



**PRESCOTT TOWN SPECIAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Monday, November 3, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

360 Dibble St. W.

Prescott, Ontario

Present	Mayor Gauri Shankar, Councillor Leanne Burton, Councillor Mary Campbell, Councillor Justin Kirkby, Councillor Lee McConnell, Councillor Tracey Young, Councillor Ray Young
Staff	Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Officer, Chelsea Conklin, Deputy Clerk, Chloe Preston, Director of Administration/Clerk, Tim Fisher, Municipal Planner
Guests	Sandra Lawn, Dianne & Darrell Donnelly, Mariette Leeflang, Christina Leeflang, Harry Leeflang, Francine Levere, Debra Currier, JD Van Allen, Anastasios Basil Iadis, Sacha Pritchard, Jim Basil Iadis, Wade Fleming, Craig Worden, and Vicky McColl

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 194-2025

Moved By Burton

Seconded By Kirkby

THAT the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting of November 3, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Meeting

Motion 195-2025

Moved By McConnell

Seconded By Campbell

THAT the Public Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott regarding the potential declaration of the municipal lands known as Prince Street, legally known as Plan 19 Block 1 Lots 190-197 being Part 1 on Plan 15R-8031, be opened.

Carried

Sandra Lawn - 237 Park St W - Sandra spoke to green space supporting mental health, the land currently being developed behind Town Hall, the land previously known as the Lawn Bowling Club, Prescott's current housing, and the need to preserve green space.

Dianne & Darrell Donnelly - 276 Wood St E - Dianne spoke to the current use of the fields by children, and the importance of the greenspace for the kids.

Marianne Leeflang - 674 Prince St - Marianne spoke to St. Lawrence Academy using the fields for school activities and exercise. It was noted the development going on throughout the town and referenced the space behind Town Hall, Churchill Rd, the James St row houses, and the current housing in Prescott. She also noted the children can make it to the Prince St Fields safely by walking, and it is one of the few remaining greenspaces in town.

Christina Leeflang - 680 Prince St - Christina felt it was short sighted to concentrate all recreational facilities to one area, and that greenspace was more important than housing.

Francine Levere - 772 Florence St - Francine spoke to the importance of development but asking for balance and suggested some development with greenspace included.

JD Van Allen - 672 Dibble St W - JD spoke to the importance of the Seymour Recreation Centre but noted it wasn't accessible for children to walk there, and to keep local parks until the Seymour Recreation Centre is safely accessible. JD also spoke to alternative uses for the land, such as some income geared housing, a community orchard to help with the food crisis, and a walking path with a play space in the center.

Anastasios Basil ladis - 474 Wood St E - Anastasios spoke to his use of the Prince St Fields 2-3 times daily, and that it is a true community greenspace for dog owners and creates a balance of life in the neighbourhood. The Seymour Recreation Complex is a far distance from this area in town and we should be protecting and expanding green spaces throughout. The Prince St Fields hold history of the Town of Prescott through Tom Carr and Ed Brown.

Wade Fleming - 790 Prince St - Wade spoke to the need to invest in current greenspaces and parks as reducing them limits access to opportunities, quality of life and increases noise/air pollution, and a sedentary lifestyle. Wade noted the use of the fields he witnesses, and suggested fixing the ball diamond that is currently there, or a community garden.

5. Adjournment

Motion 196-2025

Moved By Young

Seconded By Kirkby

THAT the Public Meeting regarding the potential surplus declaration of municipal lands known as Prince Field, legally known as Plan 19 Block 1 Lots 190-197 being Part 1 on Plan 15R-8031, be closed.

Carried

Motion 197-2025

Moved By Burton

Seconded By Kirkby

THAT the Special Council Meeting of November 3, 2025, be adjourned. (Time: 6:00 p.m.)

Carried

Councillor Ray Young inquired what the land was previously.

Mayor

Clerk