

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Minutes
Committee of the Whole Meeting

COW2026-04
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Open Session Commencing at 1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
City Hall
26 Francis Street, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 5R8

Members:
Mayor Doug Elmslie
Deputy Mayor Tracy Richardson
Councillor Ron Ashmore
Councillor Mark Doble
Councillor Dan Joyce
Councillor Charlie McDonald
Councillor Mike Perry
Councillor Pat Warren
Councillor Emmett Yeo

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Elmslie called the Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor T. Richardson and Councillors R. Ashmore, M. Doble, D. Joyce, C. McDonald, M. Perry and P. Warren were in attendance in Council Chambers.

Councillor E. Yeo was in attendance electronically.

CAO R. Taylor, City Clerk C. Ritchie, Deputy Clerks S. O'Connell and J. Watts, Directors L. Barrie, S. Beukeboom, J. Johnson, J. Rojas, O. Vigelius, Fire Chief T. Jones, Paramedic Chief S. Johnston, Human Services Manager M. Corley and Economic Development Officer - Agriculture K. Maloney were also in attendance in Council Chambers.

Treasurer C. Daynes, Treasury Supervisor J. Hood and Chief Building Official S. Murchison were also in attendance electronically.

2. Adoption of Agenda

CW2026-063

Moved By Councillor McDonald

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Richardson

That the Agenda for the Open Session of the Committee of the Whole of Tuesday, April 7, 2026, be adopted as circulated and with the following amendments:

Additions:

Item 6.2 being correspondence from the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Federation of Agriculture relating to concerns regarding the ALTO High Speed Rail Project

Item 6.3 being correspondence from the Victoria Beef Farmers relating to opposition to the ALTO High Speed Rail Project

Deletions:

Item 5.2 being a deputation by Glenn Wood and Deb Collins, of the Fenelon Falls Legion, relating to a request for the installation of a crosswalk on Lindsay Street, Fenelon

Carried

4. Announcements

Recognition of Paralympic Gold Medalist Jon Thurston

Mayor Elmslie welcomed Paralympic Gold Medalist Jon Thurston to Council Chambers and thanked him for attending the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 7, 2026. Mayor Elmslie congratulated Mr. Thurston on his gold medal win for Wheelchair Curling at the 2026 Milano-Cortino Paralympic Winter Games. Mr. Thurston provided an overview of his experience at the 2026 Milano-Cortino Paralympic Winter Games.

Councillor Ashmore presented Mr. Thurston with a plaque from the City of Kawartha Lakes recognizing Mr. Thurston for his gold medal win. Councillor Warren presented Mr. Thurston with a parcel of City of Kawartha Lakes branded merchandise that he can use during his travels as he represents the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The Meeting recessed at 1:17 p.m. and reconvened at 1:23 p.m.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

5. Deputations

5.1 COW2026-04.5.1

Concern Relating to the ALTO High Speed Rail Project

Laurie Reynolds

Laurie Reynolds provided an overview of her concerns relating to the ALTO High Speed Rail Project. She outlined concerns relating to a lack of communication with residents within the City of Kawartha Lakes by ALTO, the division of agricultural properties and the division of local communities. She questioned whether or not the proposed project would have a significant benefit for the local area. She expressed concern relating to the loss of farmland and noted that recent amendments to Bill C-15 provide an increased ability for lands to be expropriated for the project. She noted that the importance of food security should be paramount over infrastructure projects. She asked Council to consider stating their opposition to the proposed project.

CW2026-064

Moved By Deputy Mayor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor McDonald

That the deputation of Laurie Reynolds, **regarding Concern Relating to the ALTO High Speed Rail Project**, be received; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

6. Correspondence

6.1 COW2026-04.6.1

City of Kawartha Lakes - Integrity Commissioner Annual Report for the Operating Period of February 28, 2025 to February 27, 2026

Charles A. Harnick, ADR Chambers, Office of the Integrity Commissioner for the City of Kawartha Lakes

CW2026-065

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By Councillor Perry

That the correspondence from Charles Harnick, of ADR Chambers, **regarding City of Kawartha Lakes - Integrity Commissioner Annual Report for the Operating Period of February 28, 2025 to February 27, 2026**, be received; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

6.2 COW2026-04.6.2

Concerns Relating to the ALTO High Speed Rail Project Relating to Item 9.1 on the Agenda

Paul Buckley, President, Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Federation of Agriculture

CW2026-066

Moved By Councillor Doble

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Richardson

That the correspondence from Paul Buckley, President of the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Federation of Agriculture, **regarding Concerns Relating to the ALTO High Speed Rail Project**, be received; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

6.3 COW2026-04.6.3

Opposition to the ALTO High Speed Rail Project

Relating to Item 9.1 on the Agenda

Cassandra Gorrill, President, Victoria Beef Farmers

Adam Shea, Victoria Beef Farmers

CW2026-067

Moved By Councillor Ashmore

Seconded By Councillor Perry

That the correspondence from Cassandra Gorrill and Adam Shea, of the Victoria Beef Farmers, **regarding Opposition to the ALTO High Speed Rail Project**, be received; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

7. Presentations

7.1 COW2026-04.7.1

Burnt River Flood Plain Mapping Update Presentation

Galen Yurex, Flood Plain GIS/Mapping Technician, Kawartha Conservation

Galen Yurex, Flood Plain GIS/Mapping Technician with Kawartha Conservation, provided an update on the Burnt River Flood Plain Mapping Study that was conducted between Hillside Drive and the Kinmount Dam. The overview outlined the importance of flood plain mapping, a detailed explanation of the area that was reviewed and the tools that were utilized to complete the mapping initiative.

CW2026-068

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By Councillor Perry

That the presentation by Galen Yurex, of Kawartha Conservation, **regarding an Update on the Burnt River Flood Plain Mapping**, be received; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

Item 9.1 was moved up on the Agenda.

9.1 COW2026-04.9.1

Memorandum Regarding the Agricultural Community Concerns regarding ALTO Consultation Process

Deputy Mayor Richardson

CW2026-069

Moved By Deputy Mayor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor Doble

That the Memorandum from Deputy Mayor Richardson, **regarding Agricultural Community Concerns regarding ALTO Consultation Process**, be received;

That the City of Kawartha Lakes formally oppose the ALTO project in its current form as expressed by Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus as it only proposes a single stop in the Eastern Ontario region, benefitting urban residents at the expense of rural residents and lands;

That the City of Kawartha Lakes formally request ALTO provide additional, accessible, in-person consultation opportunities within the City of Kawartha Lakes prior to advancing any decisions related to the ALTO initiative;

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Transport and the Member of Parliament for Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes; and

That this recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

7.2 COW2026-04.7.2

Economic Impact Assessment for Ampere

Ryan Oliver, Chief Executive Officer, Ampere

Ryan Oliver, Chief Executive Officer for Ampere, provided an overview of the economic impact assessment that was completed for Ampere to outline how Ampere is driving economic growth and community well being in Lindsay and the broader Kawartha Lakes area. The economic impact assessment was presented to outline how the operational and capital infrastructure at Ampere is affecting tourism and workforce development Kawartha Lakes while connecting those elements to the City's strategic priorities. Mr. Oliver highlighted recent successes and future projects.

CW2026-070

Moved By Councillor McDonald

Seconded By Councillor Doble

That the presentation by Ryan Oliver, of Ampere, **regarding the Economic Impact Assessment for Ampere**, be received; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

7.3 COW2026-04.7.3

Kawartha Lakes Agriculture and Food Action Plan 2026-2030 Presentation

Kelly Maloney, Economic Development Officer - Agriculture

Kelly Maloney, Economic Development Officer - Agriculture, provided an overview of the Kawartha Lakes Agriculture and Food Action Plan for 2026 to 2030. The overview summarized the five (5) goals within the Plan, being:

1. Enable agri-business growth and investment;
2. Support business development and value-added growth;
3. Build a skilled and sustainable workforce;
4. Invest in places that support agriculture; and
5. Elevate and support the agriculture and food sector.

CW2026-071

Moved By Councillor Joyce

Seconded By Councillor Ashmore

That the presentation by Kelly Maloney, Economic Development Officer - Agriculture, **regarding the Kawartha Lakes Agriculture and Food Action Plan 2026-2030**, be received; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

7.3.1 Report ED2026-010

Kawartha Lakes Agriculture and Food Action Plan 2026-2030

Kelly Maloney, Economic Development Officer - Agriculture

CW2026-072

Moved By Councillor Ashmore

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Richardson

That Report ED2026-010, **Kawartha Lakes Agriculture and Food Action Plan 2026 to 2030**, be received;

That the Kawartha Lakes Agriculture and Food Action Plan 2026 to 2030, substantially in the form attached as Appendix A, be approved; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

The Meeting recessed at 3:33 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

7.4 COW2026-04.7.4

2025 Deficit Disposition and 2026 Challenges Presentation

Sara Beukeboom, Director, Corporate Services

Sara Beukeboom, Director of Corporate Services, provided an overview of the 2025 deficit strategy and 2026 budget pressures. The overview included detail surrounding the 2025 budget versus actual expenditures, 2025 budget pressures, the 2026 deficit strategy, reserve utilization and an update on 2026 budget pressures.

CW2026-073

Moved By Councillor Perry

Seconded By Councillor Joyce

That the presentation by Sara Beukeboom, Director of Corporate Services, **regarding the 2025 Deficit Disposition and 2026 Challenges**, be received; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

8. **Consent Matters**

CW2026-074

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Richardson

That the correspondence from Heather Stauble, **Regarding Concerns Relating to the ALTO High Speed Rail Project**, be received; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Perry

Seconded By Councillor McDonald

That all of the proposed recommendations shown in Section 8.1 of the Agenda, save and except for Items 8.1.2, 8.1.3 and 8.1.4, be approved by the Committee of the Whole in the order that they appear on the Agenda, sequentially numbered and forwarded to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

8.1 Reports

8.1.1 PR2026-006

Request for Reallocation of Capital Project Funds

Ryan Smith, Manager, Parks and Recreation

CW2026-075

That Report PR2026-006, **Request for Reallocation of Capital Project Funds**, be received;

That funding for the Fenelon Township Pickleball Courts, Capital Project 950250114, in the amount of \$208,000.00, be reallocated to support the repainting and designation of pickleball courts at Memorial Park in Lindsay and the Little Britain Community Centre;

That funding for the Fenelon Township Park Pathways and Parking Lot, Capital Project 950260115, in the amount of \$200,000.00, be reallocated to support the installation of a drilled well and septic system at the Fenelon Township Community Centre; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

8.1.5 ED2026-015

Proposed Heritage Designation of 7 Bond Street East, Village of Fenelon Falls (St. James' Anglican Church)

Emily Turner, Economic Development Officer - Heritage Planning

CW2026-076

That Report ED2026-015, **Proposed Heritage Designation of 7 Bond Street East, Village of Fenelon Falls (St. James' Anglican Church)**, be received;

That the Municipal Heritage Committee's recommendation to designate 7 Bond Street East under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest be endorsed;

That staff be authorized to proceed with the process to designate the subject property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, including the preparation and circulation of Notices of Intention to Designate, consultation with the property owner and preparation of the designating by-laws; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

8.1.6 ED2026-016

Proposed Heritage Designation of 43-45 Sherwood Street, Village of Bobcaygeon (Christ Anglican Church)

Emily Turner, Economic Development Officer - Heritage Planning

CW2026-077

That Report ED2026-016, **Proposed Heritage Designation of 43-45 Sherwood Street, Village of Bobcaygeon (Christ Anglican Church)**, be received;

That the Municipal Heritage Committee's recommendation to designate 43-45 Sherwood Street under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest be endorsed;

That staff be authorized to proceed with the process to designate the subject property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, including the preparation and circulation of Notices of Intention to Designate, consultation with the property owner and preparation of the designating by-laws; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

8.1.7 ED2026-017

Proposed Heritage Designation of 945 Frank Hill Road, Geographic Township of Emily (St. James Anglican Church)

Emily Turner, Economic Development Officer - Heritage Planning

CW2026-078

That Report ED2026-017, **Proposed Heritage Designation of 945 Frank Hill Road, Geographic Township of Emily (St. James' Anglican Church)**, be received;

That the Municipal Heritage Committee's recommendation to designate 945 Frank Hill Road under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest be endorsed;

That staff be authorized to proceed with the process to designate the subject property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, including the preparation and circulation of Notices of Intention to Designate, consultation with the property owner and preparation of the designating by-laws; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

8.1.8 ED2026-023

Economic Development Fund 2026

Rebecca Mustard, Manager, Economic Development

CW2026-079

That Report ED2026-023, **Economic Development Fund 2026**, be received;

That the Kinmount Community Volunteer Management Committee, being a Committee of Council, be approved for funding of \$3,866.57 from the Economic Development Fund Cultural Development Fund program 2026;

That the unallocated funds of \$71,791.96 contribute to the City's annual surplus/deficit in accordance with the Budget and Surplus/Deficit Disposition Policy CP2026-006; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

8.2 Items Extracted from Consent

8.1.2 BLDG2026-001

911 Municipal Addressing - Rural Installations

Susanne Murchison, Chief Building Official

CW2026-080

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Richardson

That Report BLDG2026-001, **911 Municipal Addressing – Rural Installations**, be received;

That the recommended change to a property owner installation model be approved;

That the necessary Civic Addressing By-law substantially in accordance with Appendix 'A' be brought forward for adoption;

That staff be authorized to proceed with amending the Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law 2018-234; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

8.1.3 CLK2026-005

Street, Municipal Facility, and Park Naming Policy Update

Joel Watts, Deputy Clerk

CW2026-081

Moved By Councillor Perry

Seconded By Councillor Warren

That Report CLK2026-005, **Street, Municipal Facility and Park Naming Policy Update**, be received;

That the Street, Municipal Facility and Park Naming Policy, as attached substantially in the form as Appendix A to Report CLK2026-005, be approved and numbered for inclusion in the City's Policy Manual, replacing all predecessor versions; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

8.1.4 CLK2026-006

Council Policy Review - Final Report

Sarah O'Connell, Deputy Clerk

It was noted that Policy CP2016-001, the Employee Expense Policy, will be moved to Table C in Report CLK2026-006 and renumbered.

CW2026-082

Moved By Councillor Ashmore

Seconded By Councillor Yeo

That Report CLK2026-006, **Council Policy Review – Final Report**, be received;

That the Council Policies outlined within Table C within Report CLK2026-006, be renumbered for inclusion in the City's Policy Manual, replacing all predecessor versions; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

9. **New or Other Business**

10. **Adjournment**

CW2026-083

Moved By Councillor Perry

Seconded By Councillor Yeo

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourn at 4:27 p.m.

Carried

Doug Elmslie, Mayor

Cathie Ritchie, City Clerk