



The Corporation of the Township of King
Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting #18
October 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
2585 King Road, King City, ON

Council Present: Mayor Pellegrini
Councillor Cescolini
Councillor Boyd
Councillor Anstey
Councillor Asselstine
Councillor Schaefer
Councillor Eek

Staff Present: Daniel Kostopoulos, Chief Administrative Officer
Chris Fasciano, Director of Community Services
Jennifer Caietta, Director of Corporate Services
Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance & Treasurer
Stephen Naylor, Director of Growth Management Services
Denny Timm, Township Clerk
Adam Foran, Deputy Clerk
Diane Moratto, Administrative Clerk - Council/Committee

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The Clerk confirmed a quorum was present.

3. Introduction of Addendum Items

The Clerk advised that correspondence has been received and circulated prior to this evening's Council meeting for Item 10.1 - Member Motion from Councillor Schaefer Re Review of the Greenbelt.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Eek

Seconded by: Councillor Schaefer

That the agenda for the October 14, 2024 Council Meeting as presented, be approved, as amended.

Carried

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

6. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Pellegrini highlighted recent and upcoming events in the Township of King being; Municipal Law Officer Enforcement certification of Salvatore Agnello, Sip'n Savour, the Canada Post strike, Sidewalkable Saturday in Schomberg, the Powering King: Energy Expo, and Halloween events.

7. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Boyd

Seconded by: Councillor Anstey

That the items listed herein under Section 7, Adoption of Minutes, all be approved and passed under consent.

Carried

7.1 Special Council Meeting Minutes - September 29, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Boyd

Seconded by: Councillor Anstey

That the September 29, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes be adopted.

Carried

7.2 Council Meeting Minutes - September 29, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Boyd

Seconded by: Councillor Anstey

That the September 29, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes be adopted.

Carried

8. Action Items

8.1 2026 Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges

Councillor Cescolini joined the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer, provided a slide presentation overview of the proposed 2026 Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges commenting on; Township objectives, the York Region 2026 Water and Wastewater Rates, Township billing details, the variable rate, the proposed 2026 Water and Wastewater Rates, the fixed and blended rates, assumptions used for forecasting, the Water and Wastewater 2026 Capital Plan, water reserve forecast, wastewater reserve forecast, impact on the average consumer, and local municipality comparisons.

Staff responded to questions from Members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Schaefer

Seconded by: Councillor Eek

1. That Council receive Report FIN-2025-19.
2. That Council approve the recommended 2026 Water and Wastewater Rates, as outlined in Schedule A attached hereto, effective January 1, 2026; and
3. That By-law 2025-069 to establish water and wastewater rates and charges for those properties on municipal water and wastewater services, effective January 1, 2026, be adopted at this evening's Council Meeting.

Carried

8.2 2026 Schedule of Council and Council Public Planning Meetings

Moved by: Councillor Boyd

Seconded by: Councillor Anstey

1. That Council receive Report COR-CLK-2025-005; and,
2. That the 2026 Schedule of Council and Council Public Planning Meetings from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, attached as Attachment '1' to Report COR-CLK-2025-005, be amended to reschedule the September 8, 2026, Council Public Planning Meeting to September 9, 2026; and,
3. That the 2026 Schedule of Council and Council Public Planning Meetings subsequently be approved; and,
4. That the Closed Session portions of Council Meetings commence earlier, as outlined in Report COR-CLK-2025-005, and that this proposed timing adjustment take effect immediately for the remainder of the 2025 meeting schedule and be carried forward into the 2026 schedule; and,
5. That the Clerk be directed to bring forward any necessary amendments to the Procedural By-law to reflect this change.

Carried

8.3 Application to Declare the Laskay Successionist Presbyterian Cemetery Abandoned and Transfer Ownership to the Township of King

Moved by: Councillor Boyd

Seconded by: Councillor Anstey

1. That Council receive Report COR-CLK-2025-009 for information.
2. That Council authorize the Township Clerk and Township Solicitor to proceed with an application under Section 101.1 of the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*, to have the Laskay Successionist Presbyterian Cemetery, located at 1 Mill Steet, declared abandoned and ownership transferred to the Corporation of the Township of King.
3. That the Township Clerk be authorized to publish the required notice of application and file the necessary declaration of facts and supporting materials, with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.
4. That Council delegate authority and authorize the Township Clerk to execute, on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of King, all documents and instruments necessary to give effect to this and any future applications under Section 101.1 of the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*, for the declaration of abandonment and transfer of ownership of cemeteries to the Corporation of the Township of King, to the satisfaction of the Township Clerk and/or Township Solicitor.

Carried

8.4 Q2 and Q3 2025 (April – September) Procurement Update

Moved by: Councillor Cescolini

Seconded by: Councillor Boyd

1. That Council receive Report FIN-2025-017 for information.

Carried

9. Notices of Motion

9.1 Review of the Greenbelt

Mayor Pellegrini, seconded by Councillor Boyd, provided a notice of motion regarding a review of the Greenbelt.

Mayor Pellegrini will submit the full motion in writing to the Clerk for publication on the next meeting agenda for the Council Meeting of October 27, 2025, for Council's consideration at that time.

10. Motions for Which Notice Has Been Given

Moved by: Councillor Anstey

Seconded by: Councillor Boyd

That Council recess for ten minutes.

Carried

Council recessed at 6:53 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor Cescolini

Seconded by: Councillor Boyd

That Council reconvene.

Carried

Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

10.1 Member Motion from Councillor Schaefer Re Review of the Greenbelt

Councillor Schaefer withdrew the motion with the consent of the seconder.

Moved by: Councillor Schaefer

Seconded by: Councillor Anstey

Whereas the Greenbelt Plan provides permanent protection for farmland and ecologically and hydrologically significant landscapes, working in tandem with Source Water Protection Plans and the Provincial Policy Statement to guide sustainable land use; and

Whereas the Greenbelt Plan is designed as an agricultural forward land use framework intended to permanently protect prime farmland, provide water security, reduce speculative pressure, and support Ontario's food security and rural economies; and

Whereas the Greenbelt functions as a living system of forests, wetlands, rivers and farmland that provides climate resilience by moderating floods, recharging groundwater, sequestering carbon, and sustaining biodiversity; and

Whereas municipalities face increasing pressure from growth, aggregate extraction and climate related risks, and require strong enforceable tools to protect water, farmland and natural systems for future generations; and

Whereas this Council serves as a steward for a land base of which more than 98% lies within the Greenbelt, encompassing the Oak Ridges

Moraine, the headwaters of the Humber River and East and West Holland Rivers, prime agricultural lands, and a portion of the Holland Marsh Specialty Crop Area, which contribute significantly to Ontario's food security and agricultural economy by producing some of the province's most fertile and productive farmland; and

Whereas the Township's 'Our King' Official Plan identifies four (4) pillars shaping the goals and objectives of the municipality, being environmental, economic, socio-cultural and financial; and

Whereas the 2015 coordinated land use planning review recommended expansion of the Greenbelt into key hydrological areas such as moraines and headwater systems to further safeguard water and ecological health; and

Whereas the Greenbelt Act, 2005 requires a review of the Greenbelt Plan at least every ten (10) years and the next mandatory review must begin in 2025, presenting a timely opportunity for municipalities to shape the future of protected lands and policies in Ontario; and

Whereas this review must be transparent, evidence-based, and subject to independent oversight to prevent the influence of political or private interests, with all mapping, data, and rationale made publicly available;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. Council supports the review of the Greenbelt Plan's existing boundaries and policies within and beyond King Township, while recognizing the need to both conform to Provincial policies, including the objectives of the Greenbelt Plan to provide water and food security and to achieve an appropriate balance of the four pillars of sustainability identified in the 'Our King' Official Plan (environmental, economic, socio-cultural and financial).
2. Council calls on the Province of Ontario to collaborate with municipalities, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders to ensure that the lands of ecological, agricultural and hydrological significance are protected using best available science.
3. Council requests that the Province of Ontario provide municipalities with the necessary legislative and regulatory tools to effectively implement the policies and objectives of the Greenbelt Plan, including but not limited to site plan control for residential development within the area of influence of key natural heritage and hydrological features.
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Stephen Lecce, MPP, King-Vaughan, Caroline Mulroney, MPP, York-Simcoe, the Association of Municipalities of

Ontario (AMO), York Region, and all local municipalities in York Region.

Withdrawn

11. New Business

None.

12. By-Laws

Moved by: Councillor Cescolini

Seconded by: Councillor Boyd

That Council read a first, second, and third time, and enact By-laws 2025-069 and 2025-072.

Carried

12.1 By-Law Number 2025-069 - 2026 Water and Wastewater System Rates and Charges

12.2 By-Law Number 2025-072 - Appoint a Director of Finance and Treasurer

13. Confirmation By-law

Moved by: Councillor Cescolini

Seconded by: Councillor Boyd

That Council read a first, second, and third time, and enact By-law 2025-070.

Carried

13.1 By-law Number 2025-070 - Confirmation of Proceedings, October 14, 2025

14. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

15. Notices

15.1 Notice of Special Council Closed Meeting - October 14, 2025

15.2 Notice of Cancellation of Public Planning Meeting - November 3, 2025

16. Correspondence

16.1 Item 10.1 - Notice of Motion - Review of the Greenbelt

16.1.1 Mary Bromley

Steve Pellegrini

Mayor

Denny Timm

Township Clerk