



MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge

Council Meeting

Date:	May 27, 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 Roberts - Ward 5, Councillor Cooper - Ward 6, Councillor Hamilton - Ward 7, Councillor Ermeta - Ward 8, Mayor Liggett
Regrets:	Councillor Earnshaw - Ward 4
Staff Members in Attendance:	Hardy Bromberg, Deputy City Manager - Community Development, Cheryl Zahnleiter, Deputy City Manager - Corporate Enterprise, Bryan Boodhoo - City Solicitor, Sheena Pawliwec - Director of Finance and Deputy Treasurer, Lesley Head - Director of Recreation and Culture, Danielle Manton - City Clerk, Jennifer Shaw - Deputy City Clerk, Rachel Latour - Administrative Assistant
Others in Attendance:	Mike Hausser - Director of Operations / Acting Deputy City Manager - Infrastructure Services, Mirna Raponi - Manager of Accounting and Financial Reporting, Scott Abbott - Planner, Melissa Castellan Aldunate - Manager of Policy Planning, Neil Lacey - Manager of Realty Services, Rutvik Shah - Network Administrator,

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 6:40 p.m.

2. Indigenous Territory Acknowledgement

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Presentations

4.1 KPMG re: 25-018-CRS 2024 Financial Report

4.2 Neil Lacey, Manager of Realty Services re: 25-018-OCM Lease and Licensing Policy

5. Delegations and Consideration of Related Reports

5.1 Karen Rathwell re: Motion re: To Support the need for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt

5.2 Trevor Stephenson re: Motion re: To Support the need for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt

6. Consent Agenda

Motion: 25-091

Moved by Councillor Kimpson

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

THAT all items listed under the heading of Consent Agenda for May 27, 2025 be adopted as recommended.

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

6.1 Statutory Public Meeting Minutes - May 6, 2025

6.2 Special Council Minutes - May 6, 2025

6.3 Council Information Package - May 16, 2025

6.4 25-056-CD Passing of Designation By-law, 82 Beverly Street

6.5 25-057-CD Passing of Designation By-law, 63 Water Street South

6.6 25-026-CRS Municipal Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc

7. Motions

7.1 Motion re: To Support the need for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt

Motion: 25-092

Moved by Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Roberts

Whereas road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious or irreversible environmental and health damage from road salt; and

Whereas salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

Whereas The City of Cambridge is situated on the Grand River and Speed River, and is currently engaged in a 'Back to the Rivers' plan to revitalize our waterfront areas to maximize the commercial, recreational, and environmental potential and health of the rivers; and

Whereas the Grand River is recognized as a designated Heritage River and is also the source of 20 percent of our city's drinking water, while being rich in biodiversity with a variety of fish species such as pike, smallmouth bass, and carp, and with over 300 species of birds calling its banks home or migrating through them; and

Whereas approximately 43,000 tonnes of salt are used on the roads of Waterloo Region annually, costing the Region \$3.8 million; and

Whereas the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

Whereas numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

Whereas increased numbers of slips and falls claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

Whereas unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

Whereas the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

Whereas many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available; and

Whereas the City of Cambridge has demonstrated initiative in salt mitigation efforts, including: the development and actuation of Salt Management practices that outlines best practices in relation to the City of Cambridge and Region of Waterloo; the use of computerized salt spreaders; the pre-wetting of salt, as well as reducing application rates of salt when appropriate; limiting use of salt on low traffic volume roads, and salting only roads and parking lots used in winter while strategically omitting roads and parking lots used only for summer activities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the City of Cambridge urges the province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management;

AND THAT the City of Cambridge urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution;

AND THAT The City of Cambridge urges the province to develop a province-wide public awareness campaign on appropriate winter maintenance methods for residential properties, sidewalks, parking lots, and other private spaces, aimed at reducing salt usage by increasing knowledge of winter safety practices, environmental hazards, and social expectations;

AND THAT the City of Cambridge commits to reviewing municipal by-laws related to snow removal to further support salt reduction, wherever possible;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to all municipalities in Waterloo Region, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPPs, Conservation Ontario, Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP), Attorney General Doug Downey, and Premier Doug Ford.

In Favour (7): Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Opposed (1): Councillor Shwery

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (7 to 1)

8. Consideration of Reports

8.1 Community Development

8.1.1 25-073-CD Municipally Significant Events Second and Third Quarter- Noise Exemption Approval

Motion: 25-093

Moved by Councillor Shwery

Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

THAT the events with locations and/or dates listed as "To Be Determined" be deferred to a future meeting.

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

Motion: 25-094

Moved by Mayor Liggett

Seconded by Councillor Ermeta

AND THAT the noise exemption request for the Rising Tide Music & Arts Festival to be held on July 5th be denied.

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

Motion: 25-095

Moved by Councillor Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Roberts

AND THAT Report 25-073-CD Municipally Significant Events Second and Third Quarter- Noise Exemption Approval be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the requests **with dates and locations** identified in the report 25-073-CD be approved.

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

8.2 Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 25-006-IFS Parks Master Plan

Motion: 25-096

Moved by Councillor Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Ermeta

THAT Report 25-006-IFS Parks Master Plan be received;

AND THAT Council approve the Parks Master Plan and its recommendations subject to funding and staff capacity to be considered through future budget cycles.

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

8.3 Corporate Services

8.3.1 25-018-CRS 2024 Financial Report

Motion: 25-097

Moved by Councillor Roberts

Seconded by Councillor Devine

THAT Report 25-018-CRS Financial Report be received;

AND THAT the audited consolidated financial statements for the Corporation of the City of Cambridge be approved for the year ended December 31, 2024.

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

8.4 Corporate Enterprise

8.5 Community Development

8.5.1 25-055-CD Recommendation to Proceed with Batch Designation of Listed Heritage Properties

Motion: 25-098

Moved by Councillor Shwery

Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

THAT Report 25-055-CD Recommendation to Proceed with Batch Designation of Listed Heritage Properties be received;

AND THAT Council approves the recommendation to designate the following properties under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act:

- 44 Wellington Street
- 58 Ainslie Street South
- 1370 Maple Grove Road
- 4 Veterans Way;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk be authorized to publish a Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID) for each property in accordance with the Act.

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

8.6 Office of the City Manager

8.6.1 25-018-OCM Lease and Licensing Policy

Motion: 25-099

Moved by Councillor Kimpson

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

THAT Report 25-018-OCM Lease and Licensing Policy be received;

AND THAT Council endorse and approve the Lease and Licensing Policy.

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

9. Other Business

10. Notices of Motion

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Lynda Palmer re: 25-073-CD Municipally Significant Events Second and Third Quarter- Noise Exemption Approval
- 11.2 Adam Rizzo re: 25-073-CD Municipally Significant Events Second and Third Quarter- Noise Exemption Approval
- 11.3 Gary Desborough re: 25-073-CD Municipally Significant Events Second and Third Quarter- Noise Exemption Approval

12. Motion to Receive and File

Motion: 25-100

Moved by Councillor Devine

Seconded by Councillor Ermeta

THAT all presentations and correspondence from the May 27, 2025 Council meeting be received.

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

13. Consideration of By-laws

Motion: 25-101

Moved by Councillor Roberts

Seconded by Councillor Ermeta

THAT the following by-laws listed under the heading of Introduction and Consideration of By-laws be enacted and passed:

- 25-032 Being a By-law to Designate the Property Known as 82 Beverly Street as Being of Cultural and Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.
- 25-033 Being a by-law to designate the property known as 63 Water Street South as being of cultural and heritage value or interest Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

14. Confirmatory By-law

Motion: 25-102

Moved by Councillor Ermeta
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

That by-law 25-035 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge be passed.

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

15. Adjournment

Motion: 25-103

Moved by Councillor Devine
Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

THAT the Council meeting does now adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

In Favour (8): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Absent (1): Councillor Earnshaw

Carried (8 to 0)

Mayor

Clerk