

**The Joint Services Committee of Leeds and Grenville
Minutes**

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

25 Central Avenue West, Brockville, Ontario

Members Present: Brant Burrow, Chair
Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden, Michael Cameron,
Tory Deschamps, Roger Haley, Arie Hoogenboom, Robin Jones,
Nancy Peckford, Herb Scott, Jeff Shaver, United Counties of Leeds
and Grenville
John Beddows, Town of Gananoque
Gauri Shankar, Town of Prescott

Staff Present: Alison Tutak, Interim CAO
Shanna Culhane, Director of Community & Social Services
Jeff Carss, Paramedic Chief
Pat Huffman, Treasurer
Kerry Morris, Paramedic Deputy Chief
Andrea Bolton, Interim Clerk (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: John Lawless, Recorder & Times

1. Call to Order

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The Chair called the Joint Services Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Recording Timestamp 00:00:02

Resolution No. JSC-018-2025

Moved by Robin Jones

Seconded by Jeff Shaver

THAT the Agenda for the March 4, 2025 meeting of the Joint Services Committee be adopted with the following changes.

ADDITION:

8.2 Staff Reports – Paramedic Service

8.2.2 Report No. JSC-014-2025: Supply and Delivery of Three Response Units

8.2.3 Report No. JSC-015-2025: Purchase Stryker Power Load System and Stretchers

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – Nil

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4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4.1 Meeting Minutes Dated February 4, 2025

Recording Timestamp 00:00:58

ResolutionNo. JSC-019-2025

Moved by Herb Scott

Seconded by Gauri Shankar

THAT the Minutes of the Joint Services Committee meeting held February 4, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Presentations – Nil

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6. Correspondence, Communications and Petitions – Nil

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7. Information Items – Nil

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8. Staff Reports

8.1 Community and Social Services

8.1.1 Report No. JSC-009-2025: Annual Drinking Water Systems Update

Recording Timestamp 00:01:37

Resolution No. JSC-020-2025

Moved by John Beddows

Seconded by Arie Hoogenboom

THAT the Joint Services Committee of Leeds and Grenville recommend to Counties Council to receive and accept the 2024 Drinking Water Systems Annual Reports, for Miller Manor, 3 Miller Drive, Mallorytown, and The Maples, 33 Bennett Street, Spencerville, as attached, and made accessible to the public.

CARRIED

8.1.2 Report No. JSC-010-2025: Award of Tender - Window and Door Replacement - Scattered Family Units in Prescott

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Resolution No. JSC-021-2025

Moved by Nancy Peckford

Seconded by Roger Haley

THAT the Joint Services Committee of Leeds and Grenville approve awarding of the Request for Quotations (RFQ) CSS-2025-02 and CSS-2025-09 – Window and Door Replacement at scattered family units in Prescott, to Wiltse’s-Brockville Glass, in the total amount of \$244,859.25, excluding taxes; and

THAT this contract will be in effect from June 1, 2025 up to and including October 31, 2025; and

THAT the necessary by-law be prepared.

CARRIED

8.2 Paramedic Service

8.2.1 Report No. JSC-012-2025: Year End Statistical Report – 2024

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Mr. Beddows noted the hospital offload times in 2024 were lower with the exception of the Brockville General Hospital (BGH). He suggested stationing a paramedic at the hospital to receive the patients brought in by ambulance might be one way to ensure ambulances are able to return to service quickly. Chief Carss confirmed this is a strategy that is being discussed with senior leadership at BGH. He explained staff are reviewing the funding agreement with the Province to determine if changes can be made to have paramedics staff the offload position when the hospital cannot.

Mr. Deschamps joined the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

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Warden Smith-Gatcke requested the Joint Services Committee receive a report regarding the Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) in two months, in order to determine what funding will be required.

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Ms. Jones agreed a report regarding VTAC is needed and suggested Paramedic Chief Nolan from Renfrew County be invited to make a presentation at the Joint Services Committee on Renfrew's VTAC and the mental health, addictions, and homelessness program called Mesa. Ms. Jones also requested an update on the Leeds Grenville Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP) as a report. Ms. Tutak indicated the SUAP report would be forthcoming in April.

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Mr. Burrow noted Mr. Beddows had previously requested statistical information related to paramedic calls on Highway 401 and 416.

8.2.2 Report No. JSC-014-2025: Supply and Delivery of Three Response Units

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Resolution No. JSC-022-2025

Moved by Nancy Peckford

Seconded by John Beddows

THAT the Joint Services Committee of Leeds and Grenville approves the purchase of three paramedic response unit (PRU) vehicles; and THAT Rowland Emergency Vehicle Products Inc. be awarded the purchase contract at a price of \$340,200.00, excluding taxes.

CARRIED

8.2.3 Report No. JSC-015-2025: Purchase Stryker Power Load System and Stretchers

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Mr. Beddows noted there has been a decrease in back injuries and asked if there has been any impact on WSIB costs. Chief Carss noted there is a decrease in physical injuries, but an increase in mental health injuries. He indicated he would speak with the Director of Corporate Services to determine if there is an impact on how the premiums are calculated.

Resolution No. JSC-023-2025

Moved by Corinna Smith-Gatcke

Seconded by Gauri Shankar

THAT the Joint Services Committee of Leeds and Grenville approve the purchase of four Stryker Power-LOAD cot loading and fastening systems and four Stryker Power-Pro XT powered ambulance cots; and THAT the equipment be acquired from and installed by, Rowland Emergency and Specialty Vehicles as a single source, at the quoted price of \$295,718.64 excluding taxes.

CARRIED

8.3 P.O.A. – Nil

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8.4 All Services – Nil

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9. Sub-Committee, Ad Hoc Committee and Member Reports

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10. Unfinished Business

10.1 CAO's Report - Joint Services Committee Requests

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11. Announcements

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Ms. Peckford urged everyone to read the recent Globe and Mail article by Lloyd Axworthy regarding the impending United States tariffs, noting the author recommends immediate measures for the provincial and federal governments. She also offered congratulations to Premier Ford and MPP Steve Clark on their success in the recent provincial election. She expressed hope that municipalities can work closely with them at this critical moment in time.

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Mr. Beddows noted the National Theatre School Provincial Showcase will be bringing 300 to 400 high school students to Gananoque and the 1000 Islands

Playhouse in May to deliver theatre productions. He congratulated the Playhouse and the Tourism Advisory Panel on attracting this event to the area.

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Ms. Jones noted the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) had a lengthy executive meeting last week at which they recognized that every mayor is being called upon to act in the face of the US tariffs. She stated it is helpful the provincial government is back in place and noted there is a Team Canada approach; she said she would keep the members apprised of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' efforts. She noted there are issues around drug enforcement, such as downloading to the OPP and the need for cost recovery. She said they are working with an economist firm to provide tools to municipalities and said the AMO Board is meeting more frequently.

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Mr. Hoogenboom congratulated the Premier and the MPP Clark on their re-elections. He thanked all those who let their names stand for office across the province, noting it is important to democracy. He also announced Allison Gibson of the Township of Rideau Lakes has been selected as one of two Student Trustees representing all students at the Upper Canada District School Board. Mr. Hoogenboom wished her well and said she will do an excellent job.

12. Notice of By-law/Notice of Motion

12.1 A By-law to Award Contract No. CSS-2025-02 and CSS-2025-09, Window and Door Replacement, Prescott, to Wiltse's-Brockville Glass

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13. Questions from the Media

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There were no questions from the media.

14. Questions from the Public

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There were no questions from the public.

15. Closed Meeting – Nil

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16. Adjournment

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Resolution No. JSC-024-2025

Moved by Jeff Shaver

Seconded by Herb Scott

THAT the meeting of the Joint Services Committee adjourn at 9:35 a.m.

CARRIED

Brant Burrow, Chair

Andrea Bolton, County Clerk