



**City of Kingston
Council Meeting Minutes**

2026-06
February 17, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber

Present: Councillor Amos
Councillor Boehme (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)
Deputy Mayor Cinanni
Councillor Glenn
Councillor Hassan (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)
Councillor McLaren
Councillor Oosterhof
Councillor Osanic
Mayor Paterson
Councillor Ridge
Councillor Stephen
Councillor Tozzo

Absent: Councillor Chaves

Staff Present: Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Growth & Development Services
Saru Bajwa, Land Development Manager
Jennifer Campbell, Commissioner, Community Services
Craig Desjardins, Director, Office of Strategy, Innovation & Partnerships
Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation & Leisure Services
Brandon Forrest, Director, Business, Real Estate & Environment
Lanie Hurdle, Chief Administrative Officer
Janet Jaynes, City Clerk
Desiree Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer
Jenna Morley, City Solicitor
Derek Ochej, Deputy City Clerk
Tim Park, Director, Planning Services
Brodie Richmond, Manager, Environmental Operations and Programs
Heather Roberts, Director, Water & Wastewater Services
Chris Sabourin, Technology Associate
Karen Santucci, Director, Public Works and Solid Waste Services
Ian Semple, Commissioner, Transportation & Infrastructure Services

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Iain Sullivan, Committee Clerk
Holly Wilson, Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Regular business commenced at 7:02 p.m. His Worship Mayor Bryan Paterson presided.

2. The Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting"

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

Seconded by: Councillor Amos

That Council resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting" to consider the following items:

- a. 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 - Contract Negotiations Update; and
- b. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board - Update on Court Proceedings.

YEAS: (9): Councillor Amos, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (4): Councillor Boehme, Councillor Chaves, Councillor Hassan, and Councillor McLaren

Carried (9 to 0)

3. Report of the Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting"

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

Seconded by: Councillor Stephen

That Council rise from the Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting" without reporting.

YEAS: (12): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor Hassan, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (1): Councillor Chaves

Carried (12 to 0)

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4. Approval of the Addendum

Moved by: Councillor Amos

Seconded by: Councillor Tozzo

That the addendum be approved.

YEAS: (12): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor Hassan, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (1): Councillor Chaves

Carried (12 to 0)

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Boehme declared his potential pecuniary interest with respect to Clause 3 of Report Number 16: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Recommend) regarding 2025 Annual Water Summary Reports and 2025 Annual Wastewater Reports, as he is an employee of Utilities Kingston.

6. Presentations

None.

7. Delegations

1. Allen Langdon - Extended Producer Responsibility and Recycling Collection Communications

Allen Langdon, Circular Materials Ontario, appeared before Council and spoke to New Motion 2 regarding Extended Producer Responsibility and Recycling Collection Communications.

2. Alyssa Perisa - Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route

Alyssa Perisa appeared before Council and spoke to New Motion 3 regarding Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route.

3. Shelley Hirstwood, Ben McIlquham & Jesse Kubes - Wet Lab Development Project

Shelley Hirstwood & Ben McIlquham, Kingston Economic Development Corporation and Jesse Kubes, Queen's University, appeared before Council and spoke to Clause 2 of Report Number 16: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Recommend) regarding Wet Lab Development Project.

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4. Krista LeClair - Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route

Krista LeClair, Kingston Accommodation Partners, appeared before Council and spoke to New Motion 3 regarding Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route.

5. Marijo Cuerrier - Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route

Marijo Cuerrier, Downtown Kingston Business Improvement Area, appeared before Council and spoke to New Motion 3 regarding Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route.

6. Lisa Asbreuk - Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route

Lisa Asbreuk, Corridor Train Alliance, appeared before Council and spoke to New Motion 3 regarding Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route.

Councillor Tozzo withdrew from the meeting.

7. David Pichora - Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route

David Pichora, Kingston Health Sciences Centre, appeared before Council and spoke to New Motion 3 regarding Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

Seconded by: Councillor Glenn

That in accordance with Section 12.9 of the City of Kingston Council Procedural By-Law, David Pichora, Kingston Health Sciences Centre, be permitted to appear before Council to speak to New Motion 3 with respect to Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor Hassan, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, and Councillor Stephen

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Tozzo

Carried (11 to 0)

8. Niki Boytchuk-Hale - Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route

Niki Boytchuk-Hale, Queen's University, appeared before Council and spoke to New Motion 3 regarding Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route.

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Moved by: Councillor Glenn

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

That in accordance with Section 12.9 of the City of Kingston Council Procedural By-Law, Niki Boytchuk-Hale, Queen's University, be permitted to appear before Council to speak to New Motion 3 with respect to Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor Hassan, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, and Councillor Stephen

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Tozzo

Carried (11 to 0)

8. Petitions

None.

9. Deferred Motions

None.

Councillor Tozzo returned to the meeting.

10. Motions of Congratulations, Recognition, Sympathy, Condolences and Speedy Recovery

That the Motions of Congratulations, Recognition, Sympathy, Condolences and Speedy Recovery be approved.

YEAS: (12): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor Hassan, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (1): Councillor Chaves

Carried (12 to 0)

1. Motion of Recognition - International Women's Day

Moved by: Councillor Hassan

Seconded by: Councillor Osanic

That Kingston City Council recognize International Women's Day on Sunday, March 8, 2026, and celebrate the achievements of women throughout Kingston. International Women's Day (IWD), established in 1911, has for over 115 years advanced the vision of a gender equal world, free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination, where diversity is valued and

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celebrated. The 2026 IWD theme, 'Give to Gain', emphasizes generosity, collaboration, and the power of reciprocity and mutual support in advancing gender equality. Kingston City Council expresses its support for International Women's Day, its goals, and women in Kingston, and encourages residents to contribute to the continued advancement of women in our community.

Carried

2. Motion of Condolences - Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia

Moved by: Councillor Glenn

Seconded by: Councillor Stephen

That Kingston City Council extend its deepest sympathies to the families and friends of those lost in the unfathomable tragedy of February 10, 2026. Our thoughts are with the entire community of Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia as they navigate this period of profound collective mourning.

Carried

3. Motion of Condolences - William Leggett

Moved by: Mayor Paterson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

That the condolences of Kingston City Council be extended to the family and friends of William "Bill" Leggett, former Principal of Queen's University, and a member of the Order of Canada, who also served as a valued member of the Utilities Kingston Board since 2012. Bill was a world-renowned Professor of Biology whose research focused on the dynamics of fish populations, earning numerous honours, including the Fry Medal and induction as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. His professionalism, positive spirit, sound judgment, and unwavering support made a lasting impact on the organizations he worked for and our community. His passing is a great loss, and he will be deeply missed. Our thoughts are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Carried

4. Motion of Condolences - Robert (Bud) Steele

Moved by: Mayor Paterson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

That the sincere condolences of Kingston City Council be extended to the family and friends of Robert (Bud) Steele, who passed away on February 16, 2026. Bud worked for over 22 years serving the Kingston community.

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He began his municipal career with the former Public Utilities Commission in 1997 as Transit Maintenance Supervisor with Kingston Transit and joined the new City of Kingston at amalgamation in 1998. He went on to lead the City's fleet and garage operations and retired in 2019 as Manager, Fleet Services. Bud was known for his practical, hands-on leadership and his deep technical knowledge. He played a central role in building and strengthening the City's fleet operations, supporting the safe and reliable delivery of transit and municipal services. He was also known for his humour, big laugh, and kind heart, and for fostering strong camaraderie among his colleagues. Our thoughts are with Bud's family and friends during this difficult time.

Carried

11. Briefings

1. Pierre-Yves Boivin & Peter Paz - Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route.

Pierre-Yves Boivin, Chief Communications and Engagement Officer, Alto, Peter Paz, Senior Director, Government and Public Relations for Ontario, Alto, and David A. Cook, Vice President Systems Interface, Alto, briefed Council on New Motion Number 3 regarding Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route.

Council recessed from 9:18 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Councillor Hassan withdrew from the meeting and did not return.

12. Report Number 15: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consent)

Moved by: Councillor Amos

Seconded by: Councillor Tozzo

That Report Number 15: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consent) be received and adopted.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

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1. Delegation of Authority with the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and Municipalities for Infrastructure Work

Resolution Number: 2026-62

Moved by: Councillor Amos

Seconded by: Councillor Tozzo

That Council delegate authority to the Director, Engineering Services to approve agreements and related documents with the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, including any ministry or agency, and municipalities that relate to the planning, design, repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, maintenance or improvement of municipal and provincial roads, and road-related infrastructure, including planning studies, environmental studies, bridges, culverts, drainage, and associated works, provided that any costs to be incurred by the City in respect of such agreements are included in an approved budget, and that the City Clerk be directed to include such delegation of authority in future amendments to the Delegation of Authority By-law.

Carried

2. Update on Lot 446, Excess Soil Beneficial Re-Use Site, 1713 Venture Drive

Resolution Number: 2026-63

Moved by: Councillor Amos

Seconded by: Councillor Tozzo

That Council direct staff to prepare remaining vegetated and treed portions of Lot 446 located at 1713 Venture Drive to receive beneficial re-use soils in accordance with existing soil management plans and strategies.

Carried

3. Community Benefit Program Fund Allocation - Kingston Solar LP (Samsung) Renewable Energy Project

Resolution Number: 2026-64

Moved by: Councillor Amos

Seconded by: Councillor Tozzo

That Council approve the recommendations of the Rural Economic and Community Development Working Group for the allocation of funds from the Samsung Community Benefit Program Fund for:

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1. Up to \$12,000 for the implementation of a marketing and communications plan to improve awareness of, and engagement with, rural Kingston residents, businesses, and community organizations, including rural newsletters, curbside signage, and targeted social media;
2. Up to \$30,000 for the continuation of the Rural Kingston Community Program Fund to provide up to six (6) grants of \$5,000 each to support rural organizations and partnerships to create or enhance events, cultural activities, recreational products, and community beautification projects, and that Council delegate to the Rural Economic and Community Development Working Group the evaluation and approval of projects to be funded; and
3. Up to \$2,000 to support Rural Community Space Activation activities that deliver small-scale, locally focused programming and community events in rural facilities.

Carried

13. Report Number 16: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Recommend)

Moved by: Councillor Ridge

Seconded by: Councillor Stephen

That Report Number 16: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Recommend) be received and adopted, clause by clause.

1. St. Lawrence Business Park Expansion Lands Update

Resolution Number: 2026-65

Moved by: Councillor Ridge

Seconded by: Councillor Stephen

That Council endorse the Shovel-Worthy Development Framework, attached as Exhibit B to Report Number 26-054, and direct staff to continue working with project partners to complete Phase 2 of the Framework - the Site Development Guidelines; and

That Council direct staff to continue working with landowners north of the St. Lawrence Business Park Expansion Lands to advocate for the expansion of the ecological corridor connecting Butternut Creek with the Indigenous Food Sovereignty Garden, to support the goals of biodiversity and ecological linkages within the corridor.

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YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

2. Wet Lab Development Project

Resolution Number: 2026-66

Moved by: Councillor Ridge

Seconded by: Councillor Stephen

That Council approve the reallocation of \$3,000,000 from the employment land acquisition budget, and the reallocation of the funding source from the Industrial Land Reserve Fund to the Municipal Capital Reserve Fund, to support the development of Tri-Colour Labs, a shared, industry-ready wet lab and biomanufacturing facility located at Botterell Hall, Queen's University, subject to the following conditions:

1. Confirmation and retention of higher-level government funding, including compliance with all associated timelines and eligibility requirements;
2. Finalization of a governance and oversight model that provides for City participation in advisory and reporting structures, ensures transparency and accountability, and protects municipal interests;
3. Execution of funding, governance, and collaboration agreements between the City of Kingston, Kingston Economic Development Corporation, and Queen's University, in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services and Chief Financial Officer;
4. Restriction of the City's contribution to eligible capital and equipment costs only, with no municipal responsibility for operating, maintenance, or lifecycle costs; and
5. Structuring of funding disbursement on a claim-based basis tied to confirmed matching contributions, construction progress, and reporting requirements; and

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute all necessary agreements to give effect to this approval to support the development of Tri-Colour Labs.

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ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

Councillor Boehme withdrew from the meeting.

3. 2025 Annual Water Summary Reports and 2025 Annual Wastewater Reports

Resolution Number: 2026-67

Moved by: Councillor Ridge

Seconded by: Councillor Stephen

That Council receive the 2025 Annual Water Summary Reports for the King Street Water Treatment Plant, the Point Pleasant Water Treatment Plant and the Cana Water Treatment Plant as required by the terms and conditions outlined in Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 for Drinking Water Systems.

YEAS: (10): Councillor Amos, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (3): Councillor Boehme, Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (10 to 0)

Councillor Boehme returned to the meeting.

14. Report Number 17: Received from the Planning Committee

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

Seconded by: Councillor Stephen

That Report Number 17: Received from Planning Committee be received and adopted.

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1. Zoning By-Law Amendment - 525 Princess Street & 555 Princess Street

Resolution Number: 2026-68

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

Seconded by: Councillor Stephen

That the application for a zoning By-Law amendment (File Number D14-013-2025) submitted by Fitzrovia, on behalf of 555 Princess Inc., for the properties municipally known as 525 Princess Street and 555 Princess Street be approved; and

That Kingston Zoning By-Law Number 2022-62, as amended, be further amended, as per Exhibit A (Draft By-Law and Schedule A to Amend Zoning By-Law Number 2022-62) to Report Number PC-26-003; and

That Council determines that in accordance with Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, no further notice is required prior to the passage of the By-Law; and

That the amending By-Law be presented to Council for all three readings; and

That Council authorize the Manager, Development Engineering, to approve an encroachment agreement for the pedestrian bridge between 555 Princess Street and 525 Princess Street, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor or their designate and the Director, Public Works and Solid Waste or their designate.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

15. Report Number 18: Received from the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Moved by: Councillor Tozzo

Seconded by: Councillor Glenn

That Report Number 18: Received from Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be received and adopted.

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1. 2026 Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Work Plan

Resolution Number: 2026-69

Moved by: Councillor Tozzo

Seconded by: Councillor Glenn

That the 2026 Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Work Plan, attached as Exhibit A to Report Number MAAC-26-002, be approved.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

16. Committee of the Whole

None.

17. Information Reports

1. November and December 2025 Tender and Contract Awards Subject to Delegation of Authority

(Report Number 26-048 from the Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer)

This purpose of this report is to provide Council with details of contracts greater than \$100,000 that were awarded for both November and December 2025.

18. Information Reports from Members of Council

None.

19. Miscellaneous Business

Moved by: Councillor Tozzo

Seconded by: Councillor Amos

That the Miscellaneous Business item be approved

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

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1. Resignation from Kingston Frontenac Housing Corporation Board and Replacement

Resolution Number: 2026-70

Moved by: Councillor Tozzo

Seconded by: Councillor Amos

Whereas Rajesh Kumar (the Member) was appointed to the KFHC Board by Council on December 2, 2025 for a term ending November 14, 2026, and has indicated that he is not able to attend three consecutive Board meetings; and

Whereas A By-Law Relating Generally to the Conduct of the Business and Affairs of the Kingston & Frontenac Housing Corporation (By-Law Number 1), subsection 3.07 (1)(c) states that 'A Director shall be deemed to have submitted a letter or resignation under 3.07 which takes effect immediately who: is absent from three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Board without cause acceptable to the Board; and

Whereas the Kingston & Frontenac Housing Corporation Board of Directors has determined that the Member's cause for absence is not acceptable;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the resignation of Rajesh Kumar from the Kingston & Frontenac Housing Corporation Board of Directors be received with regret; and

That in accordance with Section 3.3.2 d. of the Public Appointment Policy, Nida Rehman be appointed from the reserve pool to the Kingston & Frontenac Housing Corporation Board of Directors for a term ending November 14, 2026.

Carried

20. New Motions

1. Outdoor Rinks Service Review

Resolution Number: 2026-71

Moved by: Councillor Boehme

Seconded by: Councillor Amos

Whereas the City operates a network of outdoor rinks with varying service levels and operational requirements; and

Whereas weather variability, water access, and resourcing has increasingly impacted the reliability and availability of outdoor rink operations;

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Therefore Be It Resolved That Council direct staff to undertake a service level review, including public engagement, of the City's outdoor rink program, including a review of rink locations and opportunities to consolidate, service models, and operational opportunities to make the best use of existing resources; and

That Council direct staff to report back to Council by Q3 2026 with options and associated resource implications for consideration with respect to outdoor rinks.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

Councillor Boehme withdrew from the meeting.

2. Extended Producer Responsibility and Recycling Collection Communications

Resolution Number: 2026-72

Moved by: Councillor Tozzo

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

Whereas in June 2021 the Province of Ontario released the Blue Box Regulation to shift the financial and operational responsibility of recycling from municipalities to the organizations that produce packaging, paper and packaging-like products; and

Whereas the shift of municipal responsibility for recycling programs is commonly known as extended producer responsibility;

Whereas starting July 1, 2025, the administration of the recycling program in the City of Kingston shifted to a not-for-profit organization known as Circular Materials Ontario (CMO); and

Whereas CMO has contracted a private company, currently Emterra Environmental, to collect curbside recycling in Kingston; and

Whereas prior to July 1, 2025, curbside recycling collection was conducted by a combination of municipal staff and a private contractor overseen by municipal staff; and

Whereas since July 1, 2025, Kingston residents have experienced increased instances of curbside recycling not being collected and delayed responses from Emterra Environmental with respect to resident concerns;

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Therefore Be It Resolved That Council urge Circular Materials Ontario (CMO), and its contractor for recycling collection in Kingston, Emterra Environmental, to take immediate steps to (a) improve the reliability of curbside recycling collection for Kingston residents and (b) ensure adequate communication with Kingston residents; and

That City staff be directed to continue sharing information with the public regarding the transition of the blue box program to extended producer responsibility and provide clear instructions on how residents contact CMO and Emterra Environmental with concerns or complaints regarding the recycling program; and

That a copy of this motion be shared with Allen Langdon, Chief Executive Officer, CMO, Allan Cosman, Board Chair, CMO, Ted Hsu, M.P.P. Kingston and the Islands and John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston.

YEAS: (10): Councillor Amos, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (3): Councillor Boehme, Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (10 to 0)

Councillor Boehme returned to the meeting.

3. Support for Alto High Speed Rail Southern Route, as Amended

Resolution Number: 2026-73

Moved by: Mayor Paterson

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

Whereas the federal government has identified Alto High-Speed Rail (HSR) as a nation-building project to deliver faster, more reliable, passenger rail service, strengthen regional connectivity, and support Canada's climate objectives through a transportation shift; and

Whereas the Alto high-speed rail line is intended to serve major centres and regional hubs along the Toronto – Ottawa - Montréal corridor to maximize ridership, economic impact, and public value; and

Whereas Kingston is a major regional hub in Eastern Ontario, serving as a centre for post-secondary education with Queen's University, St. Lawrence College and Royal Military College, health care with Kingston Health Sciences and the Cancer Centre of Eastern Ontario, national defence with CFB Kingston, provincial and federal ministry regional offices, several national and international employers and a significant tourism and innovation economy, all of which generate rail demand; and

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Whereas Kingston is the fourth busiest VIA Rail station in Canada with established travel demand within the Windsor-Quebec corridor, making us well positioned to support an Alto station that advances regional connectivity and travel-time competitiveness; and

Whereas a stop in Kingston would contribute to Alto's mandate of supporting strong ridership demand, enabling meaningful shifts from passenger vehicles, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and ensuring regional access to high-speed rail in Eastern Ontario; and

Whereas a southern route that is as close as possible to the urban centre of Kingston would be most beneficial to the residents of the City of Kingston and would align with the preferences of surrounding municipalities like South Frontenac; and

Whereas a southern High-Speed Rail route that bypasses Kingston would not serve the region, limit ridership and regional connectivity and offer no benefit to the city or Eastern Ontario;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Kingston City Council call on the Federal Minister of Transportation to enhance Alto's mandate to include the addition of a Kingston stop on the proposed Alto High-Speed Rail Southern Route between Peterborough and Ottawa; and

That Kingston City Council expresses its support for a southern route for the Alto High Speed Rail line, contingent upon development along the Highway 401 corridor around the South Frontenac and Kingston region and provided there is a new stop added that is in Kingston; and

That Kingston City Council requests that the southern route and planned stop in Kingston be located as close to the urban core of the city as possible; and

That if there is no station in Kingston, then Kingston City Council formally opposes the creation of the Alto Southern Route that would effectively bypass Kingston and offer no value or benefit for Kingston residents or those in Eastern Ontario; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Steve MacKinnon, P.C., M.P., Minister of Transport, Martin Imbleau, President and CEO, Alto, Mark Gerretsen, M.P. Kingston and the Islands, Scott Reid, M.P. Lanark-Frontenac, Ted Hsu, M.P.P. Kingston and the Islands, John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Ric Breese, M.P.P. Hastings - Lennox and Addington, South Frontenac Mayor Ron Vandewal, the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

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YEAS: (9): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

NAYS: (2): Councillor Glenn, and Councillor McLaren

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried as Amended (9 to 2)

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Osanic

Seconded by: Councillor Ridge

That New Motion 3: Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route be amended in the second operative clause by deleting the words 'the proposed' and substituting the word 'a' and read as follows:

That Kingston City Council expresses its support for a southern route for the Alto High Speed Rail line, contingent upon development along the Highway 401 corridor around the South Frontenac and Kingston region and provided there is a new stop added that is in Kingston; and

YEAS: (10): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

NAYS: (1): Councillor McLaren

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (10 to 1)

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Ridge

Seconded by: Councillor Tozzo

That New Motion 3: Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route be amended in the second operative clause by deleting the words 'close proximity to' and substituting the words 'contingent upon development along the Highway 401 corridor around the South Frontenac and Kingston region and' between the words 'line' and 'provided' and read as follows:

That Kingston City Council expresses its support for the proposed southern route for the Alto High Speed Rail line, **contingent upon development along the Highway 401 corridor around the South Frontenac and Kingston region and** provided there is a new stop added that is in Kingston; and

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YEAS: (8): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

NAYS: (3): Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, and Councillor Oosterhof

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (8 to 3)

Moved by: Councillor Glenn

Seconded by: Councillor McLaren

That New Motion 3: Support for Alto Rail High Speed Southern Route, as amended, be deferred to the March 10, 2026 Council meeting for consideration.

YEAS: (3): Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, and Councillor Oosterhof

NAYS: (8): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Lost (3 to 8)

4. Tree By-Law Amendments, as Amended

Resolution Number: 2026-74

Moved by: Councillor Osanic

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

Whereas trees provide important environmental, ecological, and community benefits, including habitat, erosion control, climate resilience, and protection of adjacent lands; and

Whereas the City recognizes the need to balance environmental stewardship and the preservation of natural features with the protection of agricultural practices that support normal and sustainable farming operations; and

Whereas under the current wording of *City of Kingston By-Law Number 2018-15, the Tree By-Law*, clear cutting may be treated as a normal farm practice, permitting large scale tree removal without the requirement for a tree permit or municipal oversight, including in circumstances where those trees provide important environmental functions for adjacent lands; and

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Whereas City staff have observed an increase in the injury or destruction of trees in contravention of the Tree By-Law on both private and public lands;

Therefore Be It Resolved That City staff be directed to review the Tree By-Law, including bringing the review to a Rural Economic & Community Development Working Group meeting to get their input to then bring forward amendments that may require a tree permit for all clear cutting, including on agricultural lands, in order to ensure appropriate municipal oversight of large-scale tree removal, and to make any other consequential amendments that staff consider advisable to improve the enforceability of the Tree By-Law, by the end of Q3 2026; and

That City staff be directed to review the administrative monetary penalties associated with contraventions of the Tree By-Law and to report back to Council by the end of Q3 2026 with any recommended changes to ensure penalties remain appropriate, proportionate, and effective as a deterrent.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried as Amended (11 to 0)

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor Osanic

Seconded by: Councillor Oosterhof

That New Motion 4, Tree By-Law Amendments, be amended in the first operative clause by deleting the words "...and bring forward amendments to Council to..." and substituting the words "...including bringing the review to a Rural Economic & Community Development Working Group meeting to get their input to then bring forward amendments that may ..." and deleting the word 'Q2' and substituting the word 'Q3' and read as follows:

Therefore Be It Resolved That City staff be directed to review the Tree By-Law, **including bringing the review to a Rural Economic & Community Development Working Group meeting to get their input to then bring forward amendments that may** require a tree permit for all clear cutting, including on agricultural lands, in order to ensure appropriate municipal oversight of large-scale tree removal, and to make any other consequential amendments that staff consider advisable to improve the enforceability of the Tree By-Law, by the end of Q3 2026; and

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YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by: Councillor Glenn

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

That Council waive the rules of By-Law 2021-41 "Council Procedural By-Law" to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. to complete the agenda.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

21. Notices of Motion

None.

22. Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Boehme

Seconded by: Councillor McLaren

That the minutes of City Council Meeting Number 2026-05, held Tuesday, February 3, 2026, be confirmed.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

23. Communications Package

Communications received and distributed between January 27, 2026 and February 10, 2026.

1. Additional Communications

Additional communications received and distributed on February 17, 2026.

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24. Other Business

Councillor Ridge recognized the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Horse being celebrated on February 17 and the beginning of Ramadan on February 18.

25. By-Laws

Resolution Number: 2026-75

Moved by: Councillor Osanic

Seconded by: Councillor Glenn

That By-Law Numbers (1) through (4) be given their first and second reading.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

Resolution Number: 2026-76

Moved by: Councillor Osanic

Seconded by: Councillor Glenn

That By-Law Numbers (1) through (4) be given their third reading.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

1. A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 2022-62, "Kingston Zoning By-Law Number 2022-62" (Change to Exception Number 'E83' and Exception Number 'E84' (525 Princess Street & 555 Princess Street))

A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 2022-62, "Kingston Zoning By-Law Number 2022-62" (Change to Exception Number 'E83' and Exception Number 'E84' (525 Princess Street & 555 Princess Street))

Three Readings

By-Law Number 2026-23

(Clause 1, Report Number 17)

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2. **A By-Law to Exempt Certain Lands on Registered Plan 13M-151 from the Provisions of Subsection 50(5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 (Blocks 34 to 45 on Registered Plan 13M-151, Woodhaven Subdivision Phase 5-1)**

A By-Law to Exempt Certain Lands on Registered Plan 13M-151 from the Provisions of Subsection 50(5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 (Blocks 34 to 45 on Registered Plan 13M-151, Woodhaven Subdivision Phase 5-1)

Three Readings

By-Law Number 2026-24

(Delegated Authority)

3. **A By-Law to Establish Part 2 on Reference Plan 13R-19253 as Part of the Public Highway known as Wood's Side Road in the City of Kingston, in Accordance with Section 31(4) of the Municipal Act, Chapter 25, S.O. 2001**

A By-Law to Establish Part 2 on Reference Plan 13R-19253 as Part of the Public Highway known as Wood's Side Road in the City of Kingston, in Accordance with Section 31(4) of the Municipal Act, Chapter 25, S.O. 2001.

Three Readings

By-Law Number 2026-25

(Delegated Authority)

4. **A By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 17, 2026**

A By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 17, 2026

Three Readings

By-Law Number 2026-26

(City Council Meeting Number 2026-06)

26. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Stephen

Seconded by: Councillor Ridge

That Council do now adjourn.

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YEAS: (11): Councillor Amos, Councillor Boehme, Deputy Mayor Cinanni, Councillor Glenn, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Oosterhof, Councillor Osanic, Mayor Paterson, Councillor Ridge, Councillor Stephen, and Councillor Tozzo

ABSENT: (2): Councillor Chaves, and Councillor Hassan

Carried (11 to 0)

Council adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

City Clerk, Janet Jaynes

Mayor, Bryan Paterson