



**The Corporation of the County of Northumberland
County Council
Minutes**

**March 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and Virtual)**

Members Present: Warden Brian Ostrander
 Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky
 Councillor Lucas Cleveland
 Councillor Robert Crate
 Councillor Scott Jibb
 Councillor John Logel
 Councillor Mandy Martin

1. Notices

1.a Accessible Format

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1.b Meeting Format

This Committee Meeting was held using a hybrid meeting model. The public were invited to attend in-person in Council Chambers, view the meeting via the live stream, or join online or by phone using Zoom Conference Technology.

2. Call to Order

Warden Brian Ostrander called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2.a Territorial Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of the Agenda

3.a Agenda dated March 19, 2025

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-215

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the County Council agenda for Wednesday, March 19, 2025 be approved, as amended, to include two Closed Session items and a New Business item regarding:

- Matters pertaining to financial information, supplied in confidence to the municipality which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization and confidential negotiations (Paramedics - Equipment Purchasing); and
- Encampment Response Plan (New Business Item 12.b)."

Carried

4. Declarations of Interest

- No declarations

5. Presentations

5.a Presentation, Canadian Armed Forces 'Overview of Upcoming Military Exercise in Northumberland County'

LCol Nicolas Arakgi, Commanding Officer, 31 Territorial Battalion Group

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-216

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** County Council receive the presentation from the Canadian Armed Forces regarding 'Overview of Upcoming Military Exercise in Northumberland County' for information."

Carried

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.a County Council Minutes

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-217

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the minutes of the County Council Session of February 19, 2025 and Special County Council Session of March 11, 2025 be approved as distributed and the determinations contained therein be deemed those of Council."

Carried

7. Business arising from the Minutes

N/A

8. Communications

N/A

9. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

**9.a March 4 and 5, 2025 Standing Committees
'Recommendations to Council - Summary Chart'**

**9.b Community Health Committee
- March 4, 2025**

**9.c Corporate Support Committee
- March 4, 2025**

**9.d Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee -
March 5, 2025**

**9.e Finance & Audit Committee
- March 4, 2025**

**9.f Public Works Committee
- Meeting cancelled**

**9.g Social Services Committee
- March 5, 2025**

10. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-218

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee minutes (meetings held March 4 and 5, 2025), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Social Services Committee, Item 8.a, Community & Social Services, '2024 Year in Review' – Presentation – **Held by Councillor Cleveland**
- Social Services Committee, Item 8.b, Report 2025-047 '310 Division Street, Cobourg - Data Update' - **Held by Councillor Cleveland**

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Carried

11. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

11.a Items from Standing Committees Requiring Separate Discussion

1. **Community Health Committee Meeting (March 4, 2025), Item 8.a, Report 2025-033, Health & Human Services 'Port Hope Walk-in Medical Clinic Update'**

Closed Session #1

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-219

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** this Council proceed with the next portion of the meeting being closed to the public at 10:03 a.m.; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the Municipal Act Section 239. (2.k) in order to address matters pertaining to confidential negotiations (Diverting Funding from 2025 Budget), and that Jennifer Moore, Darrell Mast, Matthew Nitsch, Glenn Dees, Maddison Mather, and Cheryl Sanders remain present."

Carried

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-220

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** this Council rise from Closed Session at 10:30 a.m.; and

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding matters pertaining to confidential negotiations (Diverting Funding from 2025 Budget) is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

Carried

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-221

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**Whereas** the Community Health Committee (March 4, 2025) considered Report 2025-033, Health & Human Services 'Port Hope Walk-in Medical Clinic Update' and recommended that County Council identify this item for separate discussion at the March 19, 2025 County Council meeting to discuss where funds will be diverted from; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council, having considered Report 2025-033, Health & Human Services 'Port Hope Walk-in Medical Clinic Update', approve utilizing \$187,500 from the 2025 budget to fund the Port Hope Walk-in Clinic, and that the Director of Finance / Treasurer be directed to report back at a future Committee / Council meeting (open session) to provide an update on adjustments made to the allocations in the approved 2025 budget to accommodate Council's direction."

Carried

2. **Community Health Committee Meeting (March 4, 2025), Item 8.c, Report 2025-035, Northumberland Paramedics 'Response Time Standards - Performance Actuals for 2024'**

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-222

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"Whereas the Community Health Committee (March 4, 2025) received Report 2025-035, Northumberland Paramedics 'Response Time Standards - Performance Actuals for 2024' for information, and recommended that County Council identify this item for separate discussion at the March 19, 2025 County Council meeting;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council receive Report 2025-035, Northumberland Paramedics 'Response Time Standards - Performance Actuals for 2024' for information."

Carried

3. **Community Health Committee Meeting (March 4, 2025), Closed Session Item 4.a, 'Matters pertaining to the security of the property of the municipality and personal matters about an identifiable individual (Golden Plough Lodge Fire)'**

[Item was considered in Closed Session]

4. **Social Services Committee (March 5, 2024), Item 7.b, Correspondence, Township of McGarry 'Amend the Ontario Building Code - Affordable Housing Plans'**

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-223

Moved by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"Whereas the Social Services Committee (March 5, 2025) received correspondence from the Township of McGarry regarding 'Amending the Ontario Building Code - Affordable Housing Plans' for information, and recommended that County Council identify this item for separate discussion at the March 19, 2025 County Council meeting;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council receive the correspondence for information."

Carried

11.b Motion(s) for Held Item(s)

1. **Social Services Committee, Item 8.a, Community & Social Services, '2024 Year in Review' – Presentation**

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-224

Moved by Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

“**Whereas** item 8.a from the March 5, 2025 Social Services Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being ‘Community & Social Services, ‘2024 Year in Review’ - Presentation; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council receive the PowerPoint presentation for information.”

Carried

2. Social Services Committee, Item 8.b, Report 2025-047 '310 Division Street, Cobourg - Data Update'

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-225

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

“**Whereas** item 8.b from the March 5, 2025 Social Services Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being ‘Report 2025-047 '310 Division Street, Cobourg - Data Update'; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council receive the report for information; and
- **Further That** County Council direct staff to explore options for utilizing an external resource to collect more detailed 310 Division Street data and to report back to Committee / Council at a future meeting date; and
- **Further That** County Council direct staff to bring forward information regarding Cobourg Police Services’ call volumes regarding 310 Division Street response to the next Social Services Committee meeting.”

Carried

12. New Business

12.a United States Trade Tariffs - Verbal Update

CAO Jennifer Moore

[Council recessed at 11:23 a.m. until 11:32 a.m.]

[Deputy Warden Hankivsky left the Council meeting at 11:23 a.m. and did not return]

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-226

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** County Council receive the verbal update regarding 'United States Trade Tariffs' for information."

Carried

12.b Encampment Response Plan - Verbal

Bill Smith, Manager Homelessness Services

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-227

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** County Council receive the verbal update regarding 'Encampment Response Plan' for information."

Carried

13. Enactment By-laws

13.a A By-law to Authorize the Appointment of Area Weed Inspectors

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-228

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** By-law 12-2025 being a By-law to Authorize the Appointment of Area Weed Inspectors be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 19th day of March, 2025."

Carried

13.b A By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 2 to the Northumberland County Official Plan

[Council recessed at 11:43 a.m. until 12:01 p.m.]

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-229

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** By-law 13-2025 being a By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 2 to the Northumberland County Official Plan be introduced, deemed to be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this 19th day of March, 2025."

Carried

14. Proclamations

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-230

Moved by Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

"**That** County Council proclaim the following proclamations at the March 19, 2025 County Council meeting:

- Dig Safe Month - April 1-30, 2025;
- World Autism Day - April 2, 2025; and
- Archives Awareness Week - April 7-11, 2025."

Carried

14.a Proclamation, 'Dig Safe Month' - April 1 - 30, 2025

- Dig Safe flag raised on community flag pole from April 16 - April 23, 2025
- Provided for information only

"**Whereas** annual damages to Ontario's underground infrastructure caused by excavation events number in excess of 4,500 per year; and

Whereas these events cause negative impacts to the Ontario public and our province's economy; and

Whereas the Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA), formed in 2003, whose purpose is to enhance public safety and utility infrastructure

reliability through a unified approach to effective and efficient damage prevention, consists of some 500 members dedicated to this purpose, including Ontario1Call; and

Whereas the Canadian Common Ground Alliance (CCGA) and the ORCGA have worked collaboratively to produce the 'Underground Infrastructure Damage Prevention – Best Practices' handbook to assist in reducing infrastructure damage associated with excavations; and

Whereas the ORCGA annually promotes many educational events across its thirteen (13) Geographic Councils which cover all of Ontario, including the Dig Safe Kick- Offs in April and 'April is Dig Safe Month', to raise awareness of the importance of proper excavation practices;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Brian Ostrander, on behalf of Northumberland County Council do hereby proclaim April 1-30, 2025 to be 'Dig Safe Month' in Northumberland County."

14.b Proclamation, 'World Autism Day' - April 2, 2025

- County headquarters will be lit in green and World Autism flag raised on community flag pole from April 2 to April 9, 2025
- Provided for information only

Whereas World Autism Day is recognized on April 2, 2025 in Canada; and

Whereas Autism Ontario is one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community, and the work they do helps all autistic individuals and families in their communities have access to meaningful support, information, and connections - not only on April 2nd but every day throughout the year; and

Whereas Autism impacts more than 135,000 individuals in Ontario, representing 1 in every 50 Canadian children and youth; and

Whereas Autism not only influences the lives of autistics but also their friends, families, and communities and it is crucial to raise awareness, and acceptance, provide support and promote a more inclusive society; and

Whereas Autism is a diverse spectrum that varies widely among individuals, each person's experience with autism can change over time; and

Whereas this evolving journey highlights the uniqueness of every autistic individual, emphasizing the need for understanding and support tailored to their specific needs; and

Whereas Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism, and since 1973, has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province; and

Whereas Autism Ontario is devoted to raising public awareness about autism and addressing the everyday challenges faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals who work alongside them; and

Whereas Autism Ontario urges everyone to recognize and celebrate the unique differences and needs of others, fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals can participate fully in activities and discussions; and

Whereas together, we can create a society that values and includes everyone;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Brian Ostrander, on behalf of Northumberland County Council, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2025 as 'World Autism Day' in Northumberland County, and encourage all Northumberland County community members to commit to embracing awareness and acceptance today and every day throughout the year."

14.c Proclamation, 'Archives Awareness Week' - April 7 - 11, 2025

Whereas Archives collect, preserve, and support access to original materials that provide evidence of the past and document our cultural, social, and political heritage; and

Whereas Archives preserve governmental, corporate, and institutional records that hold entities accountable to the public and are vital in ensuring their decisions, policies and actions are well informed and transparent; and

Whereas Archives help strengthen a sense of community and belonging, and offer individuals the opportunity to connect with their own past;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Brian Ostrander, on behalf of Northumberland County Council, do hereby proclaim April 7 to 11, 2025 to be 'Archives Awareness Week' in Northumberland County."

15. Media Questions

16. Closed Session #2

16.a. Matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiation regarding 'Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 1748 - 2025 Bargaining (Golden Plough Lodge)' (Item going direct to Council)

Municipal Act, Section 239.(2.d)

*** 16.d Matters pertaining to financial information, supplied in confidence to the municipality which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization and confidential negotiations (Paramedics - Equipment Purchasing) (Item going direct to Council)**

Municipal Act, Sections 239.(2.i) and (2.k)

16.c Matters pertaining to the security of the property of the municipality and personal matters about an identifiable individual (Golden Plough Lodge Fire) (Item from Standing Committee requiring separate discussion)

Municipal Act, Sections 239.(2.a) and (2.b)

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-231

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** this Council proceed with the next portion of the meeting being closed to the public at 12:06 p.m.; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the Municipal Act Section 239. (2.d) in order to address matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations regarding 'Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 1748 - 2025 Bargaining (Golden Plough Lodge)', and that Jennifer Moore, Lisa Ainsworth, Glenn Dees, Alanna Clark, Maddison Mather and Cheryl Sanders remain present; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the Municipal Act Sections 239. (2.i) and (2.k) in order to address two matters pertaining to financial information, supplied in confidence to the municipality which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization and confidential negotiations (Paramedics - Equipment Purchasing), and that Jennifer Moore, Susan Brown, Matthew Nitsch, Carl Bonitto, Kim O'Leary, Maddison Mather and Cheryl Sanders remain present; and

Further That the meeting is closed to the public as permitted under the Municipal Act Sections 239. (2.a) and (2.b) in order to address matters pertaining to the security of the property of the municipality and personal matters about an identifiable individual (Golden Plough Lodge Fire), and that Jennifer Moore, Glenn

Dees, Alanna Clark, Darrell Mast, Colleen McCabe, Maddison Mather, and Cheryl Sanders remain present."

Carried

[Council recessed in Closed Session at 12:08 p.m. until 12:45 p.m.]

[Councillor Cleveland did not return to the Closed Session meeting following the recess]

[Councillor Cleveland returned to the Closed Session meeting at 1:30 p.m.]

[Councillor Cleveland left the Closed Session meeting at 1:53 p.m. until 1:55 p.m.]

17. Motion to Rise and Results from Closed Session

17.a Matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiation regarding 'Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 1748 - 2025 Bargaining (Golden Plough Lodge)' (Item going direct to Council)

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-232

Moved by Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** this Council rise from Closed Session at 2:03 p.m.; and

Further That the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiation regarding 'Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 1748 - 2025 Bargaining (Golden Plough Lodge)' is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

Carried

17.b Matters pertaining to financial information, supplied in confidence to the municipality and confidential negotiations (Paramedics - Equipment Purchasing) (Item going direct to Council)

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-233

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the confidential resolutions moved in Closed Session regarding two matters pertaining to financial information, supplied in confidence to the municipality which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the

contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization and confidential negotiations (Paramedics - Equipment Purchasing) is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

Carried

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-234

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor Robert Crate

"That County Council, having considered Closed Session Report CS 2025-053 'Defibrillators – Award and Acquisition', approve the immediate purchase/replacement of the twenty-eight (28) defibrillators with a new Zoll X series advanced monitor in the amount of \$1,125,689.60 plus HST; and

Further That County Council approve utilizing the 5-year defibrillation funding reserve and authorize \$159,126.30 to be utilized from the County's General Reserve to accommodate for the 32% asset price increase for the purchase of the Zoll X series advanced monitors; and

Further That County Council approve the upgrade to the Zoll - Zenix monitor prior to March 31, 2026 in the amount of \$280,000 plus HST; and

Further That County Council approve utilizing the annual reserve amount of \$150,000, and allow for up to \$63,696.00 to be utilized from the Paramedic Capital Reserve for the purchase of the Zoll - Zenix monitors."

Carried

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-235

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"That County Council, having considered Closed Session Report CS 2025-054 'Approval to Purchase (15) Automated External Chest Compression Units', approve the immediate purchase of fifteen (15) automated external chest compression units (Auto Pulse -NXT) from Zoll Canada in the amount of \$460,138.48 plus HST; and

Further That Council approve a one-time internal loan from the County's General Reserve in the amount of \$468,377.72."

Carried

17.c Closed Session Items from Standing Committees Requiring Separate Discussion

- 1. Matters pertaining to the security of the property of the municipality and personal matters about an identifiable individual (Golden Plough Lodge Fire)**

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-236

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding matters pertaining to the security of the property of the municipality and personal matters about an identifiable individual (Golden Plough Lodge Fire), is hereby referred to this open session of Council for adoption."

Carried

- 2. Motion(s) for Held Item(s)**

N/A

18. Closed Session Business – Public Updates

N/A

19. Confirming By-law

- 19.a A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on March 19, 2025**

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-237

Moved by Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** By-law 14-2025 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of County Council held on March 19, 2025 be introduced, be deemed to be read a first, second and third time, be passed, signed and sealed."

Carried

20. Adjournment

Council Resolution 2025-03-19-238

Moved by Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"That Council adjourn at 2:11 p.m."

Carried

Brian Ostrander, Warden

Maddison Mather, Clerk