023-03. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
18.	Motions (Council Direction to Staff)
1. Motion – Tourism Related Costing – Direction to Staff – Deputy Mayor Leakey	
	<p>Motion #23-184 – Tourism Related Costing – Direction to Staff Moved By: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded By: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO REVIEW AND REPORT TO COUNCIL ALL COSTS THAT ARE TOURIST RELATED AND PAID OUT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE, INCLUDING THOSE APPROVED VIA COMMUNITY GRANTS AND COUNCIL GRANTS. AS IT IS ANTICIPATED THE 2024 BUDGET WILL HOLD MANY INCREASES IN COSTS BEYOND COUNCIL CONTROL, THIS REPORT WILL BRING BACK TO COUNCIL COST AREAS SUCH AS THE VISITOR CENTRE AND PERHAPS CONSIDERATION FOR A PART TIME EMPLOYEE AS AN EVENT CO ORDINATOR AS WELL AS OTHER TOURIST RELATED COSTS THAT CAN UTILIZE THE MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX (MAT) REVENUE, RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO ADD TO THE TAX PAYER’S BURDEN. AND FURTHER STAFF PROVIDE SOME DIRECTION WHERE COMMUNITY GRANTS AND TOURISM ADVISORY PANEL (TAP) FUNDS ARE USED FOR EVENTS TO ATTRACT TOURISM TO TOWN VS EVENTS LARGELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE TOWN. CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
19.	Correspondence
	1. Accounts Payable – August 5 to 25, 2023
	2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) – Building Faster Fund

	3. United Counties of Leeds & Grenville – Media Release – G. Tackaberry & Family Home – 30% Completion Mark
	4. Douglas Wood – Legion Riders Memorial Park – Recognized by Department of National Defense
	5. Deputy Premier & Minister of Health – Thank You
20.	Notice Required Under the Notice By-law – None
21.	Committee Updates (Council Reps)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of Council provided their updates
22.	Discussion of Additional Items – None
23.	Questions from the Media – None
24.	Confirmation By-law
	<p>By-law No. 2023-094 – Confirming By-law – September 5, 2023 Moved By: Councillor Harper Seconded By: Councillor Koiner BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2023-094, BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2023, BE READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 5^H DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
25.	Next Meeting(s) – Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
26.	Adjournment
	<p>Moved By: Councillor Harper Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this regular meeting of Council at 8:53 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
<p>_____ John S. Beddows, Mayor</p>	<p>_____ Penny Kelly, Clerk / CEMC</p>