



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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

Council Present: Chris Peabody, Mayor
James Lang, Deputy Mayor (Absent for Items 16-18)
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
Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services
Brad Thomson, Facilities and Parks Coordinator

1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

2. Acceptance of Council Agenda

Resolution 24-10-01

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on March 26, 2024 as presented.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Deputy Mayor James Lang declared a conflict of interest on Item 8.1 and an item being discussed within the Closed Session.

4. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act

5. Delegations

6. Minutes

6.1 Council Minutes - March 5, 2024

Resolution 24-10-02

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the March 5, 2024 Council Meeting as presented.

Carried

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

7.1 Township of Perry Resolution - Amend Blue Box Regulations for Ineligible Sources

Council discussed ineligible sources which will impact municipal facilities.

Resolution 24-10-03

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

And Whereas 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

And Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton hereby request that the Province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMO, and the Township of Perry.

Carried

7.2 Municipality of Tweed Resolution - Support for Natural Gas to Secure Access to Affordable Energy

Mayor Peabody noted that he would be testifying at Queen's Park for a potential Bill to make energy cheaper and to ensure the OEB does not restrict natural gas for residents in rural Ontario.

Resolution 24-10-04

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

Whereas access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability;

And Whereas the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Municipality of Brockton;

And Whereas Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Municipality of Brockton supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

And Further that the Municipality of Brockton recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

And Further that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

And Further that the Municipality of Brockton supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

And Further that this resolution be circulated to the AMO, Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, the Ministry of Energy, MPP Lisa Thompson, Enbridge Gas Inc., EPCOR, and the Municipality of Tweed.

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Deputy Mayor Resignation

Council inquired about Deputy Mayor Lang's intention to remain a member of Council. Deputy Mayor Lang noted he had declared a conflict on this item and would not speak about the matter at this time. Mayor Peabody advised that the Deputy Mayor intended to make a statement under Item 15. New Business Brought Forward.

Resolution 24-10-05

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number CLK2024-06 – Deputy Mayor Resignation, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) for information purposes.

Carried

8.2 2008 Chevrolet Silverado Replacement

Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services, responded to comments from Council about the option of potentially leasing a vehicle for the summer of 2024. Council discussed the implications of purchasing the vehicle as a capital purchase rather than including lease agreements within the operating budget.

Resolution 24-10-06

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2024-04 - 2008 Chevrolet Silverado Replacement, prepared by Brad Thomson, Facilities and Parks Coordinator and Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services and in doing so approves staff proceeding with option 2 (B) – with 0% financing as presented.

Carried

8.3 Recreation Department Update Winter 2024

Council commented on the positive feedback received from residents about the diverse recreation programs being offered and the strong response to the summer day camp programming.

Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services responded to questions from Council and noted an increase of approximately 15% on bookings for lobbies park after adding the season site option.

Council advocated that the list of events be shared on social media.

Resolution 24-10-07

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report REC2024-03 – Recreation Department Update Winter 2024, prepared by Colleen Gillis, Director of Recreation for information purposes.

Carried

8.4 2024 Annual Repayment Limit

Resolution 24-10-08

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton receives Report Number FIN2024-15 – 2024 Annual Repayment Limit, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer for information purposes.

Carried

8.5 Early Investment in Education and Skills Update

Council commented on the positive impact of the program on local service clubs.

Resolution 24-10-09

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby Report Number CAO2024-06 – Early Investment in Education and Skills Update, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in doing so supports the 2024 Early Investment in Education and Skills Program Parameters as presented, and accepts the funding allocations as outlined;

And further approves the remaining 2023 and 2022 funds be used as part of the 2024 funding opportunities for the community; and further authorizes the CAO and CFO to approve the EIES applications according to the program parameters.

Carried

8.6 Personnel Policies Updated – March 26, 2024

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that sections 11 and 12 would be removed from the policy.

Council recommended clarifying in the eligibility section that all remaining employees would be compensated in accordance with the Employment Standards Act, 2000.

Resolution 24-10-10

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number HR2024-01 - Personnel Policies Updated - March 26, 2024, prepared by Sonya

Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Julie Farrell, Human Resources Generalist and Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and in doing so accepts the amended Hours of Work Policy, and Overtime Policy as presented, and further approves By-Laws coming forward to adopt the amended Hours of Work, and the Overtime Policy.

And further that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves removing Section 11 – Payment-In-Lieu of Overtime wording and Section 12 - Mileage Allowance Expenses wording from the Personnel Policy and a By-Law coming forward to adopt the amended Personnel Policy.

Carried

8.7 Brockton Child Care Centre Additional Staff

Resolution 24-10-11

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number BCCC2024-02 – Brockton Child Care Centre Additional Staff, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes and approves hiring an additional full-time permanent RECE Teacher at the Brockton Child Care Centre to ensure high quality child care services continue to be delivered at the Brockton Child Care Centre.

Carried

9. Public Notification

10. Accounts

10.1 Accounts - \$2,880,151.12

Resolution 24-10-12

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 \$2,880,151.12.

Carried

11. Correspondence Requiring Action

11.1 Invitation to Elmwood and District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting

11.2 Request to Proclaim April as Organ and Tissue Awareness Month

Resolution 24-10-13

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby proclaims April as Organ and Tissue Awareness Month, and further approves raising the Be a Donor flag on the community flag pole at the Municipal Office and the flag pole at the Elmwood Community Centre for a period of one week beginning April 21-27, 2024 in recognition of Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month.

Carried

11.3 Saugeen Municipal Airport Request - First Responders Day

Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) asked that Council members inform staff if they are unable to attend the joint Council Meeting on the Saugeen Municipal Airport occurring on April 17, 2024, or require a virtual login for the meeting to ensure there is a quorum available.

Resolution 24-10-14

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality hereby support a flyby by the Canadian Armed Forces aircraft as low as 500 feet for the planned First Responders Day being held at the Saugeen Municipal Airport for transit, practice, and shows on June 8, 2024.

Carried

12. Information

- 12.1 Municipal Engineers Association - 2024 Municipal Engineers Association Bursary Program
- 12.2 Town of Bracebridge Resolution - Request for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework
- 12.3 Municipality of Brighton Resolution - Ride Sharing Services
- 12.4 Municipality of Chatham-Kent Resolution - Amend Blue Box Regulation for Ineligible Sources
- 12.5 Town of Huntsville Resolution - Support Wawa on Provincial Cemetery Management
- 12.6 Town of Kearney Resolution - Support for Cemetery Administration Management
- 12.7 Township of Limerick Resolution - Support Calvin on National Fire Fighting Strategy
- 12.8 Township of Limerick Resolution - Support Hanover on Review of Social and Economic Prosperity
- 12.9 Township of Puslinch Resolution - Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors Training
- 12.10 Township of Puslinch Resolution - Support for Bill 165 Keeping Energy Costs Down Act, 2024

Resolution 24-10-15

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

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 24-10-16

Moved By: Mitch Clark

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 2024-022 - OILC Borrowing to Meet Expenditures for Ongoing Capital Works Agreement By-Law
- By-Law 2024-023 - Amend 2024 Borrowing for Capital Expenditures By-Law
- By-Law 2024-024 - Amend Personnel Policy By-Law
- By-Law 2024-025 - Amend Hours of Work Policy By-Law
- By-Law 2024-026 - Adopt Overtime Policy By-Law

Carried

14. Committee Minutes

Resolution 24-10-17

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

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

- Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes - December 7, 2023
- Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes - February 6, 2024
- Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - February 22, 2024
- Brockton Police Services Board Draft Minutes - March 14, 2024

Carried

15. New Business Brought Forward

15.1 Notice of Motion - Smoking Enforcement By-Law

Council requested that that previous staff report also be brought back for consideration as well as the draft Smoking Enforcement By-Law.

1. Police Services Board

Councillor Elphick noted that the Brockton Police Services Board held their last meeting on March 14, 2024 and would be transitioning to the new South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board on April 1st. Council thanked the members who served on the Brockton PSB for their dedication, and recognized the efforts of Chair, Brian Read who served on the PSB since 2017.

Action: Brockton will send a thank you letter to Brian Read.

2. Deputy Mayor Resignation

Deputy Mayor Lang made a statement reconsidering his resignation made at the March 5, 2024 Council Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Lang left the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and did not participate in the Closed Session meeting.

16. Closed Session

Resolution 24-10-18

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 7:35 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 Offer to Purchase**
- Labour relations or employee negotiations - **Employee Investigation Report**
- Advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - **Complaint Recommendations**
- 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 - **Utility Connection Agreement**

Carried

Resolution 24-10-19

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

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

Carried

Resolution 24-10-20

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby amends James Lang's restriction from the Walkerton Community Centre building and grounds to be the earlier of one (1) year or the conclusion of the Integrity Commissioner investigation and/or resulting Council decision.

Carried

17. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 24-10-21

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

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 2024-027 - March 26, 2024 Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

18. Adjournment

Resolution 24-10-22

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 8:30 p.m. to meet again on April 9, 2024.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

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