



MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge

Council Meeting

Date:	September 23, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Location:	Virtual Meeting
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:	Hardy Bromberg, General Manager - Planning and Growth, Yogesh Shah, Interim City Manager, Bryan Boodhoo - City Solicitor, Sheena Pawliwec - Chief Financial Officer, Lesley Head - General Manager - Community Services, Danielle Manton - General Manager - Corporate Services, Jennifer Shaw - Acting City Clerk, Michael Oliveri - Acting Deputy City Clerk, Rachel Latour - Administrative Assistant
Others in Attendance:	Rutvik Shah - Network Administrator, Helly Shah - Business Systems Analyst, Alix Aitken - Acting Director of Recreation and Culture, Elisabeth Slusarczyk - Acting Director of Municipal Bylaw Compliance and Corporate Strategy, Mike Hausser - Acting General Manager - Infrastructure Services, Sarah Austin - Acting Director of Planning, Matthew Blevins - Senior Planner, Reurbanization, Jason Leach - Acting Manager of Transportation Engineering, Paul Wilms - Sustainability Planner, Neil Lacey - Manager of Realty Services, Scott Abbott - Planner

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge is held virtually and is live streamed to the City of Cambridge website. Mayor Liggett welcomes everyone present and calls the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. Indigenous Territory Acknowledgement

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Presentations

4.1 Tom Smith re: Galt Observatory Project

4.2 Nicole Goodbrand, Senior Planner re: 25-008-PG Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment – 32, 36 & 38 Grand Ave South

Note: This Presentation, and accompanying report, was withdrawn from the agenda.

4.3 Matt Blevins, Senior Planner - Reurbanization re: 25-001-PG Preston Secondary Plan Project Update

4.4 Kim Ireland, Stantec Consulting re: 25-015-IFS Energy Conservation Demand Management (ECDM) Plan Update 2025-2029

5. Delegations and Consideration of Related Reports

5.1 Jeff Donkersgoed re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events

5.2 Michael Hilson re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events

This delegate withdrew their request to speak.

5.3 June Anderson re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events

5.4 Ruth Cameron re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events

5.5 Roz Gunn re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events

5.6 Matthew Hilson re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events

5.7 Peter Hyman re: 25-015-IFS Energy Conservation Demand Management (ECDM) Plan Update 2025-2029

- 5.8 Leslie Pirie re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 5.9 Dr. Laura Pin re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 5.10 Erin Dej re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 5.11 Megan Walker re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 5.12 Lynn Intini re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 5.13 Suhanya Ketheeswaran re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events

6. Closed Session

Motion: 25-176

Moved by Councillor Roberts
Seconded by Councillor Shwery

That in accordance with section 239 (2) (a), (e), and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council to convene in Closed Session at TIME to consider the following subject matters:

- (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board (Enforcement Matter);
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Confidential Legal Advice) and;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Confidential Legal Advice)

7. Rise from Closed Session

Motion: 25-177

Moved by Councillor Devine
Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

THAT Council rise from Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session at 6:38 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: 25-179

Moved by Councillor Kimpson

Seconded by Councillor Roberts

THAT all items listed under the heading of Consent Agenda for Tuesday, September 23, 2025 be adopted **as amended**.

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)

Amendment:

Motion: 25-178

Moved by Councillor Devine

Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

AND THAT the 15-minute limited parking regulation on Queen Street outlined in Report 25-014-IFS be established for a 12-month pilot period.

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 - September 2, 2025

8.2 Council Workshop Minutes - September 11, 2025

8.3 Council Information Package - September 5, 2025

8.4 25-004-PG Passing of Designation By-laws for Listed Heritage Properties

8.5 25-084-CD Resident Recreation Program Registration Window

- 8.6 25-014-IFS Queen Street 15-minute Limited Parking Regulation
- 8.7 25-036-OCM 90 Old Mill Road - Architectural Conservancy Ontario Potential Property Donation to the City
- 8.8 25-006-CS Community Grants Program Interim Policy Review
- 8.9 25-017-PG Recommendation to Enact Part IV Designations for Multiple Listed Properties
- 8.10 25-007-CS Municipal Significant Events Third Quarter Updated Noise Exemption Approval
- 8.11 25-001-CFS Witmer Sanitary Pumping Station Upgrade – Engineering Design Services

9. Consideration of Reports

9.1 Community Services

9.1.1 25-007-CS Municipal Significant Events Third Quarter Updated Noise Exemption Approval

Note: This Report was pulled from the Consent Agenda due to an administrative addition to the report.

Motion: 25-180

Moved by Councillor Roberts
Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

THAT Report 25-007-CS Municipal Significant Events Third Quarter Updated Noise Exemption Approval be received;

AND THAT the requests identified in report 25-007-CS be approved.

AND FURTHER THAT a noise exemption be granted for the Francophone Day Flag Raising ceremony that is to take place on Thursday, September 25 for the purpose of permitting live music.

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 Planning and Growth

9.2.1 25-008-PG Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment – 32, 36 & 38 Grand Ave South

9.2.2 25-001-PG Preston Secondary Plan Project Update

Motion: 25-181

Moved by Councillor Shwery

Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

THAT Report 25-001-PG Preston Secondary Plan Project Update Report be received;

AND THAT the Preston Secondary Plan – Preston Forward 2051 Vision and Purpose as outlined in Report 25-001-PG be approved.

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)

9.3 Corporate Services

9.3.1 25-038-CRS Council Compensation Review – Preliminary Report

Motion: 25-182

Moved by Councillor Earnshaw

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

THAT Report 25-038-CRS Council Compensation Review – Preliminary Report be received;

AND THAT Council approve **Option A (Third-Party Consultant)** and direct Staff to implement the required next steps;

AND FURTHER THAT the associated consulting fees be funded from the Office of the City Clerk Operating Budget.

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 Infrastructure Services

9.4.1 25-015-IFS Energy Conservation Demand Management (ECDM) Plan Update 2025-2029

Motion: 25-183

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton

THAT Report 25-015-IFS Energy Conservation Demand Management (ECDM) Plan Update 2025-2029 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council consider the resources required for implementation of the specific initiatives through future budget cycles and grant applications.

In Favour (6): Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Hamilton, and Mayor Liggett

Opposed (3): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Cooper, and Councillor Ermeta

Carried (6 to 3)

9.5 Office of the City Manager

10. Other Business

11. Request to Suspend Rules

Motion: 25-184

Moved by Councillor Roberts
Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

THAT the rules and procedures set out in Procedure By-law 23-035 be waived at the Council Meeting of September 23, 2025 for the purpose of considering a motion relating to the commemorative naming of the announcer booth at Kinsmen Stadium Accessible Ball Diamond after coach Mark Woodfield of the Buddy League.

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)

12. Notice of Motion

12.1 Notice of Motion re: Commemoration of Mark Woodfield

Motion: 25-185

Moved by Councillor Roberts

Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

WHEREAS Mark Woodfield has been a long-standing and beloved coach with Buddy League Cambridge, which provides adaptive baseball experiences for children and adults with disabilities.

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate to commemorate the years of work that Mark has put into the Buddy League program at the Kinsmen Stadium.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the announcer booth at the Kinsman Stadium Accessible Ball Diamond be named in honour of Coach Mark Woodfield in recognition of his contributions to the Buddy League program.

AND THAT a copy of this motion be presented to Mark Woodfield and his family.

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)

13. Motions

13.1 Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events

Motion: 25-186

Moved by Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

WHEREAS there exist systemic housing issues and crises affecting Canada, and the City of Cambridge, which are increasingly evident in the form of homeless encampments in our community;

WHEREAS municipalities such as the City of Cambridge are on the frontlines of the housing and homelessness crisis, yet do not possess the financial and jurisdictional powers and resources to fully address the housing and homelessness crisis;

WHEREAS housing has been declared by the United Nations, the Government of Canada, and courts across the country as a human right, as laid out in Canada's National Housing Strategy Act, requiring municipalities to respond to persons without housing and/or living in homeless encampments through a human-rights approach that respects, upholds, and prioritizes their human rights;

WHEREAS climatic change is increasing the frequency of dangerous storms, polar vortexes, blizzards, winds, precipitation, floods, heat warnings, heatwaves, droughts, wildfires, and much else that is captured in the phrase or driven by an "extreme weather event";

WHEREAS the forced removal of unhoused persons from encampments during extreme weather events may violate a citizen's right to adequate housing; unwillingly remove citizens from their familiar space of shelter or refuge where they manage and mitigate extreme weather; may dispossess citizens of their belongings that help to manage and mitigate extreme weather; and may potentially disconnect vulnerable persons from established networks of support and outreach services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to report back in the 4th quarter of 2025 on prevention of forced removals of unhoused persons during extreme weather events upon the issuance of a warning, an alert, or during the occurrence of, an extreme weather event as determined by Environment and Climate Change Canada;

AND THAT the City Clerk notify the Region of Waterloo, the Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS), and outreach agencies working in partnership with the city and region, of this direction.

In Favour (3): Councillor Earnshaw, Councillor Roberts, and Councillor Hamilton

Opposed (6): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Devine, Councillor Kimpson, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Ermeta, and Mayor Liggett

Defeated (3 to 6)

14. Correspondence

- 14.1 Erin Dej re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 14.2 Dr. Laura Pin re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 14.3 Regan Brusse re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 14.4 Sanguen Health Centre re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 14.5 John McCash re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 14.6 Kayla Andrade re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 14.7 Aileen Verdun re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 14.8 Tim Hegedus re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 14.9 Heather Lambert re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 14.10 Lesley Crompton re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 14.11 Lori and Two White Feather re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events
- 14.12 Laura Gracie re: Motion re: Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events

14.13 Renate Kranitzki re: 25-017-PG Recommendation to Enact Part IV Designations for Multiple Listed Properties

15. Motion to Receive and File

Motion: 25-187

Moved by Councillor Ermeta
Seconded by Councillor Shwery

THAT all presentations and correspondence from the September 23, 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)

16. Consideration of By-laws

Motion: 25-188

Moved by Councillor Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Devine

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

25-059 Being a By-law to Designate the Property Known as 231 Queenston Road as Being of Cultural and Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

25-060 Being a By-law to Designate the Property Known as 44 Wellington Street, as Being of Cultural and Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

25-061 Being a By-law to Designate the Property Known as 58 Ainslie Street South, as Being of Cultural and Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

25-062 Being a By-law to Designate the Property Known as 1370 Maple Grove Road, as Being of Cultural and Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

25-063 Being a By-law to Designate the Property Known as 4 Veterans Way, as Being of Cultural and Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

25-064 Being a by-law to amend By-law 22-044 being a By-law to Regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways Under the Jurisdiction of The Corporation of the City of Cambridge **for a 12-month pilot period.**

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. Confirmatory By-law

Motion: 25-189

Moved by Councillor Devine
Seconded by Councillor Ermeta

That by-law 25-065 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)

18. Adjournment

Motion: 25-190

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

THAT the Council meeting does now adjourn at 10:13 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)

Mayor

Clerk