



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Council Absent: James Lang, Deputy Mayor

Staff Present: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer
Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)
Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer
Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations
Brad Thomson, Acting Community Services Supervisor
Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk

1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Peabody also acknowledged National Nurses Week and the support nurses provide to the community, as well as staff working in our long-term care homes, and Grey Bruce Public Health.

2. Acceptance of Council Agenda

Resolution 23-11-01

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on May 9, 2023 as presented.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act

5. Delegations

5.1 Ontario Power Generation - Updates and 2022 Accomplishments

Brent Fisher, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Senior Manager of Corporate Relations and Projects provided Council with an overview of the mandate of Ontario Power Generation and the facilities operated by the organization with an emphasis on safety. Mr. Fisher noted that there was no credible path to achieving net zero emission by 2050 without including nuclear energy as a stable source of energy.

Mr. Fisher noted that in October of 2021, OPG launched a reconciliation action plan for working in partnership with Indigenous peoples, businesses and

organizations in a positive manner. Mr. Fisher noted the importance of meaningful engagement with Canada's Indigenous People, including the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

Mr. Fisher described the Darlington Refurbishment project and the Darlington New Nuclear Project to develop a small, modular reactor.

It was noted that the Nuclear Sustainability Services, formerly the waste management division, was focused on waste minimization to reduce the size of the nuclear footprint in Ontario. Mr. Fisher noted the particular role of the Western Waste Management Facility that operated to store the fuel from Bruce Power and the approximately 175 people employed at that facility.

It was noted by Mr. Fisher that safety continued to be a primary focus for the Western Waste Management Facility as it had been ten (10) years without a lost time accident.

Mr. Fisher described the Western Clean Energy Sorting and Recycling Facility at Bruce Energy Centre in Kincardine, which was scheduled for a grand opening this year. The goal of the facility was to reduce low-level by-product (including legacy radioactive waste) being stored on site by up to 50% over a 10 year period.

Mr. Fisher noted the ongoing NWMO site selection process for the Deep Geological Repository, and the federal policy framework review completed by Natural Resources Canada for disposal of low and intermediate level nuclear materials.

Mr. Fischer also highlighted the fact that OPG maintains a corporate-wide environmental monitoring program and was recognized by the Wildlife Habitat Council with Gold Certification for wildlife habitat biodiversity programs.

Mr. Fischer described OPG's community engagement initiatives, extending an invitation to Council for a tour of its facilities and thanking Council and staff for their continued support for the nuclear industry in the region.

Mr. Fisher responded to questions from Council about whether OPG owned any gas fired plants and advised that OPG would bring forward an answer to the question after consulting the environmental climate experts.

6. Minutes

6.1 Council Minutes - April 25, 2023

Resolution 23-11-02

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Council Meeting as presented.

Carried

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

8. Reports

8.1 April 2023 Water and Wastewater Operations Maintenance

Resolution 23-11-03

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2023-06 – April 2023 Water and Wastewater Operations and Maintenance, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, for information purposes.

Carried

8.2 Ridout Street Traffic Calming

Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, provided a summary of the use of Ridout Street as a collector road. Mr. Schnurr presented options relating to each measure for traffic calming, noting the goal was not to downplay the importance of pedestrian safety along this route.

Council discussed some of the options presented in the report and the potential consequences of each option. Council also highlighted the numerous reports brought forward over the past number of years and the previous use of the speed hump that was installed and the data that was collected at that time.

Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) summarized a letter received by a resident on May 5, 2023 regarding safety concerns for pedestrians, and incidents of speeding along Ridout Street.

Council noted that the development of sidewalks in this corridor had been identified as a priority for the residential developments still in progress. It was noted that it may not be financially prudent to redevelop the road prior to the developments occurring, such that additional data was required to identify the appropriate interim solution.

Mayor Peabody invited a representative from the residents in attendance to speak. Carol De Rosie, a resident of 37 Ridout Street, addressed Council to note that the previous data that was collected was from COVID when many people were working at home. Ms. De Rosie explained that the demographics were changing to include more children and that the school bus company required changes made to the route for student safety. Ms. De Rosie discussed challenges faced by families due to the lack of sidewalks, and the perception of speeding along the road. Ms. De Rosie noted the 2018 petition to install sidewalks now has 260 signatures, and further advocated for the use of stop signs or additional restricted signage to divert traffic.

Council suggested investigating short-term solutions which could be implemented to assist residents, and obtaining updated traffic data through the Black Cat radar and solar speed signs in order to make an informed decision. Council suggested that the report be brought forward to the Police Services Board for consideration with the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment, and possibly arranging for an increased police presence. Council further discussed the importance of advocating for long-term solutions.

Mr. Schnurr advised that the Black Cat Radar has been installed, and data collection will take up to two weeks, at which time a report could be brought forward to Council in June, and further described the approximate cost of improving the infrastructure on Ridout Street that would need to be completed by an engineer to proceed with long-term mitigation measures.

Resolution 23-11-04

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton direct staff to prepare a report outlining recommendations for short-term speeding mitigation measures on Ridout Street, Walkerton after obtaining new traffic data.

Carried

Resolution 23-11-05

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton direct staff to consult with the municipal engineer to obtain initial costing for long-term solutions to mitigate speeding concerns on Ridout Street, Walkerton and bring forward a future report on these solutions.

Carried

Resolution 23-11-06

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2023-11 – Ridout Street Traffic Calming, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations for information purposes.

Carried

8.3 Digester Roof Replacement Loan Repayment

Nicholas Schnurr responded to an inquiry from Council that the estimated lifespan of the roof replacement was not yet known.

Resolution 23-11-07

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2023-13 – Digester Roof Replacement Loan Repayment, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer, and in doing so approves repayment of loan Credit C (06652-9919554) in the amount of \$242,045.65 from the Utilities Reserve Fund.

Carried

8.4 North Standpipe Rehabilitation Tender 21353

Resolution 23-11-08

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2023-07 – North Standpipe Rehabilitation Tender 21353, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so awards the contract to C3 Industrial in the amount of \$548,179.25 plus HST.

Carried

8.5 Provincial Day of Action on Litter

Mayor Peabody recognized the efforts of staff, the community, and the Walkerton and District Optimist Club in picking up litter throughout Brockton.

Resolution 23-11-09

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-14 – Provincial Day of Action on Litter, prepared by Brad Thomson, Acting Community Services Supervisor for information purposes.

Carried

8.6 R Zone Policy

Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer, noted that all user groups would be contacted and signage could be created internally to be posted at municipal facilities.

Resolution 23-11-10

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report REC2023-18 – R Zone Policy, prepared by Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Services and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward to adopt the attached RZone Policy.

Carried

8.7 Elmwood Playground Resurface

Resolution 23-11-11

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-15 – Elmwood Playground Resurface, prepared by Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Service and Brad Thomson, Acting Community Services Supervisor, and in doing so approves proceeding with the playground resurfacing at the Elmwood playground.

And Further, approves the CFO to transfer \$16,263.84 from the Elmwood Community Reserve Fund to fund the project.

Carried

8.8 Reduced Rental Fee Request – Susan Seitz

Council noted the request was coming forward from a commercial user.

Resolution 23-11-12

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-13 - Reduced Rental Fee Request – Susan Seitz, prepared by Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Services and in doing so approves staff's recommendation to maintain charging the hourly rate as outlined in the Fees and Charges By-Law.

Carried

8.9 OTF Grant Application – Ball Diamond Light Replacement 2024

Resolution 23-11-13

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-16 – OTF Grant Application – Ball Diamond Light Replacement 2024, prepared by Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Services and Brad Thomson Acting Community Services Supervisor and in doing so approves staff proceeding with an application to Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for the conversion of the 3 Walkerton Ball Diamond Lighten to LED.

Carried

8.10 Tennis Court Rehabilitation Tender Results

Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Services, responded to questions from Council and noted that staff had met with the group committed to fundraising for the courts, noting they had received from funding from the Rotary Club and two grant applications had already been submitted.

Resolution 23-11-14

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-17 – Tennis Court Rehabilitation Tender Results, prepared by Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Services, and in doing so approves awarding the tender for the tennis court rehabilitation to Court Surface Specialists Ltd in the amount of \$253,050 + HST with any additional costs to be funded by the surplus asset proceeds.

Carried

8.11 Soccer Parking Lot Relocation

Resolution 23-11-15

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number REC2023-19 – Soccer Parking Lot Relocation, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Services and in doing so approves preparation of the tender documents to advance the re-location of the soccer field parking lot, and the installation of west watermain and additional walkways to the soccer park for an estimated cost of \$575,000 to be funded in part through combination of parkland dedication fees, grant funding, and borrowing for the East Ridge Business Park expansion project.

Carried

8.12 Financial Report as of March 31st, 2023

Resolution 23-11-16

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2023-12 - Financial Report as of March 31, 2023, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and Jessica Pinkse, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer for information purposes.

Carried

9. Public Notification

9.1 Brockton Community Clean-Up

9.2 Information Session on Walkerton Bridge Construction

Mayor Peabody noted the Information Session occurring on May 11th to ensure businesses would be heard; however residents are also able to attend the meeting.

9.3 Bruce County Transit Demand and Feasibility Study Survey

9.4 Volunteer Recognition Awards

10. Accounts

10.1 Accounts - \$228,100.21

Resolution 23-11-17

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$228,100.21.

Carried

11. Correspondence Requiring Action

11.1 Crohn's and Colitis Canada - World IBD Day Lighting Request

Resolution 23-11-18

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

Whereas 300,000 Canadians live with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), a chronic autoimmune disease that causes the body to attack healthy tissue, leading to inflammation of all or part of the digestive system;

And Whereas World IBD Day falls on May 19th annually, and landmarks across Canada and around the world are illuminated purple in a show of support for everyone impacted by IBD;

And Whereas while more than 10 million people globally live with IBD, Canada has one of the highest prevalence rates in the world;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby proclaim May 19, 2023 as World IBD Day in the Municipality of Brockton and further agrees to partner with Victoria Jubilee Hall to illuminate the hall in recognition of World IBD Day;

And further that a copy of this resolution be distributed to Crohn's and Colitis Canada and Victoria Jubilee Hall.

Carried

11.2 Westario Power Inc. Shareholders Meeting

Resolution 23-11-19

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby appoint Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, and Councillor Carl Kuhnke to represent Brockton

as a Shareholder and vote on behalf of the Council of the Municipality at the Annual General Meeting on June 14, 2023.

Carried

11.3 Invitation to Attend Bruce County Transit Demand and Feasibility Study Workshop

Councillor McLean confirmed he would attend the workshop.

12. Information

12.1 Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling - 2022 Financial Statements

12.2 Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission Minutes - July-August 2023

12.3 Township of Alnwick-Haldimand Resolution - Support on Accuracy of Permanent Register of Electors

12.4 Township of Alnwick-Haldimand Resolution - Support Petrolia on Call to End Homelessness

12.5 Township of Archipelago Resolution - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

12.6 Town of Bracebridge Resolution - School Bus Stop Arm Camera

12.7 Township of Carlow-Mayo Resolution - Support Chatham-Kent on Reducing Municipal Insurance

12.8 Town of Cobourg Resolution - Support Mulmur and Dufferin on Bill 5

12.9 Town of Cochrane Resolution - Barriers for Women in Politics

12.10 Municipality of Dysart et al Resolution - Support Essex on Tax Sales

12.11 Town of Fort Erie Resolution - Municipal Oath of Office

Councillor McLean requested that item 12.11 come forward at the next meeting.

12.12 Township of Montague Resolution - Bill 5

12.13 Town of Orangeville Resolution - Response to Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

12.14 Perth County Resolution - Support North Perth on School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

12.15 Municipality of Port Hope Resolution - Support Chatham-Kent on Bill 5

12.16 Township of Puslinch Resolution - Highway 401 Roadside Clean Up

12.17 City of Stratford Resolution - Funding and Support for VIA Rail

12.18 Regional Municipality of Waterloo Resolution - Privacy of Candidates Filing Financial Statements

12.19 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Resolution - Bill 5

Resolution 23-11-20

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives all items provided in Section 12. Information.

Carried

13. By-Laws

Resolution 23-11-21

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

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 2023-054 - Adopt RZone Policy By-Law
- By-Law 2023-055 - Amend Brockton Child Care Centre Committee Terms of Reference By-Law

Carried

14. Committee Minutes

15. New Business Brought Forward

1. Municipal Innovation Council

Mayor Peabody informed Council that the County of Bruce declined an invitation to host the Municipal Innovation Council. Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, confirmed that a report would come forward recommending how best to proceed with the Municipal Innovation Council.

2. County of Bruce Official Plan

Mayor Peabody noted that the County of Bruce was hosting a workshop on the impact of Bill 97 and its relationship to the Official Plan Update process.

16. Closed Session

Resolution 23-11-22

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 8:23 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board - **East Ridge Business Park Phasing**
- Labour relations or employee negotiations - **Staffing Update**
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board - **Land Tribunal Appeal Update**

Carried

Resolution 23-11-23

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves the direction provided to staff in Closed Session and further acknowledges the temporary appointment of Jessica Schmidt to the position of Acting Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer effective July 5, 2023, and the appointment of Jenefer Brijlall to the contract position of Accounts Payable/Tax Clerk effective August 14, 2023.

Carried

Resolution 23-11-24

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 2023-056 - Appoint Jessica Schmidt as Acting Tax Collector
Deputy Treasurer By-Law

Carried

17. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 23-11-25

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 2023-057 - May 9, 2023 Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

18. Adjournment

Resolution 23-11-26

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 9:00 p.m. to meet again on May 23, 2023.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

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