



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

## Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Bruce County Council Chambers - 30 Park Street, Walkerton, ON

**Council Present:** Chris Peabody, Mayor  
James Lang, Deputy Mayor  
Mitch Clark, Councillor  
Tim Elphick, Councillor  
Kym Hutcheon, Councillor  
B. Carl Kuhnke, Councillor  
Gregory J. McLean, Councillor

**Staff Present:** Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)  
Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk  
Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer  
Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor  
Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations  
John Strader, Operations Manager  
Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services  
Dieter Wetz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO

### 1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

### 2. Call to Order

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 3. Declaration of Office

Mayor Peabody, Deputy Mayor Lang and each Members of Council swore the declaration of office.

- 3.1 Mayor, Chris Peabody
- 3.2 Deputy Mayor, James Lang
- 3.3 Councillor Mitch Clark
- 3.4 Councillor Tim Elphick
- 3.5 Councillor Kym Hutcheon
- 3.6 Councillor B. Carl Kuhnke
- 3.7 Councillor Gregory J. McLean

### 4. Presentation of Chain of Office to Mayor

The Clerk presented the Chain of Office to Mayor Chris Peabody.

### 5. Mayor Chris Peabody - Inaugural Address

Mayor Peabody thanked the electors of Brockton for providing him another Term of Council to advance matters in Brockton following the Covid-19 recovery. Mayor Peabody thanked his family members and fellow Council members for their support over the past term. Mayor Peabody identified his personal priorities for Council over the next Terms of Council, noting the importance of keeping collegial and professional debate.

Mayor Peabody thanked staff for their ongoing work under the leadership of CAO Watson.

Mayor Peabody also identified a number of important issues that Brockton was currently facing and highlighted exciting opportunities that would be coming forward in the near future.

## **6. Remarks from Deputy Mayor and Councillors**

Deputy Mayor Lang expressed his excitement to return in the position of Deputy Mayor with the support of this fellow returning Members of Council.

Councillor Kuhnke thanked the residents of Brockton for placing their trust in him.

Councillor McLean thanked his family for assisting his campaign. Councillor McLean looked forward to making positive change in Brockton in the future.

Councillor Elphick extended congratulations to fellow Council members. Councillor Elphick encouraged keeping an open mind and take risks and being positive and patient in your approach when facing difficult decisions to make the community better.

Councillor Clark thanked the community members and Brockton residents for electing this Council and thanked all staff as a whole for keeping Brockton's operations running smoothly.

Councillor Hutcheon thanked the residents and tax payers of Brockton for re-electing her, and noted that she was looking forward to serving cohesively with Council as a whole.

## **7. Acceptance of Special Council Agenda**

### **Resolution 22-25-01**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the Special (Inaugural) Council Meeting on November 15, 2022 as presented.

**Carried**

## **8. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

None disclosed.

## **9. Minutes**

### **9.1 Council Minutes - November 1, 2022**

#### **Resolution 22-25-02**

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the November 1, 2022 Council Meeting as presented.

**Carried**

## **10. Business Arising From the Minutes**

### **11. Reports**

#### **11.1 Strategic Action Plan – Year End Update**

Council emphasized and highlighted the wide number of accomplishments that occurred over the past few years.

##### **Resolution 22-25-03**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby received Report Number CAO2022-34 – Strategic Action Plan – Year End Update, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, for information purposes.

**Carried**

#### **11.2 Minister’s Zoning Order (MZO) Application**

Council expressed excitement on receiving the Minister's Zoning Order and the efforts that went in to obtaining the Order.

Council thanked Lisa Thompson, MPP for pushing along the Minister's Zoning Order at the cabinet level.

##### **Resolution 22-25-04**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PLN2022-06 – Minister’s Zoning Order (MZO) Approval, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, for information purposes.

**Carried**

#### **11.3 Truth and Reconciliation Actions Update**

Nicholas Schnurr responded to questions from Council and confirmed that the intersection would include a crosswalk, although the plans were preliminary.

##### **Resolution 22-25-05**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CLK2022-28 – Truth and Reconciliation Action Update, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) for information purposes.

**Carried**

## **12. Correspondence Requiring Action**

#### **12.1 R.O.M.A. 2023 Conference**

Mayor Peabody would enroll in the ROMA Conference and he confirmed the delegation requests that were being filed.

Other Council members confirmed they could attend the conference to ensure adequate support and presence for any delegations.

## **13. By-Laws**

**Resolution 22-25-06**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton authorize that the following by-laws be read, enacted, signed, sealed, and numbered as follows:

- By-Law 2022-163 - Appoint Committee of Adjustment By-Law

**Carried**

**14. New Business Brought Forward**

1. Accessibility Concern with Driveway in East Cargill

Deputy Mayor Lang described concerns with a driveway that had accessibility concerns. John Strader, Operations Manager, responded to questions from Council and confirmed the driveway would be repaired in the near future.

2. Hometown Christmas Market

Councillor Hutcheon noted that the Hometown Christmas Market was scheduled for Friday evening, and the Walkerton and District Optimist Club were also holding their Holiday Home Tour this weekend as well.

3. Christmas Santa Claus Parade

Council confirmed that staff would be providing a float in the parade.

4. Rotary Club Event

Council noted that the Rotary Club of Walkerton were hosting the Reindeer Lounge in the Market Garden at the Hometown Christmas Market featuring festive drinks.

**15. Closed Session**

**16. Confirmation of Proceedings**

**Resolution 22-25-07**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton authorize that the following by-law be read, enacted, signed, sealed, and numbered as follows:

- By-Law 2022-164 - November 15, 2022 Confirmatory By-Law

**Carried**

**17. Adjournment**

**Resolution 22-25-08**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 7:41 p.m. to meet again on November 16, 2022.

**Carried**

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Mayor - Chris Peabody

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Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) – Fiona Hamilton