



Council in Brief

October 14, 2025

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Presentations

Lilit Karapetyan, Municipal Advisor and Peter Sizov, Senior Municipal Advisor from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing provided a presentation to Council on the Strong Mayor Framework.

Richard Steiginga, CPA, CA Partner and Duane Potter from Baker Tilly provided a presentation to Council on the 2024 Financial Statements.

Delegation

Kristan Miller addressed Council regarding a Water Bill Forgiveness Request. Council directed staff to bring forward a report providing consideration on Council's options to support forgiveness of the sewage fees.

Items for Consideration

- Council approved the draft [2024 audited financial statements](#) and draft 2024 audited trust fund financial statements and directed staff to file the 2024 audited financial statements with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. In accordance with the Operating Surplus & Deficit Management Policy, Council approved the distribution of general rate net surplus and recovery of utilities rate deficit as follows:
 - \$128,230 to the general rate capital reserve fund;
 - \$14,248 to the reserve for working funds;
 - \$68,512 to the Utilities Sewer Capital reserve fund;
 - \$215,585 to the Utilities Water Capital reserve fund;
 - \$232,443 to the utilities rate stabilization reserve.
- Council approved the changes to the [2026 Budget Meeting Schedule](#) as follows:
 - Cancel the Special Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled on November 4, 2025;
 - Change the Council budget meeting dates to November 18, November 26 and December 2.
- Council endorsed the reappointment of Luke MacDonald, Engineering and Environment Manager to the [Catarauqui Source Protection Committee](#) until January 31, 2029.

- Council authorized the Mayor and CAO to execute the renewal of the licensing agreement with the Fairfield Homestead Heritage Association, with a one-year extension.
- Council directed staff to review the Facility Allocation Policy in regards to ice time allotment to consider historical ice use, local ice user groups based in Loyalist, youth user group needs, and the changing needs based on population trends, and that a revised policy be brought to Council in the spring prior to ice allocations for the 2026/2027 season.

Committee of the Whole

- The Committee considered the draft 2026 Fees and Charges By-law and requested that the final by-law include rental rates for the Amherst Island Community Centre and that the final by-law be brought to a future meeting of Council for adoption.
- The Committee considered and discussed the Capital Project Prioritization Policy and recommended that the existing Capital Project Prioritization Policy dated October 5, 2009 be repealed and the updated Capital Project Prioritization Policy be adopted by Council.

Consent Agenda

Confirmation of the minutes of the September 23, 2025 meeting of Council and Committee of the Whole

By-Laws

By-laws approved at this meeting can be located at the following link: 2025 By-laws

Next Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings.

October 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

November 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

November 18, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. 2026 Budget Meeting

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