



Agenda

Council Meeting

February 23, 2026

4:00 PM – Open Session

Council Chambers

At 3:15 p.m., City Council will consider the following resolution in a very brief Open Session, immediately prior to entering into In Camera (Closed Session).

That City Council enter into In Camera (Closed Session) to consider the following items, pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act.

- Review of the In Camera (Closed Session) Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026 and February 10, 2026
- In Camera (Closed Session) Report No. ECDEV-2026-04 regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (Pursuant to Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act)
- In Camera (Closed Session) Report No. DPCS-2026-01 regarding labour relations or employee negotiations (Pursuant to Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act)

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement:

Mayor Ellis will assume the Chair and call the meeting to order.

The City of Belleville acknowledges we are meeting today on traditional territory of many nations. We recognize and honour the historic relationship of the Indigenous peoples to this land, and acknowledge our shared obligation to respect, honour and sustain these lands and the natural resources contained within.

We recognize all First Nations, Metis, and Inuit who call Belleville their home, and support the need for cultivating a strong relationship with them. We look forward to fostering a path towards reconciliation and show respect for the Indigenous peoples who first lived and currently live on the land where we now all reside together.

2. Moment of Reflection:

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

4. Public Meetings:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

- 5.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on February 9, 2026 and Special Council meeting held on February 10, 2026.

[Council - 09 Feb 2026 - Minutes - Pdf](#)

[Special Council - 10 Feb 2026 - Minutes - Pdf](#)

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on February 9, 2026 and Special Council meeting held on February 10, 2026, be approved.

6. Deputations:

- 6.1 Mayor Ellis will present a certificate to Transit Driver, Kevin Lott, for his upcoming retirement.



7. Correspondence:

- 7.1 Request for Guidance on Municipal Primary Care Recruitment: Mayor's Letter & Response from Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones

[Letter-MinisterJones-Ont.PrimaryCareActionPlan](#)

[Response from the Minister of Health 361-2026-48](#)

Recommendation:

That the Request for Guidance on Municipal Primary Care Recruitment: Mayor's Letter & Response from Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones be received.

8. Committee of the Whole:

Recommendation:

That Council rise and go into Committee of the Whole at _____ p.m. to hear and consider reports, passing of recommendations and resolutions with Councillor Seu in the Chair.

8.a. Reports:

The agenda shall include under Reports items that warrant individual attention from Council.

8.a.1 Fiscal Impacts of Housing Bills (2023-2025)

[APS-2026-04 - Pdf](#)

Recommendation:

That the Senior Principal Planner Report APS-2026-04 Fiscal Impacts of Housing Bills (2023-2025) be received.

8.a.2 Notice Policy

[CC-2026-03 - Pdf](#)

Recommendation:

That, pursuant to the City Clerk's Report CC-2026-03 Notice Policy, the draft Notice Policy dated February 2026 be adopted.

8.a.3 Flag Etiquette Policy

[CC-2026-04 - Pdf](#)

Recommendation:

That, pursuant to the City Clerk's Report CC-2026-04 Flag Etiquette Policy, the City's Flying & Lowering of Flags & Tower Access Procedure dated May 11, 2009 be rescinded.

And that the draft Flag Etiquette Policy dated February 2026 be adopted.

8.a.4 Proclamation, Lighting & Community Flag Raising Policy

[CC-2026-05 - Pdf](#)

Recommendation:

That, pursuant to the City Clerk's Report CC-2026-05 Proclamation, Lighting & Community Flag Raising Policy, the draft Proclamation, Lighting & Community Flag Raising Policy dated February 2026 be adopted.

8.b. Consent Items:

Council may adopt Consent Items by one motion, but prior to consideration of such motion, Members may request that specific items be removed from consideration under such motion and Council shall consider such items individually.

Recommendation:

That Consent Items 8.b.1 to 8.b.5 be approved, with the exception of Item(s) 8.b. __ to be considered separately.

- 8.b.1 Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers for 202 Front Street, Belleville (TD Wealth) [Refer to Item 9.2]
[TD Bank Parking Enforcement Feb2026-Cover Letter](#)

Recommendation:

That a by-law to appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers for property located at 202 Front Street, Belleville (TD Wealth), be prepared for Council's consideration.

- 8.b.2 Inspection of Belleville Drinking Water System
[SEC-2026-01 Inspection of Belleville Drinking Water System - Pdf](#)

Recommendation:

That the Supervisor, Environmental Compliance's Report No. SEC-2026-01 regarding the Ministry of the Environment Drinking Water System Inspection Report for the Belleville Drinking Water System be received as information.

- 8.b.3 2025 Summary and Annual Reports for the Belleville and Point Anne Hamlet Drinking Water Systems
[SEC-2026-02 - Pdf](#)

Recommendation:

That pursuant to the Supervisor, Environmental Compliance's Report No. SEC-2026-02, the 2025 Summary and Annual Reports for the Belleville and Point Anne Hamlet Drinking Water Systems be received in accordance with The Safe Drinking Water Act and Ontario Regulation 170/03.

- 8.b.4 Investment Policy - Quarterly Report
[AC-2026-02 - Pdf](#)

Recommendation:

That the Accounting Coordinator's Report No. AC-2026-02 Investment Policy - Quarterly Report, be received.

- 8.b.5 Belleville Farmers' Market on the Market Square [Refer to Item 9.1]
[CC-2026-02 - Pdf](#)

Recommendation:

That, pursuant to the City Clerk's Report CC-2026-02 Belleville Farmers' Market on the Market Square, the appropriate by-law be brought forward for Council's consideration

8.c. Information Items:

Recommendation:

That Information Item 8.c.1.a) be received.

8.c.1 General Information:

- 8.c.1.a Building Section Month End Report: January 2026
[2026 - 01 - Building Services Month End Report](#)

8.c.2 Request support of the following letters/resolutions:

None.

8.c.3 Items of Interest:

None.

8.d. Rise and Report:

Recommendation:

That Committee of the Whole does now rise and return to Council at _____ p.m.

9. By-laws:

- 9.1 2026-020: A By-law to Establish, Maintain and Regulate a Public Market Place on the Market Square in the City of Belleville and to Repeal By-law Nos. 14187, 98-55-2000-88 and 2018-17 (Market Square By-law)
[2026-020 Market Square By-law & Repeal BLs 14187, 98-55, 2000-88 & 2018-17](#)
- 9.2 2026-021: A By-law to Appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers for the Purpose of Enforcing By-law Number 9457 and Part III, Section 3 (Parking of Vehicles on Private Property) and Section 6 (Handicapped Parking Zones) of By-law Number 12967, as they affect the area of land and premises known as TD Wealth (202 Front Street) and to Repeal By-law Number 2004-104
[2026-021 Parking Enforcement- TD Wealth](#)

Recommendation:

That By-law Numbers 2026-020 and 2026-021 be read and passed.

10. New Business:

11. Motions:

- 11.1 Councillor Carr - Recruitment Drive for Health Care Connect Registration

Recommendation:

Whereas the Ontario Government's Primary Care Action Plan, January 2025 is to connect every person in Ontario to primary care by 2029;

And whereas the Ontario government is utilizing Health Care Connect to gauge performance on their Action Plan;

Therefore, the Council of the City of Belleville formally requests that the Belleville General Hospital Foundation launch a recruitment drive including community clinics on a regular basis, similar to the program initiated by the Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation, to get residents without primary care to add their names to Health Care Connect; and,

That the Manager of Physician Recruitment and Retention prepare and deploy a communication strategy to advertise on a regular basis the importance of unattached residents registering with Health Care Connect in order to obtain a primary care provider and the details on

how to do so.

11.2 Councillor Brown - Proposed High-Speed Rail (HSR) Toronto-Quebec City

Recommendation:

Whereas Alto, a federal crown corporation, whose role is to establish a high-speed rail (HSR) network between Toronto and Quebec City has recently released possible route options, with one coming through the City of Belleville – Ward 2 (Thurlow);

Whereas Alto has stated that the proposed southern corridor, in prime agricultural and densely populated residential areas, as well as the Moira Watershed and numerous conservation lands, simplifies construction and operations; and

Whereas the City of Belleville takes pride in its rural character, its residential and agricultural lands and many natural features continued within, such as the Moira River, Eastern Ontario Trails and the Frink Centre and we take pride in our efforts to protect environmentally sensitive areas throughout our community;

Whereas the City of Belleville prefers to maintain continuity of our municipality and its unique features without the obstruction and obstacle of a high speed rail line;

Therefore Be It Resolved that with the limited information and consultation that has been provided to date, and with our understanding of the potential impact to our community, the City of Belleville does NOT support the proposed southern corridor which will significantly impact Ward 2 (Thurlow) area of the City; and

That this motion be sent to the Honourable Steve McKinnon, Federal Minister of Transportation, The Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Chris Malette, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MPP Ric Bresee, MPP Tyler Allsopp, Martin Imbleau, President of Alto, and neighbouring municipalities within the HSR southern corridor.

12. Notice of Motions:

13. Announcements:

13.1 Proclamations:

- February 28th as Rare Disease Day
- The month of March as Amyloidosis Awareness Month
- The month of March as Liver Health Awareness Month
- March 9-15th as Violence Awareness Acts of Kindness Week

14. Confirmation By-law:

14.1 By-law Number 2026-022: A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council meeting held on February 23, 2026.

[2026-022 Confirmation By-Law Feb 23](#)

Recommendation:

That Confirmation By-law Number 2026-022 be read and passed.

15. Adjournment:

15.1 Motion to Adjourn.

Recommendation:

That we do now adjourn at _____ p.m.