



**Oshawa City Council
Minutes**

**February 23, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber**

Present: Mayor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Giberson
Councillor Gray
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Marks
Councillor McConkey
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson

Public Meeting

Mayor called the meeting to order and stated that all members of Council were participating from the Chamber except Councillor Kerr (entered the meeting at 9:31 a.m.) and Councillor McConkey (entered at 9:40 a.m.).

National Anthem

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations.

We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty people.

Council Member Announcements

Various announcements were made relating to activities and events.

Councillor McConkey entered the meeting.

Additional Agenda Items

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the delegation of James Clapp concerning Report CF-26-07 regarding the Interfund Note for Fire Truck Purchase be added to the agenda for the City Council meeting of February 23, 2026.

Carried

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Presentations

Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority (H.O.P.A.)

Ian Hamilton, President & CEO, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority, provided an annual update on the activities of Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority (H.O.P.A.)

Moved by Councillor Kerr

Seconded by Councillor Giberson

That the presentation time be extended by two minutes.

Carried

Ian Hamilton continued to address City Council concerning the annual update.

Members of Council questioned Ian Hamilton.

e-CAMP MENTORing - Black History Month

Dr. Leroy Clarke, e-CAMP MENTORing provided a presentation regarding Black History Month.

Members of Council questioned Dr. Clarke.

Delegations

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the delegation of James Clapp be heard.

Carried

Councillor Chapman assumed the Chair.

Mayor Carter left the meeting.

James Clapp - CF-26-07

James Clapp addressed City Council regarding Report CF-26-07 concerning the Interfund Note for the Fire Truck Purchase.

Moved by Councillor McConkey
Seconded by Councillor Giberson

That the delegate's time be extended by two minutes.

Carried

James Clapp continued to address City Council.

Members of Council questioned James Clapp.

Mayor Carter re-entered the meeting during questions to the delegate.

Mayor Carter resumed the Chair.

Items requiring Council Direction

None

Public Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That all items listed under the heading of Public Consent Agenda for the City Council Meeting dated February 23, 2026, be adopted as recommended except:

Item CO-26-04 from the Thirty-fifth Report of the Community and Operations Services Committee; and,

Item CF-26-07 and related By-law 12-2026 from from the Thirty-sixth Report of the Corporate and Finance Services Committee; and,

Items SF-26-06 from the Forty-second Report of the Safety and Facilities Services Committee.

Carried

Adoption of Council Minutes

That the minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 27, 2026, be adopted.

Correspondence with recommendations

None

Standing Committee Reports

Report of the Community and Operations Services Committee

CO-26-05 Request by Valiant Group of Companies for Temporary Parking at North Oshawa Park (Ward 2)

That Item CO-26-05 concerning a request by Valiant Group of Companies for Temporary Parking at North Oshawa Park be referred to staff for a report for the next meeting after further discussions are held between the City and party.

Report of the Corporate and Finance Services Committee

CF-26-04 - 2025 External Audit Service Plan (All Wards)

That Report CF-26-04 concerning the 2025 External Audit Service Plan, dated January 28, 2026, be received for information.

CF-26-05 - Single Source - Vehicle Procurement (All Wards)

Whereas Purchasing By-Law 80-2020 requires Council approval to award single/sole source contracts greater than \$100,000; and,

Whereas the City's capital fleet acquisition budget includes new and replacement vehicles (cars, SUVs, and pick-up trucks up to 5,000 kg Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)); and,

Whereas Centralized Supply Chain Ontario operating as Supply Ontario, has an agreement with General Motors until June 30, 2028, to purchase vehicles directly from General Motors Canada; and,

Whereas under the Purchasing By-law 80-2020, the City must take into consideration current and future professional practices, industry standards, market conditions, and comply with Federal/Provincial Government legislation, regulations, directives and policies, and as such, enter into Provincial agreements and buying groups to ensure compliance; and,

Whereas in response to Supply Ontario's agreement with General Motors Canada and the Province's "Buy Ontario Act, 2025" which received Royal Assent, that it is City staff's recommendation that the City adopt a "Canada First Vehicle Procurement Plan" that prioritizes General Motors Canada vehicles to support Canadian Automotive manufacturing and the local economy; and,

Whereas should General Motors Canada be unable to fulfill the City's requirements then the City will investigate other Canadian suppliers to procure the vehicles;

Therefore be it resolved that based on Item CF-26-05 dated February 2, 2026, that the City adopt the Canada First Vehicle Procurement Plan.

CF-26-06 - Single Source - External Audit Services (All Wards)

Whereas Purchasing By-Law 80-2020 requires Council approval to award professional and consulting services single source contracts greater than \$50,000; and,

Whereas the City requires external auditing services for the City of Oshawa and Oshawa Public Library Board as per statutory requirements of the Municipal Act of Ontario, 2001; and,

Whereas the auditors' responsibilities will generally be limited to the expression of an opinion on the consolidated financial statements and discussions with respect to the presentation and disclosure; and,

Whereas the auditors will undertake an annual system and procedures review which will define, confirm and test the various methods used by the municipality to obtain, record, validate, and confirm and communicate information in its accounting systems; and,

Whereas the review should also include adequate testing of systems and internal control in both manual and computerized environments; and,

Whereas funding for external audit services is approved in the annual operating budget; and,

Whereas the City's current contract with Deloitte LLP for external audit services expires after the 2025 fiscal audit year;

Therefore be it resolved that pursuant to Item CF-26-06 dated February 2, 2026:

1. That Deloitte LLP be appointed as the external auditors for the 2026 fiscal year; and,
2. That the Manager, Procurement be authorized to award a single source contract for a one-year term to Deloitte LLP not to exceed the approved 2026 operating budget.

Report of the Economic and Development Services Committee

ED-26-16 - Application Under the Urban Growth Centre Community Improvement Plan, 96 King Street East, Priority Health Holdings Inc. (Ward 4)

1. That based on Report ED-26-16 dated January 28, 2026, the application submitted by Priority Health Clinic for and on behalf of Priority Health Holdings Inc. under the City's Urban Growth Centre Community Improvement Plan for an Increased Assessment Grant for the redevelopment of 96 King Street East into a medical clinic be approved in general accordance with the comments contained in said Report, and that the Increased Assessment Grant be a total amount of \$62,190.03 spread over a nine (9) year period; and,
2. That the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department, be authorized to enter into an agreement with Priority Health Clinic for and on behalf of Priority Health Holdings Inc. under the City's Urban Growth Centre Community Improvement Plan to implement Part 1 above, containing such performance criteria as generally outlined in Section 4.4 of said Report, and in a form and content satisfactory to the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department, and the City Solicitor.

Report of the Safety and Facilities Services Committee

SF-26-05 - Emergency Management Master Plan Update (All Wards)

That Report SF-26-05 dated February 4, 2026, concerning the update of the Emergency Management Master Plan be received for information.

SF-26-07 - Installation of a Public Water Dispenser at Tribute Communities Centre (Ward 4)

Whereas on January 15, 2024, a request was brought forward for the installation of a public water dispenser at the Tribute Communities Centre (T.C.C.) in Ward 4; and,

Whereas on January 29, 2024, through Report SF-24-03, Council directed staff to investigate the feasibility and practicality of installing a public water dispenser at the T.C.C.; and,

Whereas the placement and implementation of a public water dispenser must not conflict with facility security requirements or operational protocols; and,

Whereas the placement and implementation of a public water dispenser must not conflict with any applicable Food and Beverage service agreements, including exclusivity provisions affecting beverage sales; and,

Therefore be it resolved that based on item SF-26-07 dated February 9, 2026, staff be directed to work with the management group of Tribute Communities Centre to pursue opportunities to implement public water dispensers within the facility by incorporating this work into related capital improvements undertaken at the Tribute Communities Centre.

SF-26-08 - Review of the City's Responsible Pet Owners By-law (14-2010)

Whereas on January 13, 2026, a serious dog attack occurred in Oshawa reinforcing the importance of responsible pet ownership; and,

Whereas recent events highlight the importance of ongoing reviews of Municipal animal related Regulations to support public safety;

Therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to review the City's Responsible Pet Owners By-law (14-2010) and report back in the second quarter of 2026 with any recommendations for amendments that support continuous improvement and community safety.

Other Staff Reports and Motions

CNCL-26-07 - Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream (All Wards)

Whereas the Province of Ontario had a funding opportunity through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream which is investing \$875 million to support the province's goal of getting more shovels in the ground and homes built across Ontario; and,

Whereas the Health and Safety Water Stream is focused on supporting access to safe drinking water, housing, job creation, and protection for communities in the event of extreme weather events; and,

Whereas the City of Oshawa submitted an application to the Health and Safety Water Stream for the Conlin Road East - Phase 2 Culvert and Stormwater Infrastructure project; and,

Whereas the City of Oshawa was awarded \$3,225,355 for the project; and,

Whereas the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream require municipalities to seek endorsement from Council prior to execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement; and,

Whereas the Agreement requires the project to be tendered/awarded by March 31, 2027 and substantially completed by March 31, 2029; and,

Whereas, the detailed engineering design is ongoing, and the contract is anticipated to be awarded in the first quarter of 2027;

Therefore, be it resolved that based on Item CNCL-26-07, dated February 18, 2026, the Conlin Road East - Phase 2 Culvert and Stormwater Infrastructure project be endorsed for the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) – Health and Safety Water Stream program.

By-Laws

11-2026 - A by-law to approve expropriation to acquire a portion of land from each of the properties known municipally as 470, 480, 490, 500, and 510 Conlin Road East

(Implements direction of November 24, 2025 through Item ED-25-106 of the Fifty-sixth Report to the Economic and Development Services Committee to approve expropriation to acquire a portion of land from each of the properties known municipally as 470, 480, 490, 500, and 510 Conlin Road East.)

12-2026 - A by-law to authorize the issuance of an Interfund Note for the purchase of two pumper trucks and one fire rescue truck

Carried by a later vote

(Implements direction of February 23, 2026 through Item CF-26-07 of the Thirty-sixth Report to the Corporate and Finance Services Committee to authorize the issuance of an Interfund Note for the purchase of two pumper trucks and one fire rescue truck.)

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda

CO-26-04 Lifeguard Supervision of Lakeview Park Beach East (Ward 5)

Consent Motion:

That pursuant to Report CO-26-04, dated February 4, 2026, concerning Lifeguard Supervision of Lakeview Park Beach East, Option 1 – Continue to Operate a Supervised and Equipped Waterfront Service Delivery Model as outlined in Section 4.12 of this Report be approved.

Councillor Marks left the meeting.

The vote to adopt the recommendation contained in Item CO-26-04 concerning lifeguard supervision at Lakeview Park Beach East.

Affirmative (10): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Absent (1): Councillor Marks

Carried (10 to 0)

Councillor Marks re-entered the meeting.

CF-26-07 - Interfund Note for Fire Truck Purchase (All Wards)

Consent Motion:

1. That pursuant to Report CF-26-07 dated January 28, 2026, an Interfund Note amounting to \$5,249,000 be issued to purchase Fire Trucks; and,
2. That the necessary By-law for the Interfund Note debt issuance be passed in a form and content acceptable to the City Solicitor and Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the motion be amended to insert the following as a new Part 2 and the remainder be renumbered:

"That an additional \$1,650,000 be added to the interfund note for an additional Spartan Gladiator Pumper truck that was approved in the 2025 Budget as asset #55131."

Affirmative (11): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Carried (11 to 0)

Councillor Giberson left the meeting.

The vote on Item CF-26-07 concerning an interfund note for the fire truck purchase, as amended, and related By-law 12-2026.

Affirmative (10): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Absent (1): Councillor Giberson

Carried (10 to 0)

SF-26-06 - Rental Renovations and the City of Oshawa (All Wards)

Consent Motion:

1. That based on Report SF-26-06 dated February 4, 2026 concerning rental renovations, the Provincial Government be requested to address the previously proposed provincial regulatory standards contemplated in Bill 97 Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023, S.O. 2023, c. 10. which establish standards within the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, S.O. 2006, c. 17 that respond to the issue of bad-faith rental renovation practices; and,
2. That staff monitor ongoing developments related to the implementation of Bill 97 Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023, S.O. 2023, c. 10., and associated regulations, and to report back as appropriate.

Councillor Giberson re-entered left the meeting.

The vote to adopt the recommendation contained in Item SF-26-06 concerning rental renovations.

Affirmative (11): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Carried (11 to 0)

Items Pulled from the Information Package

None

Closed Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That all items listed under the heading of Closed Consent Agenda for the City Council Meeting dated February 23, 2026, be adopted as recommended.

Carried

Correspondence with recommendations

None

Standing Committee Reports

Report of the Community and Operations Services Committee

None

Report of the Corporate and Finance Committee Services

None

Report of the Economic and Development Services Committee

ED-26-15- Results of Mediation between Triple Properties (555) Inc. and City Staff Concerning Appeal of By-law 75-2025 for City-initiated Amendments to Implement Protected Major Transit Station Areas (Wards 4 and 5)

That based on Report ED-26-15 dated January 28, 2026, Economic and Development Services staff be authorized to advance the recommendation outlined in said Report in regard to the appeal filed by Triple Properties (555) Inc. of By-law 75-2025 for City-initiated amendments to implement Protected Major Transit Station Areas.

Report of the Safety and Facilities Services Committee

None

Other Staff Reports and Motions

None

Closed Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the meeting recess for 10 minutes in order to shut down the webstream; and,

That the meeting recess and reconvene in a session closed to the public pursuant to Section 239(2)(d) in order to consider Item CNCL-26-08 which concerns labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11: 45 a.m. in a session closed to the public with all members of Council present in the Chamber.

Also in attendance were the Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk; the Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk, the Chief Administrative Officer; the Commissioner, Corporate and Finance Services Department; the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services Department; the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services; the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department; the Director, Total Rewards and Labour Relations; the Director, Recreation Service; the Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement Administration and Business Services; S. Latchmana, HR Business Partner; and, R. Spaeth, Talent Coordinator.

All other staff left the meeting.

Council entered closed session at 11:45 a.m.

Closed meeting discussions took place.

Items Requiring Council Direction

CNCL-26-08 - Update on C.U.P.E. 251 Labour Negotiations

The Director, Total Rewards and Labour Relations, provided a presentation on the CUPE 251 Labour Negotiations.

Members of Council questioned the Director, Total Rewards and Labour Relations.

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Gray

That Council rise from close session and report.

Carried

Council rose from Closed Session at 12: 04 a.m.

Closed Meeting Report

The following is a summary of the closed portion of the meeting.

All members of Council were present in the Chamber.

Members of Council questioned the Director, Total Rewards and Labour Relations concerning Item CNCL-26-08 regarding the update on CUPE 251 Labour Negotiations

The the Director, Total Rewards and Labour Relations and the Commissioner, Corporate and Finances Services Department responded to questions from Council.

This concludes the closed meeting summary.

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That Council ratify the agreement as set out in Report CNCL-26-08 dated February 23, 2026 concerning CUPE Local 251 Labour Negotiations.

Affirmative (11): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Carried (11 to 0)

Matters Tabled

None

Notices of Motion

None

Confirming By-Law

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the confirming by-law be passed.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kerr

Seconded by Councillor Neal

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:07 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk