



The Corporation of the Township of King
Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting #2
January 26, 2026, 5:00 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
Samantha Fraser, Director of Public Works
Stephen Naylor, Director of Growth Management Services
Denny Timm, Township Clerk
Adam Foran, Deputy Clerk
Diane Moratto, Governance Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Addendum Items for Closed Session

None.

3. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor Eek

Seconded by: Councillor Schaefer

That in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council convene into Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. to consider the following items:

Carried

3.1 Verbal Report by the Director of Growth Management Services and Township Solicitor

Re: Litigation Matter, Direction Required
(OLT Appeal - 326 Main Street)

Considered in Closed Session pursuant to clause 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001; litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

3.2 Closed Session Minutes

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4. Reconvene into Open Session

Moved by: Councillor Eek
Seconded by: Councillor Schaefer

That Council reconvene from Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. into Open Session.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Closed Session

5.1 Approval of Closed Session Matters

Moved by: Councillor Asselstine
Seconded by: Councillor Cescolini

That item 3.1 be received and staff proceed as directed.

Carried

5.2 Approval of Closed Session Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Anstey
Seconded by: Councillor Boyd

That the Closed Session Minutes listed herein, be approved.

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Carried

6. Introduction of Addendum Items for Open Session

The Clerk advised that correspondence has been received and circulated prior to this evening's Council meeting for Item 14.1 - Notice of Motion from Councillor Schaefer Re Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities.

7. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Eek

Seconded by: Councillor Schaefer

That the agenda for the January 26, 2026, Council Meeting be approved as amended.

Carried

8. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

9. Mayor's Comments

The Mayor highlighted recent and upcoming events in the Township of King being: snow removal efforts, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing at Cold Creek Conservation Area, the first anniversary of the Zancor Centre, the upcoming 2026 property tax and water billing due dates, and seasonal parks and summer camp jobs.

Daniel Kostopoulos, Chief Administrative Officer, recognized service milestones for: Samantha Fraser, Director of Public Works for five (5) years of service; and, Gaspare Ritacca, Manager, Planning and Development for twenty-five (25) years of service to the Township of King.

10. Adoption of Minutes

10.1 Council Meeting Minutes - January 12, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Anstey

Seconded by: Councillor Asselstine

That the January 12, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes be adopted.

Carried

11. Presentations and Deputations

11.1 2025 Climate and Environmental Year in Review

Laura Campbell, Supervisor, Environmental Outreach and Sustainability (EOS), provided a brief overview of the Update and introduced members of the EOS team, Sabrina Guvenc, Kathryn McLellan, and Giorgia Morris-Cefis, who collaborated on bringing King's 2025 Climate and Environmental Year in Review update this evening.

The EOS team provided a slide presentation overviewing the following: corporate climate emissions, climate initiatives, community climate emissions, our natural environment, engagement and empowerment,

tomorrow's energy, green infrastructure and sustainable movement, and 2025 funding support.

Staff responded to questions from Members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Asselstine

Seconded by: Councillor Schaefer

That the presentation by Community Services - Environmental Outreach and Sustainability Division, be received for information.

Carried

11.2 2024-2025 Update - Celebrating King's Community Grant Program

Amanda Hicks, Manager of Recreation, Community and Culture, provided a slide presentation update on the 2024-2025 Community Grant Program commenting on: the program growth from 2024-2025, community support, and looking ahead in 2026.

Ms. Hicks responded to questions from Members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Schaefer

Seconded by: Councillor Eek

That the presentation by Amanda Hicks, Manager, Recreation, Community and Culture Services, be received as information.

Carried

12. Action Items

12.1 Comprehensive Development Plan, File No. FSDAS-2020-01 Zoning By-law Amendment Application, File No. Z-2025-14 2018-2022 King Road (Village of King City)

Rosemarie Humphries, President, Humphries Planning Group, speaking on behalf of the applicant, and staff responded to questions from Members of Council.

Moved by: Mayor Pellegrini

Seconded by: Councillor Eek

1. That Council receive Report GMS-PL-2026-002 for information.
2. That Comprehensive Development Plan Application File No. FSDAS-2020-01, be endorsed and that Council authorize staff to continue to refine and/or respond to changes or revisions to the Plan, in substantial conformity with the Plan included as Attachment No. 8.

3. That Zoning By-law Amendment Application File No. Z-2025-14, submitted by King Square Developments LP (c/o Humphries Planning Group Inc.), pertaining to lands municipally known as 2018-2022 King Road be approved.
4. That Council direct staff to bring forward at a future meeting of Council for adoption, an implementing Zoning By-law Amendment to the King City and Schomberg Urban Area Zoning By-law 2017-66 to establish a site-specific Core Area – King City Exception Zone, together with a Holding Symbol in accordance with Attachment No. 5.

Carried

12.2 Notice of Intent to Demolish (Relocate) 13840 10th Concession

Christy Kirwan, Planner, MHBC Planning, spoke on behalf of the applicant giving an overview on the history and relocation of the accessory structure (barn).

Ms. Kirwan and staff responded to questions from Members of Council.

Moved by: Councillor Asselstine

Seconded by: Councillor Anstey

1. That Council receive Report GMS-HER-2026-001 for information.
2. That Council take no further action with respect to the relocation of the historic accessory structure (barn) within the same property, located at 13840 10th Concession.
3. That Council direct Staff to further research, evaluate, and discuss with the property owner the potential for designation of the subject property in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act.

Carried

13. Notices of Motion

None.

14. Motions for Which Notice Has Been Given

14.1 Member Motion from Councillor Schaefer Re Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities

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

Moved by: Councillor Schaefer

Seconded by: Councillor Asselstine

Whereas the Province has posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) “Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario’s conservation authorities” (ERO No. 025 1257), which would consolidate Ontario’s 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities, with the stated aims of improving consistency, modernizing service delivery, and freeing up resources for front line work; and

Whereas Conservation Authorities in Ontario are respected agencies and seen as a model across Canada with their unique structure determined by watersheds; and

Whereas the proposed consolidation is intended by the Province to reduce administrative duplication, standardize practices, and enhance flood risk management and permitting consistency across larger regions; and

Whereas the Township of King is presently served by two (2) Conservation Authorities, being the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA); and

Whereas under the proposed consolidation the Township of King would still be served by two (2) Conservation Authorities being the Central Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority and the Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority; and

Whereas the Lake Simcoe watershed includes parts of the Township of King and is governed by the Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008 and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP)—a comprehensive, watershed based, legislated plan that relies on specialized local expertise and implementation to protect and restore the ecological health of Lake Simcoe and its tributaries; and

Whereas the Province’s proposed consolidation risks diminishing locally responsive, watershed based decision making, which partner organizations and sector bodies have cautioned could undermine accountability, service continuity, and the effectiveness of natural hazard management, unless significant safeguards are built into governance, funding, and transition arrangements; and

Whereas even under a regional model aiming to reduce the number of authorities per municipality, King Township would continue to be served by two (2) conservation authorities, meaning the transition appears to offer limited benefit locally and may introduce delays and erode access to local, specialized knowledge critical for watershed planning, permitting, and LSPP implementation;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Council for the Township of King opposes the proposed consolidation of Conservation Authorities and fails to see benefits to the Township of this initiative for the following reasons:
 - a. The proposed consolidation generates concerns regarding the potential loss of local knowledge, risks to watershedbased planning and permitting, and limited demonstrable benefits to King Township.
 - b. The potential reduction or elimination of local representation on the newly reconstituted Conservation Authority Boards would reduce proportional representation (population and watershed area) that ensures smaller municipalities like King have voting influence and municipal appointment authority to select representatives with expertise in planning, environmental management and local knowledge contributing to positive decision-making for the Township of King.
 - c. The anticipated negative impacts on the need to maintain and prioritize specialized TRCA and LSRCA knowledge and expertise to make informed watershed-based decisions, including robust support for the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan's objectives, monitoring, and enforcement.
2. The Township of King strongly encourages the province, prior to taking any further action to implement the proposed consolidation, to engage in meaningful discourse with representatives of all impacted stakeholders, including Conservation Ontario, member municipalities, conservation authorities, development sector, and Indigenous communities with regard to the following objectives:
 - a. Establishing clear roles and responsibilities to prevent any service gaps in permitting and planning, and explicitly confirm how watershed plans, sub- watershed plans, and the LSPP in particular, will be maintained, applied, and enforced under a regional structure.
 - b. Preparing transition plans that mitigate service and regulatory risks before implementing any changes.
 - c. Providing for servicelevel protections that ensure local offices and staff presence are maintained within each sub-watershed/upper tier municipality, and appropriate local representation is maintained, to preserve local knowledge and ensure timely, accessible service for residents, landowners, and municipal partners.
 - d. Ensuring that data integration be a precondition of any transition, with the establishment of a coordinated data consolidation and standards framework so that hydrologic,

natural hazard, and planning data are consistent across municipalities and usable at both regional and local scales.

- e. Implementing transparent, consultative budgeting, including joint budget sessions with member municipalities, online publication of detailed budgets and project updates with clear levy explanations, and provision of multiyear financial outlooks to support local capital planning.
 - f. Providing fair and equitable transition funding and costsharing, including provincial funding for transition costs and providing fair and equitable long term funding formulae that does not disadvantage smaller municipalities, and preserves existing municipalCA MOUs, to avoid service disruption.
 - g. Encouraging consistency without sacrificing local performance, by supporting provincewide shared tools and backoffice efficiencies only where they demonstrably improve frontline service, while retaining local boards or decisionmaking authority to safeguard watershedspecific accountability.
 - h. Promoting strengthened community relationships, directing that any new model must continue and enhance on the ground stewardship programs (tree planting, workshops, flood preparedness), and deploy user friendly online portals for permits, mapping and education to improve transparency and convenience.
3. That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Conservation Ontario, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), and all York Region municipalities.

Withdrawn

15. New Business

None.

16. Confirmation By-law

Moved by: Councillor Cescolini

Seconded by: Councillor Boyd

That Council read a first, second, and third time, and enact By-law 2026-008.

Carried

16.1 By-Law Number 2026-008 - Confirmation of Proceedings - January 26, 2026

17. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

18. Notices

18.1 Notice of Public Planning Meeting - February 2, 2026

19. Correspondence

19.1 Item 14.1 - Notice of Motion from Councillor Schaefer

19.1.1 Mary Bromley

19.1.2 Rosalind Hans Elson-Martin

Steve Pellegrini

Mayor

Denny Timm

Township Clerk