



City of Kingston
Council Meeting
Revised Agenda

2026-08
Tuesday, March 24, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber

Council will resolve into the Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting" at 5:30 p.m. and will reconvene as regular Council at 7:00 p.m.

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **The Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting"**

That Council resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting" to consider the following items:

- a. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board - Employment Lands Update; and
- b. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board - Downtown Property.

- *3. **The Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting"**

Note: The Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting" will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Councillors' Lounge.

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of The Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting" item c. - Labour relations or employee negotiations - Kingston Professional Fire Fighters' Association (KPFPA), Local 498 - Collective Bargaining Update.

The consent of Council is requested for the **addition** of The Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting" item d - Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - By-Law Enforcement.

4. **Report of the Committee of the Whole "Closed Meeting"**
5. **Approval of the Addendum**

6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

7. Presentations

8. Delegations

***1. Melissa Reid - Consumption and Treatment Services Sites**

Melissa Reid will appear before Council to speak to New Motion Number 4 with respect to Consumption and Treatment Services Sites.

***2. Joyce Hostyn - Tree By-Law**

Joyce Hostyn will appear before Council to speak to New Motion Number 6 with respect to Tree By-Law.

***3. Letitia Flett - Adelaide Street Shelter**

Letitia Flett will appear before Council to speak to Clause 2 of Report Number 27: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Recommend) with respect to Adelaide Street Shelter.

***4. Robert Gibson - Support for Integrated Care Hub Service Transition**

Robert Gibson will appear before Council to speak to New Motion Number 5 with respect to Support for Integrated Care Hub Service Transition.

***5. Dr. Henry Swoboda - Consumption and Treatment Services Sites**

Dr. Henry Swoboda will appear before Council to speak to New Motion Number 4 with respect to Consumption and Treatment Services Sites.

***6. Jamie Brushett - Consumption and Treatment Services Sites**

Jamie Brushett will appear before Council to speak to New Motion Number 4 with respect to Consumption and Treatment Services Sites.

9. Petitions

10. Deferred Motions

1. The Tragically Hip Final Concert 10th Anniversary Planning

Moved by: Councillor Glenn

Seconded by: Councillor McLaren

Note: Please see supplemental report Clause 4 of Report Number 27: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Recommend), Update: Community Celebrations of The Tragically Hip Final Concert 10 Year Anniversary.

That a total of up to \$350,000 for programming, events and activations and associated production needs to support the 10th anniversary of The

Tragically Hip's final concert in Kingston be funded from the Working Fund Reserve; and

That Council delegate authority to the Director of Arts & Culture Services to enter into the necessary agreements to support the 10th anniversary of The Tragically Hip's final concert in Kingston programming, events and activations; and

That Council delegate authority to the Director of Arts & Culture Services to approve waiving of any applicable fees through the Fees and Charges By-Law, including rental fees for City venues and/or parks and public spaces, to support in-kind services and contributions to support events, programming and activations directly related to the City and partner led 2026 10th anniversary celebrations of the final concert of The Tragically Hip; and

That Council delegate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer or their delegates to proceed directly to non-standard procurement as identified in By-Law Number 2022-154, A By-Law to Establish a Procurement Policy for the City of Kingston, to award contracts, as necessary to support events, programming and activations directly related to the City and partner led 2026 10th anniversary celebrations of the final concert of The Tragically Hip; and

That staff report back to Council by the end of Q2 2026 on the programming, events and activations that are confirmed and that will provide opportunities for the community to come together to celebrate this anniversary.

2. Zoning By-Law Amendment - 2980 - 2988 Princess Street

Moved by: Councillor Stephen

Seconded by: Councillor Osanic

Note: This report (Report Number PC-26-013) was deferred from the March 10, 2026 Council meeting.

(See By-Law Number (1), 2026-31)

That the application for a zoning By-Law amendment (File Number D14-009-2025) submitted by Barr Homes and Fotenn Consultants, on behalf of Barr Developments Limited, for the property municipally known as 2980-2988 Princess Street, be approved ; and

That Kingston Zoning By-Law Number 2022-62, as amended, be further amended, as per Exhibit A (Draft By-Law and Schedule A to Amend Zoning By-Law Number 2022-62) to Report Number PC-26-013; and

That Council determines that in accordance with Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, no further notice is required prior to the passage of the By-

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Law; and

That the amending By-Law be presented to Council for all three readings.

11. **Motions of Congratulations, Recognition, Sympathy, Condolences and Speedy Recovery**
12. **Briefings**

13. Report Number 26: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Consent)

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 immediately thereafter.

1. Kingston Arts Council Service Level Agreement Renewal

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(Report Number 26-098 from the Commissioner, Community Services)

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Service Level Agreement between the City of Kingston and the Kingston Arts Council that identifies the services to be provided by the Kingston Arts Council and the associated funding to be issued by the City of Kingston for those services, in a form acceptable to the Director of Legal Services; and

That Council approve the release of \$201,375 from the Arts & Culture Services Department's 2026 operating budget to support the Kingston Arts Council and the services identified as part of a Service Level Agreement between the City of Kingston and the Kingston Arts Council in 2026; and

That Council approve the release of \$712,790 from the Arts & Culture Services Department's 2026 operating budget to be held in trust by the Kingston Arts Council and distributed through the City of Kingston Arts Fund.

- 14. Report Number 27: Received from the Chief Administrative Officer (Recommend)**
- 1. Amendments to City By-Laws to Establish Fishing Prohibition in Turtle Habitat Areas** 38
- (Report Number 26-068 from the Commissioner, Growth & Development Services)
- (See By-Law Number (2), 2026-35)
- That** City of Kingston By-Law Number 2023-214, Community Standards By-Law, be amended as per Exhibit A to Report Number 26-068, A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 2023-214, Community Standards By-Law.
- 2. Adelaide Street Shelter** 46
- (Report Number 26-081 from the Commissioner, Community Services)
- That** Council direct staff to negotiate and enter into a lease agreement with Lionhearts Inc. for use of the 38 Cowdy Street site for the purpose of offering vocational laundry services for a period of not more than 6 months commencing April 1, 2026, and that the lease continue to include the Frontenac Parkette space which would remain closed for the period of the lease; and
- That** Council direct staff to, following the expiry or termination of any lease with Lionhearts Inc., move forward with the demolition of the former Frontenac Public School building, conditional on obtaining all required permits and approvals; and
- That** Council direct staff to carry out all required planning processes and considerations, to identify options for the future residential development along Cowdy Street, including how best to balance this development with the intended expansion of Frontenac Parkette, and to report back to Council on those identified options by the end of Q3 2026.
- 3. Purchase of Lemoine Point Farm** 55
- (Report Number 26-091 from the City Solicitor)
- That** Council approve the issuance of up to \$12.0M of debt for the acquisition of the Lemoine Point Farm with annual debt payments to be funded from the Municipal Capital Reserve Fund; and
- That** reserve fund models be updated as part of the 2027 capital budget process to reflect additional annual debt payments, including a review of the prioritization and timing of other capital projects and/or options for increasing the 1% capital levy.
- *4. Update: Community Celebrations of The Tragically Hip Final Concert** 10 62

Year Anniversary

(Report Number 26-090 from the Commissioner, Community Services)

That Council delegate authority to the Director of Arts & Culture Services to approve any necessary agreements to support the tenth anniversary of The Tragically Hip's final concert in Kingston with programming, events and activations; and

That Council delegate authority to the Director of Arts & Culture Services to approve the waiving of any applicable fees through City of Kingston By-Law Number 2026-7, Fees & Charges By-Law 2026, including rental fees for City venues and/or parks and public spaces and to support in-kind services and contributions to support events, programming and activations directly related to the City and partner-led community celebrations of the final concert of The Tragically Hip; and

That staff report back to Council at its meeting on June 16, 2026 to provide an update on final programming plans supported by the City and partners that will provide opportunities for the community to come together to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the final concert of The Tragically Hip.

15. Report Number 28: Received from the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

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

1. 2023-2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan - 2025 Annual Update Report

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(Exhibit A to Report Number MAAC-26-005)

That the 2023-2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan - 2025 Annual Status Update, attached as Exhibit A to Report Number MAAC-26-005, be received and made available to the public via the City of Kingston website.

16. Committee of the Whole

17. Information Reports

- 1. Report on Real Estate Transactions Completed from July to December, 2025** 77

(Report Number 26-072 from the Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer)

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a list of real estate transactions completed under delegated authority from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
- 2. 2025 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses Paid to Council Members and Other Council Appointees** 82

(Report Number 26-079 from the Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer)

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year.
- 3. January 2026 Tender and Contract Awards Subject to Delegation of Authority** 89

(Report Number 26-082 from the Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer)

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with details of contracts greater than \$100,000 awarded for the month of January 2026 that meet the established criteria of delegated authority for standard procurements and non-standard procurements.
- 4. Quarterly Report: Kingston Economic Development Corporation - Q4 2025** 100

(Report Number 26-106 from the Chief Administrative Officer)

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with detailed reporting on Q4 2025 for the Economic Development Organization.
- 5. City Service Level Agreements** 137

(Report Number 26-021 from the Commissioner, Community Services)

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on the service level agreements in place with outside organizations across the various departments of the City.

18. Information Reports from Members of Council

19. Miscellaneous Business

Miscellaneous Business Items are voted on as one motion.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

Seconded by: Councillor Stephen

1. Planning Committee Meeting Schedule

Whereas Council approved its 2026 meeting schedule on November 4, 2025, which included a Special Planning Committee meeting on June 11, 2026 regarding the Official Plan & Integrated Mobility Plan; and

Whereas there is a need to reschedule the Special Planning Committee meeting on June 11, 2026, in order to meet notice timelines and other scheduling requirements of the new Official Plan project;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council amend the 2026 meeting schedule to have June 11, 2026 be a regular Planning Committee meeting and June 18, 2026, be a Special Planning Committee meeting regarding the Official Plan & Integrated Mobility Plan.

2. Proclamation - National Tourism Week

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That as requested by Megan Zelle, Kingston Accommodation Partners, City Council proclaim April 20 – 24, 2026 as “National Tourism Week” in the City of Kingston.

***3. Illumination - Multiple Myeloma Action Month**

Whereas subsection 3.5 of First Capital Place Illumination Policy (the Policy) requires applications for an illumination of First Capital Place, which is defined as the exterior of City Hall, Springer Market Square, the D.A. McNevin Memorial Fountain and Confederation Park Fountain, to be received at least four months prior to the proposed illumination date; and

Whereas a request was received on January 21, 2026, from Myeloma Canada to illuminate First Capital Place on March 1, 2026, in recognition of Multiple Myeloma Action Month and the request was declined as it was not submitted by the October 31, 2025 application deadline; and

Whereas multiple myeloma is the second more common blood cancer, with 4,300 people in Canada to be diagnosed this year, or 12 people per day, and Myeloma Canada aims to raise awareness, so that those affected can know the warning signs, get diagnosed earlier and get treatment;

Therefore Be It Resolved That notwithstanding subsection 3.5 of the First Capital Place Illumination Policy, Council approve an illumination of First Capital Place in the month of March 2026 in recognition of Multiple Myeloma Action Month and direct staff to work with the applicant to determine an appropriate date for the illumination.

20. New Motions

1. Winter Road Maintenance

Moved by: Councillor Boehme

Seconded by: Councillor Tozzo

Whereas Council has received inquiries regarding the potential use of beet-based or other organic additives for winter road maintenance; and

Whereas staff have identified operational, financial, infrastructure, and environmental considerations associated with these products, and noted that several municipalities have discontinued their use following trials;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council direct staff to prepare an information report to be provided to Council by Q4 2026 that summarizes Kingston's current winter road maintenance practices, including existing chloride reduction measures, and provides an assessment of beet-based and similar alternative de-icing products, including operational performance, infrastructure requirements, cost implications, and environmental considerations.

2. Student Debt

Moved by: Councillor Glenn

Seconded by: Councillor McLaren

Whereas Kingston's senior population is growing at 32% — more than twice the provincial average — while the working-age population has declined by 6.6%, creating an urgent need to attract and retain young workers and graduates; and

Whereas almost half of all jobs in Kingston are in healthcare and education, sectors facing an 18% near-term retirement wave, meaning the City's economic sustainability depends directly on graduates choosing to build their lives here; and

Whereas federal modelling projects a 35% workforce contraction in Kingston by 2031 if current demographic trends are not reversed; and

Whereas on February 12, 2026, the Province of Ontario restructured the Ontario Student Assistance Program to shift student funding from 75% grants to 75% loans, ending the tuition freeze and replacing it with a 2% annual tuition increase, a policy change known as the "Debt-Flip"; and

Whereas this restructuring is projected to increase a four-year graduate's debt load by approximately \$7,270, bringing total projected student debt to \$27,060 — a burden that research consistently shows drives graduates out of smaller cities like Kingston toward higher-wage Census

Metropolitan Areas such as Toronto; and

Whereas the 2025 Joe Debtor Study by Hoyes Michalos & Associates found that student debt is a primary driver of consumer insolvency in Ontario, that average unsecured debt among insolvent individuals reached a record \$67,496 in 2025, and that the seven-year bankruptcy exemption for student loans traps graduates in a "lost decade" during which they cannot purchase homes, accumulate savings, or contribute meaningfully to the local economy; and

Whereas Kingston's rental vacancy rate for large units stands at just 1.2%, and high student debt — by preventing graduates from qualifying for mortgages — pushes more renters into an already undersupplied market, driving up rents for all residents including families; and

Whereas the federal government eliminated interest on federal student loans in 2023, but the Province of Ontario has not followed suit, leaving Ontario graduates shouldering interest costs that their counterparts in other provinces do not bear; and

Whereas the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) has called on the Province to index operating grants to the national average, eliminate interest on provincial student loans, and extend the repayment grace period to two years — policy changes that would directly reduce graduate debt burdens and improve Kingston's ability to retain talent; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Kingston City Council formally declares student debt a municipal economic concern, recognizing that provincial student loan policy has direct and material consequences for Kingston's workforce sustainability, housing market, and fiscal base; and

That Council direct staff to add to a future Council agenda the necessary by-law to amend the Committee By-Law in order to update the composition of the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee, by adding a representative from the Queen's University Alma Mater Society or the St. Lawrence College Student Association, at no additional cost to the City; and

That Council endorse the 2025/2026 pre-budget recommendations of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) as aligned with Kingston's municipal interests; and

That a certified copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P. Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Nolan Quinn, M.P.P. Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Minister of Finance, Ted Hsu, M.P.P. Kingston and the Islands, John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark–Frontenac–Kingston, the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance, the Queen's University Alma Mater Society, the St. Lawrence College Student Association, and the Association of Municipalities of

Ontario, so that each may be informed of Kingston City Council's position and act within their respective authority accordingly; and

That the Mayor and Council advocate for these positions through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in coalition with other amenable university cities, recognizing that a coordinated municipal voice carries greater weight with the Province than any single municipality acting alone.

3. **Unsolicited Proposals**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cinanni

Seconded by: Councillor Tozzo

Whereas the City of Kingston regularly receives unsolicited partnership proposals from not-for-profit and private organizations on various city services and programs; and

Whereas the City of Kingston currently has a process to address unsolicited sales or equipment and services through its procurement policy but does not have any formal process to address these unsolicited partnership proposals and in the absence of such a process, City staff have been bringing partnership proposals to City Council for consideration and final decision making; and

Whereas the unsolicited partnership proposals process or policy is not legislated and not common across all municipalities in Ontario; and

Whereas this lack of formal process in Kingston has been beneficial to establish creative and innovative partnerships such as the Inclusive Playground but has sometimes led to confusion and assumptions on behalf of proponents and members of the public;

Therefore Be It Resolved That staff be directed to undertake research on municipal best practices to address unsolicited partnership proposals processes for not-for-profit and private organizations and report back with process options that maintain flexibility to foster community partnerships and innovation by Q4, 2026.

4. **Consumption and Treatment Services Sites**

Moved by: Councillor McLaren

Seconded by: Councillor Glenn

Whereas the Ontario Ministry of Health issued 90-day notices on March 13, 2026, to the operators of the remaining provincially-funded Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) sites across Ontario, including the CTS co-located at the Integrated Care Hub (ICH) at 661 Montreal Street in Kingston, with provincial funding ending June 13, 2026; and

Whereas the Kingston CTS has operated since 2018, serving hundreds of vulnerable residents annually, diverting hundreds of emergency room visits, and preventing opioid overdose deaths; and

Whereas the CTS holds a federal exemption under Section 56.1 of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, administered by Health Canada, which remains valid independent of provincial funding decisions and which may provide a legal operating window beyond the June 13 provincial funding end date; and

Whereas Health Canada's class exemption for Urgent Public Health Need Sites (UPHNS) represents an additional federal mechanism that may allow harm reduction services to continue operating legally through to approximately September or October 2026, providing a critical window to develop a sustainable continuity plan; and

Whereas the City of Kingston was awarded \$710,621 under Health Canada's Emergency Treatment Fund (ETF) as confirmed by Report 26-035 (December 16, 2025), with a Contribution Agreement requiring funds to be fully expended by March 31, 2026, for approved outreach and harm reduction activities; and

Whereas the Chief Administrative Officer has confirmed in correspondence to Council that the province's CTS closure does not directly impact ICH funding, but will affect the ICH lease (held by AMHS) and the nature of services offered at 661 Montreal Street; and

Whereas supervised consumption services are a life-saving public health intervention, and abrupt closure without a continuity plan poses documented, serious risk of increased overdose deaths in our community;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Kingston formally opposes the Ontario government's decision to defund the Kingston Consumption and Treatment Services effective June 13, 2026, and calls on the Province to reverse this decision; and

That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to contact the federal Minister of Health and Health Canada requesting:

1. Confirmation of the status and duration of Kingston's existing federal CTS exemption under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*;
2. Confirmation of Kingston's eligibility to operate under the UPHNS class exemption framework through to September/October 2026 in the event of provincial funding withdrawal; and
3. Consideration of an amendment to the scope or timeline of the City's existing \$710,621 ETF Contribution Agreement to permit

eligible unspent funds to support CTS harm reduction continuity activities; and

That the Chief Administrative Officer contact Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) and other local health institutions requesting they issue a formal public statement on the health impacts of the CTS closure, to inform public and government decision-making; and

That the Chief Administrative Officer report back to Council no later than April 15, 2026, on:

1. The current spend status of the \$710,621 ETF Contribution Agreement and any scope amendment possibilities;
2. Legal and operational options for the City to support continuity of harm reduction services during the federal exemption window (June to October 2026);
3. Options for City bridge funding from reserves or reallocation, should a viable continuity plan be identified;
4. The implications of the provincial CTS closure for the ICH lease, ICH programming, and the City's \$500,000 annual shelter bed contribution; and

That Council direct staff to work with KCHC, Trellis HIV & Community Care, AMHS, Home Base Housing, KFL&A Public Health, and other ICH consortium partners to develop a continuity of operations plan for harm reduction services that can bridge to the next available HART Hub funding round or alternative provincial or federal program; and

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P. Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Syliva Jones, M.P.P. Minister of Health; Ted Hsu, M.P.P. Kingston and the Islands, John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, KFL&A Public Health; and all ICH consortium partners.

*1. Consumption and Treatment Services Sites

The consent of Council is requested for the **withdrawal and replacement** of New Motion Number 4 regarding Consumption and Treatment Services Sites with the motion below.

Moved by: Councillor McLaren

Seconded by: Councillor Glenn

Whereas the Ontario Ministry of Health issued 90-day closure notices on March 13, 2026 to operators of remaining provincially-funded Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) sites across Ontario, including Kingston's CTS at the Integrated Care Hub (ICH), 661 Montreal Street, with provincial funding

ending June 13, 2026; and

Whereas the Kingston CTS has operated since 2018, serving hundreds of vulnerable residents annually, diverting hundreds of emergency room visits, and preventing opioid overdose deaths; and

Whereas Kingston Community Health Centres (KCHC) holds a confirmed federal exemption under Section 56.1 of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* expiring October 31, 2026 - valid independent of provincial funding decisions and providing a legal operating window of approximately four and a half months beyond the June 13 provincial funding end date; and

Whereas all federal and provincial funding avenues for CTS continuity have been exhausted: the City's \$710,621 ETF Contribution Agreement is fully committed with the remaining \$34,000 holdback already committed to spring outreach supplies; Health Canada explicitly declined to redirect any funds citing a guideline exclusion of "all costs associated with the operation of Supervised Consumption Sites or Overdose Prevention Sites"; no other City-held health funding is eligible; the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit is unlikely to support programs the province has been actively defunding; and the City did not apply to the 2025 Emergency Treatment Fund (ETF) Call for Proposals having chosen to secure the current award over the risk of receiving nothing; and

Whereas Health Canada's explicit exclusion of supervised consumption operational costs from ETF guidelines, combined with provincial funding termination, creates a documented interlocking policy gap in which no existing federal or provincial program will fund continued CTS operations, making the City's own reserves the only identified near-term funding source; and

Whereas the Chief Administrative Officer has confirmed the provincial CTS closure will affect the ICH lease held by Addiction & Mental Health Services KFL&A and the nature of services at 661 Montreal Street, though it does not directly impact ICH funding; and

Whereas there is currently no Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub operating, approved, or imminent in Kingston - making Kingston materially distinct from every other Ontario community losing CTS funding, as the province's own rationale for defunding was HART Hub availability, which does not apply here; Kingston applied and was rejected during the only 2024 Call for Proposals; and any

motion directing staff to reapply asks them to repeat a failed action against a closed process; and

Whereas Deferred Motion 1 on the March 24 Council agenda has returned to Council with staff confirmation that the \$350,000 previously requested from the Working Reserve Fund for The Tragically Hip Anniversary Celebration is no longer required, and this Council is of the view that where public funds have been freed from a discretionary celebration, the preservation of human life must take precedence; and

Whereas Ontario Superior Court Justice Callaghan confirmed in the 2025 Neighbourhood Group case that closure of supervised consumption sites causes irreparable harm and that public interest in keeping them open outweighs continued public disorder - and Kingston's unique no-HART-Hub status creates a materially stronger irreparable harm argument than was available in that case; and

Whereas KCHC, as a community health centre rather than a municipality or local board, does not appear subject to the provincial ministerial approval requirement under Section 3 of the *Community Care and Recovery Act, 2024*, creating a potential pathway for KCHC to seek exemption renewal directly from Health Canada; and

Whereas Justice Callaghan's pending merits decision on the constitutional challenge to the *Community Care and Recovery Act* - including the challenge to Section 3's provincial veto - may materially affect KCHC's exemption renewal options and Kingston's legal position beyond October 2026; and

Whereas supervised consumption services are a life-saving public health intervention and abrupt closure without a continuity plan poses documented, serious risk of increased overdose deaths in our community;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Kingston formally opposes the Ontario government's decision to defund the Kingston Consumption and Treatment Services effective June 13, 2026, and calls on the Province to reverse this decision; and

That Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to contact Health Canada to inquire whether any future ETF Call for Proposals is anticipated and what harm reduction continuity activities - short of direct supervised consumption site operations - would be eligible for funding; and

That Council further direct the Chief Administrative Officer to contact Kingston Health Sciences Centre, other local health

institutions, and Kingston Police Service requesting they each issue a formal public statement on the health, safety, and community impacts of the CTS closure, to inform public and government decision-making; and

That Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to Council no later than April 15, 2026 on:

1. Legal and operational options for the City to support continuity of harm reduction services during the federal exemption window (June to October 2026);
2. A recommended allocation of up to \$350,000 from the Working Reserve Fund - funds confirmed by staff as no longer required for The Tragically Hip Anniversary Celebration - toward City bridge funding for CTS operational continuity during the federal exemption window, legal costs associated with an injunction application to freeze the June 13 provincial funding withdrawal, or both, proportioned based on need and legal advice;
3. The results of direct consultation with KCHC on whether KCHC intends to apply to Health Canada for renewal of its Section 56.1 exemption prior to October 31, 2026; whether KCHC's legal counsel considers KCHC subject to Section 3 of the *Community Care and Recovery Act* as a non-municipal entity; and what level of City financial commitment would be required for KCHC to sustain operations through an exemption renewal period;
4. The implications of the provincial CTS closure for the ICH lease, ICH programming, and the City's \$500,000 annual shelter bed contribution.

That Council direct staff to work with KCHC, Trellis HIV & Community Care, AMHS, Home Base Housing, Southeast Public Health, other ICH consortium partners, and other community groups to develop a continuity of operations plan for harm reduction services that can bridge to the next available provincial or federal program; and

That Council direct the City Solicitor report to Council no later than April 15, 2026 on:

1. The legal feasibility and estimated cost of the City of Kingston joining, supporting, or funding an application to the Ontario Superior Court for an injunction to freeze the June 13, 2026 provincial CTS funding withdrawal, on the grounds that Kingston's unique no-HART-Hub

status means closure will cause irreparable harm with no adequate alternative available, in direct violation of Section 7 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, and that documented interlocking federal and provincial policy exclusions confirm there is no alternative funding pathway absent City action;

2. Whether Kingston's no-HART-Hub status creates a materially stronger legal position than the 2025 Neighbourhood Group injunction and whether it supports a standalone Kingston application rather than relying solely on the existing provincial Charter challenge;
3. Whether a full constitutional challenge or damages claim against the province is warranted, to be assessed separately and subsequent to the injunction question, with a recommendation to Council once the federal exemption status and injunction outcome are known;
4. Whether KCHC, as a community health centre rather than a municipality or local board, is subject to Section 3 of the *Community Care and Recovery Act, 2024* when applying to Health Canada for exemption renewal, and what the City can do to support that application ahead of October 31, 2026; and

That the Mayor be directed to formally assess, in consultation with the City Solicitor and the Community Emergency Management Coordinator, whether a declaration of emergency under Section 4 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* is warranted given the documented interlocking policy gap created by provincial defunding and federal program ineligibility, and to report that assessment to Council no later than April 15, 2026; and

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P. Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, M.P.P. Minister of Health, Ted Hsu, M.P.P. Kingston and the Islands, John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Mark Gerretsen, M.P. Kingston and the Islands, the Southeast Public Health Board of Health, Kingston Community Health Centres, and all ICH consortium partners.

5. **Support for Integrated Care Hub Service Transition**

Moved by: Councillor Ridge

Seconded by: Mayor Paterson

Whereas the government of Ontario has been actively closing

Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) sites over the last 2 years and most recently announced the end of funding for a number of CTS sites, including Kingston, effective mid June; and

Whereas the Kingston CTS, which opened in 2018, has been located downtown and most recently co-located with the Integrated Care Hub (ICH) at 661 Montreal Street; and

Whereas the Kingston CTS has been providing supervised consumption support services for the most vulnerable and received about \$700,000 per year in provincial funding and no City of Kingston funding; and

Whereas the ICH receives yearly provincial funding of \$2.3M for harm reduction and supports and yearly City of Kingston funding of \$500,000 to provide services and shelter beds which have been integrated in the shelter system; and

Whereas the closure of the CTS will not only have an impact on residents accessing the service but also potentially increased substance consumption in public spaces and rises in strained emergency service utilization, and on the ICH's services and lease agreement;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council direct City staff to work with Addiction & Mental Health Services to support ICH temporary service transition and retain the 24 shelter beds within the City of Kingston; and

That Council direct city staff to work with community partners to retain the provincial funding locally to support vulnerable populations and to apply for a provincial Homeless and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) hub.

6. **Tree By-Law**

Moved by: Councillor Osanic

Seconded by: Councillor Glenn

Whereas on February 17, 2026, Council passed a motion directing staff to review the Tree By-Law and bring forward amendments to Council to require a tree permit for all clear cutting, including on agricultural lands, in order to ensure appropriate municipal oversight of large-scale tree removal, by the end of Q3 2026; and

Whereas as part of the motion, Council directed staff to consult with the Rural Economic & Community Development Working Group on the proposed amendments to the Tree By-Law; and

Whereas since the February 17, 2026 Council meeting, extensive clear cutting has occurred in the west end of the city, resulting in the rapid loss of significant tree canopy and prompting urgent calls from the community for immediate action; and

Whereas the City is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of the City's planning framework through the preparation of the new Official Plan that will include updated policy direction respecting the protection and management of the City's tree canopy; and

Whereas Council considers it necessary to take interim measures to prevent further clear cutting while these policy and regulatory updates are being finalized; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council direct staff to bring forward, at the next Council meeting, a temporary clear cutting by-law to prohibit all clear cutting within the geographic boundaries of the City of Kingston unless expressly authorized by permit or other exemption; and

That Council declare its intention that the prohibition on clear cutting apply effective as of the date of adoption of this motion, and that any by-law brought forward to implement this direction reflect Council's intent to prevent further clear cutting occurring after the date of this motion; and

That the temporary prohibition on clear cutting remain in effect until the City's new Official Plan comes into force, or until Council otherwise amends or repeals the temporary by-law; and

That the temporary by-law contain a definition of "clear cut" that generally refers to the removal of a majority of trees within an area greater than 0.2 hectares; and

That the Tree By-Law amendments referred to in the February 17, 2026 Council motion be brought back to Council after the expiry of the temporary clear cutting by-law.

21. Notices of Motion

22. Minutes

Distributed to all Members of Council on March 20, 2026.

That the Minutes of City Council Meeting Number 2026-07, held Tuesday, March 10, 2026, be confirmed.

23. Communications Package

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Communications received and distributed between March 3, 2026 and March 17, 2026.

***1. Additional Communications**

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Additional communications received and distributed between March 18, 2026 and March 19, 2026.

***2. Additional Communications**

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Additional communications received and distributed between March 20, 2026 and March 24, 2026.

24. Other Business

25. By-Laws

That By-Law Numbers (1) through (4), and (8) be given their first and second reading.

That By-Law Numbers (1), and (3) through (8) be given their third reading.

- 1. A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 2022-62, "Kingston Zoning By-Law Number 2022-62" (Transfer of Lands into Kingston Zoning By-Law, Introduction of the 'URM8' Zone and Introduction of Exception Number E212 (2980 - 2988 Princess Street))**

A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 2022-62, "Kingston Zoning By-Law, Introduction of the 'URM8' Zone and Introduction of Exception Number E212 (2980 - 2988 Princess Street))

Three Readings

Proposed By-Law Number 2026-31

(Deferred Motion 2)

- 2. By-Law to Amend City of Kingston By-Law Number 2023-214, Community Standards By-Law**

By-Law to Amend City of Kingston By-Law Number 2023-214, Community Standards By-Law

First and Second Reading

Proposed By-Law Number 2026-35

(Clause 1, Report Number 27)

- 3. A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 2023-9, "A By-Law for the Appointment of Statutory Officials of The Corporation of the City of Kingston"**

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A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 2023-9, "A By-Law for the Appointment of Statutory Officials of The Corporation of the City of Kingston"

Three Readings

Proposed By-Law Number 2026-36

(Delegated Authority)

- 4. A By-Law to Exempt Certain Lands on Registered Plan 13M-145 from the Provisions of Subsection 50(5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13 (Lots 44, 47, 48, and 51 on Registered Plan 13M-145, Woodhaven Subdivision Phase 2-2)**

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A By-Law to Exempt Certain Lands on Registered Plan 13M-145 from the Provisions of Subsection 50(5) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 (Lots 44, 47, 48, and 51 on Registered Plan 13M-145, Woodhaven Subdivision Phase 2-2)

Three Readings

Proposed By-Law Number 2026-37

(Delegated Authority)

5. A By-Law to Authorize the Use of Optical Scan Vote Tabulators and Alternative Voting Methods for the Purpose of the 2026 Municipal Election

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Third Reading

By-Law Number 2026-11

(Deferred Motion 1, March 10)

6. A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 2004-30, "A By-Law to Establish a Scale of Costs to be Charged for Work Undertaken for the Sale of Land for Tax Arrears

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Third Reading

By-Law Number 2026-28

(Clause 1, Report Number 19, March 10)

7. 2026 Tax Ratios By-Law

2026 Tax Ratio By-Law

Third Reading

By-Law Number 2026-29

(Clause 3, Report Number 20, March 10)

8. A By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 24, 2026

A By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on

City Council Meeting 2026-08
Agenda
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

March 24, 2026

Three Readings

Proposed By-Law Number 2026-38

(City Council Meeting Number 2026-08)

26. Adjournment

That Council do now adjourn.