



MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge

Council Meeting

Date: September 2, 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: Hardy Bromberg, General Manager - Planning and Growth, Yogesh Shah, Acting City Manager, Cheryl Zahnleiter, General Manager - Customer and Financial Services, 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, Stephen Lavigne - Supervisor of Recreation - Arts and Culture, Shane Taylor - Manager of Recreation, Placemaking and Capital Projects, Alix Aitken - Acting Director of Recreation and Culture, Sarah Austin - Acting Director of Planning, Michael Hausser - Acting General Manager - Infrastructure Services, Neil Lacey - Manager of Realty Services, Michael Launslager - Director of Economic Development, Melissa Mohr - Senior Planner

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 6:37 p.m.

2. Indigenous Territory Acknowledgement

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Hamilton declared an indirect pecuniary interest for agenda item 6.4 Report 25-014-PG Recommendation Report for Holding Removal zoning By-law amendment - 220-222 Blair Road as he lives within the notification radius of the property.

4. Presentations

- 4.1 Peter Hunton, Authour of In Which We Play - Book Presentation
- 4.2 Dave Aston, MHBC re: 25-077-CD Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment – 355 Chilligo Road
- 4.3 Melissa Mohr, Senior Planner re: 25-077-CD Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment – 355 Chilligo Road

5. Delegations and Consideration of Related Reports

6. Consent Agenda

Motion: 25-153

Moved by Councillor Devine

Seconded by Councillor Ermeta

THAT all items listed under the heading of Consent Agenda for September 2, 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)

- 6.1 Council Meeting Minutes - July 22, 2025
- 6.2 Statutory Public Meeting Minutes - July 15, 2025
- 6.3 Council Information Packages - July 25, August 8, and August 22, 2025
- 6.4 25-014-PG Recommendation Report for Holding Removal Zoning By-law Amendment - 220-222 Blair Road

This Report was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councillor Hamilton

7. Consideration of Reports

7.1 Planning and Growth

7.1.1 25-014-PG Recommendation Report for Holding Removal Zoning By-law Amendment - 220-222 Blair Road

This Report was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councillor Hamilton.

Motion: 25-154

Moved by Councillor Roberts
Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

THAT Report 25-014-PG - Recommendation Report for Holding Removal Zoning By-law Amendment - 220-222 Blair Road be received;

AND THAT the by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 150-85, included as Appendix A to Report 25-014-PG, be passed.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Hamilton

Carried (8 to 0)

7.2 Corporate Services

7.3 Community Services

7.3.1 25-008-CRE Economic Development Advisory Committee Update

Motion: 25-155

Moved by Councillor Earnshaw
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton

THAT Report 25 -008-CRE Economic Development Advisory Committee Update be received;

AND THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee be dissolved;

AND THAT an Economic Development Working Group be established;

AND FURTHER THAT the Economic Development Working Group Terms of Reference 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)

7.3.2 25-001-CS Cambridge Recreation Complex Public Art Recommendation

Motion: 25-156

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

THAT Report 25-001-CS Recreation Complex Public Art Recommendation be received;

AND THAT the recommended finalist as presented by the Recreation Complex Public Art Jury and Arts and Culture Advisory Committee be accepted;

AND THAT Council direct staff to award the contract and approve the commissioning of the Public Art piece;

AND THAT ongoing maintenance and preservation costs be funded by the Public Art Reserve Fund as per the Public Art Policy C.30-140;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk delegate authority to execute a Public Art Contract with the approved artist satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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)

7.4 Planning and Growth

7.4.1 25-077-CD Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment – 355 Chilligo Road

Motion: 25-157

Moved by Councillor Shwery

Seconded by Councillor Devine

THAT Report 25-077-CD being a Recommendation Report for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment - 355 Chilligo Road, be received;

AND THAT Council approves the proposed Official Plan Amendment to redesignate a portion of the lands, described as the severed lands, from Prime Agricultural Area to Rural Residential, while the retained lands will remain designated Prime Agricultural and Natural Open Space System;

AND THAT Council approves the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment to rezone a portion of the lands, described as the severed lands, from the Agricultural (A1) to the Residential One (R1) Zone with site-specific 4.1.491, while the retained lands will remain Open Space (OS1), Residential One (R1) and Agricultural (A1) with a Holding provision added for servicing and future studies in advance of any development;

AND THAT Council is satisfied that the requirements for a public meeting in accordance with subsections 17(15) and 34(12) of the Planning Act have been met;

AND FURTHER THAT that the By-laws attached to Report 25-077-CD in Appendix B and Appendix C 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)

7.5 Infrastructure Services

7.6 Office of the City Manager

7.6.1 25-032-OCM 575 Margaret Street - Civic Legion Park Property Acquisition

Motion: 25-158

Moved by Councillor Devine

Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

THAT staff be directed to complete a Phase 2 Environmental Study on 575 Margaret Street - Civic Legion Park

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

Opposed (3): Councillor Shwery, Councillor Cooper, and Mayor Liggett

Carried (6 to 3)

Motion: 25-159

Moved by Councillor Devine

Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

THAT consideration of report 25-032-OCM be deferred to the October 28, 2025 Council meeting pending an update on the status of the Phase 2 Environmental Study

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. Other Business

9. Motions

10. Notices of Motion

10.1 Motion re: Reinstatement of Rent Control

Councillor Cooper withdrew this motion.

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

11. Correspondence

11.1 Cambridge BIAs re: 25-008-CRE Economic Development Advisory Committee Update

12. Motion to Receive and File

Motion: 25-160

Moved by Councillor Ermeta
Seconded by Councillor Roberts

THAT all presentations and correspondence from the September 2, 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)

13. Consideration of By-laws

Motion: 25-161

Moved by Councillor Roberts
Seconded by Councillor Kimpson

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

25-053 Being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 150-85, as amended with respect to land municipally known as 220 and 222 Blair Road.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Hamilton

Carried (8 to 0)

Motion: 25-162

Moved by Councillor Hamilton
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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

- 25-054 Being a by-law of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge to adopt Amendment No. 94 of the City of Cambridge Official Plan (2012), as amended with respect to lands municipally known as 355 Chilligo Road.
- 25-055 Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 150-85, as amended with respect to lands municipally known as 355 Chilligo Road.

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)

14. Confirmatory By-law

Motion: 25-163

Moved by Councillor Shwery
Seconded by Councillor Roberts

That by-law 25-056 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)

15. Adjournment

Motion: 25-164

Moved by Councillor Devine
Seconded by Councillor Earnshaw

THAT the Council meeting does now adjourn at 7:23 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