

Council Meeting – May 4, 2026

**Agenda Item # 13.1**

Notice of Motion: Councillor Hutchings – Motion to Record Municipal and Board Meetings

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Moved by: Councillor Hutchings  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of certain Council members that municipal Township and board meetings are currently not being recorded or made available for public viewing;

AND WHEREAS transparency and public access to municipal proceedings are essential for fostering accountability and civic engagement;

AND WHEREAS the recording of meetings can also enhance the safety of staff, councillors, and the public by providing a record of proceedings;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that, effective immediately, the Township of Rideau Lakes shall record all municipal Township and board meetings, including Council meetings, Committee meetings, and meetings of municipal boards, and that such recordings shall be made publicly available for viewing;

AND FURTHER that the Township shall purchase a camera system positioned to record the proceedings, specifically facing the public gallery, to ensure both public access to the meetings and provide protection for staff and councillors by creating a record of any events that may occur during the meetings.