



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, March 17, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, Town Hall

Land Acknowledgement

On March 17, 2025 we acknowledge that this sacred land on which Smiths Falls is now located has been a site of human activity for over 10,000 years and is rich in Indigenous history. This land is the ancestral and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation. We are grateful to the Algonquin ancestors who cared for the land and water in order that we might meet here today. We are also grateful to the Algonquin People for their contribution in the making of the Rideau Canal which runs thru Smiths Falls. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to reconcile with all our relations. Together, may we care for this land and each other, drawing on the strength of our mutual history of nation building through peace and friendship being mindful of generations to come.

Agenda items will be determined at the Committee of the Whole preceding this meeting of Council. Items may be amended, added or removed depending on the outcome of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting discussion.

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1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2. CALL TO ORDER

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Motion:

Moved By J Brennan

Seconded By _____

THAT the March 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be approved as circulated.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Motion:

Moved By C McGuire

Seconded By _____

The Minutes of the March 3, 2025 Council Meetings be approved as circulated.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES & MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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Recommended Motion:

Moved By P McKenna

Seconded By _____

That items in Consent Report Number 04-2025 received from the Clerk be received and adopted.

9. MOTIONS

9.1 Youth Arena Feasibility Study

Recommended Motion:

Moved By S Robinson

Seconded By _____

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls receive the Youth Arena Feasibility Study Final Report as information, and endorse the report in principle;

AND FURTHER THAT staff undertake an initial costing for design and build of Options 1B, 2A and 2B;

AND FURTHER THAT staff engage with regional municipal partners to commence discussion on cost-sharing for this regional initiative;

AND THAT staff develop a financial strategy to support the capital and operating costs associated with Options 1B, 2A and 2B.

9.2 Annual Remuneration & Expenses Report

Wording of motion depends on outcome of the Special Committee of the Whole. Motion may/may not be added depending on outcome of Committee of the Whole

10. BY-LAWS

11. ENQUIRIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

13. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

Moved By S Robinson

Seconded By _____

THAT this Council adjourn its proceedings at XXXX and stand so adjourned until the next duly called meeting of Council.

Consent Report # 04-2025

To: Mayor and Council
From: Kerry Costello, Clerk
Date: March 13, 2025
Council Date: March 17, 2025
Title: Consent Report for the March 17th, 2025 Council Meeting

All items listed on the Consent Report shall be the subject of one motion. Any member may ask for any item(s) included in the Consent Report to be separated from that motion, whereupon the Consent Report without the separated item(s) shall be put and the separated item(s) shall be considered thereafter.

That Council consent to the approval of the following items:

THAT the following resolutions be passed:

Resolution: _____

Community Plan for Safety & Well-being, Lanark County & Smiths Falls

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Council of the Town of Smiths Falls is committed to community safety and well-being for its citizens,

AND WHEREAS Part XVI Sec. 248 (1) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1 states that “every municipality shall prepare and, by resolution, adopt a community safety and well-being plan,”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls adopts the Community Plan for Safety and Well-being Plan for Lanark County and the Town of Smiths Falls (2025-2029) as presented by the Community Plan for Safety and Well-being Advisory Committee (Committee of the Whole, March 10, 2025, Delegation)

Resolution: _____

2024 Building Activity and Building Permit Fee Report

THAT Report 2025-019 entitled “2024 Building Activity and Building Permit Fee Report” (dated March 7, 2025), be received as information.

(Committee of the Whole, March 10, 2025, Report 2025-019)

Respectfully submitted by:
Original Copy Signed
Kerry Costello, Clerk