



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 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
Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations
Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO

1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Peabody started the meeting with a personal reflection on the importance of acknowledging the lands on which Brockton Council meets, and summarized the reconciliation action plan that was due to be adopted by Bruce County Council in the near future.

2. Retirement Recognition - Connie Borth, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor

Mayor Peabody recognized Connie Borth, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor's longstanding dedication to the community and the vital role that she played in delivering exceptional service to the community.

Council presented Connie with a certificate recognizing her retirement as Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor after 34 years of service.

3. Acceptance of Council Agenda

Resolution 24-16-01

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 June 4, 2024 as presented.

Carried

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

5. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act

6. Delegations

7. Minutes

7.1 Council Minutes - May 21, 2024

Resolution 24-16-02

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the May 21, 2024 Council Meeting as presented.

Carried

8. Business Arising From the Minutes

8.1 Motion - Application to Bruce Power Affordable Housing Stream

Mayor Peabody provided some background to the resolution and the need to consider the lands that would be suitable for a housing project. Council thanked Bruce Power for introducing a funding stream to assist the municipalities with creating worker focused housing in the area.

Resolution 24-16-03

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

Whereas, the issue of affordable housing shortage persists within our community, impacting the well-being and stability of our residents;

Whereas, Bruce Power has established an Affordable Housing Stream to support initiatives aimed at addressing this pressing issue; and

Whereas, the rezoning of certain municipal properties from Institutional to Residential can contribute significantly to increasing the availability of affordable housing options within our municipality; and

Whereas, the Municipality of Brockton recognizes the importance of utilizing all available resources to facilitate the development of affordable housing solutions;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Municipality of Brockton hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the Bruce Power Affordable Housing Stream for funds to support the rezoning of municipal land from Institutional to Residential;

And Be it Further Resolved that the Chief Administrative Officer or designate, is authorized to take all necessary actions to complete and submit the application, including providing any required documentation or information;

And Be it Further Resolved that upon successful approval of the application and receipt of funds from the Bruce Power Affordable Housing Stream, the allocated funds shall be utilized solely for the purpose of facilitating the rezoning process and associated costs for the aforementioned property;

And Be it Further Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton expresses its gratitude to Bruce Power for their commitment to addressing the affordable housing challenge and for providing this opportunity to support local initiatives aimed at making housing more accessible and affordable for all residents.

Carried

8.2 Motion - Unwilling Host for Wind, Solar and Battery Storage Projects

Council also directed that the resolution be circulated to the Minister of Energy.

Resolution 24-16-04

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Whereas the Independent Electrical System Operator (the IESO) has issued procurements for wind turbine, solar energy, and battery energy storage system projects to receive contracts from the IESO;

And Whereas the excessive amount of time and work required to complete these projects in order to submit procurements to the IESO divert resources away from municipally-focused tasks and capital projects;

And Whereas municipal approval is required to locate these types of projects in the Municipality of Brockton;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does not support the establishment of any wind turbine projects, solar energy projects, and battery energy storage projects within the Municipality of Brockton, further declaring its intent to be an unwilling host;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the IESO, and the Ministry of Energy, and that the IESO be directed to advise potential applicants of this resolution.

Carried

8.3 O.P.P. Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement Grant

Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) provided background information on the motion in relation to Council's direction to request a delegation meeting surrounding mental health supports with the Ontario Provincial Police. The South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment were applying for the 2024 MCRT grant and required a Municipality to host the grant should it be successful.

Resolution 24-16-05

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves the Municipality of Brockton acting as the host municipality for the application by the Ontario Provincial Police South Bruce Detachment to the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Enhancement Grant to support the ongoing need for additional mental health assistance on calls involving individuals experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis.

Carried

9. Reports

9.1 Recreation Project Update

Resolution 24-16-06

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2024-11 - Recreation Project Update, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Office for information purposes.

Carried

9.2 Ontario Regulation 284/09 – 2024 Update

Resolution 24-16-07

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2024-20 - Ontario Regulation 284/09 – 2024 Update, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer for information purposes.

Carried

9.3 Financial Report as of April 30th, 2024

Resolution 24-16-08

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2024 –18 - Financial Report as of April 30, 2024, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer for information purposes.

Carried

9.4 Youth Literacy Council Waived Fee Request

Council commented on the value the organization brought to the community and confirmed the amount of the donation that had been provided as part of the budget. Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions from Council about the donation policy and the staff time required for the event.

Resolution 24-16-09

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2024-19 – Youth Literacy Council Waived Fee Request, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and in doing so approves Option 2: send our regrets as Brockton provided \$300 in March 2024.

Carried

9.5 Proposed Temporary Liquor Licence Extension - Birdie Barn Walkerton

Resolution 24-16-10

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BL2024-06 - Proposed Temporary Liquor Licence Extension - Birdie Barn Walkerton, prepared by Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO and in doing so approves the application with the conditions outlined in the report.

Carried

9.6 Durham St Bridge Municipal Class EA Comments

Mayor Peabody noted that the lane closures were postponed until approval had been obtained from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

Council discussed the comments that should be highlighted to the County of Bruce through the Environmental Assessment process. Mayor Peabody

confirmed that a pedestrian crosswalk would be installed adjacent to the trail during the construction period.

Resolution 24-16-11

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2024-12 - Durham St Bridge Municipal Class EA Comments, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services and in doing so provides the following addition comments to staff to be included in the EA process: N/A

Carried

9.7 Water/Wastewater Systems Operator Contract Renewal

Council discussed the limited options and the need for a reputable and qualified operator. It was noted that Brockton could set aside funds to allow for a fulsome market review in the future if the reports were not consistently showing such high grades.

Resolution 24-16-12

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2024-07 - Water/Wastewater Systems Operator Contract Renewal, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so approves the extension of the contract with Veolia Canada for an additional five (5) year term.

Carried

10. Public Notification

10.1 Alternating Lane Closures on Durham Street Bridge Walkerton

Bridge rehabilitation repairs are taking place from Spring 2024 to Fall 2024 at the Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton. Motorists can expect lane closures on the bridge, with traffic control measures in place starting the week of May 27, 2024, and ending in December 2024. View Bruce County's [News Release](#) for more information.

10.2 Walkerton Firefighters Breakfast and Touch a Truck

Enjoy breakfast and see fire trucks at the Walkerton Fire Hall on June 8, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon

10.3 First Responders Day at Saugeen Municipal Airport

Come see planes, helicopters, fire trucks and more at First Responders Day on June 8, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Saugeen Municipal Airport.

10.4 June 18, 2024 Brockton Council Meeting Location

The June 18, 2024 Brockton Council Meeting will occur at 7:00 p.m. in the Cargill Community Centre (999 Greenock-Brant Townline, Cargill) instead of the Bruce County Council Chambers. This meeting will be held in hybrid format, in person at the Cargill Community Centre and electronically on Zoom and livestreamed to eSCRIBE.

11. Accounts

11.1 Accounts - \$968,665.51

Resolution 24-16-13

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$968,665.51.

Carried

12. Correspondence Requiring Action

12.1 Invitation to Lake Rosalind Property Owner's Association Annual General Meeting

12.2 Invitation to Multicultural Day

13. Information

13.1 Bruce County News Release: CSWBP Poverty and Income Action Table Working to Make Changes

13.2 Notice of Public Meetings - County Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment Z-2024-015

13.3 Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services - Letter to Elected Officials Town Hall Meeting on Challenges for Hauled Sewage

13.4 Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling Board Special Minutes - April 25, 2024

13.5 Saugeen Municipal Airport Minutes - April-May 2024

13.6 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board Minutes - March 21, 2024

13.7 Town of Cochrane Resolution - Operational Budget Funding

13.8 Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - ERO Postings

13.9 Township of West Lincoln Resolution - Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Resolution 24-16-14

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives all items provided in Section 13. Information.

Carried

14. By-Laws

15. Committee Minutes

16. New Business Brought Forward

1. Market Garden Event Space

Councillor McLean noted the investment in the Market Garden space and requested a staff report with information about the use of the park at the end of the summer season.

17. Closed Session

Resolution 24-16-15

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

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

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board - **Property Disposition Request**
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board - **Zoning Enforcement Matter**

Carried

Resolution 24-16-16

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

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

Carried

18. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 24-16-17

Moved By: Tim Elphick

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 2024-049 - June 4, 2024 Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

19. Adjournment

Resolution 24-16-18

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 7:55 p.m. to meet again on June 18, 2024 at the Cargill Community Centre.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

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