



**COURT OF REVISION
under the Municipal Act, Ontario Regulation 586/06**

Minutes

A Court of Revision was held on Wednesday December 3, 2025 at 4:31 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located on the Second Floor of Stratford City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1. The purpose of the meeting was to hear objections against the proposed local improvement roll and any proposed revisions to the proposed local improvement roll for the Moderwell Street Local Improvement Project.

Members Present: Councillor Hunter, Councillor McCabe, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Nijjar

Staff Present: André Morin – Chief Administrative Officer, Karmen Krueger – Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer, Audrey Pascual – Deputy Clerk, Ashley Price – Manager of Revenue and Taxation/Deputy Treasurer, Miranda Franken – Council Clerk Secretary, Taylor Crinklaw – Director of Infrastructure Services, Nick Sheldon – Project Manager

1. Call to Order and Purpose of the Court of Revision

The Deputy Clerk called the meeting to order. The Deputy Clerk stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear objections against the proposed local improvement roll and any proposed revisions to the roll for the Moderwell Street Local Improvement Project which included the reconstruction of Moderwell Street from St. Vincent Street South to Monteith Avenue.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members of the Court of Revision and the General Nature Thereof

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were made by a member at the December 3, 2025 Court of Revision meeting.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Court of Revision

The Deputy Clerk called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Court of Revision.

Motion by: Councillor Nijjar

THAT Councillor Burbach be elected Chair and Councillor Hunter be elected Vice-Chair of the Court of Revision.

Carried

The Deputy Clerk turned the meeting over to the Chair of the Court of Revision.

The Chair explained the Court of Revision was being held under Ontario Regulation 586/06 regarding Local Improvement Charges – Property Lien Status made under the *Municipal Act, 2001*. The Regulation stating that the Court of Revision may review the proposed local improvement roll and correct it as to a list of options outlined by the Chair.

The Chair asked the Deputy Clerk to present the Statement of Costs of Work and the Local Improvement Roll for the Moderwell Street Local Improvement Project to the Court and confirm notice.

The Chair identified the project included the reconstruction of Moderwell Street from St. Vincent Street South to Monteith Avenue. The project renewed the roadway and completed a partial replacement of the existing underground infrastructure. The project also included work subject to local improvement charges.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that Notice had been provided to the owner of every lot to be specially charged and to the public of the hearing by the Court of Revision in accordance with Ontario Regulation 586/06.

4. Local Improvement Project

4.1 Objections:

The Chair identified an objection having been received from the Huron Perth Catholic District School Board (HPCDSB). It was noted that the appellant had been notified of the scheduled meeting and had not requested to delegate.

Discussion: Members and staff moved into deliberations to review the appellant's request. Highlights of the discussion included the following:

- it not being uncommon for School Boards and Levels of Government to be charged a portion of costs;
- the capital cost having been paid upfront for the project with the improvement services not having been provided initially to property owners and the charges being a recuperation for these service costs;
- if a decision is made in favour of the appellant the cost to become part of the total municipal project's costs;
- the municipality's portion of the project costs being significant with a small portion having been eligible for local improvement costs;
- the municipality being a smaller size than an example in Peel Region and having less capacity to absorb the appellant's portion of costs;
- the work having significant benefit to the school and loading zone;
- the improvement cost of the work being lower than if the school had paid independently for the improvements;
- Members noted a decision to be made in fairness to all residents on the street; and
- staff noted churches as well as schools would be liable for local improvements.

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Decision: THAT the appeal from the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board be dismissed and the Court of Revision approve the statement of costs of work and the local improvement roll as presented for the Moderwell Street Local Improvement Project.

Carried

The Chair advised that a copy of the written decision will be provided.

5. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Decision: THAT the Court of Revision meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 4:30 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 4:42 P.M.