



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, September 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, Town Hall

Land Acknowledgement

On September 15, 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.

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1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
2. CALL TO ORDER
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Motion:

Moved By J Miller

Seconded By _____

THAT the September 15, 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 D Quinn

Seconded By _____

THAT the Minutes of the July 14, 2025 and July 21, 2025 Council Meetings be approved as circulated

6. COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES & MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS
7. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Recommended Motion:

Moved By J Brennan

Seconded By _____

That items in Consent Report Number 13-2025 received from the Clerk be received and adopted.

9. **MOTIONS**

10. **BY-LAWS**

10.1 **Bylaw authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a dispatching agreement with the Township of McNab/Braeside**

May/may not be added depending on the outcome of the Special Committee of the Whole.

10.2 **Bylaw authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a dispatching agreement with the Municipality of Dysart et al.**

May/may not be added depending on the outcome of the Special Committee of the Whole.

10.3 **Bylaw authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a renewal of the Fire Protection Agreement between The Township of Drummond/North Elmsley and The Town of Smiths Falls**

May/may not be added depending on the outcome of the Special Committee of the Whole.

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 # 13-2025

To: Mayor and Council
From: Kerry Costello, Clerk
Date: September 10, 2025
Council Date: September 15, 2025
Title: Consent Report for the September 15, 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:

Resolution: _____

Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

WHEREAS individuals and families receiving income support through Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are facing increasing challenges in meeting basic needs due to rising costs of living;

AND WHEREAS Statistics Canada notes that people with disabilities have a higher poverty rate and a lower rate of employment than the overall population;

AND WHEREAS the annual income support for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program have not increased sufficiently to keep up with inflation and the cost of living and such costs are anticipated to continue increasing;

AND WHEREAS food banks are already reducing their distribution capacity; and it is anticipated that due to developing economic circumstances, such as the current tariff war, there will be increased unemployment, increased food prices, and a heightened demand for food distribution, while donations continue to decline;

AND WHEREAS these economic trends will continue to erode the purchasing power of OW and ODSP recipients, increasing reliance on food banks and placing additional pressure on municipalities and community organizations;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls supports the City of Pickering and urges that the Ontario Provincial Government significantly raise the payments of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program and the increases be reflected in the upcoming Provincial Budget and that the increased amount aligns with inflationary costs and thereby decrease the pressure on food banks and the reliance on municipalities and taxpayers to supplement the gap in financial need.

AND FURTHER THAT staff send this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

(Committee of the Whole, August 11, 2025, Correspondence Item)**Resolution:**

Producer Responsibility for Blue Boxes

THAT the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls support the June 10, 2025 resolution from the Municipality of Tweed regarding producer responsibility for Blue Boxes; and

THAT the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls hereby requests that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end of life management of recycling products from all sources; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and MPP Scott Reid.

(Committee of the Whole, August 11 2025, Correspondence Item)

Resolution: _____

Heritage Alteration Permit Application –Abel Russell Ward House

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passes a resolution under Section 33(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act authorizing alterations to the following attributes identified in By-law 10390-2022 pertaining to the Abel Russell Ward House at 57 Chambers Street; subject to the following conditions:

- Front porch round columns to be replaced with square wooden columns as in Figure 6 of Report # 2025-089.
- Side and Rear round columns to be replaced replace with fiberglass square columns as in Figure 10 of Report # 2025-089.
- Decking on back porch to be repaired using wood.

(Committee of the Whole, September 8 2025, Report 2025-089)

Respectfully submitted by:
Original Copy Signed
Kerry Costello, Clerk