



## MINUTES

### Corporation of the City of Cambridge

#### Council Meeting

Date: June 17, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers

Council Members In Attendance: Councillor Shwery - Ward 1, Councillor Devine - Ward 2, Councillor Kimpson - Ward 3, Councillor Earnshaw - Ward 4, Councillor Roberts - Ward 5, Councillor Cooper - Ward 6, Councillor Hamilton - Ward 7, Councillor Ermeta - Ward 8, Mayor Liggett

Staff Members in Attendance: David Calder - City Manager, Hardy Bromberg, Deputy City Manager - Community Development, Yogesh Shah, Deputy City Manager - Infrastructure Services, Cheryl Zahnleiter, Deputy City Manager - Corporate Enterprise, Bryan Boodhoo - City Solicitor, Sheena Pawliwec - Director of Finance and Deputy Treasurer, Leah Walter - Director of Engineering and Transportation, Danielle Manton - City Clerk, Michael Oliveri - Council Committee Services Coordinator, Rachel Latour - Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance: Elisabeth Slusarczyk - Manager of Municipal By-Law Compliance, Edmund Carlson - Planner, Rutvik Shah - Network Administrator, Laura Dewar - Manager of Site Development & Special Projects, Alan Russell - Director of Communications, Melissa Aldunate - Manager of Policy Planning, Jeremy Parsons - Senior Planner - Heritage

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#### 1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge is held in Council Chambers and is live streamed to the City of Cambridge website. Mayor Liggett welcomes everyone present and calls the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**2. Indigenous Territory Acknowledgement**

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

3.1 Councillor Kimpson - 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

Councillor Kimpson declared a direct pecuniary interest on item 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations as a family member has a business relationship with a manufacturer of pyrotechnics.

**4. Presentations**

4.1 Elisabeth Slusarczyk, Manager of Municipal By-law Compliance re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

4.2 Laura Dewar, Manager of Site Development & Special Projects and Edmund Carlson, Planner re: 25-069-CD Deeming By-law Information Report

**5. Delegations and Consideration of Related Reports**

5.1 Dave Aston re: 25-014-OCM Boundary Adjustment Between the Township of North Dumfries and the City of Cambridge

5.2 Priyam Vyas re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

5.3 McCaleb Miller re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

Note: This delegate withdrew their request to speak.

5.4 Greg Kasparian re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

5.5 Aleem Kanji, Chief Advocacy Officer, Canadian National Fireworks Association re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

5.6 Tom Jacobs re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

5.7 Sarah Rosenberg re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

5.8 Lukasz Kabata re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

5.9 Sherman Heer re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

5.10 Jordi Snoeijer re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

Note: Report 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations was deferred before this delegation spoke.

5.11 Lovedeep Grewal re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

Note: Report 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations was deferred before this delegation spoke.

5.12 Dylan Tuck re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

Note: Report 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations was deferred before this delegation spoke.

5.13 Kranthi Gangavarapu re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

Note: Report 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations was deferred before this delegation spoke.

5.14 Parth Manjani re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

Note: Report 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations was deferred before this delegation spoke.

5.15 Angela Vang re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

Note: Report 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations was deferred before this delegation spoke.

5.16 Paresh Soni re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

Note: Report 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations was deferred before this delegation spoke.

## **6. Closed Session**

Motion: 25-108

Moved by Councillor Earnshaw  
Seconded by Councillor Roberts

That in accordance with section 239 (2) (b), (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council to convene in Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following subject matters:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Appointments to Advisory Committees);

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Confidential Litigation Update) (Confidential Legal Advice); and

(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Confidential Litigation Update) (Confidential Legal Advice).

In Favour (7): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (2): Councillor Hamilton, and Councillor Ermeta

**Carried (7 to 0)**

## **7. Rise from Closed Session**

Motion: 25-109

Moved by Councillor Ermeta  
Seconded by Councillor Devine

THAT Council rise from Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session at 6:33 p.m.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

## **8. Consent Agenda**

Motion: 25-110

Moved by Councillor Hamilton  
Seconded by Councillor Shwery

THAT all items listed under the heading of Consent Agenda for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be adopted as recommended.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

- 8.1 Council Meeting Minutes - May 13, and 27, 2025
- 8.2 Statutory Public Meeting Minutes - June 3, 2025
- 8.3 Council Information Package - May 30, 2025
- 8.4 25-026-CRS Municipal Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc.

## **9. Consideration of Reports**

### **9.1 Office of the City Manager**

#### **9.1.1 25-014-OCM Boundary Adjustment Between the Township of North Dumfries and the City of Cambridge**

Motion: 25-111

Moved by Councillor Shwery  
Seconded by Councillor Roberts

THAT Cambridge Council receive the minutes of the Joint Public Meeting held on January 28, 2025, to consider the proposed City of Cambridge annexation of lands in the Township of North Dumfries;

AND THAT the Council of the City of Cambridge enact a by-law to confirm its support for the proposed restructuring proposal as contained in the draft Boundary Adjustment Agreement set out in Appendix "A", and to confirm all procedural requirements were complied with in considering the restructuring proposal and draft Boundary Adjustment Agreement;

AND THAT the Council of the City Cambridge forward the restructuring proposal and draft Boundary Adjustment Agreement to the Region of Waterloo for approval pursuant to subsection 173 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Cambridge submit the restructuring proposal and Boundary Adjustment Agreement package to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval pursuant to subsection 173 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

## 9.2 Corporate Services

### 9.2.1 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

Councillor Kimpson declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Kimpson declared a direct pecuniary interest on item 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations as a family member has a business relationship with a manufacturer of pyrotechnics. )

Motion: 25-112

Moved by Councillor Devine  
Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

THAT only those delegates that reside in the City of Cambridge be permitted to speak to Report 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations.

In Favour (1): Councillor Devine

Opposed (7): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Kimpson

**Defeated (1 to 7)**

Motion: 25-113

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Mayor Liggett

THAT Report 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations be deferred until after Council has had the opportunity to consider the Noise By-law which is anticipated this summer;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to bring back Report 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations with a proposed draft by-law for Council's consideration.

In Favour (6): Councillor Devine, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Opposed (2): Councillor Shwery, and Councillor Earnshaw

Absent (1): Councillor Kimpson

**Carried (6 to 2)**

### 9.3 Community Development

#### 9.3.1 25-069-CD Deeming By-law Information Report

Motion: 25-114

Moved by Mayor Liggett

Seconded by Councillor Ermeta

**THAT 25-069-CD Deeming By-law Information Report be deferred and brought back to Council at a later date after a Council Workshop is held.**

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

### 9.4 Corporate Services

#### 9.4.1 25-032-CRS Appointments to Advisory Committees

Motion: 25-115

Moved by Councillor Roberts

Seconded by Councillor Devine

THAT Report 25-032-CRS Appointments to Citizen Advisory Committees be received;

AND THAT Confidential Appendices “D”, and “E” to Report 25-032-CRS be received and remain confidential;

AND THAT the following individual be appointed to the Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee for the term of Council ending November 14, 2026: Barry Schwartz as an alternate non-voting member;

AND THAT the following individual be appointed to the General Appeals for the term of Council ending November 14, 2026: Frances Seaward as an alternate non-voting member;

AND THAT the City Clerk be directed to notify all successful and unsuccessful applicants;

AND FURTHER THAT Council-Appointed Citizen Members to the City’s advisory committees who do not submit their signed Code of Conduct form within the first month after their appointment has been made shall forfeit their committee membership.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

#### 9.4.2 25-027-CRS Black Bridge Road and Bridge Construction

Motion: 25-116

Moved by Councillor Shwery

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

THAT Report 25-027-CRS – Black Bridge Road and Bridge Construction be received;

AND THAT, Request for Tender # T24-75 – Black Bridge Road and Bridge Construction be awarded to Sierra Bridge Inc. for \$16,911,765 net of applicable HST rebate.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett



**Carried (9 to 0)**

9.5 Corporate Enterprise

9.6 Community Development

9.6.1 25-064-CD 215 Queen Street West, Heritage Permit Application

Motion: 25-117

Moved by Councillor Devine

Seconded by Councillor Ermeta

THAT Report 25-064-CD: 215 Queen Street West, Heritage Permit Application be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the Heritage Permit Application for the proposed window replacements as detailed in Report 25-064-CD, subject to the following conditions:

1) Following the approval by the City of Cambridge, any minor changes to the plans and elevations shall be submitted to the satisfaction of staff, prior to an application for a building permit and/or the commencement of any alterations; and,

2) That the implementation of alterations shall be completed no later than two (2) years following approval by the City of Cambridge. If the alterations are not completed by such a time, then this approval expires as of that date and a new approval must be issued by the City of Cambridge to proceed with alterations.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, Councillor Ermeta, Mayor Liggett, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

9.6.2 25-045-CD 231 Queenston Road, Recommendation to Designate under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Motion: 25-118

Moved by Councillor Kimpson  
Seconded by Councillor Shwery

THAT Report 25-045-CD: 231 Queenston Road, Recommendation to Designate under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act be received;

AND THAT Council approve the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 231 Queenston Road under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk be authorized to publish a Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID) for the property located at 231 Queenston Road in accordance with Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

9.6.3 25-065-CD 90 Old Mill Road, Designation By-law 59-88  
Amendment – Sheave Tower

Motion: 25-119

Moved by Councillor Shwery  
Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

THAT Report 25-065-CD: 90 Old Mill Road, Designation By-law 59-88 Amendment Sheave Tower, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the staff recommendation to amend the designation By-law for 90 Old Mill Road- Sheave Tower in accordance with the updated Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, attached as Appendix B.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

9.7 Infrastructure Services

**10. Other Business**

**11. Motions**

**12. Notices of Motion**

**13. Correspondence**

13.1 Jordi Snoeijer re: 25-033-CRS Regional Working Group Firework Recommendations

**14. Motion to Receive and File**

Motion: 25-120

Moved by Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Ermeta

THAT all presentations and correspondence from the June 17, 2025 Council meeting be received.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

**15. Consideration of By-laws**

15.1 By-law 25-036

15.2 By-law 25-037

Motion: 25-121

Moved by Councillor Kimpson

Seconded by Councillor Hamilton

THAT By-law 25-037 be enacted and passed;

25-037 being a by-law to confirm support for the minor restructuring proposal and authority to enter into the Boundary Adjustment Agreement with the Township of North Dumfries.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

**16. Confirmatory By-law**

Motion: 25-122

Moved by Councillor Earnshaw  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

That by-law 25-038 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge be passed.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

**17. Adjournment**

Motion: 25-123

Moved by Councillor Roberts  
Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

THAT the Council meeting does now adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

In Favour (9): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

**Carried (9 to 0)**

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Mayor

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Clerk