

**The Corporation of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville  
Council Minutes**

**Thursday, March 19, 2026**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**25 Central Avenue West, Brockville, Ontario**

**Members Present:** Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden  
Brant Burrow, Michael Cameron, Tory Deschamps, Roger Haley,  
Arie Hoogenboom, Robin Jones, Nancy Peckford, Herb Scott,  
Jeff Shaver

**Staff Present:** Al Horsman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Kim Little, Director of Corporate Services  
Sarah McDonald, Director of Public Works  
Alison Tutak, Interim Director of Community and Social Services  
Jeff Carss, Paramedic Service Chief  
Pat Huffman, Treasurer  
Cherie Mills, Manager of Planning Services  
Marc Thivierge, Manager of Information Technology  
Ann Weir, Manager of Economic Development  
Andrea Bolton, Deputy Clerk (Recording Secretary)

**Others Present:** Patricia Katz, MNP Consulting  
Leanne Douglas, MNP Consulting  
Spencer Putnam, Cunningham Swan

**1. O Canada**

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**2. Call to Order**

Recording Timestamp 00:01:49

**2.1 Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Recording Timestamp 00:01:51

Warden Smith-Gatcke acknowledged the meeting is held on lands that have been and continue to be cared for by indigenous people of Mohawk, Haudenosaunee/Rotinonhsho'n:ni and Algonquin Anishinaabe descent, noting the need to strengthen consultation and understanding with all First Nation and Metis people.

**3. Warden's Remarks**

Recording Timestamp 00:02:10

Warden Smith-Gatcke noted the format of the agenda for the meeting, which features two separate closed meetings. She reported she would be attending an Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) meeting in the afternoon.

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

Recording Timestamp 00:02:53

**Resolution No. CC-040-2026**

**Moved by Jeff Shaver**

**Seconded by Michael Cameron**

**THAT the Agenda for the March 19, 2026 meeting of the Counties Council be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof - Nil**

Recording Timestamp 00:03:13

**6. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Council Session**

**6.1 Meeting Minutes Dated February 19, 2026 and Special Meeting Minutes Dated March 4, 2026**

Recording Timestamp 00:03:24

**Resolution No. CC-041-2026**

**Moved by Michael Cameron**

**Seconded by Herb Scott**

**THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Counties Council held on February 19, 2026 and Special Meeting Minutes dated March 4, 2026 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**7. Delegation/Presentations**

**7.1 Closed Meeting Presentation by MNP Consultants re: Leeds Grenville Paramedic Culture Review**

Recording Timestamp 00:03:52

**Resolution No. CC-042-2026**

**Moved by Tory Deschamps**

**Seconded by Arie Hoogenboom**

**THAT the Council, as provided in Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, move into a closed meeting at 9:06 a.m. to address matters pertaining to: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations; Specifically: Closed Meeting Presentation by MNP Consultants re: Leeds Grenville Paramedic Service Culture Review.**

**CARRIED**

Mr. Burrow joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Ms. Little and Chief Carss left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Ms. Katz and Ms. Douglas left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Council recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

**Resolution No. CC-043-2026**

**Moved by Roger Haley**

**Seconded by Nancy Peckford**

**THAT the closed meeting adjourn and the open meeting of Counties Council resume at 10:52 a.m.**

**CARRIED**

Ms. Little, Ms. McDonald, Ms. Tutak, Chief Carss, Mrs. Huffman, Ms. Mills, Mr. Thivierge and Ms. Weir joined the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

## **7.2 Reporting Out from Closed Meeting**

Recording Timestamp 00:04:48

Warden Smith-Gatcke reported Council met in closed session to address matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations; Specifically: Closed Meeting Presentation by MNP Consultants re: Leeds Grenville Paramedic Service Culture Review. Council took no action beyond receiving the information from the consultants.

## **8. Staff Reports**

### **8.1 Report No. CC-011-2026: Virtual Server Infrastructure Refresh**

Recording Timestamp 00:05:11

**Resolution No. CC-044-2026**

**Moved by Brant Burrow**

**Seconded by Roger Haley**

**THAT Council award the Virtual Server Infrastructure Refresh to Dell/ITI for \$273,513.85 plus taxes; and  
THAT the necessary by-law be prepared.**

**CARRIED**

Mr. Thivierge left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

## **9. Committee Reports/Draft Resolutions**

**9.1 Committee of the Whole Report Dated March 4, 2026**

Recording Timestamp 00:06:35

**Resolution No. CC-045-2026**

**Moved by Arie Hoogenboom**

**Seconded by Robin Jones**

**THAT the Committee of the Whole Report dated March 4, 2026 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Maple View Lodge Committee of Management Report Dated March 5, 2026**

Recording Timestamp 00:07:13

**Resolution No. CC-046-2026**

**Moved by Herb Scott**

**Seconded by Nancy Peckford**

**THAT the Maple View Lodge Committee of Management Report dated March 5, 2026 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**9.2.1 Draft Resolution re: 2025 Annual Drinking Water Report for Maple View Lodge**

Recording Timestamp 00:07:59

**Resolution No. CC-047-2026**

**Moved by Jeff Shaver**

**Seconded by Roger Haley**

**THAT Council receive and accept the 2025 Drinking Water System Annual Report for Maple View Lodge, as presented to the Maple View Lodge Committee of Management at its meeting March 5, 2026; and THAT the report be made accessible to the public.**

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Corporate Services and Finance Committee Reports Dated February 11, 2026 and March 11, 2026**

Recording Timestamp 00:08:29

**Resolution No. CC-048-2026**

**Moved by Robin Jones**

**Seconded by Nancy Peckford**

**THAT the Corporate Services and Finance Committee Reports dated February 11, 2026 and March 11, 2026 be adopted as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Draft Resolution re: 2025 Annual Drinking Water Reports for The Maples and Miller Manor**

Recording Timestamp 00:09:16

**Resolution No. CC-049-2026**

**Moved by Roger Haley**

**Seconded by Brant Burrow**

**THAT Council receive and accept the 2025 Drinking Water Systems Annual Reports for Miller Manor, 3 Miller Drive, Mallorytown, and The Maples, 33 Bennett Street, Spencerville, as presented to the Joint Services Committee at its meeting March 3, 2026, and THAT they be made accessible to the public.**

**CARRIED**

**9.5 Draft Resolution - A. Hoogenboom Notice of Motion - High-Speed Rail Project**

Recording Timestamp 00:09:51

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Ms. Jones requested a recorded vote.

Recording Timestamp 00:23:52

**Resolution No. CC-050-2026**

**Moved by Arie Hoogenboom**

**Seconded by Brant Burrow**

**THAT the motion be amended to remove the phrase “in its entirety” from section 2.**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. CC-051-2026**

**Moved by Arie Hoogenboom**

**Seconded by Brant Burrow**

**WHEREAS the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville is committed to ensuring the well-being and future sustainability of its residents, communities, and the environment; and**

**WHEREAS the proposed ALTO high-speed rail project, particularly the southern corridor, poses potential negative impacts on the local communities, environment, and economy of the region it serves; and**

**WHEREAS there is significant cost associated with the project and limited benefits to many parts of the country; and**

**WHEREAS it is essential that all affected parties, including municipalities, stakeholders, and residents, are given the opportunity for meaningful consultation and input into projects of this magnitude.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville:**

- 1. Objects to the proposed southern corridor of the ALTO high-speed rail project, citing concerns regarding its potential negative impact on local communities, the environment, and regional infrastructure; and**
- 2. Objects to the ALTO high-speed rail project, unless proper and adequate mitigation measures and consultations are conducted with all affected parties, including municipal governments, environmental groups, local businesses, and residents; and**
- 3. Calls on ALTO and all relevant authorities to engage in a more comprehensive, inclusive, and transparent consultation process with all stakeholders, including municipalities, residents, and other affected parties, before any further steps are taken regarding the high-speed rail project; and**

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to:**

- The Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada**
- The Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Federal Minister of Transportation**
- The Honourable Michael Barrett, Member of Parliament**
- The Honourable Steve Clark, Member of Provincial Parliament**
- ALTO High-Speed Rail Project**

**CARRIED**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<b>Burrow, Brant</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Cameron, Michael</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Deschamps, Tory</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Haley, Roger</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Hoogenboom, Arie</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Jones, Robin</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>X*</b>
<b>Peckford, Nancy</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>X*</b>
<b>Scott, Herb</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Shaver, Jeff</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Smith-Gatcke, Corinna</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>

\*Under the Rules of Procedure abstentions are deemed a vote in the negative

**10. Member Reports - Nil**

Recording Timestamp 00:30:51

**11. By-laws**

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**11.1 By-law No. 26-18: A By-law to Appoint the Area Weed Inspector for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville**

**11.2 By-law No. 26-19: A By-law to Amend By-laws and Adopt Human Resources Policies**

**11.3 By-law No. 26-20: A By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the UCLG and Canadian Addiction Treatment Centers for Space at 244 King Street West, Brockville**

**11.4 By-law No. 26-21: A By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Contract with Dell/ITI for Virtual Server Infrastructure Refresh**

**11.5 By-law No. 26-22: A By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Contract to Renew Managed Detection Services Through Softchoice**

**Resolution No. CC-052-2026**

**Moved by Brant Burrow**

**Seconded by Jeff Shaver**

**THAT By-laws numbered 26-18 to 26-22 be adopted and passed, be signed by the Warden and the County Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporations and be recorded.**

**CARRIED**

**12. Announcements - Nil**

Recording Timestamp 00:31:30

**13. Questions from the Media**

Recording Timestamp 00:31:32

There were no questions from the media.

**14. Questions from the Public**

Recording Timestamp 00:31:34

There were no questions from the public.

**15. Closed Meeting**

Recording Timestamp 00:31:40

**Resolution No. CC-053-2026**

**Moved by Michael Cameron**

**Seconded by Roger Haley**

**THAT the Council, as provided in Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, move into a closed meeting at 11:20 a.m. to address matters pertaining to:**

- 15.1 litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; Specifically, Closed Report No. CC-009-2026: Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals to Official Plan Amendment No. 5 – Implementation of the Agricultural Area Review; and**
- 15.2 litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; Specifically, Closed Report No. CC-008-2026: Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal to Consent Application B-102-25 in the Municipality of North Grenville; and**
- 15.3 personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations; Specifically, Closed Report No. CC-010-2026: Small Business Staffing Contracts; and**
- 15.4 labour relations or employee negotiations; Specifically, Closed Report No. CSF-013-2026: Labour Relations Update – OPSEU – MVL.**

**CARRIED**

**15.1 Closed Report No. CC-009-2026: Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals to Official Plan Amendment No. 5 - Implementation of the Agricultural Area Review**

Mr. Putnam joined the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

All staff left the meeting with the exception of Mr. Horsman, Ms. Bolton and Mr. Putnam at 11:26 a.m.

Mr. Burrow left the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

**15.2 Closed Report No. CC-008-2026: Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal to Consent Application B-102-25 in the Municipality of North Grenville**

Mr. Putnam left the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

**15.3 Closed Report No. CC-010-2026: Small Business Staffing Contracts**

Ms. Little, Ms. McDonald, Mrs. Huffman, Ms. Mills and Ms. Weir rejoined the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

**15.4 Closed Report No. CSF-013-2026: Labour Relations Update - OPSEU – MVL**

Ms. Jones left the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

Ms. Mills, Ms. McDonald and Ms. Weir left the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

**Resolution No. CC-054-2026**

**Moved by Jeff Shaver**

**Seconded by Nancy Peckford**

**THAT the closed meeting adjourn and the open meeting of the Counties Council resume at 12:34 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

**15.5 Reporting Out from Closed Meeting**

Recording Timestamp 00:32:56

With respect to Item 15.1, Warden Smith-Gatcke reported Council met in closed session to discuss matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; specifically, Closed Report No. CC-009-2026: Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals to Official Plan Amendment No. 5 – Implementation of the Agricultural Area Review. Council provided instruction to staff.

With respect to Item 15.2, Warden Smith-Gatcke reported Council met in closed session to discuss matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; specifically, Closed Report No. CC-008-2026: Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal to Consent Application B-102-25 in the Municipality of North Grenville. Council took no action beyond receiving the information.

With respect to Item 15.3, Warden Smith-Gatcke reported Council met in closed session to discuss matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or

employee negotiations; specifically, Closed Report No. CC-010-2026: Small Business Staffing Contracts. Council provided instruction to staff.

With respect to Item 15.4, Warden Smith-Gatcke reported Council met in closed session to discuss matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations; specifically, Closed Report No. CSF-013-2026: Labour Relations Update – OPSEU – MVL. Council provided instruction to staff.

**16. Confirmatory By-law**

Recording Timestamp 00:35:11

**Resolution No. CC-055-2026**

**Moved by Michael Cameron**

**Seconded by Roger Haley**

**THAT By-law Number 26-23, Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville at its meeting held on March 19, 2026, be adopted and passed, be signed by the Warden and the County Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.  
CARRIED**

**17. Adjournment**

Recording Timestamp 00:35:35

**Resolution No. CC-056-2026**

**Moved by Tory Deschamps**

**Seconded by Nancy Peckford**

**THAT the meeting of the Counties Council now adjourn at 12:37 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden

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Krystin Stitt, Interim County Clerk