

Portland and Area CEC

Portland Community Hall

March 18, 2026

1. Call to Order 7:00 pm
2. Roll Call: Leila Stafford, Mary Enid Haines, Joan Horsfall, Julie Prescott, Sue Dunfield, Nev Hill, Paula Banks, Jeanne Hill, Lis Hick  
Absent: Lorah Jensen
3. Emergency additions/amendments: none
4. Adoption of Agenda:  
Moved by: Joan Horsfall  
Seconded by: Nev Hill
5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and general nature there of: none
6. Approval of minutes:  
Moved by: Julie Prescott  
Seconded by: Jeanne Hill
7. Delegations: Neve Wells: Community Yard Sale in May, Vicki Stevenson  
Community garage sale. It will be held Saturday May 16. Rideau Realty are helping by allowing people to set up tables there. "Portland Helping Portland". There will be a BBQ. They are raising money for the food bank by having a raffle for a gift basket with items donated by local businesses. They will be accepting food donations as well for the food bank. There will be a Kids Corner at the Portland Library. They will be knocking on doors and sending out flyers, posting on Facebook and adding it to the Lantern to let people know about the event.
8. Subject Committee Reports:
  - 8.1 Beautification Committee  
The outdoor Christmas decorations have been taken down. Flowers for the containers have been discussed with the supplier and ordered.
  - 8.2 Skate the Lake No report
  - 8.3 Three Sisters  
They are having a Ted Talk with Ted Stuart in the Hall on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The talk is about Indigenous people in Rideau Lakes. They will also have a chilli

dinner before the talk at 4pm. \$20 a plate. The talk will start at 6pm. They would like help to set up.

**Recommendation 2026-1:** That we ask the Municipality to install bars on the wall in the hallway from Lee Valley to hang posters etc. for events. With a budget up to \$250.00.

Moved by: Mary Enid Haines

Seconded by: Paul Vanluven

## 9. Business Arising

### 9.1 Galagher Property Update

A Trillium Grant has been submitted for playground equipment, retaining wall and roof on the Carriage House. We will be continuing fundraising for the playground.

We discussed a contest for kids to draw the playground of their dreams, a letter and a Tic Tok video. Leila will make a poster to give to schools and libraries for a letter writing and picture contest for under 13, and a letter writing and video contest for over 13. The winners will be announced on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the deadline for submissions will be May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 9.2 Bulletin Board

We need a bulletin board in the Hall.

Motion 2026-2: That we spend up to \$100.00 for a bulletin board in the Hall.

The same as have been used in other Halls.

The bulletin board at the Post Office will be rebuilt.

### 9.3 Display Cabinets

One display cabinet will be loaned to the Portland on the Rideau Historical Society for the display of a quilt for a month. Diane Haskins had requested it on their behalf.

The Three Sisters will use both cabinets for the month of May.

The Portland on the Rideau Historical Society will use one for the month of July for the Boat Show.

Leila will ask Steve where the rod is to support the blanket.

### 9.4 AV system

The Municipality has funds available to cover some of the costs. An AV company will come and do the installation.

## 10. New Business

**10.1 Recommendation 2026-2** That we ask the Municipality for snow guards on the roof to save the trees and shrubs that were damaged with the snow coming off the roof this year. As well as protect the walls of the building.

Moved by: Mary Enid Haines  
Seconded by: Joan Horsfall

11. Finance/Legacy funds

Bank balance is the same as last month. There was \$120.00 raised at the Lion and Lamb lunch.

12. Council Remarks. Alto train discussion. Municipality sent out an information flyer.

13. Township Update. Leila updated us. Volunteer Appreciation night April 23<sup>rd</sup>. the entertainment will be Outerbridge Magic.  
Adjournment 8:35 pm

14. Next meeting April 15, 2026 7 pm