

MINUTES

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARLETON PLACE

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Randell
Deputy Mayor Tennant
Councillor Seccaspina
Councillor Atkinson
Councillor Comley
Councillor Cavanagh
Councillor Hinton

STAFF PRESENT: Diane Smithson, CAO
Stacey Blair, Clerk

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Randell read the Town's Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion No. 136 05-01

Moved by: Councillor Atkinson

Seconded by: Councillor Cavanagh

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council Minutes

Motion No. 136 05-02

Moved by: Councillor Comley

Seconded by: Councillor Seccaspina

THAT the Council Minutes dated March 11, 2025, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. **CONSENT REPORT**

Motion No. 136 05-03

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tennant

Seconded by: Councillor Hinton

THAT Council receive the Consent Report dated March 25, 2025:

Carleton Place Drinking Water System 2024 Annual Report (Communication 136020)

THAT Council accepts the Carleton Place Drinking Water System 2024 Annual Report as information; and

THAT the report be made available to the Public via the Town's Website.

Carleton Place 2024 Stormwater Management Annual Report (Communication 136021)

THAT Council accepts the Carleton Place 2024 Stormwater Management Annual Report as information; and

THAT the report be made available to the Public via the Town's Website.

Recreation Concept Plan (Communication 136022)

THAT Council directs the Property and Project Manager to proceed with Option 1 - Addition onto Arena Facility with a New Pool as outlined in the report by the Property and Project Manager and report back to Council once the Recreation Concept Plan is completed.

2025 Highlight Community for Lanark County Festival (Communication 136023)

THAT Council supports the submission of a request to Lanark County for the Town of Carleton Place to be considered as the "Highlight Community" for the 2025 Lanark County Harvest Festival.

Community Enrichment Program - First Intake 2025 (Communication 136024)

THAT the allocation of Community Enrichment Grants to various organizations under Intake 1 be approved in the amount of \$24,867.00.

Heritage Committee Council Representative

THAT Linda Seccaspina be appointed as the Council Representative on the Heritage Committee.

CARRIED

7. MOTIONS

1. Response to U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods

Motion No. 136 05-04

Moved by: Councillor Comley

Seconded by: Councillor Atkinson

WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating back to its Confederation in 1867, and our identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture, founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions, and strengthened by more than a century and a half of multicultural immigration; and

WHEREAS trade between Ontario and the United States is crucial for our residents and local economies, requiring cooperation at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS the U.S. has recently escalated trade tensions by imposing new 25% tariffs on Canadian goods, including steel and aluminum, as well as 10% tariffs on energy exports; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario estimates that Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure over the next decade, meaning that any restrictions or tariffs on Canadian suppliers could significantly impact procurement costs and local economies; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

WHEREAS municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs but now face rising costs and uncertainty due to U.S. tariffs and retaliatory countermeasures; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, has introduced a 25% counter-tariffs on \$30 billion worth of U.S. imports; and

WHEREAS there remain significant trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories, limiting economic opportunities for Canada;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Carleton Place supports and echoes the motion passed by Lanark County on this matter; and

THAT the Town of Carleton Place stands with Team Canada in its efforts to combat unfair trade barriers and support local economies; and

THAT the Town of Carleton Place shall, within the framework of existing trade agreements, adopt a “Buy Canadian” approach for routine and regular purchases; and

THAT the Town of Carleton Place supports the reciprocal measures taken by the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario; and

THAT the Town of Carleton Place requests that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments preventing municipalities from preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other municipal procurement needs; and

THAT the Town of Carleton Place urges the federal and provincial governments to take concrete action to remove trade barriers between provinces and territories, thereby fostering a stronger internal Canadian economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- Prime Minister Mark Carney;
- Ontario Premier Doug Ford;
- Member of Parliament Scott Reid;
- Member of Provincial Parliament John Jordan;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);

- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Randell noted the following date of significance:

- Parkinson's Awareness Month - April

Other highlighted and announced events can be found on the Community Events calendar located on the Town's website.

9. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

1. By-law No. 16-2025 (Confirmation of Council Proceedings)

Motion No. 136 05-05

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tennant

Seconded by: Councillor Hinton

THAT By-law 16-2025 (Confirmation of Council Proceedings for March 25, 2025) be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 136 05-06

Moved by: Councillor Cavanagh

Seconded by: Councillor Comley

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

CARRIED

Toby Randell, Mayor

Stacey Blair, Clerk

