

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Held via WebEx Video and Teleconference

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Mayor:	Ted Lojko	Shellee Fournier, CAO
Councillors:	Dave Anderson	Penny Kelly, Clerk/CEMC
	Adrian Haird	Brenda Guy, Manager of Planning and Development
	Matt Harper	Melanie Kirkby, Treasurer
	Mike Kench	Kari Lambe, Manager of Community Services
	Dennis O'Connor	Paul McMunn, Manager of Public Works
	David Osmond	
Regrets:		Gord Howard, Fire Chief

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	Mayor Lojko called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Lojko declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the Integrity Commissioner Report, as it is directly relates to his position as Mayor.
3.	Closed Meeting of Council (Beginning at 5:00 PM)
	<p>Move Into Closed Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved by Councillor Haird 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 5:03 PM for the purpose of discussing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) item under 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 with respect to a Lease Agreement regarding 110 Kate Street; Two (2) items under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees regarding the Champions of Gananoque Program Appointment, and; Trees and Trails Advisory Panel Appointment, and; One (1) item under A Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
4.	Move Out of Closed Session at 5:27 PM
	The Open Session of Council began at 6:00 PM
5.	Matters Arising from Closed Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Lojko reported that Council discussed one (1) item under 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, regarding a Lease Agreement at 110 Kate Street, and; one (1) item under A Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality regarding a land acquisition matter. There is nothing to report out on these items. Council also discussed two (2) items under Personal Matters Concerning an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Board Employees regarding the Champions of Gananoque, and Trees and Trails Advisory Panel appointments. The following recommendations were considered.

	<p>**Councillor Osmond abstained from voting due to his friendship with one of the nominees.</p> <p>Motion #20-268 – Champions of Gananoque Program – 2020 Award Recipients</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor Haird Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Harper BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE AWARDS THE 2020 CHAMPIONS OF GANANOQUE TO ROBERT BOWMAN, JASON KEE, AND; JOANNE CARSWELL,</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT THE ABOVE NAMES BE ETCHED ON THE PLAQUE LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE LOU JEFFRIES ARENA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 6 Ayes, 1 Abstained</p>
	<p>Motion #20-269 – Trees and Trails Advisory Panel - Appointment</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor Haird Seconded by: Councillor Osmond BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE APPOINTS ANGUS FERGUSSON AS A MEMBER TO THE TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
6.	<p>Public Question / Comment (Only Addressing Reports on the Agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the public spoke to Staff Reports listed on the Agenda.
7.	<p>Disclosure of Additional Items - None</p>
8.	<p>Presentations / Awards / Deputations</p>
	<p>**Mayor Lojko declared a pecuniary interest as the Integrity Commissioner Report relates to his position as Mayor and left the Chair.</p> <p>**Deputy Mayor Harper took the Chair.</p>
	<p>1. Tony Fleming – Integrity Commissioner – Mayor Ted Lojko</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner appeared before Council and provided an overview of the investigation report entitled “Town of Gananoque – Complaint against Mayor Ted Lojko Limitation Period under the <i>Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</i> – File No. 16418-133”, and; explained the findings and the recommendations contained in the report. • Following Mr. Fleming’s overview, Mayor Lojko read a statement to Council regarding the recommendations from the Integrity Commissioner, and; then disconnected from the meeting. • Council considered the following motions.
	<p>Motion #20-270 – Integrity Commissioner Report – Mayor Ted Lojko</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor Osmond Seconded by: Councillor Haird BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2020, AND; AS PRESENTED DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2020;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT THE REPORT IS CONSIDERED TO BE MADE PUBLIC BY THE POSTING ON THE DECEMBER 1, 2020 COUNCIL AGENDA;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL SUSPENDS THE MAYOR’S REMUNERATION FOR 7 DAYS;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL ISSUE A REPRIMAND.</p> <p>**Councillor Osmond requested a Recorded Vote.</p> <p>**The Clerk read the motion and recorded the vote.</p>

RECORDED VOTE:	Aye	Nay
Anderson, D.		X
Haird, A.	X	
Harper, M.		X
Kench, M.		X
O'Connor, D.		X
Osmond, D.	X	
TOTALS	2	4

DEFEATED – 2 Ayes, 4 Nays

Motion #20-271 – Integrity Commissioner Report – Mayor Ted Lojko – Zero Days

Moved by: Councillor O'Connor **Seconded by:** Councillor Osmond
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2020, AND; AS PRESENTED DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT THE REPORT IS CONSIDERED TO BE MADE PUBLIC BY THE POSTING ON THE DECEMBER 1, 2020 COUNCIL AGENDA;

AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL SUSPENDS THE MAYOR'S REMUNERATION FOR ZERO (0) DAYS;

AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL ISSUE A REPRIMAND.

Councillor Haird requested a recorded vote.

**The Clerk read the motion and recorded the vote.

RECORDED VOTE:	Aye	Nay
Anderson, D.	X	
Haird, A.		X
Harper, M.	X	
Kench, M.		X
O'Connor, D.	X	
Osmond, D.		X
TOTALS	3	3

DEFEATED – 3 Ayes, 3 Nays

**Councillor Kench moved that the Integrity Commissioner Report be received for information. There was no seconder for the motion.

Motion #20-272 – Integrity Commissioner Report – Mayor Ted Lojko – Remove Third Paragraph

Moved by: Councillor Anderson **Seconded by:** Councillor O'Connor
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2020, AND; AS PRESENTED DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT THE REPORT IS CONSIDERED TO BE MADE PUBLIC BY THE POSTING ON THE DECEMBER 1, 2020 COUNCIL AGENDA;

AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL ISSUE A REPRIMAND.

Councillor Haird requested a recorded vote.

**The Clerk read the motion and recorded the vote.

RECORDED VOTE:	Aye	Nay
Anderson, D.	X	
Haird, A.		X
Harper, M.	X	
Kench, M.		X
O'Connor, D.	X	
Osmond, D.		X
TOTALS	3	3

DEFEATED – 3 Ayes, 3 Nays

Motion #20-273 – Integrity Commissioner Report – Mayor Ted Lojko – Reconsider

Moved by: Councillor Kench

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECONSIDERS MOTION #20-270, ENTITLED “INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER REPORT – MAYOR TED LOJKO”, AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED.

Councillor Osmond requested a recorded vote.

**The Clerk read the motion and recorded the vote.

RECORDED VOTE:	Aye	Nay
Anderson, D.	X	
Haird, A.		X
Harper, M.	X	
Kench, M.	X	
O’Connor, D.	X	
Osmond, D.		X
TOTALS	4	2

CARRIED – 4 Ayes, 2 Nays

Moved by Councillor Kench and Seconded by Councillor Anderson that the following words be removed in its entirety “AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL SUSPENDS THE MAYOR’S REMUNERATION FOR 7 DAYS**”

Motion #20-270 – Integrity Commissioner Report – Mayor Ted Lojko – Reconsidered and Amended

Moved by: Councillor Kench

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2020, AND; AS PRESENTED DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT THE REPORT IS CONSIDERED TO BE MADE PUBLIC BY THE POSTING ON THE DECEMBER 1, 2020 COUNCIL AGENDA;

AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL ISSUE A REPRIMAND.

Councillor Haird requested a recorded vote.

**The Clerk read the motion and recorded the vote.

RECORDED VOTE:	Aye	Nay
Anderson, D.	X	
Haird, A.		X
Harper, M.	X	
Kench, M.	X	
O’Connor, D.	X	
Osmond, D.		X
TOTALS	4	2



CARRIED – 4 Ayes, 2 Nays

**Deputy Mayor Harper left the Chair.

**Mayor Lojko reconnected and returned to the meeting as Chair.

	2. Marina Master Plan Overview and Report – Jaime Maitland, Greer Galloway Consulting Engineers and Forbes Symon, JP2G Consultants Inc. (+Ref. Report Council-CS-2020-40)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaime Maitland and Forbes Symon appeared before Council and presented an overview and PowerPoint presentation entitled “Gananoque Municipal Marina Master Plan 2020”. • Following the presentation, Council considered Report Council-2020-CS-40.
9.	Delegations

	<p>1. Lorraine Rekmans – Municipal Climate Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lorraine Rekmans appeared before Council and provided information regarding funding availability with respect to Municipal Climate Action Plans.
10.	<p>Mayor's Declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Lojko informed Council that Peter Murray recently resigned as a member on the Trees and Trails Advisory Panel and formally thanked Peter for his 24 years of service on the Trees and Trails Advisory Panel. A plaque and certificate will be awarded to Peter at a later date.
<p>**The Chair called a recess at 7:50 PM **The meeting resumed at 7:56 PM</p>	
11.	Public Meetings – None
12.	Correspondence
	<p>1. Accounts Payable – November 11 to 23, 2020</p>
	<p>2. Marion Wright – Accessible Parking – Request to Council (+Council Report and Motion #20-031)</p>
	<p>3. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville – Leeds Grenville Modernization and Shared-Services Task Force</p>
	<p>Motion #20-274 – United Counties of Leeds and Grenville – Leeds Grenville Modernization and Shared-Services Task Force</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor Haird Seconded by: Councillor Osmond</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE AUTHORIZES THE AMOUNT OF \$1,520.00, TO BE FUNDED FROM COUNCIL GRANTS, AS REQUESTED IN CORRESPONDENCE DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2020, FROM THE LEEDS GRENVILLE MODERNIZATION AND SHARED-SERVICES TASK FORCE REGARDING AN APPLICATION FROM ST. LAWRENCE LODGE TO FUND AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SECURITY PROJECT.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
	<p>4. Cataraqui Conservation Authority – Proposed Changes to <i>Conservation Authorities Act</i> Pose Risk to Environment and Public Safety – Request for Support (+Background Document and Summary Table)</p>
	<p>Motion #20-275 – Cataraqui Conservation Authority – Proposed Changes to Conservation Authorities Act Pose Risk to Environment and Public Safety – Request for Support</p> <p>Moved by: Deputy Mayor Harper Seconded by: Councillor Haird</p> <p>WHEREAS THE PROVINCE HAS INTRODUCED BILL 229, PROTECT, SUPPORT AND RECOVER FROM COVID 19 ACT - SCHEDULE 6 – <i>CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT</i>;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS MUNICIPALITIES BELIEVE THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES ON CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (CA) BOARDS SHOULD BE A MUNICIPAL DECISION; AND THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE CA BOARD SHOULD BE DULY ELECTED;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS CHANGES TO THE LEGISLATION WILL CREATE MORE RED TAPE AND COSTS FOR THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES, AND THEIR MUNICIPAL PARTNERS, AND POTENTIALLY RESULT IN DELAYS IN THE DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL PROCESS;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS MUNICIPALITIES REQUIRE A LONGER TRANSITION TIME TO PUT IN PLACE AGREEMENTS WITH CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES FOR NON-MANDATORY PROGRAMS;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS MUNICIPALITIES OF THE ST. LAWRENCE AND GANANOQUE RIVERS WATERSHED VALUE AND RELY ON THE NATURAL HABITATS AND WATER RESOURCES WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION FOR THE ECONOMIC HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS AND OUR COMMUNITIES;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS WE RELY ON THE WATERSHED EXPERTISE PROVIDED BY LOCAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES TO PROTECT RESIDENTS, PROPERTY AND LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES ON A WATERSHED BASIS</p>

24.	Adjournment
	Moved by: Councillor Haird Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns this regular meeting of Council at 9:12 PM. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
 _____ Ted Lojko, Mayor	 _____ Penny Kelly, Clerk / CEMC