

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

Tuesday, April 8, 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, Arie Hoogenboom, Robin Jones,
Nancy Peckford, Jeff Shaver, United Counties of Leeds and
Grenville
John Beddows, Town of Gananoque
Gauri Shankar, Town of Prescott
Matt Wren, City of Brockville

Staff Present: Al Horsman, Chief Administrative Officer
Shanna Culhane, Director of Community & Social Services
Kim Little, Director of Corporate Services
Jeff Carss, Paramedic Chief
Pat Huffman, Treasurer
Paul Darling, Manager of CSS Finance and Deputy Treasurer
Chris Morrison, Manager of Housing
Shannon Brown, Manager of Children's Services
Kerry Morris, Paramedic Deputy Chief
Andrea Bolton, Interim Clerk (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Mayela Lozano, Seasonova
Jhoanna Gonzales Miners, Seasonova

1. Call to Order

Recording Timestamp 00:00:01

The Chair called the Joint Services Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Scott and Mr. Haley sent regrets.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Recording Timestamp 00:00:26

Resolution No. JSC-030-2025

Moved by Corinna Smith-Gatcke

Seconded by Arie Hoogenboom

THAT the Agenda for the June 3, 2025 meeting of the Joint Services Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

Recording Timestamp 00:00:41

Ms. Jones joined the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4.1 Meeting Minutes Dated April 8, 2025

Recording Timestamp 00:00:49

Resolution No. JSC-031-2025

Moved by Matt Wren

Seconded by Tory Deschamps

THAT the Minutes of the Joint Services Committee meeting held April 8, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Presentations - Nil

6. Correspondence, Communications and Petitions – Nil

7. Information Items – Nil

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Community and Social Services

8.1.1 Report No. JSC-023-2025: Amendment to Agreement with City of Brockville – Cabins Initiative

Recording Timestamp 00:01:43

Resolution No. JSC-032-2025

Moved by John Beddows

Seconded by Robin Jones

THAT the Joint Services Committee of Leeds and Grenville recommends to Counties Council the lease agreement with the City of Brockville for 1805 County Road 2, Brockville, Ontario, be amended as outlined in Report No. JSC-023-2025; and

THAT the necessary by-law be prepared.

CARRIED

8.1.2 Report No. JSC-020-2025: 2022-2026 Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Directed Growth Strategy Updated Plan

Recording Timestamp 00:03:49

Mr. Cameron joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

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Mr. Hoogenboom requested staff urge the Ministry of Education to bring the investigation regarding the Westport Daycare located in the Township of Rideau Lakes to a timely close to ensure these childcare spaces are not lost for an extended period.

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Ms. Peckford inquired whether the Ministry of Education could be specifically requested to allocate childcare spaces to high growth areas such as the

Municipality of North Grenville and Ms. Culhane said staff are willing to work with the Municipality in this regard.

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Mr. Beddows asked the Committee to favourably consider a mid-year request based on the analysis of the Director of Community and Social Services surrounding the demands on staff and risks associated with same.

Resolution No. JSC-033-2025

Moved by Gauri Shankar

Seconded by Jeff Shaver

THAT the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Directed Growth Strategy spaces be allocated as outlined in Report No. JSC-020-2025; and

THAT additional staffing resources be approved to support successful implementation of the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Directed Growth Strategy initiative.

CARRIED

8.2 Paramedic Service

8.2.1 Report No. JSC-022-2025: 2025 First Quarter Statistical Report

Recording Timestamp 00:42:09

Ms. Jones left the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

8.2.2 Report No. JSC-021-2025: Pre-Budget Approval – Supply and Delivery of Two Ambulances

Recording Timestamp 00:54:05

Resolution No. JSC-034-2025

Moved by Matt Wren

Seconded by Nancy Peckford

THAT the Joint Services Committee of Leeds and Grenville provide pre-budget approval of the single-source purchase of two ambulances; and

THAT Crestline Coach Limited be awarded the single-source purchase at a total price of \$495,593.50, excluding taxes.

CARRIED

8.3 P.O.A. – Nil

8.4 All Services

8.4.1 Report No. JSC-018-2025: 2024 JSC Year End Budget Variance Report

Recording Timestamp 01:00:02

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Mr. Beddows suggested a review of how the return on reserves can be maximized going forward.

Resolution No. JSC-035-2025

Moved by Jeff Shaver

Seconded by Arie Hoogenboom

THAT the Joint Services Committee of Leeds and Grenville accepts the 2024 JSC Year End Budget Variance Report as attached to Report No. JSC-018-2025.

CARRIED

8.4.2 Report No. JSC-019-2025: Budget Variance Analysis April 2025

Recording Timestamp 01:08:00

Resolution No. JSC-036-2025

Moved by Michael Cameron

Seconded by Nancy Peckford

THAT the Joint Services Committee of Leeds and Grenville accepts the Budget Variance Analysis for April 2025 as attached to Report No. JSC-019-2025.

CARRIED

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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Warden Smith-Gatcke said the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands recently held a Touch a Truck event and she thanked Paramedic Services and the Public Works Department for their participation. She acknowledged the recent opening of a new fire station where Counties' staff assisted with directing traffic.

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Mr. Wren advised the City of Brockville's Tall Ships Festival will take place from June 20th to 22nd and invited members and the public to attend.

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Ms. Peckford advised of many events being held in the Municipality of North Grenville in celebration of Pride Month and acknowledged these events are important to create conditions where the LGBTQIA2S+ community feels safe, seen, heard and supported.

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Warden Smith-Gatcke advised Counties' Council recognized Paramedic Services Week as well as Julie McCarthy, a member of the Leeds Grenville Paramedic Peer Support Team who is one of only 20 recipients of the national 2024 Champions of Mental Health Award.

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Mr. Hoogenboom advised the United Church of Canada recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of its formation. He noted there was a special service in Delta which included eight churches in Leeds and Grenville. The Anglican Church in Newboro will also be celebrating its 175th anniversary.

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Mr. Beddows acknowledged the recent Provincial Town Criers event in Gananoque was a great success and acknowledged the organizers. He advised the Thousand Islands Playhouse is now open. He advised the Town of Gananoque has refurbished the municipal marina and docks and he invited members to look into upcoming events. Mr. Beddows said Leeds and Grenville is an exciting and welcoming place and he applauds initiatives such as the Garden Adventures Tour and the Foodie Shop Adventures Tour.

12. Notice of By-law/Notice of Motion

Recording Timestamp 01:16:38

12.1 A By-law to Amend By-law No. 24-62, Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the UCLG and the Corporation of the City of Brockville for 1805 County Road 2, Brockville

Recording Timestamp 01:16:46

Mr. Beddows provided notice he will bring forward a motion at the Committee's next meeting which will propose an independent legal opinion be sought regarding the Joint Services Agreement.

13. Questions from the Media

Recording Timestamp 01:20:52

There were no questions from the media.

14. Questions from the Public

Recording Timestamp 01:20:59

There were no questions from the public.

15. Closed Meeting

Recording Timestamp 01:22:05

Resolution No. JSC-037-2025

Moved by Tory Deschamps

Seconded by Corinna Smith-Gatcke

THAT the Joint Services Committee, as provided in Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, move to a closed meeting at 10:22 a.m. to address matters pertaining to: Section 239(3.1); Specifically Education Session re: Ten-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan Process.

CARRIED

The Committee took a recess from 10:22 to 11:00 a.m.

Resolution No. JSC-038-2025

Moved by Corinna Smith-Gatcke

Seconded by Tory Deschamps

THAT the closed meeting adjourn and the open meeting of the Joint Services Committee resume at 11:03 a.m.

CARRIED

15.1 Education Session, Jhoanna Gonzales Miners and Mayela Lozano, Seasonova re: Ten-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan Process

Recording Timestamp 01:23:42

This Committee decided this item was best suited to be heard in open session.

Ms. Gonzales Miners and Ms. Lazano of Seasonova Group Inc. made a presentation regarding the Joint Services Committee (JSC) of Leeds & Grenville's Housing & Homelessness Plan (HHP) process. It details the strategic goals and

accomplishments from the 2014-2024 plan and introduces the plan for 2025-2035. The presentation emphasizes maintaining affordable housing services, enhancing community services, and involving stakeholders in the plan's development. Key accomplishments addressed include housing allowances provided through the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI), financial assistance to homeowners via the Ontario Renovates program, and the creation of the Housing Affordability Task Force.

For the 2025-2035 plan, the presentation introduces strategic goals aimed at facilitating a supply of community and non-market housing, preventing homelessness, and ending homelessness through support services. It highlights the development of a logic model as a visual tool to connect program actions to desired outcomes. Outcome statements based on actions and outputs, categorized into short-term, medium-term, and long-term outcomes, are measured using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

The next steps for the HHP involve validating information for the Results Registry and Performance Measurement Framework and beginning the graphic design of infographics.

A more detailed report will be presented at the July 8th meeting.

15.2 Adoption of Closed Meeting Minutes Dated December 3, 2024, January 7, 2025, and January 7 Item 15.1

This item will be brought forward to the July 8th meeting.

16. Adjournment

Recording Timestamp 02:19:08

Resolution No. JSC-039-2025

Moved by Nancy Peckford

Seconded by Matt Wren

THAT the meeting of the Joint Services Committee adjourn at 11:59 a.m.

CARRIED

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Brant Burrow, Chair

Christina Conklin, County Clerk