



**CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

September 10, 2025
Council Chambers
415 rue Lemay Street, Clarence Creek, Ont.

PRESENT: Mario Zanth, Mayor
Stephane Fournier, Councillor Ward 2
Samuel Cardarelli, Councillor Ward 4
André J. Lalonde, Councillor Ward 5
Trevor Stewart, Councillor Ward 7
Diane Choinière, Councillor Ward 8
Pierre Voisine, Chief Administrative Officer
Karine McCulloch, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Kyle Cyr, Councillor Ward 1
Carl Grimard, Councillor Ward 3
Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle, Councillor Ward 6
Monique Ouellet, Clerk

1. Opening of the meeting

Mayor Mario Zanth calls the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Mario Zanth reads the land acknowledgement of Indigenous territories.

3. Moment of Reflection

Mayor Mario Zanth recites the moment of reflection.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Mayor Mario Zanth adds an item to the agenda.

RESOLUTION 2025-74

Moved by André J. Lalonde
Seconded by Diane Choinière

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted, with the addition of item 6.3 Human Resources file.

CARRIED

5. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

None

6. Closed Meeting

Members of Council move to the conference room adjacent to the Council Chambers at 7:06 p.m. and return to the Council Chambers at 7:28 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2025-75

Moved by Samuel Cardarelli
Seconded by Stephane Fournier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting be adjourned in order to discuss the following items, as stipulated in Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended:

6.1 Closed Session Minutes of August 13, 2025

6.2 Lease Agreement

6.3 Human Resource File

CARRIED

7. Resolution to resume open meeting

RESOLUTION 2025-76

Moved by Samuel Cardarelli
Seconded by Trevor Stewart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the closed session be adjourned to resume the regular meeting.

CARRIED

8. Closed Meeting report

Mayor Mario Zanth informs the members of the public that Council discussed some matters in closed session and that directives were given to staff.

9. Announcements / Special Presentations

None

10. Committee of the Whole items

10.1 Delegations/Presentations

a. Presentation of a petition against the relocation of the tennis courts in Simon Park by Nathalie Mathieu

Nathalie Mathieu presents her petition, stating that she has gathered 233 signatures to date.

Councillor Choinière notes that not all residents live near the tennis courts. In fact, more than half of the municipality's population resides outside Rockland and must commute to access the facility.

Mayor Mario Zanth points out that the existing tennis courts are nearing the end of their lifespan and will soon require reconstruction.

Jean-Luc Jubinville adds that the courts have already been flagged for repairs. Based on previous projects, the cost could amount to millions of dollars.

Mayor Zanth announced that the petition is tabled, pending further discussion regarding Simon Park.

b. Presentation of services offered by Prescott-Russell Victim Services

Presentation by Marie Lemay, chief executive officer.

10.2 Petitions and Correspondence

None

10.3 Notice of motion

None

10.4 Committee/Staff Reports

a. New Communications Strategic Plan

The consulting firm Curious Public present the new strategic communications plan.

Moved by Diane Choinière

Seconded by Samuel Cardarelli

THAT the Committee of the whole recommends that Council approve the new Clarence-Rockland 5-Year Communications and Marketing Strategy as recommended in report CORP-2025-14.

CARRIED

11. Committee of the Whole Report

Mayor Mario Zanth explains that the items discussed in Committee of the Whole will be considered at the next regular Council meeting.

12. Council Members' Items

None

13. Consent Items

RESOLUTION 2025-77

Moved by Trevor Stewart

Seconded by Stephane Fournier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following items, as identified under the consent items category on the regular meeting agenda of September 10, 2025, be adopted:

13.1 Adoption of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 13, 2025

13.2 Receipt of the minutes of the following meetings:

a. Planning Committee Meeting of April 30, 2025

b. Planning Committee Meeting of May 28, 2025

c. Planning Committee Meeting of June 25, 2025

13.3 Receipt of the Weekly Correspondence Packages for the month of August 2025

13.4 Resolution to approve the salaries paid from July 20 to August 16, 2025

13.5 Resolution to approve the accounts paid from August 2 to September 2, 2025

13.6 The following recommendations from Committee of the Whole of August 13, 2025:

a. Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Trevor Stewart and seconded by Councillor Diane Choinière to regulate bilingual services and promote active offer

b. Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Trevor Stewart and seconded by Councillor Diane Choinière to construct two beach volleyball courts at Alphonse Carrière Park

c. The 2025 Clarence-Rockland Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan

13.7 Resolution to adopt a tax reduction under Sections 357-358 of the Municipal Act

13.8 Resolution to allocates grants as recommended by the Municipal Grants Program Committee for the last round of application for 2025

CARRIED

Text of the resolutions as adopted by consent under Resolution 2025-77:

13.1 *BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 13, 2025, be adopted.*

13.2a. *BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of April 30, 2025, be received.*

13.2b. *BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of May 28, 2025, be received.*

13.2c. *BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of June 25, 2025, be received.*

13.3 *BE IT RESOLVED THAT the weekly correspondence packages no. 2025-31, 2025-32, 2025-33, 2025-34 and 2025-35, be received and filed.*

13.4 *BE IT RESOLVED that the salaries paid from July 20th, 2025, to August 16th, 2025, in the gross amount of \$1,265,422.65 and in the net amount of \$892,990.21, be adopted as recommended.*

13.5 *BE IT RESOLVED that the accounts paid from August 2nd, 2025, to September 2nd, 2025, in the amount of \$4,801,747.92, be adopted as recommended.*

13.6a. *WHEREAS the City of Clarence-Rockland is a proud bilingual community; and
WHEREAS Canada is a bilingual country with two official languages, English and French; and*

WHEREAS as an integral part of French Ontario, the City of Clarence-Rockland has a duty to maintain and provide French language services to its residents in accordance with the French Language Services Act, R.S.O. 1990 c F-32.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Section 7 be added to Resolution No. 2001-236, which would read as follows:

7. ACTIVE OFFER

The French language services to be provided by the City of Clarence-Rockland will not only be available but also brought to the attention of the customer at the time of first contact, i.e. by taking all measures prescribed for this purpose by the French Language Services Act of Ontario.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2001-236, as amended, be incorporated as a by-law within the meaning of Section 14 of the French Language Services Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. F-32.

13.6b. *WHEREAS Hammond and Cheney are among the fastest-growing communities in Clarence-Rockland; and*

WHEREAS the City of Clarence-Rockland is committed to supporting rural communities such as Hammond and Cheney; and

WHEREAS young adults in our city, especially those in rural communities, lack recreational facilities or activities in our municipality; and

WHEREAS the social clubs of Hammond have committed to raising the necessary funds for the installation and purchase of materials for the construction of volleyball courts.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the idea of allowing the construction of two beach volleyball courts at Alphonse Carrière Park; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council mandates the administration to jointly develop plans and specifications with the social clubs of Hammond and Cheney for the construction of two beach volleyball courts in Alphonse Carrière Park.

13.6c. *WHEREAS the 2025 Clarence-Rockland Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan provides clear strategic direction to Municipal Council and staff for the current and future delivery of recreation and cultural programs, services, facilities, and infrastructure; and*

WHEREAS the proposed Plan ensures that recreation and cultural services are aligned with the evolving needs of the community over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS the Clarence-Rockland Parks Development Manual, proposed to be appended to the Master Plan, establishes a set of park classifications based on industry standards to facilitate and inform the park development process.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2025 Clarence-Rockland Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan, and the Background Report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council approve that the Clarence-Rockland Parks Development Manual be appended to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan, as recommended in Report PROG2025-002.

13.7 *BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby adopts tax reductions in the amount of \$366.15, being the City's share, under sections 357 & 358 of the Municipal Act, against all lands concerned, as described in Schedule "A" to Report No. FIN2025-37.*

13.8 *BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council allocates the following grants as recommended by the Municipal Grants Program Committee :*

- Ottawa Trans Library - aimé Queer Music + Art Festival Retreat in the amount of 2734.00\$.

- Terry Fox Foundation for the Terry Fox Run 2025 in the amount of 500.00\$.

14. Committee/Staff Reports

14.1 Emergency Repair - Rockland Water Tower

Following questions, Jean-Luc Jubinville stated that the inspection carried out at the end of 2024 was a full inspection, conducted every ten years. The recommendations from that inspection suggest that repairs should be completed before the winter of 2025–2026. The department reviewed the repair options and associated costs with the engineers.

Following questions, Jean-Luc Jubinville indicated that the recommended time to carry out the work is in the fall, due to reduced water usage. The impact on residents should be minimal, with a slight drop in water pressure at certain times. Measures will be put in place to minimise any inconvenience.

Following questions, Jean-Luc Jubinville mentioned that although water towers of this type are rare in Ontario, a new water master plan for Rockland is currently being developed, and recommendations will be made. With new residential developments underway, the plan is likely to recommend a full replacement of the current structure. In the meantime, the existing tower must be maintained. The five-year inspection is less thorough but will still takes place.

RESOLUTION 2025-78

Moved by André J. Lalonde

Seconded by Stephane Fournier

WHEREAS during a thorough inspection of the Rockland water tower conducted at the end of 2024, it was determined that significant repairs were necessary before the winter of 2025/2026; and

WHEREAS since the beginning of 2025, the administration has worked with OCWA to analyze repair options, develop plans and specifications, conduct a bidding process, and analyze the bids received; and

WHEREAS the Administration has conducted a thorough assessment and recommends an exemption from the by-law 2022-67 to directly award the Rockland water tower emergency repairs contract to Landmark Municipal Services for the reasons set out in the report WW2025-002; and

WHEREAS no budget has been identified for these emergency repairs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the creation of a capital project in the amount of \$980,000 from the water reserve to carry out the emergency repairs to the water tower as specified in the report WW2025-002;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes that the Rockland Water Tower emergency repairs contract be awarded directly to Landmark Municipal Services, as stipulated in the section 18.1.3 of by-law 2022-67, being a single source purchase.

CARRIED

15. By-laws

RESOLUTION 2025-79

Moved by Samuel Cardarelli

Seconded by Diane Choinière

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following by-laws be adopted:

15.1 2025-82 being a by-law to authorize the renewal of a loan for the Recreation Complex

15.2 2025-83 being a By-law to rename Terracotta Street to Terracotta crescent and to replace Schedule "A" of By-law 2024-19

15.3 2025-84 being a by-law for the designation of lands not subject to part-lot control, for Block 53 of Plan 50M-386

CARRIED

16. Confirmatory By-law

The Mayor Mario Zanth highlights the implication of the Fire Chief, Martin Rousseau with the Canadien Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

RESOLUTION 2025-80

Moved by Samuel Cardarelli

Seconded by Stephane Fournier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 2025-85, being a confirmatory by-law for the regular meeting of September 10, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

Mayor Mario Zanth adjourns the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Mario Zanth, Mayor

Karine McCulloch, Deputy Clerk