

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE

AGENDA

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 6:30 p.m. Held in Council Chambers, 285 County Road 44

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Municipality of North Grenville acknowledges that the Municipality operates on the territory of the Anishnabek.

We recognize all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples who now call North Grenville their home. We respect and support the need for cultivating a strong relationship, and we commit to Indigenous-informed decision making to foster the path towards reconciliation.

C. OPENING REMARKS

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Recommendation:

Be it resolved:

The agenda for the regular meeting of council on June 3, 2025 be adopted as presented.

E. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

F. REPORTS

F.1 Downtown Kemptville Parking Study Update – Accessible and Commercial Loading Spots

Recommendation:

THAT Council receive the Downtown Kemptville Parking Study Progress Report, attached to staff report CS-2025-006, for information purposes.

F.2 EDI Update to Naming Policy

Recommendation:

THAT Council:

- 1. repeal By-law 72-12;
- 2. adopt By-law 51-25, being a By-Law to Establish a Naming of Corporate Assets Policy.

F.3 Update – Closed Meeting Investigator Recommendations

Recommendation:

THAT Council accept staff report #CAO-2025-016 respecting the implementation of the Closed Meeting Investigators Recommendations for information;

THAT Council direct the Clerk to post the PowerPoint from the closed portion of the Council meeting held on April 29th, 2025, on the Municipality's new "Accountability and Transparency" webpage;

THAT Council direct the Acting Clerk write to Mr. John Mascarin, c/o Aird Berlis, the Municipality's Closed Meeting Investigator, to advise on the implementation of the accepted recommendations following receipt of the Closed Meeting Investigation report;

AND THAT Council direct the Acting Clerk to include that Council received, from Mr. Rick O'Connor, its "comprehensive training on the open meeting rule", attach a copy of the minutes from the Council meeting held on April 29th, 2025 for his information and advise that Council has also directed that the PowerPoint used at that meeting be placed online in the correspondence to Mr. John Mascarin.

F.4 Kemptville Campus MOU – Extension Agreement #3

Recommendation:

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Extension Agreement regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipality of North Grenville and the Kemptville Campus Education and Community Centre Board to extend the current Memorandum of Understanding to October 31, 2025 or until a new agreement is executed, whichever is earlier.

G. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

G.1 Land Evaluation and Area Review (L.E.A.R.)

Councillor Deb Wilson

Recommendation:

Be it resolved:

THAT Council direct Mayor Nancy Peckford to proposed new mapping to the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville in regards to the Land Evaluation Area Review (L.E.A.R) process that responds to significant concerns about the long-term multi generational impacts of change of land designation from rural to agricultural.

G.2 Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

Councillor Kristin Strackerjan

Recommendation:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced *Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning policies, including replacing the Endangered Species Act with a new framework that reduces protections for at-risk species, and enabling the creation of Special Economic Zones that may override local planning authority and environmental oversight;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of north Grenville supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be done in a way that upholds environmental responsibility and maintains the integrity of local planning processes;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5, as proposed, weakens safeguards for natural heritage systems, threatening biodiversity, and diminishing the authority of municipalities to manage growth in accordance with local needs and official plans;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of North Grenville urges the Government of Ontario to recommit to upholding the rights of Indigenous Peoples as affirmed in Canadian law through the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and engage in transparent inclusive consultations with Indigenous Nations and civil society before tabling new development legislation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of North Grenville:

- Opposes all provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections and Ontario's proud legacy of protections of Endangered Species, that override the rule of law and that nullify municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to support housing and infrastructure development in ways that align with sound environmental planning and wildlife protection and empower municipalities with appropriate planning tools;
- 3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to:
 - The Minister of Energy and Mines;
 - The H Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
 - The Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism;
 - The Premier of Ontario;
 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and,
 - All Ontario municipalities.

H. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. PERIOD FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA AND PUBLIC

J. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Recommendation:

Be it resolved:

THAT By-law 52-25 to confirm the proceedings of Council at its regular meeting held on June 3, 2025 be adopted and passed.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

THAT this regular meeting of Council adjourn at _____p.m.