



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton**

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 6, 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  
Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations  
John Strader, Roads Supervisor  
Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator  
Brad Thomson, Acting Community Services Supervisor

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

### **Resolution 23-13-01**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on June 6, 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 Class EA for the Durham Street Bridge Replacement**

Adam Stanley, Christine McDonald and Derek McCaughan from the County of Bruce and Ryan Munn from B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd. provided an overview of the project related to the Durham Street Bridge replacement and the environmental assessment process. Mr. Munn also summarized the community engagement activities that had been undertaken so far and he emphasized the significant age of the bridge. Mr. Munn described the design of the new bridge that would match or improve the existing hydraulic conditions. A report summarizing the pre-site conditions and the preliminary design was provided to the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

Mr. Munn also identified a potential temporary vehicular bridge alignment that would not cross the sewer unless necessary. The grading of that potential bridge was also shown to the public to demonstrate the grade that would be needed for a temporary vehicle bridge. The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority would review for the effect of flood conditions at a 250-year flood level, such that the SVCA would require additional berm measures to be implemented if this option was selected.

Adam Stanley, County of Bruce, described the space across the temporary bridge location and pointed out specific features for the public to consider.

Mr. Munn and Mr. Stanley responded to questions from Council about the cost of a temporary bridge as compared to a second permanent bridge and the impact on children potentially walking to school. Mr. Stanley confirmed that while not all detailed information would be available prior to County Council making a decision, the position of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority was key information that would need to be determined.

Mr. Stanley and Mr. Munn responded to questions from Council about the extent of the excess carbon that would be emitted via the detour route and the impact of road salt restrictions.

## 5.2 Durham Street Bridge Replacement Petition from Walkerton Businesses

Nicole Thomas presented a petition on behalf of downtown businesses. Ms. Thomas advocated for the impacts the proposed detour would cause as a business owner and a resident across the bridge, including considerations for emergency response, pedestrians, transportation for school aged children, and winter weather forcing possible road closures along the detour route. Ms. Thomas noted the increased cost for residents travelling along the detour, the possible decrease in tourism and support for business owners, and impacts to community events.

Jeff Davis further spoke on the petition, summarizing the content of the petition including the requests to cross the Saugeen River through Walkerton unimpeded during the construction period, and that the County of Bruce construct a temporary bridge, and noting that over 100 individuals had signed the petition.

Council thanked the businesses and residents for providing feedback for consideration and discussed the goal of the petition to achieve unimpeded traffic flow.

## 6. Minutes

### 6.1 Council Minutes - May 23, 2023

#### **Resolution 23-13-02**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the May 23, 2023 Council Meeting as presented.

**Carried**

## 7. Business Arising From the Minutes

## 8. Reports

## 8.1 Durham Street Bridge Replacement

Council discussed the proposed options and supported the petitioners request for unimpeded traffic flow through the Town of Walkerton and suggested that the County review options for a phased construction.

Council further discussed the upgrades that would be provided for the detour route in the context of the overall potential negative economic development consequences to business.

Fiona Hamilton, Clerk responded to an inquiry from Council suggesting that Council could amend the motion to advance Option 3 and further request that the County of Bruce consider a permanent alternative.

### **Resolution 23-13-03**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2023-14 – Durham Street Bridge Replacement, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so directs staff to engage in communications with the County of Bruce staff to obtain additional information and further advance option number 3: Temporary Traffic Bridge and in doing so, indicates Brockton Council's support for said option, and further request that the County of Bruce consider a permanent alternative.

**Carried**

### 8.1.1 Notice of Motion - Durham Street Bridge Replacement Petition

Council discussed the preference to dispense with notice and proceed to consider and debate Councillor Kuhnke's motion to support the Durham Street Bridge Petition.

### **Resolution 23-13-04**

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby amend the June 6, 2023 Council Agenda to consider Item 15.2 as Item 8.1.1.

**Carried**

### **Resolution 23-13-05**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby dispense with Notice of Motion in order to proceed to consider and vote on the motion regarding the Durham Street Bridge Replacement Petition at the June 6, 2023 Council Meeting.

**Carried**

Council amended Councillor Kuhnke's motion to receive and endorse the petition at tonight's Council Meeting.

**Resolution 23-13-06**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby amend the motion regarding the Durham Street Bridge Replacement Petition to consider, debate, and vote on the content of the motion at the June 6, 2023 Council Meeting rather than the intended June 20, 2023 Council Meeting.

**Carried**

Council advocated to support ratepayers and business owners, and suggested the motion further include that staff be directed to liaise with the Keep Walkerton Connected group who were advocating for alternative solutions for the Durham Street Bridge replacement in order to keep the community connected.

**Resolution 23-13-07**

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: James Lang

Whereas Bruce County will be constructing a new Durham Street bridge to replace the existing 80-year-old structure over the next two years;

And Whereas the residents and businesses of all of the Municipality of Brockton, and many neighboring jurisdictions, may suffer irreparable harm environmentally, socially and economically without a temporary bridge for both pedestrians and vehicles;

And Whereas these residents are currently circulating a petition to the Municipality of Brockton;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receive and endorse the petition and direct staff to engage with the Keep Walkerton Connected group of residents.

**Carried**

**8.2 Ridout Street Interim Measures**

Council discussed information provided in previous Black Cat Radar reports for comparison.

Mayor Peabody summarized feedback received from Carol De Rosie including requests to reduce the speed limit to 30 km/h, immediate monitoring from the O.P.P., stop signs at Thomas and Ridout Streets and signs indicating to watch for pedestrians.

It was noted that an average speed of 47km/h was not sufficient to attract OPP attention.

Council discussed lowering the speed limits to 30 km/hr or 40 km/hr, and the signage that would be required.

Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, responded to questions from Council about the signage required by legislation, and the areas where the reduction in speed signs would be posted. The cross-sections of Ridout Street to Maple Street would be lowered in speed.

Mr. Schnurr further responded to an inquiry on former data collected from the Black Cat Radar on Ridout Street, advising that the daily average of 938 vehicles

was in March 2019 and 932 vehicles in August 2019, 936 vehicles in June, 936 vehicles in September 2020 and 1,000 average vehicles in May 2023.

Council requested that staff bring back a further report on the evaluation on the progression of the moderations, and further that staff install the solar speed signs for further education to drivers.

Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) clarified Council's intention to waive any notice requirements in Brockton's policies in order to change the speed limit on Ridout Street immediately to 40 km/hr.

**Action: Staff to bring back a report for Council's information on the evaluation of the measures undertaken and bring forward the amended Traffic and Parking By-Law to the next Council Meeting.**

Mayor Peabody discussed the possibility of contacting the hydro and telecom companies to inquire if the telephone poles could be moved. Mr. Schnurr advised that he was in communication with these companies, but there was provincial legislation governing the provision of the services but it was part of the current long-term review.

**Resolution 23-13-08**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2023-13 - Ridout Street Interim Measures, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so directs staff to proceed with temporary traffic calming measures, option number 1: Signage and Posted Speed Reduction of 40 km/hr, on Ridout Street.

**Carried**

**8.3 Community Development Coordinator Update June 2023**

**Resolution 23-13-09**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number ED2023-03 - Community Development Coordinator Update June 2023, prepared by Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator for information purposes.

**Carried**

**8.4 Donation to Market Garden from BIA Surplus Funds**

Council spoke in support of the proposal as businesses would directly benefit from the use of the park.

**Resolution 23-13-10**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2023-17 – Donation to Market Garden from BIA Surplus Funds, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and in doing so approves a donation of \$15,000 from the BIA surplus funds to the Market Garden.

**Carried**

8.5 Walkerton Community Centre Score Clock Update

Council supported pursuing Option 2, noting the donations being made by local Committees.

**Resolution 23-13-11**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-22 – Walkerton Community Centre Score Clock Update, prepared by Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Services for information purposes and in doing so approves Option 2 and further approves funding the project from the Recreation Reserve Fund and repayment of the reserve funds through sponsorship, donations, and advertising revenue.

**Carried**

8.6 Updated Records Retention Policy

**Resolution 23-13-12**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2023-12 – Updated Records Retention Policy, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward to adopt the updated Records Retention Policy.

**Carried**

8.7 Municipal Innovation Council 2023 Update

Council discussed some concerns with moving forward in the future, and the benefit to Brockton.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer responded to inquiries from Council, noting that a termination clause was not included in the agreement and notice should be given to the MIC partners if Brockton were to decide to discontinue its participation. Ms. Watson advised that the Town of Saugeen Shores would lead the MIC with the coordinator role being provided by the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula until the end of the year, and explained the overall goal of the MIC and the current projects being implemented.

**Action: Staff to bring forward a further report to Council on the structure and focus areas originally established for further consideration.**

**Resolution 23-13-13**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2023-08 - Municipal Innovation Council 2023 Update, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes.

**Carried**

**9. Public Notification**

9.1 Bruce County Fire Chiefs Declare a Fire Ban on Open-Air Burning. Fire Danger Rating Raised to Extreme

9.2 Saugeen River Blessing

9.3 Temporary Road Closure - South Street and Colborne Street Walkerton for Sculpture Unveiling Ceremony

9.4 Yonge Street Reconstruction

Yonge Street between Durham Street and Jackson Street in Walkerton will be closed mid-June to November 2023 to complete reconstruction of the road. Stay updated by visiting our [Yonge Street Reconstruction project](#) on our community engagement website, Build Your Brockton.

9.5 2023 Indigenous Internship Program

## 10. Accounts

10.1 Accounts - \$784,094.39

### **Resolution 23-13-14**

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 \$784,094.39.

**Carried**

## 11. Correspondence Requiring Action

11.1 Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network - Proclamation Request for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

### **Resolution 23-13-15**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

Whereas Older adults in the Municipality of Brockton deserve to be treated with respect and dignity and valued as contributing members of society, imparting a wealth of experience and wisdom in our communities;

And Whereas The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse proclaimed this day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue;

And Whereas The United Nations General Assembly officially recognized this day by resolution 66/127 in December 2011;

And Whereas The Municipality of Brockton recognizes the importance of taking action to invest in creating social change, to prioritize the prevention of elder abuse and raise awareness to foster a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults and their rights;

And Whereas Elder abuse has a significant impact on the lives of older adults and families; and is not limited to race, gender, culture, or circumstance, and regardless of whether the abuse is physical, emotional, sexual, financial or neglect;

And Whereas Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse;

And Whereas Recognizing that it is up to all of us, as citizens, organizations, communities, and governments, to work collectively to prevent violence and abuse of older adults in their homes and communities;

And Whereas Preventing abuse of older adults through improving and maintaining social and health services and systems such as housing, income

security, and safety will improve their quality of life and allow them to live independently and contribute to the vibrancy of our municipality;

And Whereas Where there is respect for human rights, equality, and justice there can be no abuse; therefore, all residents of the Municipality of Brockton are urged to join this global movement to promote the Rights of Older Adults and Stop Abuse and Restore Respect.

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton in the Province of Ontario do hereby proclaim June 15, 2023, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and encourage all residents of the Municipality of Brockton to recognize and celebrate seniors and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our municipality.

**Carried**

## **12. Information**

Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) responded to a question from Council regarding Bill 5, which subsequently was lost on division by the Provincial Government.

- 12.1 Municipal Innovation Council Minutes
- 12.2 Town of Bancroft Resolution - Support Essex on Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
- 12.3 City of Cambridge Resolution - Highway Traffic Act Amendments
- 12.4 Municipality of Casselman Resolution - Bill 5
- 12.5 Township of Clearview Resolution - Support Prince Edward County on Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
- 12.6 Township of Clearview Resolution - Support Tay Valley on School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 12.7 Town of Cobourg Resolution - Support Cambridge on Amending Highway Traffic Act
- 12.8 Town of Cobourg Resolution - Support Lincoln on Municipal Heritage Register  
Councillor McLean requested that Item 12.18 be brought forward to the next Council Meeting.
- 12.9 Town of Cobourg Resolution - Support Plympton-Wyoming on Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms
- 12.10 Township of Eanturel Resolution - Bill 5
- 12.11 Township of Eanturel Resolution - Support North Perth on School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 12.12 Township of Georgian Bay Resolution - Support Cobourg on Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
- 12.13 Township of Georgian Bay Resolution - Support Greater Napanee on Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
- 12.14 County of Lanark Resolution - Support for Legislative Measures to Help First Responders from Violence
- 12.15 Township of Limerick Resolution - Proposed Changes to Provincial Policy Statement



- 12.16 Township of Limerick Resolution - Support Chatham-Kent on Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
- 12.17 Township of Limerick Resolution - Support Essex on Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
- 12.18 Town of Lincoln Resolution - Municipal Heritage Register
- Councillor McLean requested that the motion be brought forward to the next meeting for Council's consideration.
- 12.19 Northumberland County Resolution - Support on Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
- 12.20 Northumberland County Resolution - Support Trent Lakes and Lake of Bays on Municipal Oath of Office
- 12.21 City of Pickering Resolution - Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services
- 12.22 Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Support Waterloo on Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms
- 12.23 Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Support Tweed on Bell-Hydro Infrastructure
- 12.24 City of Port Colborne Resolution - Support Cambridge on Highway Traffic Act Amendments
- 12.25 Township of Puslinch Resolution - Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- 12.26 Township of Puslinch Resolution - Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
- 12.27 Township of Puslinch Resolution - Support Cambridge on Highway Traffic Act Amendments
- 12.28 City of Quinte West Resolution - Renovictions Support Request
- 12.29 Township of Ryerson Resolution - Aerodromes
- 12.30 Township of South Stormont Resolution - Bill 97 and Draft Provincial Policy Statement
- 12.31 Municipality of Wawa Resolution - Municipal Elections Act
- 12.32 Municipality of Wawa Resolution - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 12.33 Municipality of Wawa Resolution - Support Oxford County and Montague on Bill 5
- 12.34 Township of Woolwich Resolution - Bill 5

**Resolution 23-13-16**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

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

**Carried**

### 13. By-Laws

#### **Resolution 23-13-17**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

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 2023-063 - Adopt Records Retention Policy By-Law

**Carried**

### 14. Committee Minutes

### 15. New Business Brought Forward

#### 15.1 Notice of Motion - Project Management Committee

Deputy Mayor Lang provided Notice of Motion, seconded by Councillor Hutcheon, for consideration at the next Council Meeting.

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Brockton underwent a review of all Committees and Local Boards throughout 2020;

And Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Brockton in consultation with the Parks and Recreation Committee recommended creating a separate Committee to assist with planning for a new municipal facility, such as an arena;

And Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Brockton passed Resolution 20-27-20 approving creating a stand-alone Project Management Committee to assist with project planning for new facilities for the Municipality of Brockton;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby request that the Project Management Committee Terms of Reference be brought forward for adoption by By-Law, and that the Project Management Committee membership be established in order to convene a meeting;

And further that a fundraising campaign be initiated for a new municipal arena.

#### 2. Walkerton Fire Department Touch a Truck and Breakfast

Deputy Mayor Lang noted that the Walkerton Fire Department are hosting Touch a Truck and a community breakfast on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

### 16. Closed Session

#### **Resolution 23-13-18**

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiation carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board - **Shared Services Agreement**

**Carried**

**Resolution 23-13-19**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

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

**Carried**

**17. Confirmation of Proceedings**

**Resolution 23-13-20**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

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 2023-064 - June 6, 2023 Confirmatory By-Law

**Carried**

**18. Adjournment**

**Resolution 23-13-21**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 8:41 p.m. to meet again on June 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cargill Community Centre.

**Carried**

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Mayor - Chris Peabody

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Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)