



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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

Council Present: Chris Peabody, Mayor
Kym Hutcheon, Deputy Mayor (attended remotely)
Mitch Clark, Councillor
Tim Elphick, Councillor
B. Carl Kuhnke, Councillor
Gregory J. McLean, Councillor
Steve Travale, Councillor

Staff Present: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer
Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)
Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer
Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO
Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services
Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services

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

Resolution 25-03-01

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on January 14, 2025 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 - December 10, 2024

Resolution 25-03-02

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the December 10, 2024 Council Meeting as presented.

Carried

7. **Business Arising From the Minutes**
8. **Reports**

8.1 Fire Protection Grant Update

Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services responded to an inquiry advising that the grant application was submitted in-house.

Resolution 25-03-03

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIRE2025-01 – Fire Protection Grant Update, prepared by Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward entering into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Office of the Fire Marshal for the Fire Protection Grant.

Carried

8.2 Brockton Childcare Centre Closure Due to Transition

Resolution 25-03-04

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number BCCC2025-01 – Brockton Child Care Centre Closure Due to Transition, prepared by Anna Fijol, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor and in doing so supports the Friday before Labour Day weekend as a transition day for the Brockton Child Care Centre staff.

Carried

8.3 Cargill District Community Foundation Donation 2024

Council acknowledged the work of the Cargill District Community Foundation as ambassadors for the community.

Resolution 25-03-05

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2025-01 - Cargill District Community Foundation Donation 2024, prepared by Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services for information purposes.

Carried

8.4 2024 Brockton Accomplishments

Resolution 25-03-06

Moved By: Steve Travale

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CA02025-01 - 2024 Brockton Accomplishments, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Rachel Bryan, Municipal Executive Coordinator for information purposes.

Carried

8.5 December 2024 Water and Wastewater Operations Maintenance

Resolution 25-03-07

Moved By: Steve Travale

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2025-01 –December 2024 Water and Wastewater Operation Maintenance prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and Rachel Bryan, Municipal Executive Coordinator for information purposes.

Carried

8.6 Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Year End Activity Update

Resolution 25-03-08

Moved By: Steve Travale

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BL2025-01 Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Year End Activity Update, prepared by Lisa MacDonald, Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer and Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO for information purposes.

Carried

8.7 Chief Building Official's Activity Report for December 2024

Resolution 25-03-09

Moved By: Steve Travale

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BLDG2025-01 – Chief Building Official's Activity Report for December 2024, prepared by Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO for information purposes.

Carried

8.8 Planning Activity 2024 Year End

Resolution 25-03-10

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PLN2025-01 - Planning Activity 2024 Year End, prepared by Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO and Dalton Stone, Municipal Services Coordinator for information purposes.

Carried

8.9 Hampson Foundry Proposed Partial Demolition

Resolution 25-03-11

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2025-02 - Hampson Foundry Proposed Partial Demolition, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and in doing so approves proceeding with Option 2.

Carried

8.10 Changes to Ontario Heritage Act for Municipal Heritage Register

Resolution 25-03-12

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report CLK2025-01 - Changes to Ontario Heritage Act for Municipal Heritage Register, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk for information purposes.

Carried

9. Public Notification

9.1 2025 ROMA Conference

Mayor Peabody advised that he would participate in delegation meetings with the Ministry of the Attorney General regarding court security prisoner transportation, the Ministry of Health on revisions to the Smoke Free Ontario Act, and enhanced funding for the Walkerton Birthing Centre, and the Ministry of Labour on funding for skilled trades training centres.

10. Accounts

10.1 Accounts - \$4,337,066.29

Resolution 25-03-13

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$4,337,066.29.

Carried

11. Correspondence Requiring Action

11.1 Invitation to Kinsmen & Kinette Clubs of Walkerton Anniversary Celebration

Mayor Peabody, Deputy Mayor Hutcheon, Councillor McLean and Councillor Travale will attend the anniversary celebration on March 1, 2025.

12. Information

12.1 Consent Application Notice B-2024-091, B-2024-092, B-2024-093, B-2024-094

12.2 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Media Release - SVCA Administrative Office Reopens January 13, 2025

12.3 South Bruce OPP Detachment Commander's Report January-October 2024

12.4 Town of Aylmer Resolution - Oppose Provincial Legislation on Cycling Lanes

12.5 Town of Cobalt Resolution - Improvements to Catch and Release Justice System

12.6 Township of East Garafraxa Resolution - Regulating Exotic Animals and Licensing Zoos

12.7 Municipality of Kincardine Resolution - Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties

Mayor Peabody advised that the Municipality of Kincardine are encouraging Ontario Power Generation and Bruce Power pay full taxation on their properties, which would aid Bruce County and lower-tier municipalities.

- 12.8 Northumberland County Resolution - Support Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development
- 12.9 Township of Puslinch Resolution - Support TAPMO Regarding Pre Budget Announcement
- 12.10 City of Stratford Resolution - Support on Respecting Local Democracy and Cities
- 12.11 City of Stratford Resolution - Support for Ontario Deposit Return Program
- 12.12 Municipality of Wawa Resolution - Support on Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues
- 12.13 Municipality of Wawa Resolution - Support for Billy Bishop Airport

Resolution 25-03-14

Moved By: Tim Elphick
 Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

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

Carried

13. By-Laws

Resolution 25-03-15

Moved By: Steve Travale
 Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton authorize that the following by-law be read a third and final time, and enacted, signed, sealed, and numbered as follows:

- By-Law 2024-096 - Development Charges By-Law

Carried

Resolution 25-03-16

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 2025-004 - Fire Protection Grant Transfer Payment Agreement By-Law

Carried

14. Committee Minutes

Resolution 25-03-17

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke
 Seconded By: Tim Elphick

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

- South Bruce OPP Detachment Board Minutes - April 26, 2024
- South Bruce OPP Detachment Board Minutes - September 16, 2024
- South Bruce OPP Detachment Board Minutes - October 16, 2024

- Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee Minutes - November 20, 2024
- Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes - December 4, 2024

Carried

15. New Business Brought Forward

15.1 Notice of Motion - Request for Province-wide Rideshare Framework

Councillor Travale will bring a motion for Council's consideration at the next meeting.

15.2 January 28, 2025 Council Meeting

Council decided to cancel the regular Council Meeting scheduled for January 28, 2025 as budget deliberations are still occurring.

16. Closed Session

A Closed Session did not occur during the regular Council Meeting, as it was previously considered during the January 14, 2025 Special Council Meeting (2025 Budget) Meeting.

17. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 25-03-18

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

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 2025-005 - January 14, 2025 Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

18. Adjournment

Resolution 25-03-19

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 7:11 p.m. to meet again on February 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. for a Special Council Meeting (2025 Budget) followed by a regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m., noting that the Council Meeting on January 28, 2025 be cancelled.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

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