



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 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)
Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer
Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO
Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations
Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

1. **Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement**
2. **Acceptance of Council Agenda**

Resolution 23-01-01

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on January 10, 2023 as presented.

Carried

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

Councillor Hutcheon declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 5.1 as she was a volunteer for the organization.

4. **Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act**

5. **Delegations**

- 5.1 Walkerton Kinsmen Club - Citizen of the Year Award

Wayne Holman and Tom Spitzig presented on behalf of the Walkerton Kinsmen Club to sponsor a Brockton Citizen of the Year Award with financial support and with attendance to make it a bigger event. The goal was to submit ten nominees to be cut down to three with a gala at the Best Western hotel to announce the winner.

Mayor Peabody noted that he provided support for the event, confirming that Mayor Peabody and Sonya Watson, CAO had indicated to the Kinsmen they would be looking at tables for Council and staff to support the event.

Mayor Peabody noted that the motion regarding a donation of \$450.00 would be considered later in the evening.

Resolution 23-01-02

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approves a donation to the Kinsmen Club of Walkerton in the amount of \$450.00 to support the Citizen of the Year Award from the 2023 donation account.

Carried

5.2 Victoria Jubilee Hall - 2023 Budget

Bob McCulloch and Robin Zettel, representatives from Victoria Jubilee Hall congratulated Council on their election to Brockton Council. Mr. McCulloch and Robin Zettel provided an overview of the history of the hall and an overview of the accomplishments over the past year.

Mr. McCulloch and Robin Zettel summarized the financial request from Victoria Jubilee Hall for \$25,000.00 to leverage additional grant funding to allow projects to proceed further in terms of equipment replacement and capital investment into the property.

It was also noted that the long-term tenant, the Four County Labour Market, was moving to a different location. It was noted that Victoria Jubilee Hall was not able to simply rent the space to a commercial entity, limiting the suitable tenants that would be available.

Mr. McCulloch and Robin Zettel provided an overview of the projects that were planned to be completed over 2023 and a summary of the financial donations received by Victoria Jubilee Hall.

Robin Zettel noted that Victoria Jubilee Hall was working with the Community Development Coordinator in helping to secure a long-term tenant.

Council thanked the volunteers of Victoria Jubilee Hall and discussed the financial amount that had been made.

5.3 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Programs and Services

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority was unable to attend the Council Meeting and have rescheduled their delegation.

5.4 B.M. Ross & Associates Ltd. - Saugeen Riverbank Erosion Study

Kelly Vader and Steve Jackson from B.M. Ross & Associates Ltd. introduced themselves and provided information about the Class Environmental Assessment Project about the Cliff Erosion Project.

Ms. Vader and Mr. Jackson summarized the history and background of the project, and described some of the forces of erosion and the Class Environmental Assessment process.

It was noted that there had been historic studies, that were updated by the same geotechnical analysis. A fluvial geomorphologist also provided a report to consider the potential impacts upstream and downstream.

Mr. Jackson summarized the three forces of erosion impacting the slope of the bank. It was noted the erosion was not consistent each year, but would vary depending on the weather conditions, rainfall, etc. It was noted that average rates could be provided, but the year over year erosion could occur sporadically

and unpredictably. The geotechnical report considered the average erosion rate. The average erosion rate would be just over a foot a year, though it would be difficult to predict each year.

There were four (4) alternatives originally identified and those options were still considered to be valid. Mr. Jackson described the alternatives and described what each would involve in detail. The most recent study was completed by the fluvial geomorphologist to assist in identifying a preferred recommendation. The goal was to ensure the alternative would not result in adverse impacts upstream or downstream. The more recent erosion rate has been greater than the average over the past 50 years. It was noted it was less impactful to protect the toe of the slope to prevent the sediment from depositing in other places and causing flooding or erosion in other areas of the river.

Ms. Vader provided an overview and summary of the Class Environmental Assessment process and summarized what the next steps would be to arrive at a preferred alternative. The Class Environmental Assessment alternatives were recommended to mirror the geotechnical and fluvial geomorphologist reports. It was noted that the Environmental Assessment process also required consideration of a "do nothing" alternative.

Mr. Jackson reviewed the cost estimates for each approach and the practical reasons why the costs associated with the project were likely to be significant. The engineers from BM Ross identified that the recommended preferred approach was alternative 4, protecting the toe, as it was less costly, would improve the stability of the bank and minimized upstream and downstream impacts, and minimizes the impacts on aquatic and plant life.

The engineers from BM Ross outlined a summary of the regulatory approvals that would be needed to proceed with the work. Part of the reason that alternative 4 was preferred, is that it would protect the endangered species of barn swallows with habit in the cliff area. It was noted that there was a flood model developed for bridge projects that could be used for the approval process for this alternative as well.

The next steps would be for Council to identify a preferred preliminary alternative for public feedback. A final selection would be confirmed by Council once any additional studies were completed and the public had a chance to provide comments.

Mr. Jackson confirmed that just armoring the toe would not redirect flows on to the riverbend park. However, depending on discussion with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, some material would need to be taken from riverbend park for an overall net benefit for the flood plain but maintaining the trees and vegetation.

Mr. Jackson confirmed that widening the river would not assist because the highest velocity was consistently along the toe edge. Other options for vegetation etc. were not possibilities because of the steepness of the slope and the depth of the river at that area.

The engineers from BM Ross responded to questions from Council about what impact the alternatives may have on the average rate of erosion.

Mayor Peabody permitted residents in attendance at the meeting to ask questions from the engineers.

Mike Weber from 20 Valleyside Drive, noted he was a long-time resident, and asked whether protecting the toe and having nature stabilize the erosion would replace the active cutting of the slope.

Residents were informed that there would be additional opportunities to provide feedback during future Public Meetings.

6. Closed Session

Resolution 23-01-03

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 8:03 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - **Erosion Recommendations**

Carried

Resolution 23-01-04

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves the direction provided to staff in Closed Session.

Carried

Resolution 23-01-05

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves alternative 4 as the preliminary preferred alternative to be reviewed pending public comments and additional investigation about the potential upstream and downstream impacts;

And further supports the Chief Building Official arranging for an engineer to conduct additional assessments for applicable properties.

Carried

7. Minutes

7.1 Council Minutes - December 13, 2022

Resolution 23-01-06

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Council Meeting as presented.

Carried

8. Business Arising From the Minutes

8.1 Durham Street East Intersection Motion

Resolution 23-01-07

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Whereas Bruce County Road 4 is the busiest thoroughfare in Bruce County;

And Whereas, Bruce County Road 4 adjoins with Durham Street East in the Town of Walkerton requiring a bridge to connect the two roads over the Saugeen River;

And Whereas, the Saugeen River Trail runs along either side of the bridge, and is widely used by residents and visitors;

And Whereas, the bridge is located in a prominently busy area of the Town of Walkerton, frequently used by pedestrians to cross Durham Street East as there are no other alternatives to cross the road at that location, and/or to cross to access the Saugeen River Trail;

And Whereas, there are currently no traffic calming markings, or crosswalk indicators at the intersection which creates a hazard for pedestrians;

And Whereas, Bruce County have identified deterioration with the bridge, and plan to replace the bridge over the next two years, with construction currently planned for the Spring of 2025;

And Whereas, the Council of the Municipality of Brockton are concerned for the safety of pedestrians, and wish to act in a proactive manner to resolve any possible hazards and causes for accidents and/or injury;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby request that Bruce County consider any traffic calming measures that can be implemented at the intersection of Durham Street East and Bruce County Road 4 prior to the scheduled redesign of the bridge.

And further that a copy of this resolution be distributed to Bruce County, B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd, the Brockton Police Services Board, and the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment to keep all parties apprised of the concern.

Carried

9. Reports

9.1 Durham Street Crosswalks

Mayor Peabody summarized the position put forward by the County of Bruce in relation to the report. It was noted that additional lights were a preferred option.

Resolution 23-01-08

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2023-02 – Yonge and Durham Street Intersection, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations for information;

And further that Council authorizes staff to send formal communication to the Bruce County Transportation and Environmental Services on behalf of Brockton indicating the need for a fully signalized intersection to be considered at the intersection of Yonge and Durham Street;

And that should Council decide to request traffic calming measures at the intersection of Durham and McNab Streets, direct staff to send a formal letter to Bruce County Transportation and Environmental Services requesting said measures.

Carried

9.2 December 2022 Water and Wastewater Operations Maintenance

Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, responded to questions from Council about treating leachate from the Hanover Walkerton Landfill noting that approximately 50% of the volume is treated in Walkerton, with the other 50% being treated in Hanover.

Resolution 23-01-09

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2023-01 – December 2022 Water and Wastewater Operations and Maintenance, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, for information purposes.

Carried

9.3 Bruce Road 2 Watermain Tender

Resolution 23-01-10

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2023-01 – Bruce Road 2 Watermain Tender, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, and in doing so awards the tender to Avertex Utility Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$2,811,124.73 (including H.S.T.)

Carried

9.4 Yonge Street Rehabilitation Tender

Resolution 23-01-11

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2023-04 - Yonge Street Rehabilitation Tender, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, and in doing so, awards the tender to Moorefield Excavating Ltd. in the amount of \$3,717,500.00 (including H.S.T.)

Carried

9.5 Greenock Transfer Station Hours

Resolution 23-01-12

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2023-03 – Greenock Transfer Station Hours, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so approves the change in Hours of Operation from Friday's 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. back to Saturday's from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. commencing February 4, 2023.

Carried

9.6 Chief Building Official's 2022 Annual Building Department Report

Resolution 23-01-13

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BLDG2023-01 – Chief Building Official’s 2022 Annual Building Department Report, prepared by Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/Chief Building Official for information purposes.

Carried

9.7 Chief Building Official’s Activity Report for December 2022

Resolution 23-01-14

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BLDG2023-02 – Chief Building Official’s Activity Report for December 2022, prepared by Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/ Chief Building Official for information purposes.

Carried

9.8 Walkerton FC 2022 Season Review

Resolution 23-01-15

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-01 – Walkerton FC 2022 Season Review, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services for information purposes.

Carried

9.9 Saugeen Municipal Airport Revised Corporate By-Laws

Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) noted the addition to the motion encouraging municipalities to comment in advance of the commission approving the draft by-laws. Council authorized Ms. Hamilton to comment directly with the drafting lawyer.

Mayor Peabody commented on the concerns included in the draft by-laws in relation to the funding and ownership of the asset. Mayor Peabody noted that the Saugeen Municipal Airport draft budget was passed by the commission subject to the approval of the owners. The budget included a 10% increase to the budget with the inclusion of a \$60,000.00 budget line item for donations and sponsorship. It was noted that the Saugeen Municipal Airport would be discussed during the municipal budget meetings.

Resolution 23-01-16

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CLK2023-01 – Saugeen Municipal Airport Revised Corporate By-Laws, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) for information purposes and formally request that the Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission consider formal comments from the member Municipalities for formal comment prior to any approval by the Commission; and further that the report and resolution be provided to the Municipality of West Grey and the Town of Hanover for their consideration; and further that staff be authorized to provide comments directly to the lawyers preparing the draft by-laws.

Carried

9.10 2022 Brockton Accomplishments

Resolution 23-01-17

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2023-01 – 2022 Brockton Accomplishments, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes.

Carried

10. Public Notification

10.1 Recreation Master Plan Open House

View the draft recommendations for parks, trails, facilities and programs and share your feedback on the Recreation Master Plan by dropping in on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Walkerton Community Centre Auditorium (above the arena at 290 Durham Street West). Learn more on [Build Your Brockton](#).

10.2 2023 Budget Meetings

Council will consider the 2023 Budget on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. by hybrid meeting in-person at the Bruce County Council Chamber (30 Park Street, Walkerton) and virtually via Zoom.

11. Accounts

11.1 Accounts - \$3,920,002.15

Resolution 23-01-18

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$3,920,002.15.

Carried

12. Correspondence Requiring Action

12.1 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority - Invitation to Annual Meeting

Councillor McLean noted that he would be attending the meeting.

13. Information

Councillor McLean remarked on the number of municipalities commenting on Bill 23 and it was noted that Brockton could consider submitting formal comments to the regulations when proposed.

Action: Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) would provide a report summarizing the Bill 23 impacts on the *Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O 1990, c. O18*.

Resolution 23-01-19

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives all items provided in Section 13. Information.

Carried

- 13.1 Letter from Enbridge - Congratulations to Council
- 13.2 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Drinking Water Source Protection Committee Appointment

Resolution 23-01-20

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approve the appointment of John Fruin as the municipal representative to the Saugeen Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Committee for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of Brockton, Town of Hanover, Town of Minto, Township of Southgate and Township of Wellington North for the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Carried

- 13.3 Municipal Innovation Council December 2022 Newsletter
- 13.4 Lisa Thompson News Release - Ontario Building More Accessible Communities
- 13.5 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Greenbelt Amendments and Revocation of the Central Pickering Development Plan and O.Reg 154/03
- 13.6 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Legislative and Regulation Changes Affecting Conservation Authorities
- 13.7 Ontario Sheep Farmers - Livestock Guardian Dogs
- 13.8 Bruce County News Release - Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Recruiting Members of the Public for Crime Prevention Action Table
- 13.9 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce - Request for Letters of Support from Mayors and Police Leaders
- 13.10 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Media Release - Crime Stoppers Month January 2023
- 13.11 Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Resolution - Opposition to Strong Mayors Building Homes Act
- 13.12 Town of Cobourg Resolution - Bill 3 Strong Mayors Building Act
- 13.13 Town of Georgina Resolution - Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022
- 13.14 Town of Greater Napanee Resolution - Opposition to Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act
- 13.15 Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - CN Railway Contribution Requirements under Drainage Act and Impacts on Municipal Drain Infrastructure
- 13.16 Lake of Bays Resolution - Support Wawa on Bill 3 Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act
- 13.17 Lanark Council Resolution - Intimate Partner Violence/Violence Against Women in Renfrew County
- 13.18 Loyalist Township Resolution - Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act
- 13.19 City of Mississauga Resolution - Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022
- 13.20 Town of Newmarket Resolution - Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

- 13.21 Northumberland County Resolution - Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022
- 13.22 Municipality of North Perth Resolution - Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act
- 13.23 Municipality of Tweed Resolution - Natural Gas Prices
- 13.24 County of Brant Resolution - Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act

14. By-Laws

Resolution 23-01-21

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon
Seconded By: Mitch Clark

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 2023-001 - Appoint Committee of Adjustment By-Law
- By-Law 2023-002 - Amend Traffic and Parking By-Law (Riversdale Bridge Stop Sign)
- By-Law 2023-003 - 2022-2024 RIDE Grant Program Agreement By-Law
- By-Law 2023-004 - Repeal Council Remuneration By-Law

Carried

15. Committee Minutes

Resolution 23-01-22

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke
Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton receive the minutes of the following committees and or boards as presented:

- Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes - November 8, 2022

Carried

16. New Business Brought Forward

1. Winter Storm Recognition

Mayor Peabody thanked staff across multiple departments to come in to work to clear roads and provide consistent communications and assist with stranded drivers on the roadway during the holiday storm.

17. Closed Session

Resolution 23-01-23

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon
Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 9:05 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - **Committee Resignation, Fee Reduction Request**
- Labour relations or employee negotiations - **Staffing Update, Staffing Proposal**

Carried

Resolution 23-01-24

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves the direction provided to staff in Closed Session and in doing so acknowledges the hiring of Emma Smith-McLelland as Programming Coordinator, effective January 16, 2023.

Carried

Resolution 23-01-25

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby appoints Deputy Mayor James Lang as the third Brockton representative for the Hanover-Walkerton Waste Management Committee.

Carried

18. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 23-01-26

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

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 2023-005 - January 10, 2023 Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

19. Adjournment

Resolution 23-01-27

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 9:49 p.m. to meet again on January 26, 2023.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

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