

## Woodstock City Council

### Regular Council Minutes

Date: February 19, 2026  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: Council Chambers

This meeting was held in person and electronically in accordance with section 238 (3.3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended, and section 16.6.24 of the City of Woodstock Procedure by-law. This meeting took place in Council Chambers at Woodstock City Hall, 500 Dundas Street.

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#### 1. **Closed Session**

There was no closed session. Open session commenced at 7:00 p.m.

All members of Council were present. Mayor J. Acchione chaired the meeting.

#### 2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Councillor M. Schadenberg declared a conflict of interest and refrained from discussing Council agenda item 8.a - Ryan Raycraft, Owner, United Woodstock Taxi - Review of the Taxi Industry as he is employed by a local taxi company.

#### 3. **Disclosure of New Business**

#### 4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### 5. **Minutes**

Moved by Councillor B. Martin  
Seconded by Councillor D. Tait

That the minutes of the Regular meeting of Woodstock City Council held on February 5, 2026 be adopted.

**Carried**

#### 6. **Additions to the Agenda**

#### 7. **Presentations**

#### 8. **Delegations**

#### 8.a **Ryan Raycraft, Owner, United Woodstock Taxi - Review of the Taxi Industry**

Ryan Raycraft, owner of United Woodstock Taxi, presented Council with information on the impact of unregulated and unlicensed ridesharing services

and the lack of enforcement of the current regulations. He requested that Council consider stronger enforcement of the current taxi bylaw, regulating rideshare drivers, or deregulating the taxi industry.

Moved by Councillor D. Tait  
Seconded by Councillor C. Lauder

That Woodstock City Council refer the presentation from Ryan Raycraft, owner of United Woodstock Taxi, requesting consideration of actions to address the impact of unregulated and unlicensed ride-sharing services to staff for a report.

**Carried**

**Action – Clerks, Engineering**

**9. Consideration of Planning Reports**

9.a OP25-12-8; ZN8-25-10 - Applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zone Change - The City of Woodstock - 760 Juliana Drive

Moved by Councillor L. Wismer-Van Meer  
Seconded by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow

That Woodstock City Council advise County Council that the City supports the application to amend the Official Plan (File No. OP 25-12-8), submitted by The Corporation of the City of Woodstock, for lands legally described as Part Lots 21-23 & 27, Plan 1600, City of Woodstock, to re-designate the subject lands to High Density Residential to facilitate the development of a high density residential use on the subject lands;

That Woodstock City Council approve in principle the zone change application (File No. ZN 8-25-10) submitted by The Corporation of the City of Woodstock for lands legally described as Part Lots 21-23 & 27, Plan 1600, in the City of Woodstock, to rezone the lands to 'Special Residential Zone 4 (R4-22)' to facilitate a high density residential use and neighbourhood serving uses with site specific provisions for a minimum number of dwelling units, interior side yard width, rear yard depth, parking and development form;

And further that any comments received from the public were reviewed and considered before the decision was made in relation to this planning matter.

**Carried**

**Action – Clerks, Planning**

9.b SB 25-06-8 - Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision - The City of Woodstock - 1459 Devonshire Avenue

Moved by Councillor M. Schadenberg  
Seconded by Councillor B. Martin

That Woodstock City Council advise County Council that the City supports the application for draft plan of subdivision (File No. SB 25-06-8) submitted by the City of Woodstock, for lands described as Part Lot 14, Concession 2 (Blandford) and Parts 1 and 2 of 41R-8016, in the City of Woodstock, subject to the following conditions of draft approval outlined in the report 1 through 29;

And further that any comments received from the public were reviewed and considered before the decision was made in relation to this planning matter.

**Carried**

**Action – Clerks, Planning**

9.c ZN 8-25-16 - Application for Zone Change - 1967113 Ontario Inc and the City of Woodstock - 125 Huron Street

Moved by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow  
Seconded by Councillor B. Martin

That Woodstock City Council approve-in-principle the zone change application submitted by 1967113 Ontario Inc. and the Corporation of the City of Woodstock, whereby the lands described as Part Lot 3 and Lot 4, Plan 278, Part 9, 41R2092, known municipally as 125 Huron Street, City of Woodstock are to be rezoned from 'Residential Zone 2 (R2)' to 'Special Residential Zone 3 (R3-sp)' to facilitate the development of a three unit street row dwelling house (townhouses);

And further that any comments received from the public were reviewed and considered before the decision was made in relation to this planning matter.

**Carried**

**Action – Clerks, Planning**

9.d CD25-03-8- Application for Draft Plan of Condominium and Exemption from Draft Plan Approval - Bonds Corner Plaza Inc. - 85 Bonds Corner Road

Moved by Councillor D. Tait  
Seconded by Councillor C. Lauder

That Woodstock City Council defer consideration of application CD25-03-8- Application for Draft Plan of Condominium and Exemption from Draft Plan Approval - Bonds Corner Plaza Inc. - 85 Bonds Corner.

**Carried**

### **Action – Planning**

- 9.e SB 21-05-8 - Request for Extension of Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision - Thames Developments (VI) Inc - 745442 Oxford Road 17

Moved by Councillor C. Lauder  
Seconded by Councillor B. Martin

That Woodstock City Council advise Oxford County that the City supports a 1 year extension to the draft approval of the Thames Developments (VI) Inc. subdivision, (SB21-05-8), for lands described as Part Lot 5, Concession 15 (East Zorra), being Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4, 41R-10280 in the City of Woodstock to March 8, 2027, as set out in Report No. CP 2026-53;

And further that any comments received from the public were reviewed and considered before the decision was made in relation to this planning matter.

**Carried**

### **Action – Clerks, Planning**

- 9.f B25-68-8 - Application for Consent - Bajram Dragusha - 62 Frederick Street

Moved by Councillor B. Martin  
Seconded by Councillor D. Tait

That Woodstock City Council advise the Land Division Committee that the City supports application B25-68-8, submitted by Bajram Dragusha, for lands described as Part Block B Part Lot 179, Part 1 41R-9164, in the City of Woodstock, to create a new residential infill lot, subject to the following conditions outlined in the report 1 through 5;

And further that any comments received from the public were reviewed and considered before the decision was made in relation to this planning matter.

**Carried**

### **Action – Clerks, Planning**

- 9.g SB10-08-8 - Extension of Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision - 1212949 Ontario Inc - Oxford Road 4 and Lansdowne Avenue

Moved by Councillor D. Tait  
Seconded by Councillor M. Schadenberg

That Woodstock City Council advise Oxford County that the City supports a three-year extension to the draft approval of the 1212949 Ontario Inc subdivision, (SB10-08-8), for lands described as Part Lot 13, Concession 2 (Blandford), in the City of Woodstock to March 8, 2029, as set out in Report No. CP 2026-58;

And further that any comments received from the public were reviewed and considered before the decision was made in relation to this planning matter.

**Carried**

**Action – Clerks, Planning**

9.h Revised Woodstock Community Improvement Plan

Moved by Councillor B. Martin  
Seconded by Councillor M. Schadenberg

That Woodstock City Council endorse the revised Woodstock Community Improvement Plan and potential range of programs and incentives;

And further that a By-Law to adopt a revised Community Improvement Plan be brought forward for City Council's consideration;

And further that a By-Law be brought forward to repeal By-Law 8809-12, establishing the previous Downtown CIP program;

And further that any comments received from the public were reviewed and considered before the decision was made in relation to this planning matter.

**Carried**

**Action – Economic Development, Planning**

**10. Consideration of Correspondence**

**11. Presentations from Staff and Approved Agents**

11.a Stephanie Harper, Chief Financial Officer - 2026 Revenue Budget Overview

No resolution is required as Special Revenue Budget Meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m. on February 24 and 26, 2026.

**12. Mayor's Reports**

**13. Councillor Reports**

**14. Department Reports**

14.a Administrative Services

14.b Engineering

14.c Cultural Services

14.d Parks and Recreation

14.d.1 2026 FAIR Report

Moved by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow  
 Seconded by Councillor L. Wismer-Van Meer

That Woodstock City Council adopt a 20% increase to the L.I.C.O. standard in order to qualify for assistance fees.

**Carried**

**Action – Engineering, Parks and Recreation, Marketing and Communications**

14.e Economic Development

14.e.1 Request for Early Budget Approval for Strategic Planning

Moved by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow  
 Seconded by Councillor C. Lauder

That Woodstock City Council approve \$50,000 in the 2026 Revenue Budget for consultant fees associated with the development of an Economic Development Strategic Plan and that the funds be taken from the Industrial Land Reserve Fund.

**Carried**

**Action – Administrative Services, Economic Development**

14.f Clerks

14.f.1 Citizen Appointment to the Woodstock Environmental Advisory Committee 2026

Moved by Councillor M. Schadenberg  
 Seconded by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow

That Woodstock City Council appoints Laszlo Alt to the Woodstock Environmental Advisory Committee for a term from February 19, 2026, to November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Carried**

**Action – Clerks**

14.f.2 Objection to Notice of Intention to Designate – 259–261 Park Row (Hawkins Chapel)

Moved by Councillor L. Wismer-Van Meer  
 Seconded by Councillor C. Lauder

That the "Objection to Notice of Intention to Designate – 259–261 Park Row (Hawkins Chapel)" report and corresponding draft By-law 9801-26 be deferred to the March 19, 2026 Council meeting to allow staff time to meet with the property owner regarding the impacts of the proposed designation.

**Carried**

**Action – Clerks, Culture**

- 14.g Chief Administrative Officer
- 14.h Human Resources
- 14.i Fire Services
- 14.j Public Works
- 14.k Information Technology
- 15. Special Committee and Advisory Task Force Reports**
- 16. Notice of Motion**
- 17. New Business**
- 18. Draft By-laws**
- 19. Questions and Address by Members of Council**
- 20. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor K. Leatherbarrow  
Seconded by Councillor M. Schadenberg

That the meeting adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

**Carried**

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Mayor – Jerry Acchione

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City Clerk – Amelia Humphries