



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 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)
Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer
Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations
Brad Thomson, Acting Community Services Supervisor

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

Resolution 23-15-01

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on July 11, 2023 as presented.

Carried

- 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
- 4. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act**
- 4.1 Planning Application - Zoning By-Law Amendment Z-2023-047**

Benito Russo, Bruce County Planner, provided an overview of the application and the relevant planning considerations. The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment application was to rezone the lands to add a permitted use of open storage including for travel trailers, boats, recreational vehicles, and other similar on or off-road vehicles. Mr. Russo noted that no changes were proposed to the existing light industrial use of the property. Mr. Russo advised that no comments were received in objection to the application.

Dana Kieffer, Planner for the applicant, spoke in support of the application to confirm the extended storage use to maximize the functionality of the site.

Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) confirmed that there were no other individuals in attendance in person, and no attendees on-line who indicated they wanted to participate in the public meeting.

Resolution 23-15-02

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton has considered and hereby accepts the Planning Report prepared by Benito Russo, Bruce County Planner, dated July 11, 2023, and entitled Municipality of Brockton Planning Report and further that Council approves the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment submitted by JTL Limited, File Z-2023-047 and authorizes a Site Specific By-Law coming forward.

Carried

5. Delegations

5.1 Georgian Bay Affordable Housing Development Corp/EcoSpex Inc. - Concierge Development Program

Julia Scarcella, Project Manager of EcoSpex Inc. presented her plan for attainable housing across Grey and Bruce County. Ms. Scarcella noted her organization was a consortium dedicated to creating affordable housing to help collaborate and partner with municipalities. The organization has focused on Grey and Bruce County, with a goal of providing a package of information for developers to assist in encouraging and supporting affordable housing units to be built in an efficient manner. The package included MOU's, planning guidance and incentives to demonstrate the different types of housing models.

Council discussed the options at the local level and expressed support for initiatives being undertaken at the County level.

Ms. Scarcella advised that the consortium of the working board was made up of "for-profit" experts and had been advocating for funding to create a new not-for-profit to be formed.

Mayor Peabody thanked Ms. Scarcella for attending and noted the importance of keeping affordable housing as a priority at all levels.

6. Minutes

6.1 Council Minutes - June 20, 2023

Resolution 23-15-03

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Council Meeting as presented.

Carried

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

8. Reports

8.1 Robinson and South Street Crosswalk

Resolution 23-15-04

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2023-15 - Robinson and South Street Crosswalk, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward to amend the Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-Law to include the addition of a school crossing at the intersection of Robinson and South Street in Walkerton.

Carried

8.2 Sideroad 30 and Concession 10 Follow Up

Resolution 23-15-05

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2023-16 – Sideroad 30 and Concession 10 Follow Up, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations for information purposes.

Carried

8.3 Highway 9, County Road 3 and County Road 4 Update

Council discussed the update provided by the Ministry of Transportation. Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations confirmed that one of the adjacent properties was a cemetery, such that it would restrict the ability for the installation of a roundabout. Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations confirmed that while a specific date for the installation of traffic lights was not yet known, the preliminary site work is underway.

Resolution 23-15-06

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives report number PW2023-17 – Highway 9, County Road 3 and County Road 4 Update, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations for information purposes.

Carried

8.4 June 2023 Water and Wastewater Operations Maintenance

Resolution 23-15-07

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2023-09 – June 2023 Water and Wastewater Operations and Maintenance, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, for information purposes.

Carried

8.5 Financial Report as of June 30, 2023

Resolution 23-15-08

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2023-18 - Financial Report as of June 30, 2023, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and Jessica Pinkse, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer for information purposes.

Carried

8.6 Semi-Annual Tax Arrears to June 30, 2023

Council asked for additional information to be brought back on the collection efforts for properties in arrears.

Resolution 23-15-09

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2023-19 – Semi-Annual Tax Arrears to June 30, 2023, prepared by Jessica Pinkse, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer for information purposes.

Carried

8.7 Kinette Club of Walkerton Donation Request

Council expressed support that the event was returning to the community.

Resolution 23-15-10

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2023-20 - Kinette Club of Walkerton Donation Request, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and in doing so approves the donation request of \$300 to the Kinette Club of Walkerton for the 2023 Fairytale Feast event

Carried

8.8 Recreation Department Update

Council thanked staff for their efforts in ensuring a smooth transition of service while recruitment occurred for the new Director of Community Services.

Resolution 23-15-11

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-24 – Recreation Department Update, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer/Acting Director of Community Services for information purposes.

Carried

8.9 Recreation Use of Bar Fee Amendment

Council expressed support for moving towards a cost recovery model rather than a set administration charge.

Resolution 23-15-12

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-23 - Recreation Use of Bar Fee Amendment, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer/Acting Director of Community Services and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward to amend the Fees and Charges By-Law to amend the “Use of Bar – Ice, Mix, Cup” fee from \$200/event to cost recovery per event fee.

Carried

8.10 Recreation Fleet Replacement – Cost Saving

Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions from Council about the proposal for the purchase of new vehicles and the potential interest rates that would be possible.

Council discussed local comparators and whether additional models were investigated. Ms. Serratore explained that attempts were made to solicit additional quotes.

Ms. Serratore responded to questions from Council, confirming that the direction was to move away from the rental with Thomas Solutions and purchase the vehicles outright.

Council amended the motion to pursue lower interest rates and adjust how the trucks would be purchased.

Resolution 23-15-13

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-25 – Recreation Fleet Replacement – Cost Saving, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer/Acting Director of Community Services and in doing so approves proceeding with the replacement of the two rental vehicles from Thomas Solution and in doing so, approves the CFO entering into a finance agreement for the following:

- Replace the 2021 Chevrolet Silverado with a 2500 Sierra Crew Cab to be purchased outright from the Recreation Reserve Fund
- Return the two Thomas Solution rental pick-up trucks
- Purchase two 1500 Silverado Crew Cab pick-up trucks at 0.99% interest for 60 months

Carried

8.11 Walkerton Community Centre Light Conversion to LED

Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer provided additional information on the LED lumens in comparison to the current wattage, and advised that the conversion to LED lighting would result in a savings of approximately \$1,000 as well as the benefit of rebates. Ms. Serratore noted the timeline to replace the lights prior to the ice being installed at the arena. It was noted that staff would make an application for the rebate following the purchase of the LED lights.

Resolution 23-15-14

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report REC2023-26 - Walkerton Community Centre Light Conversion to LED, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer/Acting Director of Community Services and in doing so approves staff proceeding with the replacement of the community centre light conversion to LED and funded by capital savings outlined in the report.

Carried

8.12 Disaster Mitigation Fund Valleyside Cliff Erosion Grant Application

Council expressed support for obtaining a second opinion from a geotechnical engineer, and noted the gap in funding such a large project.

Resolution 23-15-15

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CLK2023-15 – Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Valleyside Cliff Erosion Grant Application, prepared by Fiona Hamilton Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and in doing so authorizes applying for the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund for work protecting the toe and cutting back the slope along the valleyside cliff in Walkerton at an estimated total project cost of \$8,500,000.00 plus HST;

And further authorizes staff to obtain a secondary opinion by a geotechnical engineer of the existing information;

And further authorizes staff to seek letters of support from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, and other interested agencies;

And to apply to the Bruce Power Environment and Sustainability Fund;

And to undertake more detailed consultation with the local Indigenous communities.

Carried

8.13 2023 Bi-Annual Municipal Website Progress

Resolution 23-15-16

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2023-13 – 2023 Bi-Annual Municipal Website Progress, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk for information purposes.

Carried

8.14 SVCA Category Three Services Agreement

Resolution 23-15-17

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2023-14 – SVCA Category Three Services Agreement, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) for information purposes;

And further that Council authorize pursuing the Category 3 Cost Apportioning Agreement, and further provide the following direction to staff regarding comments on the agreement and Category 3 programs and services: no further comments to offer.

Carried

8.15 Finland Nuclear Repository Tour Update

Council noted the importance of attending the tour as representatives of Brockton and the County of Bruce to gather additional information from experts about the impacts that may occur in our community if a similar facility was to be built in the area.

Resolution 23-15-18

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2023-12 - Finland Nuclear Repository Tour, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes.

Carried

9. Public Notification

9.1 Tennis Court Rehabilitation

9.2 Market Garden Grand Opening

9.3 Summer Streetfest

10. Accounts

10.1 Accounts - \$4,433,841.85

Resolution 23-15-19

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$4,433,841.85.

Carried

11. Correspondence Requiring Action

12. Information

12.1 Province of Ontario News Release - Expansion of Clean Nuclear at Bruce Power

12.2 Bruce Power News Release - Province Starts Pre-Development Work for New Nuclear Generation to Power Ontario's Growth

12.3 Notice of Public Meeting Z-2023-043 and B-2023-046

12.4 Bruce County News Release - Additional Funding for Community Paramedicine in Bruce County

Councillor Hutcheon thanked the Province for providing funding for paramedic care in Bruce County that would allow elderly individuals to receive care at home.

12.5 Saugeen Ojibway Nation Environmental Office - 2023 Water Walk

12.6 Ombudsman Ontario - June 2023 Newsletter

12.7 Hanover/Walkerton Waste Management Committee Minutes - May 16, 2023

12.8 Municipal Innovation Council Minutes - May 24, 2023

12.9 Municipality of Chatham-Kent Resolution - Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

12.10 Municipality of Chatham-Kent Resolution - Support Bill 5

- 12.11 Township of Cramahe Resolution - Support Cambridge on Highway Traffic Act Amendments
- 12.12 Township of Cramahe Resolution - Support Women of Ontario Say No on Changes to Municipal Code of Conduct and Enforcement
- 12.13 Town of Essex Resolution - Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare Regarding Code Red and Black Frequency
- 12.14 Town of Greater Napanee Resolution - Support Women Say No on Changes to Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement
- 12.15 Town of Halton Hills Resolution - Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
- 12.16 Town of Petrolia Resolution - Increase in Licenced Child Care Spaces
- 12.17 City of Port Colborne Resolution - Support on Right to Repair Movement
- 12.18 Township of Selwyn Resolution - Short Term Rentals
- 12.19 Township of South Stormont Resolution - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 12.20 Township of Whitewater Region Resolution - Declare Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic

Resolution 23-15-20

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

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 23-15-21

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

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 2023-069 - Zoning By-Law Amendment - JTL Limited Z-2023-047
- By-Law 2023-070 - Amend Traffic and Parking By-Law (Robinson/South St Crosswalk and Market Garden Accessible Parking)
- By-Law 2023-071 - Amend 2023 Fees and Charges By-Law (Recreation Bar Fees)

Carried

14. Committee Minutes

Resolution 23-15-22

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

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

- Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes - May 16, 2023
- Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - May 26, 2023

15. New Business Brought Forward

1. Tennis/Pickleball Court Fundraising

Deputy Mayor Lang acknowledged the efforts of the Tennis and Pickleball Court sub-Committee for fundraising for the refurbishment of the tennis courts, noting the \$39,000 currently raised for this initiative.

2. Nuclear Tour

Deputy Mayor Lang noted the appreciation for the NWMO's invitation to attend the nuclear repository tour in Finland.

3. Durham Street Bridge Update

Deputy Mayor Lang reported that Bruce County Council met on July 6, 2023 and approved proceeding with a study to review all options for a Bailey Bridge in Walkerton to better assist residents during the Durham Street Bridge replacement.

4. Retirement of Elmwood Deputy Fire Chief

Deputy Mayor Lang noted the dedication provided by Elmwood Deputy Fire Chief, Wayne McLeod, who is retiring with over 45 years of service, noting the article published in the Walkerton Herald Times.

16. Closed Session

Resolution 23-15-23

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 8:05 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 - **Property Proposal, Property Transfers, East Ridge Business Park Offer**
- Labour relations or employee negotiations - **Staffing Update**

Carried

Resolution 23-15-24

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approve the direction provided to staff in Closed Session and in doing so acknowledges the hiring of Lisa Fagan, Programming Coordinator (Contract) effective July 17, 2023.

Carried

17. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 23-15-25

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

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 2023-072 - July 11, 2023 Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

18. Adjournment

Resolution 23-15-26

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 8:45 p.m. to meet again on August 8, 2023.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

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