



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

MINUTES

TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS

MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 17, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, Town Hall

Members Present: Mayor S Pankow
Councillor C McGuire
Councillor J Miller
Councillor D Quinn
Councillor S Robinson

Absent: Councillor J Brennan
Councillor P McKenna

Staff Present: Clerk K Costello
Acting C.A.O. / Director of Community Services, S Clark

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Pankow read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pankow called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution: 2025-03-049

Moved by J Miller

Seconded by S Robinson

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

Carried

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution: 2025-03-050

Moved by C McGuire

Seconded by J Miller

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

Carried

6. COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES & MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pankow congratulated Councillor Dawn Quinn on receiving the King Charles Coronation Medal.

7. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Pankow proclaimed March 21st, 2025 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the Town of Smiths Falls.

Mayor Pankow proclaimed March 26th, 2025 as Purple Day in Town of Smiths Falls and encouraged our citizens to wear purple to support those living with epilepsy and ask all to make an effort to learn more about epilepsy and fight the stigma.

Mayor Pankow proclaimed March 17th, 2025 as World Water Day 2025 in the Town of Smiths Falls and encouraged our citizens to work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and manage meltwater more sustainably for people and the planet.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution: 2025-03-051

Moved by J Miller

Seconded by D Quinn

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

Resolution: 2025-03-052

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

Resolution: 2025-03-053

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.

Carried

9. MOTIONS

9.1 Youth Arena Feasibility Study

Resolution: 2025-03-054

Moved by S Robinson

Seconded by D Quinn

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.

Carried

9.2 Annual Remuneration & Expenses Report

Resolution: 2025-03-055

Moved by J Miller

Seconded by D Quinn

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls receive the 2024 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses Report.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

11. ENQUIRIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enquiries and announcements were heard.

12. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 2025-03-056

Moved by S Robinson

Seconded by J Miller

THAT this Council adjourn its proceedings at 6:47PM and stand so adjourned until the next duly called meeting of Council.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk