



## **Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session**

### **MINUTES**

Meeting #: 4791st  
Date: Monday, February 9, 2026  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Council Present: Mayor Ritsma - Chair Presiding, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Biehn, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Hunter, Councillor McCabe, Councillor Nijjar, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Wordofa

Staff Present: André Morin - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Audrey Pascual - Deputy Clerk, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, Tim Wolfe - Director of Community Services, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure Services, Karmen Krueger - Director of Corporate Services, Adam Betteridge - Director of Building and Planning Services, Neil Anderson - Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, Marc Bancroft - Manager of Planning, Nathan Bottema - Manager of Engineering, Sean Beech - Manager of Environmental Services, Alexander Burnett - Intermediate Planner

Also Present: Chris Tasker - Manager - Water and Information Management from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Jillian Smith - Water Control Structures Technologist from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Media and Members of the Public

**1. Call to Order:**

Mayor Ritsma, Chair presiding, called the Council meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

Singing of O Canada

Respectful Conduct Statement

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:**

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and to otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Hunter declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Item 5.1 February 9, 2026 Committee of the Whole In-Camera Session - 4.1 Confidential Report of the Chief Administrative Officer with respect to the potential purchase of property for municipal purposes (CM-26-04). Councillor Hunter is a part of a group investigating purchasing the subject property.

**3. Adoption of the Minutes:**

R2026-52

**Motion by** Councillor Nijjar

**Seconded by** Councillor Henderson

**THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated January 26, 2026, be adopted as printed.**

**Carried**

**4. Adoption of the Addenda to the Agenda:**

R2026-53

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Biehn

**THAT the Addenda to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated February 9, 2026, be added to the Agenda as printed.**

**Carried**

**5. Report of the Committee of the Whole In-Camera Session:**

**5.1 At the February 9, 2026, Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, matters concerning the following items were considered:**

4.1 Confidential Report of the Chief Administrative Officer with respect to the potential purchase of property for municipal purposes (CM-26-04) - Proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(c)) (includes municipal property leased for more than 21 years).

5.1 Confidential Report of the City Clerk with respect to an appointment to the Energy and Environment Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy (CM-26-03) - Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b)).

At the In-camera Session, the confidential report of the Chief Administrative Officer was received and no direction was given with respect to Item 4.1. The confidential report of the City Clerk along with personal matters about identifiable individuals were considered with respect to Item 4.2.

**6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:**

None scheduled.

**7. Orders of the Day:**

**7.1 Resolution - Recommendation Report for Lands Known as 315 & 317 Huron Street for Official Plan Amendment Application OPA1-25 and Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z09-24 (COU26-020)**

The Intermediate Planner, referring to a PowerPoint presentation, provided an overview of the planning report. Highlights of the presentation included:

- an overview of the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications;
- an overview of the location of the subject lands, its previous uses, and current zoning designation;
- an overview of the comments received from the commenting agencies including concerns noted by the Engineering Department;
- an overview of the concerns raised by members of the public;
- a development agreement as a condition of a consent application being recommended by the Planning Department to address the outstanding concerns; and
- an overview of the planning analysis and staff recommendation.

Members of Council and the Intermediate Planner held a discussion regarding the following:

- site plan control only applying to apartment buildings containing more than 10 units;
- an overview of the site plan control process;
- a development agreement being an alternative as the proposal is for less than 10 units which would not be subject to site plan control;
- the outstanding concerns to be addressed through the development agreement;
- an overview of the process for the approval of the development agreement;
- a member noting concerns about approving a by-law in principle with the outstanding concerns that still need to be addressed;
- the development agreement being the mechanism to address the remaining issues;

- approving the zoning for the subject property allowing the development to move forward and the review of required technical studies to be undertaken afterwards;
- a member noting concerns about developers being able to build a 9-unit apartment without being subject to site plan control; and
- the proposed development agreement upholding similar requirements as those under site plan control.

R2026-54

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor McCabe

**THAT Aliyah Richards, David K. Messer, and Rick Brodhagen be heard.**

**Carried**

Aliyah Richards from Zelinka Priamo Ltd., referring to a presentation, spoke to Council on behalf of the applicant. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the location of the subject property being ideal for a medium density development;
- an overview of the design components of the proposed development;
- there being a future consent application required to establish easements;
- there being a fulsome review of the site design that will occur through the consent process;
- the character of the Huron Street corridor not being easily defined due to different types of developments in the area;
- the proposal meeting all land planning requirements; and
- the applicant being willing to go through the development agreement to ensure that there are no adverse matters related to the development.

Members of Council and the applicant's agent held a discussion regarding the development including:

- the stormwater design to include increased grading on the site and the extension of the retaining wall to help mitigate flooding on adjacent properties;
- there being one tree to be preserved as well as replacements to be planted on site;
- the agent noting that the concerns raised by neighbours were addressed during discussions with City staff including the necessary measures being taken to mitigate the issues identified;
- there being open spaces and amenities close to the site which can be used by future residents;
- the use of ice melt or removal of snow to an offsite location to be undertaken to address the lack of snow storage on site; and
- further concerns regarding snow storage to be addressed in the development agreement.

David K. Messer spoke to Council on behalf of the neighbourhood group regarding the application. Highlights of the presentation included:

- there being no changes to the proposal from what was presented in April despite the concerns identified by the neighbours;
- there being concerns with the late notification to members of the public regarding the application coming back to Council;
- an overview of the history of the property and the initial development contemplated for the lots when the severance was undertaken;
- an overview of concerns noted by the neighbours with the current application;
- an overview of the concerns with the site specific conditions that are being requested; and

- an overview of the concerns regarding the impacts of the proposed development to the heritage corridor.

Rick Brodhagen spoke to Council regarding the application. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the development not being a good fit for the area;
- there being concerns with garbage and recycling for the proposed development and the potential issue with pest management;
- there being concerns with the lack of snow storage on site as well as the lack of plans for proper drainage;
- there being concerns with the lack of green space in the proposed development;
- there being concerns with the increased traffic from the development especially with traffic volume already increasing in the area and the Huron and Huntingdon crossing being a main crossing for Avon Public School students;
- there being concerns related to the lack of parking on site and the potential overflow of parking on neighbouring streets which could impact snow clearing operations; and
- it being important to uphold by-laws that allow for responsible development to occur for the benefit of the entire community.

Members of Council, City staff, and the applicant's agent held a discussion regarding the following:

- a member noting that proposals need to conform with provincial legislation and there being a push from the province to increase density;
- it being questioned what the result would be if Council were to deny the application;
- the Director of Building and Planning Services noting there is an appeal process which the applicant can undertake;

- there being a provincial appetite to increase housing which impacts the actions that municipalities can take with respect to development applications;
- a member noting that they have a hard time with the proposal as they are in favour of intensification but have concerns with the application;
- it being questioned whether it is possible to defer the application until Council gets reassurance from the developer that the issues will be addressed;
- the Director of Building and Planning Services noting that if the desire of Council is a reduction to the density, it would have to be a change that the applicant has to discuss whereas if the concern is with respect to the technical aspect, these can be addressed through the development agreement as noted by the Intermediate Planner;
- the province having changed the site plan control rules to help fast track the processing of planning applications;
- a member noting that there is a need for housing and affordability but it being equally important to look after the neighbours;
- there being concerns with the reductions being requested;
- there being conditions recommended by staff as part of the approval of the application;
- the Director of Infrastructure Services noting that it is not uncommon to see these types of developments in arterial roads;
- the common approach to address drainage issues being to have the overflow drain to the street as well as maximizing ponding in the parking lot;
- it being feasible to have sufficient drainage in this type of development;

- the amount of green space not being a trigger for a drainage requirement but rather the water flow in the development during all times of the year;
- a member noting there being a need for housing due to homelessness in the community but also a need to preserve the quality of life of neighbours;
- it being questioned whether the reduction of the lot area is being requested to allow for a bigger building to be placed in a smaller lot;
- the Intermediate Planner noting that the request is due to the minimum lot size for specific uses established by the Zoning By-law which in this case would not be met by the application due to the existing size of the lot;
- an overview of the appeal process and what can be appealed by the applicant;
- the applicant's agent noting that reducing the number of units also reduces the feasibility of the development moving forward; and
- the applicant's agent noting that incorporating affordable units is part of the intent for the development should there be affordable housing incentives available.

**Motion by** Councillor Beatty

**Seconded by** Councillor Hunter

**THAT Application for Official Plan Amendment OPA1-25 submitted by Zelinka Priamo Ltd. (c/o Aliyah Richards) on behalf of Upper Avon Holdings Inc. on the lands known municipally known as 315 & 317 Huron Street BE APPROVED for the following reasons:**

- 1. The request is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement 2024 and conforms with the City of Stratford Official Plan;**
- 2. The request constitutes sound land use planning and is appropriate for the development of the lands;**

**3. Public comments have been received, reviewed comprehensively and appropriately addressed.**

**THAT Application for Zoning By-law Amendment Z09-24 submitted by Zelinka Priamo Ltd. (c/o Aliyah Richards) on behalf of Upper Avon Holdings Inc. on the lands known municipally known as 315 & 317 Huron Street BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE for the following reasons:**

- 1. The request is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement 2024 and conforms with the City of Stratford Official Plan;**
- 2. The request constitutes sound land use planning and is appropriate for the development of the lands;**
- 3. Public comments have been received, reviewed comprehensively and appropriately addressed.**

**THAT the implementing Zoning By-law Amendment be forwarded to City Council for approval once the applicant has entered into a development agreement as a condition of a consent application under Section 53 of the Planning Act to address outstanding concerns such as but not limited to drainage, landscaping, fencing, and urban design, to the satisfaction of the Manager of Planning;**

**AND THAT pursuant to Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, no further notice be required.**

A member requested a recorded vote.

Members of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer held a discussion regarding the motion. Highlights of the discussion included:

- a member noting that Council has had a fulsome discussion regarding the matter;
- the Chief Administrative Officer noting the challenge with the matter being Council having to make a yay or nay decision;
- the developer's agent having spoken to being willing to take a look at some options to address the outstanding concerns; and

- the deferral of the matter to allow the developer to provide comments to City staff to address the outstanding concerns but the challenge being that the applicant has to bring the changes forward.

The mover and seconder withdrew the motion.

R2026-55

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Biehn

**THAT the Application for Official Plan Amendment OPA1-25 submitted by Zelinka Priamo Ltd. (c/o Aliyah Richards) on behalf of Upper Avon Holdings Inc. on the lands known municipally known as 315 & 317 Huron Street be deferred;**

**AND THAT the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment Z09-24 submitted by Zelinka Priamo Ltd. (c/o Aliyah Richards) on behalf of Upper Avon Holdings Inc. on the lands known municipally known as 315 & 317 Huron Street be deferred.**

**Carried**

Council recessed at 8:49 P.M.

Council reconvened at 8:57 P.M.

## **7.2 Resolution - Lake Victoria Drawdown Event: Overview and Next Steps (COU26-015)**

The Manager of Environmental Services, with Chris Tasker, Manager - Water and Information Management and Jillian Smith, Water Control Structures Technologist, from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) provided an overview of the management report. Highlights of the presentation included:

- an overview of the drawdown event including the contributing factors that led to the event, the measures taken to address the issue, and the restoration of water in the lake;
- an overview of the safety boom to be installed and how it can help prevent similar issues in the future; and

- an overview of the mitigation strategies to be taken moving forward.

Members of Council, UTRCA staff, and City staff held a discussion regarding the following:

- the bright colour of the safety boom being a requirement to ensure that it is visible;
- the safety boom being a permanent installation due to risks and hazards associated with the dam;
- there being safety booms already installed in Fanshawe Lake and Wildwood Lake which are also managed by the UTRCA;
- the collection of debris captured by the safety boom to be completed by UTRCA together with City staff;
- an overview of the installation, placement, and size of the safety boom;
- it not being possible to completely eliminate the risk of the issue re-occurring as debris naturally flows through the dam;
- City and UTRCA staff to continue to balance appropriate measures to reduce the likelihood of the issue happening again;
- there being increased efforts to monitor the dam so that a more immediate response can be completed;
- a member noting the importance of taking proactive measures to prevent similar issues in the future;
- the Director of Infrastructure Services noting that standard operating procedures are in place for emergency response and are being updated to include debris management; and
- the Director adding that it is not possible to stop trees and debris from entering the lake system, but the key is to provide as many mechanisms as possible to mitigate this type of issue.

R2026-56

**Motion by** Councillor Hunter

**Seconded by** Councillor Nijjar

**THAT Council receive the report "Lake Victoria Drawdown Event: Overview and Next Steps" (COU26-015) for information;**

**AND THAT Council support the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority to proceed with the tendering and installation of the Safety Boom at the RT Orr dam.**

**Carried**

**7.3 Resolution - Appointment to the Energy and Environment Advisory Committee February 2026 (COU26-017)**

R2026-57

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor McCabe

**THAT Scott Rutherford be appointed as a citizen representative to the Energy and Environment Advisory Committee for the remainder of a two-year term to November 14, 2026, or until a successor is appointed by Council.**

**Carried**

**7.4 Resolution - Road Widening for Site Plan Application SPA 02-10 – 372-378 Huron Street (COU26-019)**

R2026-58

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Hunter

**THAT Council authorize the conveyance of Part 1 on Reference Plan 44R-4854 from D&R Pol Holdings Inc. to The Corporation of the City of Stratford;**

**AND THAT upon conveyance of Part 1 on Reference Plan 44R-4854 to the City of Stratford, these lands be dedicated as public highway forming part of Huron Street.**

**Carried**

**7.5 Resolution - Household Hazardous Waste Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Stratford, The Corporation of the Township of Perth South, and The Corporation of the Township of Perth East (COU26-018)**

R2026-59

**Motion by** Councillor Biehn

**Seconded by** Councillor Wordofa

**THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford enter into an Agreement with The Corporation of the Township of Perth South for the participation of Perth South residents in the City's Household Hazardous Waste events, for a four-year term;**

**THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford enter into an Agreement with The Corporation of the Township of Perth East for the participation of Perth East residents in the City's Household Hazardous Waste events, for a four-year term;**

**AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the necessary Agreement.**

A member noted that the City of Stratford currently has an application with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to increase the hours for accepting Household Hazardous Waste.

The Mayor called the question on the motion.

**Carried**

**7.6 Resolution - 2026 Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System, Directed Growth, and Innovation Fund Update (COU26-014)**

Members of Council and the Director of Social Services held a discussion regarding the following:

- there being a long list of residents who need childcare and there being no licensing agency for home-based day care in the City;
- a member noting that parents are having to pay \$55 per day per child for a home-based day care in comparison to the government-funded \$22 per day program;
- it being questioned when an update can be provided regarding having a licensing agency in the City;
- the Director of Social Services noting that staff continue to work on a business case and will bring a report to Council for consideration;

- the Director noting that staff are looking at providing the service in-house at the beginning but will work with external providers who may be interested; and
- the Mayor noting that the City had a presentation with the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services regarding the matter at the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) conference.

R2026-60

**Motion by** Councillor Henderson

**Seconded by** Councillor Wordofa

**THAT the report titled, "2026 Canada-Wide Early Learning System, Directed Growth, and Innovation Fund Update" (COU26-014), be received for information.**

**Carried**

**7.7 Resolution - Rotary Complex, William Allman Memorial Arena, and Dufferin Lions Arena Dehumidifier Replacements (COU26-016)**

R2026-61

**Motion by** Councillor Beatty

**Seconded by** Councillor Nijjar

**THAT the Proposal for the supply and installation of new dehumidifier units at the Rotary Complex, William Allman Memorial Arena, and Dufferin Lions Arena from Cimco Refrigeration Inc. at a total cost of \$807,166.91, including HST, be approved;**

**AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the contract agreement with Cimco Refrigeration Inc.**

**Carried**

**7.8 Resolution - Stratford Live Music and Food Municipally Significant Event Request**

R2026-62

**Motion by** Councillor McCabe

**Seconded by** Councillor Burbach

**THAT City Council hereby designates the 2026 Stratford Live Music and Food event to be held June 19 and 20, 2026, in the**

**Veteran's Drive Bandshell and surrounding green space on Veteran's Drive, as having municipal significance for the purpose of obtaining liquor licenses from the AGCO, subject to compliance with the City's Municipal Alcohol Risk Policy and required certificates of insurance being provided.**

**Carried**

**7.9 Proclamation - Amyloidosis Awareness Month**

R2026-63

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Wordofa

**THAT Stratford City Council hereby proclaims March 2026 as "Amyloidosis Awareness Month" in the City of Stratford to raise awareness of the amyloidosis diseases, including the hereditary and non-hereditary forms.**

**Carried**

**8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:**

None noted.

**9. Reports of the Standing Committees:**

**9.1 Report of the Social Services Committee**

R2026-64

**Motion by** Councillor Henderson

**Seconded by** Councillor Hunter

**THAT the Report of the Social Services Committee dated February 9, 2026, be adopted as printed.**

**Carried**

**9.1.1 Employment Ontario Network Update (SOC26-001)**

THAT the report titled, "Employment Ontario Network Update" (SOC26-001), be received for information.

**9.1.2 Housing Stability Bank – Program Overview (SOC26-002)**

THAT the report titled, "Housing Stability Bank – Program Overview" (SOC26-002), be received for information.

**10. Notice of Intent:**

None noted.

**11. Reading of the By-laws:**

The following By-laws required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings and could have been taken collectively upon unanimous vote of Council present:

R2026-65

**Motion by** Councillor Beatty

**Seconded by** Councillor McCabe

**THAT By-laws 20-2026 to 26-2026 be taken collectively.**

**Carried** unanimously

R2026-66

**Motion by** Councillor Hunter

**Seconded by** Councillor Nijjar

**THAT By-laws 20-2026 to 26-2026 be read a First and Second Time.**

**Carried** two-thirds support

R2026-67

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Henderson

**THAT By-laws 20-2026 to 26-2026 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.**

**Carried**

**11.1 2026 BIA Budget - By-law 20-2026**

To levy a special charge upon the rateable property in the business improvement area for the Downtown Stratford Business Improvement Area (BIA) (formerly City Centre BIA) for 2026.

**11.2 Award Proposal for Dehumidifier Units at Rotary Complex, William Allman Memorial Arena and Dufferin Lions Arena - By-law 21-2026**

To authorize the acceptance of a proposal from Cimco Refrigeration Inc. for the supply and installation of new dehumidifier units at the Rotary Complex, William Allman Memorial Arena, and Dufferin Lions Arena.

**11.3 Appointment to the Energy and Environment Advisory Committee - By-law 22-2026**

To amend By-law 4-2023, as amended, to make an appointment to the Energy and Environment Advisory Committee.

**11.4 Conveyance for the Widening of Huron Street - By-law 23-2026**

To accept the transfer (conveyance) from D&R Pol Holdings Inc. of Part 1 on Reference Plan 44R-4854.

**11.5 Dedication of Part of Huron Street as Public Highway - By-law 24-2026**

To dedicate Part 1 on Reference Plan 44R-4854 as public highway forming part of Huron Street in the City of Stratford.

**11.6 Agreement with The Corporation of the Township of Perth South - Household Hazardous Waste Disposal - By-law 25-2026**

To authorize the entering into and execution of an agreement with The Corporation of the Township of Perth South for the disposal of household hazardous waste generated in the Township at the Stratford Landfill Site Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

**11.7 Agreement with The Corporation of the Township of Perth East - Household Hazardous Waste Disposal - By-law 26-2026**

To authorize the entering into and execution of an agreement with The Corporation of the Township of Perth East for the disposal of household hazardous waste generated by the Township at the Stratford Landfill Site Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

**11.8 Implementing By-law - Official Plan Amendment No. 36 - Deferred**

To adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 36 to maintain the "Residential Areas" designation on the subject lands and add a Special Policy Area to increase the maximum density from 65 units per net hectare to 106 units per net hectare.

**12. Consent Agenda: CA-2026-017**

**12.1 CA-2026-017**

R2026-68

**Motion by** Councillor Biehn

**Seconded by** Councillor Burbach

**THAT CA-2026-017, being correspondence from the Municipality of North Grenville and the Village of Merrickville-Wolford OPP Detachment Board regarding Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems, be endorsed.**

**Carried**

### **13. New Business:**

#### **13.1 Snow Removal**

Councillor Biehn noted that Public Works staff have been doing great work with snow clearing operations. The Councillor noted the concerns from residents regarding snow accumulating at the end of driveways and its impacts to residents with mobility issues. A motion was put forward to refer the review of winter operations to staff to investigate a potential program related to this matter.

R2026-69

**Motion by** Councillor Biehn

**Seconded by** Councillor Hunter

**THAT Council refer to Public Works staff, for inclusion in the year-end Winter Operations Review, an evaluation of a potential application-based, eligibility-driven end-of-driveway windrow-clearing program for vulnerable residents;**

**THAT this review specifically examine the feasibility of providing windrow clearing for eligible seniors and residents with accessibility or medical limitations who meet income-tested criteria;**

**THAT staff assess the option of outsourcing this service to local contractors who use specialized windrow-clearing attachments, along with associated costs, risks, operational considerations, and program design elements;**

**AND THAT staff report back to Council with findings and recommendations prior to the development of next winter's operational plan.**

A member noted that with respect to providing proof to determine eligibility for assistance with their recycling receptacles, Circular Materials requires the submission of a medical note which could be a consideration for the proposed windrow-clearing program.

The Mayor called the question on the motion.

**Carried**

**14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:**

The next Regular Council meeting is February, 23, 2026, in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

R2026-70

**Motion by** Councillor Nijjar

**Seconded by** Councillor Henderson

**THAT the Council meeting adjourn to convene into Standing Committee as follows:**

- **Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee [7:05 or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting];**

**and to Committee of the Whole if necessary, and to reconvene into Council.**

**Carried**

**15. Council Reconvene:**

**15.1 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest made at Standing Committees**

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the Act.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest made at Standing Committee meetings held on February 9, 2026 with respect to the following Items and re-stated at the reconvene portion of the Council meeting:

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest made by a Member at the February 9, 2026 Council Reconvene meeting.

## **15.2 Confirmatory By-law:**

The following By-law required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings:

### **By-law 11.9 Confirmatory By-law 27-2026**

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on February 9, 2026.

R2026-71

**Motion by** Councillor Biehn

**Seconded by** Councillor Hunter

**THAT By-law 27-2026 be read a First and Second Time.**

**Carried** two-thirds support

R2026-72

**Motion by** Councillor Sebben

**Seconded by** Councillor Nijjar

**THAT By-law 27-2026 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.**

**Carried**

## **15.3 Adjournment of Council Meeting**

R2026-73

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded by** Councillor Nijjar

**THAT the February 9, 2026, Regular Council meeting adjourn.**

**Carried**

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 9:40 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting Start Time: 9:57 P.M.

Reconvene Meeting End Time: 9:58 P.M.

“Martin Ritsma”

Mayor - Martin Ritsma

“Tatiana Dafoe”

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe