



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 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
Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations
Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO

1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Peabody informed Council that he had visited the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation on behalf of both the County of Bruce and the Municipality of Brockton to discuss Bruce County's Reconciliation Action Plan which was an opportunity to build bridges and relationships.

2. Acceptance of Council Agenda

Resolution 24-08-01

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on February 20, 2024 as presented.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act

5. Delegations

6. Minutes

6.1 Council Minutes - February 6, 2024

Resolution 24-08-02

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the Council Meeting on February 6, 2024 as presented.

Carried

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

8. Reports

8.1 January 2024 Water and Wastewater Operations Maintenance

Resolution 24-08-03

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2024-02 – January 2024 Water and Wastewater Operation Maintenance and Annual Water System Inspections, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, for information purposes.

Carried

8.2 2023 Building Permit Fee Annual Report

Resolution 24-08-04

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number FIN2024-12 – 2023 Building Permit Fee Annual Report, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer for information purposes.

Carried

8.3 2023 Council Remuneration and Expenses

Resolution 24-08-05

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2024-13 – 2023 Council Remuneration and Expenses, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer for information purposes.

Carried

8.4 2023 Parkland Cash in Lieu

Resolution 24-08-06

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2024-11 – 2023 Parkland Cash in Lieu, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer for information purposes.

Carried

8.5 Chief Building Official's Activity Report for January 2024

Resolution 24-08-07

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BLDG2024-04 – Chief Building Official's Activity Report for January 2024, prepared by Dieter Wetz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO for information purposes.

Carried

8.6 Green Inclusive Community Build Fund Application – New Municipal Complex

Council expressed their disappointment in not receiving the grant and discussed opportunities for future grants.

Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) responded to an inquiry about grant applications advising that staff review grant opportunities regularly advising that there have not been many opportunities for grants related to maintenance and renovation of existing facilities. Trish Serratore Chief Financial Officer noted that Brockton did apply for the Save on Energy grant for the energy lighting retrofit but there were currently no other grants available for maintenance.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff would continue to advance this project as the building condition assessments were recently completed and were being reviewed by departments. Information would be brought forward regarding the arena and maintenance factors as well as reviewing past reports that would guide the direction of the type of arena that could be built and the next steps that could be completed and seek Council's further direction related to this project.

Resolution 24-08-08

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2024-03 - Green Inclusive Community Build Fund Application – New Municipal Complex, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services for information purposes.

Carried

9. Public Notification

10. Accounts

10.1 Accounts - \$424,713.15

Resolution 24-08-09

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$424,713.15.

Carried

11. Correspondence Requiring Action

11.1 Celtic Academy Canada - Proclamation and Flag Raising Request for Irish Heritage Month

Mayor Peabody and Councillor Kuhnke noted they would attend the flag raising ceremony.

Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) responded to an inquiry from Council advising that the appropriate protocol would be considered for the flag, and the parameters in the Flag Etiquette Policy limiting these types of requests to the community flag pole located at the Municipal Office.

Resolution 24-08-10

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

Whereas in 2004 the Government of Ontario proclaimed Bill 33: An Act proclaiming Irish Heritage Day - March 17, the day of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of the Irish;

And Whereas the Government on Canada marked the first official Irish Heritage Month in Canada in March 2022;

And Whereas today almost 4.6 million Canadians in towns and cities across Canada can trace their ancestry back to Ireland

And Whereas Irish Canadians have greatly contributed to the story of our country, province and town and March is an opportunity to learn more about their history, culture and positive impacts to our local community;

And Whereas the Celtic Academy Irish Dance Canada with ten locations in Ontario is celebrating the month with numerous Irish Dance classes and camps;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby proclaims the month of March as Irish Heritage Month in the Municipality of Brockton;

And Further that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton raise the National Flag of Ireland from March 11-18, 2024 on the community flag pole located at the Municipal Office with an Irish dancing performance by Celtic Academy Canada students to celebrate.

Carried

11.2 The Period Purse - Proclamation Request for Menstrual Health Day 2024

It was noted that staff would monitor any comments received regarding the flag on social media.

Resolution 24-08-11

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby proclaims May 28th as Menstrual Health Day (MH Day) in the Municipality of Brockton and in doing so approves flying the flag for MH Day on the community flag pole for a period of one week beginning May 27-31, 2024.

Carried

12. Information

- 12.1 Bruce County News Release: Bridge Weight Restriction and Alternate Truck Route for Walkerton Bridge Project
- 12.2 Hanover-Walkerton Waste Management Committee Minutes - November 14, 2023
- 12.3 Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group - Wind Turbine Projects
Councillor Hutcheon suggested that Council state their intention to be an unwilling host. Mayor Peabody informed Council that discussions were underway and a report would be coming forward in the future.
- 12.4 Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Resolution - South Bruce OPP Detachment Board Transition Committee
- 12.5 City of Hamilton Resolution - Support OEB Decision to End Gas Pipeline Subsidy
- 12.6 Municipality of Kincardine Resolution - South Bruce OPP Detachment Board Transition Committee
- 12.7 Town of Petrolia Resolution - Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences
- 12.8 Township of McMurrich/Monteith Resolution - Support Prince Edward County on Expanding Life of Fire Apparatus
- 12.9 Township of McMurrich/Monteith Resolution - Increase Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighters
- 12.10 Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Support Sarnia on Carbon Tax
- 12.11 Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Support Prince Edward County on Expanding Life of Fire Apparatus
- 12.12 Township of Ramara Resolution - Social and Economic Prosperity Review
- 12.13 County of Renfrew Resolution - Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems
- 12.14 Town of Springwater Resolution - Amendment to OHSA to Clarify Definition of Employer
- 12.15 Town of South Bruce Peninsula Resolution - Support for Comprehensive Review of Social and Economic Prosperity
- 12.16 Municipality of Wawa Resolution - Life Span of Fire Apparatus
- 12.17 Municipality of Wawa Resolution - Support Tay Township on Provincial Cemetery Management

Resolution 24-08-12

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

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

Carried

13. By-Laws

14. Committee Minutes

14.1 Brockton Heritage Committee Minutes - November 29, 2023

14.2 Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes - January 2, 2024

Resolution 24-08-13

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

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

Carried

15. New Business Brought Forward

1. Condolences for David Thomson

Councillor Elphick recognized the long-standing political career of David Thomson, Brockton's first Mayor and expressed condolences to the Thomson family on Mr. Thomson's passing.

2. Family Day

Council thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for the successful Family Day event, noting the large community participation and activities being offered, including the Battle of the Badges hockey game which donated funds to the Walkerton and District Hospital Foundation.

3. Condolences for Paulette Peirol

Mayor Peabody expressed condolences to staff and Council on the passing of Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator and noted the positive feedback received from the business community. Mayor Peabody added that he had the opportunity to share the story of the Market Garden park dedicated to the immigrant experience at the Bruce County Museum's Lunar New Year event, which was a large project of Ms. Peirol's.

16. Closed Session

Resolution 24-08-14

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - **Designated Heritage Property Update**
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board - **By-Law Enforcement Matters**

Carried

Resolution 24-08-15

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

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

Carried

17. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 24-08-16

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

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 2024-018 - February 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

18. Adjournment

Resolution 24-08-17

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 7:48 p.m. to meet again on March 5, 2024.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

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