



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

February 11, 2026
Council Chambers
415 rue Lemay Street, Clarence Creek, Ont.

PRESENT: Mario Zanth, Mayor
Samuel Cardarelli, Councillor Ward 4
André J. Lalonde, Councillor Ward 5
Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle, Councillor Ward 6
Trevor Stewart, Councillor Ward 7
Diane Choinière, Councillor Ward 8
Pierre Voisine, Chief Administrative Officer
Monique Ouellet, Clerk
Karine McCulloch, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Kyle Cyr, Councillor Ward 1
Stephane Fournier, Councillor Ward 2
Carl Grimard, Councillor Ward 3

1. Opening of the meeting

Mayor Mario Zanth calls the meeting to order at 6:45.

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

RESOLUTION 2026-10

Moved by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

Seconded by André J. Lalonde

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted, with the addition of item 10.3 a): Citizen Recognition Policy.

CARRIED, as modified

5. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

None

6. Closed Meeting

Members of Council move to the conference room adjacent to the Council Chambers at 6:50 pm and return to the Council Chambers at 7:36 pm.

RESOLUTION 2026-11

Moved by Samuel Cardarelli

Seconded by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

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 Adoption of the Closed Session Minutes of January 21, 2026

6.2 Human Resources Matter - Directors Agreements

CARRIED

7. Resolution to resume open meeting

RESOLUTION 2026-12

Moved by Diane Choinière

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

Councillor Lalonde reminds everyone that the Clarence Creek Carnival begins this Friday.

Mayor Mario Zanth discusses the two tragedies that have occurred in British Columbia and Quebec in the last 24 hours.

The meeting is suspended at 7:46 p.m. due to a problem with decorum among the audience.

The meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

10. Committee of the Whole items

10.1 Delegations/Presentations

None

10.2 Petitions and Correspondence

None

10.3 Notice of motion

Mayor Mario Zanth passes the presidency to Councillor Cardarelli to present his motion.

a. Notice of motion proposed by Mayor Mario Zanth and seconded by Councillor Lalonde to mandate the administration to prepare a draft Citizen Recognition Policy for Council's consideration

Mayor Mario Zanth takes back the presidency.

10.4 Committee/Staff Reports

a. Municipal Grants Program Policy Review

In response to questions, Julian Lenhart mentioned that when it comes to activities on behalf of the municipality, these will be carried out through an agreement or partnership. The grant program is intended for organizations that want to organize events, not events organized by the municipality.

In response to questions, Frederic Desnoyers mentioned that a non-profit organization that makes profit out its event could still be eligible for the grant program, just like an organization that does not make a profit from its event. There is a committee in place to evaluate applications. A budget and financial report are requested at the end of the event. It would therefore be up to the committee to review this and decide which events they want to subsidize.

Following questions, Frederic Desnoyer mentioned that it would be up to the council to add specific guidelines to the policy, if it wished to do so.

Councillor Lalonde mentioned that consideration should be given to offering in-kind support to activities that will have long-term benefits rather than financial support. He pointed out that the committee had concerns and saw ambiguities in the criteria.

Moved by André J. Lalonde

Seconded by Samuel Cardarelli

WHEREAS the Municipal Grants Program Policy has been reviewed and updated to streamline the grants process, ensure consistent application and reporting requirements, and support initiatives with long-term community value;

AND WHEREAS the revised policy removes the “Signature Events” category, requires all organizations to submit applications and final reports;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland hereby adopts the revised Municipal Grants Program Policy;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the revised policy shall come into effect on October 1, 2026 for the upcoming grants application period.

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 2026-13

Moved by Diane Choinière

Seconded by Trevor Stewart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following items, as identified under the consent items category on the regular meeting agenda of February 11, 2026, be adopted:

13.1 Adoption of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 21, 2026

13.2 Receipt of the Weekly Correspondence Packages for the month of January 2026

13.3 Resolution to approve the salaries paid from December 7, 2025, to January 3rd, 2026

13.4 Resolution to approve the accounts paid from January 9 to January 30, 2026

13.5 The following recommendations from Committee of the Whole of January 21, 2026

a. Resolution to inform Council that the 2026 Budget was deemed adopted on January 9, 2026

b. Resolution to adopt the new Recognition and Support to Non-Profit Organisations Policy

c. Resolution to adopt the updated Use of Municipal Resources Policy

13.6 Resolution to allocates grants as recommended by the Municipal Grants Program Committee for the first round of application for 2026

13.7 Resolution to follow up on the directive given in closed session on January 21, 2026, to authorize the Mayor and the Director of Community Services to sign the land purchase agreement for the Sports Hub

CARRIED

Text of the resolutions as adopted by consent under Resolution 2026-13:

13.1 *BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 21, 2026, be adopted.*

13.2 *BE IT RESOLVED THAT the weekly correspondence packages no. 2026-01, 2026-02, 2026-03 and 2026-04, be received and filed.*

13.3 *BE IT RESOLVED that the salaries paid from December 7th, 2025, to January 3rd, 2026, in the gross amount of \$1,423,135.52 and in the net amount of \$947,667.05, be adopted, as recommended.*

13.4 *BE IT RESOLVED that the accounts paid from January 9th, 2026, to January 30th, 2026, in the amount of \$4,474,398.74, be adopted, as recommended.*

13.5a. *BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report No. CLERK2026-01, formally informing Council that the 2026 Budget was deemed adopted on January 9, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 530/22 and 580/22, be received.*

13.5b. *BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the proposed changes to the Support for Non-Profit Organisations Policy as attached to Report No. CORP-2026-003.*

13.5c. *BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Use of Municipal Resources Policy POL1000.3-2601, as recommended in Report No. CLERK2026-02.*

13.6 *WHEREAS the Municipal Grant Program Committee met on November 13, 2025 to review the applications received for the first round of application of 2026;*

WHEREAS a total of 3 applications were received, one was denied, one event got cancelled and one application was divided in two;

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

- YMCA of the National Capital Region - Summer Camps 2026 - Inclusion Support Program in the amount of 710\$ for employee training; and

- YMCA of the National Capital Region - Summer Camps 2026 - Inclusion Support Program in the amount of 330\$ per campers that reside in the City of Clarence-Rockland, up to a maximum of 13 campers.

13.7 *BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2026-19, being a by-law to authorize the purchase of certain blocks of land from Clarence Crossing Regional Inc., within the Phase 2A of its development known as Villages at Clarence Crossing, for the creation of a Sports Hub, be adopted.*

14. Committee/Staff Reports

None

15. By-laws

RESOLUTION 2026-14

Moved by Simon-Olivier Péladeau-Houle

Seconded by André J. Lalonde

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

15.1 2026-08 being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers

15.2 2026-09 being a by-law to confirm the appointment of the Chief Building Official, building inspectors and property standards officers for the City of Clarence-Rockland

15.3 2026-10 being a By-law to authorize the signature of a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Office of the Fire Marshal for the year two of the Fire Protection Grant

15.4 2026-11 being a By-law to authorize the signature of an agreement to provide support in managing the Emergency Management Program of The Nation Municipality

15.5 2026-12 being a By-Law to authorizer the signature of a new agreement for the provision of administrative, management and other functions to The Nation Municipality Fire Services

15.6 2026-13 being a By-law to authorize the signature of the 2024-2026 Collective Agreement for unionized employees of CUPE Local 503

15.7 2026-14 being a By-law to amend the zoning by-law 2016-10 for the properties known as the Clarence Crossing East Lands

15.8 2026-15 and 2026-16 being By-laws to adopt the Official Plan Amendment 41 and to amend the Zoning By-law 2016-10 for 2564 Laurier Street

15.9 2026-17 being a By-law to dedicate public a portion of Industrielle Street

CARRIED

16. Confirmatory By-law

RESOLUTION 2026-15

Moved by Diane Choinière

Seconded by Samuel Cardarelli

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 2026-18, being a confirmatory by-law for the regular meeting of February 11, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

Mayor Mario Zanth mentions that next week is Kindness week and on Friday, he and the MP will be visiting retirement homes.

Mayor Mario Zanth adjourns the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Mario Zanth, Mayor

Karine McCulloch, Deputy Clerk