

CITY OF TESTVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 3:00 pm
Council Chambers, City Hall, 100 Main Street

MINUTES

Mayor Dana Whitlock and Councillors Priya Natarajan, Owen Fairbairn, Mei-Lin Cho, Rafael Ortiz, Grace Adeyemi, and Tom Kowalczyk were all present. The Chief Administrative Officer and department directors were in attendance.

Regarding Rezoning Application RZ-2026-33 for 715-729 Dunmore Street, the following motion was put forward: That Committee recommend Council give first and second readings to Bylaw 2026-45 and schedule a public hearing for November 9, 2026. Moved by Councillor Natarajan and seconded by Councillor Adeyemi, the motion CARRIED.

Regarding Development Permit DP-2026-118 for 44 Fairmont Way, Committee considered the recommendation to approve the permit subject to the conditions in the October 6, 2026 staff report, including a \$26,000 landscaping security. Moved by Councillor Cho and seconded by Councillor Fairbairn, the motion CARRIED.

Regarding the 2027 draft operating and capital budget departmental submissions, the following motion was moved by Councillor Ortiz and seconded by Councillor Natarajan: That Committee direct staff to prepare a consolidated draft budget, including a provisional tax increase of 3.9 per cent, for public release on November 3, 2026. The motion CARRIED.

Regarding the Foxglove Creek culvert replacement, the following motion was moved by Councillor Kowalczyk and seconded by Councillor Cho: That Committee recommend Council endorse a funding envelope of \$4.7 million for the Foxglove Creek culvert replacement, with detailed design to commence in January 2027. The motion CARRIED.

Regarding the Kinsmen Park off-leash dog area pilot, the following motion was moved by Councillor Fairbairn and seconded by Councillor Kowalczyk: That Committee recommend Council approve a one-year off-leash pilot at Kinsmen Park commencing May 2027 at an estimated cost of \$85,000. Following debate regarding potential noise and maintenance impacts reported by neighbouring residents, the motion was DEFEATED on a 3-4 recorded vote.

Regarding the Route 7 transit service review, the following motion was put forward: That Committee recommend Council endorse an extension of Route 7 to the Testville Business Park effective January 2028, subject to approval of \$310,000 in annual operating funding in the 2027 budget. Moved by Councillor Adeyemi and seconded by Councillor Ortiz, the motion CARRIED.

Regarding the Water and Wastewater Rate Study 2027-2031, the following motion was moved by Councillor Ortiz and seconded by Councillor Kowalczyk: That Committee recommend Council award the study to Corridor Advisory Group Ltd. at a cost of \$214,600 plus applicable taxes. The motion CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.