



Council in Brief

January 13, 2026

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Rise and Report

- During Closed Session Council received personal information about an identifiable person in relation 125 MacDougall Drive. In Open Session Council passed a motion to authorize a 12-month repayment plan on the outstanding balance provided that all payments are made on time and all current and future billings are paid on time during this repayment period. Council authorized staff to charge interest on any remaining outstanding amount if the property owner fails to make the regularly scheduled monthly payments

Presentations

- Ian Shelley and Yash Melwani from Blackline Consulting provided a presentation on the IT and GIS Master Plan for Loyalist Township.

Delegation

- Peter Paz, Senior Director of Government and Public Relations from Alto High Speed Rail provided information to Council regarding a proposed new passenger rail service.

Items for Consideration

- Council enacted and passed the [2026 Temporary Borrowing By-law](#).
- Council discussed the [Ward Boundary Review process and next steps](#) and provided authorization that the 2025 budget for the Ward Boundary Review be increased by \$40,000, funded from the Working Fund Reserve and directed staff to bring the Ward Boundary Review matter to Council for consideration and direction in 2027.
- Council adopted the [Information Technology and Geographic Information Systems Master Plan](#) and authorized the recruitment of an IT Business Analyst in 2026.
- Council authorized a revenue increase for the [Green Municipal Funding Grant](#) in the amount of \$162,023 and a budget increase of \$162,023 in the 2026 Capital Budget for the Condition Assessments & Energy Audits Project (cc250001). The Mayor and CAO were authorized to execute the Green Municipal Fund Grant Agreement CBR 24-0514 with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

- In relation to the Durham Street design alternatives, Council approved Design Alternative #2 and directed staff to bring back an amendment to Parking By-law 2007-031 permitting on-street parking on North St. Council authorized staff to obtain an easement from the School Board for winter control operations as necessary.
- Council passed a resolution regarding proposed amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act.
- Council passed a support resolution from AMO regarding OMERS Governance Matters to Municipalities.

Committee of the Whole

- Annalee Adair, Executive Lead at Evoke Culture 2.0 facilitated a discussion on the Arts, Culture and Heritage Master Plan. Comments and feedback were provided by the Committee in relation to the master plan. The Committee directed staff to incorporate any comments provided at this into the development of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Master Plan.

Consent Agenda

- Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Annual Status Report
- Confirmation of the minutes of the December 9, 2025 meeting of Council and Committee of the Whole
- Minutes of the December 4, 2025 Heritage Committee meeting

By-Laws

By-laws approved at this meeting can be located at the following link: [2026 By-laws](#)

Next Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings

January 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

February 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

February 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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