

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM
Held via WebEx Video, Teleconference and In-Person

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

1.	Call Meeting to Order										
	Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.										
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof – None										
3.	Closed Meeting of Council – None										
4.	Canadian National Anthem										
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The National Anthem was sung.										
5.	Land Acknowledgement Statement										
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mayor Beddows read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.										
6.	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.										
7.	Disclosure of Additional Items										
	1. King Street Productions – 2024 First Peoples’ Performing Arts Festival – Request for Funding										
8.	Delegations – None										
9.	Presentations / Awards / Deputations										
10.	Mayor’s Declaration – None										
11.	Public Meetings – None										
12.	Expression of Interest to Sit on Finance Working Group / Appointments										
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Penny Kelly, Clerk, conducted the process to receive Expression of Interests from Council Members interested in sitting on the Finance Working Group.The following Members of Council expressed their interest:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Councillor Koiner, Deputy Mayor Leakey, Councillor Brown, Councillor Harper and Councillor Kirkby.Members voted in the order that names were presented:<table><tr><td>Councillor Koiner</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Deputy Mayor Leakey</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Councillor Brown</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Councillor Harper</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Councillor Kirkby</td><td>5</td></tr></table>	Councillor Koiner	3	Deputy Mayor Leakey	3	Councillor Brown	5	Councillor Harper	4	Councillor Kirkby	5
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following recommendation was considered.
	<p>By-law No. 2024-007 – Amend By-law No. 2022-124 – Finance Working Group Moved by: Councillor Brown Seconded by: Councillor Kirkby</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2024-007, BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2022-124, BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES, ADVISORY PANELS AND BOARDS TO REMOVE DEPUTY MAYOR VICKI LEAKEY AND COUNCILLOR ANNE-MARIE KOINER FROM THE FINANCE WORKING GROUP AND REPLACE WITH</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> COUNCILLOR COLIN BROWN, AND; COUNCILLOR PATRICK KIRKBY. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
13.	Unfinished Business
Council-REC-2024-01 – Fireworks vs. Alternative Displays for Canada Day Festivities	
	<p>Motion #24-002 – Fireworks vs. Alternative Displays for Canada Day Festivities Moved by: Councillor Harper Seconded by: Councillor Osmond</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH OPTION #1 (MAINTAIN STATUS QUO. PROCEED WITH THE TRADITIONAL FIREWORKS SHOW OF 20 MINUTES, WHICH IS FUNDED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET OF \$13,000), FOR THE CANADA DAY 2024 EVENT, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT REC-2024-01.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 2 Nays</p>
14.	Motion #24-001 – Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2023
	<p>Motion #24-001 – Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2023 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Kirkby</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 6 Ayes, 1 Abstain</p>
15.	Staff Reports
Council-FIN-2024-01 – 2024 Operating and Capital Budget	
	<p>Motion #24-003 – 2024 Joint Services Transfer, Health Unit and Employee Health Benefits Renewal Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE DIRECTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH OPTION #3 (ADOPT THE 2024 OPERATIONAL BUDGET AS DRAFTED), OF THE 2024 JOINT SERVICES TRANSFER, HEALTH UNIT AND EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS RENEWAL, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT-FIN-2024-01.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – 5 Ayes, 2 Nays</p>
	<p>By-law No. 2024-001 – 2024 Operating and Capital Budget Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE READS BY-LAW NO. 2024-001, A FIRST AND SECOND TIME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024, BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT THE 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS,</p> <p>AND FURTHER, THAT BY-LAW NO. 2024-001, BE CONSIDERED AND READ A THIRD TIME FOR FINAL PASSAGE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL-FIN-2024-01.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>

Council-FIN-2024-02 – Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budget and Rates	
	<p>By-law No. 2024-002 – Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budget and Rates</p> <p>Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE READS BY-LAW NO. 2024-002, A FIRST AND SECOND TIME ON JANUARY 16, 2024, BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT THE 2024 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES, OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS,</p> <p>AND FURTHER, THAT BY-LAW NO. 2024-002, BE CONSIDERED AND READ A THIRD TIME FOR FINAL PASSAGE ON FEBRUARY 6, 2024, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL-FIN-2024-02</p> <p>CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
Council-FIN-2024-03 – Interim Tax Levy By-law	
	<p>By-law No. 2024-003 – Interim Tax Levy By-law</p> <p>Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2024-003, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ISSUE BILLS FOR THE 2024 INTERIM TAX LEVY, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT FIN-2024-03.</p> <p>CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
Council-FIN-2024-04 – Short-Term Borrowing By-law	
	<p>By-law No. 2024-004 – Short-Term Borrowing By-law</p> <p>Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2024-004, BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE SHORT-TERM BORROWING, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT FIN-2024-04.</p> <p>CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
Council-FIRE-2024-01 – Amend By-law No. 2018-010 – Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Official	
	<p>By-law No. 2024-006 – Amend By-law No. 2018-010 – Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Official</p> <p>Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE PASS BY-LAW NO. 2024-006, BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2018-010, A BY-LAW TO APPOINT MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE, AS PRESENTED IN COUNCIL REPORT FIRE-2024-01.</p> <p>CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
Council-LIB-2024-01 – Gananoque Public Library Quarterly Report	
	<p>Motion #24-004 – Gananoque Public Library Quarterly Report</p> <p>Moved by: Deputy Mayor Leakey Seconded by: Councillor Koiner</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE RECEIVES THE GANANOQUE PUBLIC LIBRARY QUARTERLY REPORT, AS PRESENTED IN REPORT COUNCIL LIB-2024-01.</p> <p>CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</p>
16.	Motions (Council Direction to Staff)
1. Ensuring Electric Vehicle Charging Station Accessibility – Mayor Beddows	
***At this point, Mayor Beddows vacated the Chair in order to speak to the Motion. ***Deputy Mayor Leakey took the Chair.	



TAP Application for King Street Productions

First Peoples' Performing Arts Festival - 2024

Awakenings

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

January 15, 2024

TO: Mayor John Beddows and Members of Town Council of Gananoque Ontario

We are writing to Council to ask permission to have Council endorse in writing the First People's Performing Arts Festival events this year. We are asking for a letter of confirmation of this commitment and also for a financial commitment of \$8,000. We are attaching our proposed budget for your perusal. Last year Council was very generous in its support of this Festival, and we trust that this positive reinforcement of the importance of this event will continue. We note that we will fill out the required forms depicting insurance, persons responsible for overseeing the events and any other information that may not be included in this current letter. We do note that the Canadian Heritage Grant deadline is January 31, 2024 and it requires written confirmation of the Town/Municipality support. We do understand that we in fact are told to submit this application in the Second Intake, but that deadline is far past what is required for the Canadian Heritage submission. Hence the current request.

The First People's Performing Arts Festival is organized and managed by the First Peoples' Circle of the Thousand Islands and works under the umbrella structure of King Street Productions which is an incorporated Non-Profit Arts Organization under a Federal Charter.

This year the 8th edition of this Festival is being presented from September 19 to September 22, 2024 under the theme of ***Awakenings***. The festival continues to grow each year including the previous years during the pandemic.

The programming for this year will focus on a theatrical play entitled ***Sometimes When I Dream*** – a musical presentation written and composed by Mohawk Kevin John Saylor, a resident of Gananoque and Kahnawake. The performers will be primarily youth from Kahnawake and

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Gananoque, who will collaborate with Mr. Saylor in the creation of the piece, which depicts a Musical fable about the first contact between Indigenous Peoples and European Explorers. Added to this will be the story tellers, recounting their tales of Indigenous history and traditions, along with dancers and as always, the famous drummers who tirelessly accompany most performances and events throughout the Festival. Outdoor events will include the placing of the Tiny Shoes on the King Street side steps of Town Hall, a smudging ceremony and teachings in the park in front of Town Hall on the Sunday morning followed by a Reconciliation Walk along King Street to Stone St and along to the First People's Park. Preliminary schedule and location is found below.

The popular Makers Indigenous Craft Market will return featuring the intricate artistic work created by these artists. An Indigenous film – ***The Incredible 25th. Year of Mitzi Bearclaw*** - will be shown on Friday evening. There will be a closing Feast at the end of the Festival on the Sunday evening, which was done last year and proved to be extremely popular. Many of the other actual events cannot be listed at this time, as it is still too early in the process, but as in previous years, everything is focussed on the celebration of the Indigenous contributions to our heritage and the recognition of the importance the Indigenous communities play in our history both past and present.

This year we will be applying again to the Department of Canadian Heritage for the Local Festivals program, the deadline for which is January 31, 2024. One of the requirements of this application is the commitment of support from the town/municipality in which the Festival is taking place as well as the financial contribution to the Festival this town/municipality will commit. This is a form which requires a signature from the proper authority for the town/municipality.

The success of this Festival is such that we have received several sponsorships from the community including Nature's Way Landscaping, Gan Chev Olds, MyFM Radio 99.9, Red Ruby Air BnB, Maple Leaf Restaurant and others, including several churches of various denominations that are seeing this as an opportunity to support ongoing Truth and Reconciliation initiatives. We feel certain that the list of supporters will continue to expand and grow. We are also enthusiastic for even greater participation from the Indigenous communities from Quebec to southern Ontario. The community of Gananoque has also been very

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supportive of this Festival and three years ago, the First People's Park of the Thousand Islands on the Sacred River waterfront of the St. Lawrence was officially dedicated and named in the presence of Indigenous and allied members of the First Peoples' Community.

As an intentional focus of the First Peoples' Performing Arts Festival of the Thousand Islands has been education through the sharing of Indigenous Arts and Culture, it has been very validating to get wonderful feedback from many non-Indigenous people. Attendees of the various events have told us how very much they have appreciated and learned through the performances, the storytelling, and the ceremonial events that they were invited to participate in. We are aware of Tourists who come Gananoque, particularly hoping to discover some of the pre-settler identity of this region, wanting to learn about the First Peoples on whose land the towns and cities along the Saint Lawrence River have been built. These tourists want to see our region's historical sites and are also hoping to learn about the Indigenous culture, both historical and contemporary. They are delighted to discover the First Peoples' Performing Arts Festival of the Thousand Islands and all of its educational elements.

The attendance at last year's Festival was constant and exciting. For each event there were a minimum of 50 participants and often 75 or more. For the headliner – **Barbara Diabo** – due to a technical difficulty she was unable to fulfill her full performance agreement during the actual festival but did perform a truncated version of her work during the Festival and honoured her commitment by returning to do the full performance of ***Sky Dancers*** on November 12th which was well attended and received with great enthusiasm.

Advertising for this event will begin in early July and a poster will be created specifically for this year's events, which will highlight the various performances and performers along with the sponsors and contributors. It is distributed through several Facebook on-line groups as well as Instagram and others. There will also be hard copies postered throughout Gananoque as well as in Kingston and other communities in the surrounding areas.

It is to be noted that all participants in the programmes will be paid and all access to all the events will be free of charge to everyone.

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The administrative management of the Festival is overseen by seasoned professional Arts Administrator Jane Needles, and Professional Artistic Director Frayne McCarthy who are the leads of King Street Productions (KSP). There are positions for student employees under the Youth Employment Grant program of Canadian Heritage, but the decisions on these grant applications are unknown at this time. However, we have been successful in obtaining them for the past several years. All programming is determined by the members of the First Peoples Circle of the Thousand Islands.

We trust that we have provided sufficient information about this event, but if there are any details missing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Jane Needles, Director of Administration
King Street Productions for
First Peoples' Circle of the Thousand Islands.

Preliminary schedule and Town space required

Tiny Shoes – King Street Side Town Hall Steps – Placed Friday September 19, 2024 – removed Monday September 22, 2024

Smudging and teaching – Sunday September 21, 2024 - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

– Sunday September 21, 2024 – King Street to Stone Street to First People's Park – 1:00PM

Reconciliation Walk – 2:30 PM

Ceremonies – First People's Park – Sunday September 21, 2024 – 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

All other events are held at the Royal Theatre – 75 King Street East. Gananoque, Ontario.

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**First Peoples Performing Arts Festival
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Awakenings**

Budget Sept 2024

Revenues	
Canadian Heritage	\$ 20,000.00
Town of Gananoque	\$ 8,000.00
Anglican Church	\$ 3,000.00
Musicians Trust Fund	\$ 4,000.00
Sponsorships	\$ 5,000.00
Sub Total	\$ 40,000.00
In Kind Accommodations	\$ 1,000.00
In Kind Food	\$ 1,000.00
In Kind My FM 99.9 Radio Spots	\$ 10,000.00
Sub Total	\$ 12,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 52,000.00
Expenses	
Performers (Play)	\$ 10,000.00
Musicians (Play)	\$ 3,000.00
Play development	\$ 3,000.00
Production Values	\$ 3,000.00
Musical arrangements	\$ 3,000.00
Travel and Accommodations - Performers	\$ 3,000.00
Chaperones for performers	\$ 1,500.00
Drummers/Dancers	\$ 3,000.00
Drummers/Dancers Travel and Accommodation	\$ 2,000.00
Fees and Dues Drummers (Musicians Union)	\$ 500.00
Film Rental	\$ 1,500.00
Speakers, performers (5x \$500)	\$ 2,500.00
Crafters travel	\$ 2,000.00
Set up supplies (tables, chairs, etc.)	\$ 1,000.00
Programs / Story Background Handouts	\$ 1,000.00
Advertising Newspapers/Radio	\$ 6,000.00
Banner	\$ 2,000.00
Food prep and purchase for closing Feast	\$ 1,000.00
Admin support staff part-time	\$ 3,000.00
Total	\$ 52,000.00