



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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

Council Present: Chris Peabody, Mayor
Kym Hutcheon, Deputy Mayor
Mitch Clark, Councillor
Gregory J. McLean, Councillor
Steve Travale, Councillor

Council Absent: Tim Elphick, Councillor
B. Carl Kuhnke, Councillor

Staff Present: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer
Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)
Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations
Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services
Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO

1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Peabody called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Acceptance of Council Agenda

Resolution 25-10-01

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Steve Travale

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on April 22, 2025 as presented.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act

5. Delegations

5.1 Veolia Water Canada Inc. - 2024 Annual Water and Wastewater Report Review

Scott Gowan, Project Manager with Veolia Water Canada Inc., provided an overview of the annual water and wastewater reports from 2024. Mr. Gowan noted the six (6) drinking water systems throughout Brockton and noted the three municipally owned systems. Mr. Gowan reviewed the average flow summaries for each municipal drinking water system. Mr. Gowan noted that the peak flow in the Lake Rosalind system may have resulted in a higher peak flow that has subsequently been rectified. It was noted that the Municipality of Brockton has 100% for all three systems for the past eight (8) years at the Municipality. It was noted that there were no adverse water quality events in 2024.

Mr. Gowan noted that all regulatory and routine maintenance was completed along with one unexpected water main break at Ridout Street. Mr. Gowan noted there were also a number of curb stops and new water connections at the East Ridge Business Park. It was noted a valve was replaced in the Chepstow UV system.

Mr. Gowan noted that the only wastewater treatment system in Brockton was the Walkerton Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was noted that the peak flow was 91% capacity which was higher than the water system, indicating some infiltration to the system. Mr. Gowan noted that the spring flow was reasonable in 2024 but exceeded in 2025.

It was noted that the annual effluent compliance parameters were met for the 2024 year and Mr. Gowan reviewed the information related to substances removed from the system. Mr. Gowan also noted that there were a number of pump unclogging's, but noted the screening and blower upgrades would help to alleviate this issue.

Council thanked Mr. Gowan and his team for the strong compliance ratings. Mr. Gowan responded to questions from Council about the overall capacity of the wastewater treatment facility and recommended addressing system infiltrations. Mr. Gowan noted that Brockton's wastewater facility had a much lower flow than previous years due to construction upgrades but also the drier conditions in 2024. The drinking water flows were relatively flat over the past few years due to greater water consciousness but trends would be included in future reports for information purposes.

6. Minutes

6.1 Council Minutes - April 8, 2025

Resolution 25-10-02

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Steve Travale

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the April 8, 2025 Council Meeting as presented.

Carried

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

8. Reports

8.1 March 2025 Water and Wastewater Operations Maintenance and 2024 Annual Reports

Resolution 25-10-03

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Steve Travale

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2025-04 - March 2025 Water and Wastewater Operation Maintenance and 2024 Annual Reports, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations for information purposes.

Carried

8.2 2025 Paving Tender

Resolution 25-10-04

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Steve Travale

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2025-08 – 2025 Paving Tender, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so awards the contract to Walker Construction Limited in the amount of \$913,138.00, plus HST.

Carried

8.3 2025 Third Party Grass Cutting

Resolution 25-10-05

Moved By: Steve Travale

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2025-07 – 2025 Third Party Grass Cutting, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so awards the grass cutting contract to Waughtertite at a cost of \$7,700 plus HST per month.

Carried

8.4 2025 Dinner on Durham Kinette Club Requests

Council recognized the efforts of the Kinette Club and the long-standing successful event.

Resolution 25-10-06

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Steve Travale

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BL2025-03 - 2025 Dinner on Durham Kinette Club Requests, prepared by Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO and Lisa MacDonald, Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer and in doing so allows an exemption to the Noise By-Law to be granted from 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, 2025 until 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 20, 2025 to support the Kinette Club of Walkerton's 2025 Dinner on Durham event.

And further that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton declare Dinner on Durham on Saturday, July 19, 2025 to be a Municipally significant event in order for the Kinette Club of Walkerton to obtain their Special Occasion Permit liquor licence from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

Carried

8.5 Surplus Asset Disposal – Fire Department

Resolution 25-10-07

Moved By: Steve Travale

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2025-12 – Surplus Asset Disposal – Fire Department, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer for information purposes and approves the attached items being declared surplus.

Carried

8.6 Tax Incremental Equivalent Funding (TIEF) – WT Land Application

Deputy Mayor Hutcheon expressed support for the program and the need for affordable housing in the community.

Resolution 25-10-08

Moved By: Steve Travale

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2025-11 - Tax Incremental Equivalent Funding (TIEF) – WT Land Application, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer, Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and in doing so authorizes a By-Law coming forward entering into a TIEF agreement with W.T. Land CORP. and W.T. Land LP.

Carried

8.7 Housing Needs Assessment

Resolution 25-10-09

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CAO2025-06 – Housing Needs Assessment, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in so doing authorizes proceeding with J.L. Richards to complete the Housing Needs Assessment through previously received funding to support the Housing Accelerator Fund initiatives and in conjunction with the Official Plan/Zoning By-Law Review project.

Carried

8.8 Strong Mayors Powers

Council commented on the scope of the proposed changes and the potential different impact the powers may have for rural and smaller communities. Mayor Peabody highlighted areas of the proposed legislation that may warrant changes and additional consideration.

Resolution 25-10-10

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2025-05 – Strong Mayor Powers, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes and authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Legislative and Legal Services to work with Mayor Peabody on the implementation of Strong Mayor Powers as deemed desirable by the Mayor if enacted on May 1st, 2025.

Carried

9. Public Notification

9.1 Volunteer Recognition Awards

National Volunteer Week is April 27-May 3, 2025. The Municipality of Brockton appreciates the dedication of all of our volunteers, including members of Committees, Boards, and Service Clubs! Our 2025 Volunteer Recognition Awards: the Brockton Good Neighbour Award and the Walkerton & District Optimist Club's Outstanding Youth Award will be posted soon on our website

Brockton.ca/VolunteerAwards. We encourage you to submit a nomination for community members and outstanding youth that you feel should be recognized for their efforts! The annual Volunteer Recognition Event will be held on June 12, 2025 at the Walkerton Community Centre from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

9.2 Proposal to Add Additional Accessible Parking Space on Jane Street, Walkerton

The Accessibility Advisory Committee and Municipality are seeking the public's feedback on a proposal to amend the Traffic and Parking By-Law to add another accessible parking space along Jane Street, Walkerton, beside Sacred Heart Parish to accommodate persons with disabilities. There are currently two (2) existing accessible parking spaces on Jane Street beside Sacred Heart Parish.

Comments can be submitted to Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) by [email](#), or by mail to Municipality of Brockton 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 until May 1, 2025 at Noon. Council will consider comments on this proposal to amend the Traffic and Parking By-Law at their Council Meeting on May 13, 2025.

10. Accounts

10.1 Accounts - \$260,170.22

Resolution 25-10-11

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$260,170.22.

Carried

11. Correspondence Requiring Action

11.1 Declare Holmdale Pro Rodeo a Municipally Significant Event

Resolution 25-10-12

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby declare the Holmdale Pro Rodeo on August 1-3, 2025 a municipally significant event.

And further approves accepting \$5,000,000.00 insurance coverage for the Holmdale Pro Rodeo.

Carried

11.2 Declare Walkerton Homecoming 2026 a Municipally Significant Event

Resolution 25-10-13

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby declare the 2026 Walkerton Homecoming on July 30-August 2, 2026 a municipally significant event.

Carried

12. Information

- 12.1 Grey Bruce Labour Council Hanover - National Day of Mourning Flyer
- 12.2 Saugeen River Clean Up - Volunteers Needed for May 3, 2025
- 12.3 Bruce County Media Release - Bruce County's Jeff Loney Recognized with Clean Energy Award
- 12.4 Bruce County Media Release - Honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day
- 12.5 Public Meeting Notice - Zoning By-Law Amendment Z025-009 (Purdy's Cemetery)
- 12.6 Consent Application Notice B-2025-020 (Purdy's Cemetery)
- 12.7 Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling 2024 Financial Statements
- 12.8 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Executive Committee Minutes - March 6, 2025
- 12.9 Town of Tillsonburg Resolution - Strong Mayor Powers

Resolution 25-10-14

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

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

Carried

13. By-Laws

Resolution 25-10-15

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

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 2025-033 - WT Land TIEF Grant Agreement By-Law
- By-Law 2025-034 - 2025 Paving Tender Acceptance By-Law

Carried

14. Committee Minutes

Resolution 25-10-16

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

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

- Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - February 28, 2025
- Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee Minutes - March 12, 2025

Carried

15. New Business Brought Forward

1. Earth Day

Councillor McLean noted the 55th anniversary of Earth Day, and call to action to protect our planet. Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority will be hosting a Saugeen River clean-up event with the Municipality on May 3, 2025.

2. Federal Election

Councillor Travale commended Brockton residents for the record-high voter turnout in the advance polls this weekend and thanked the Federal election workers for their assistance.

3. Award for Excellence in Economic Development

Mayor Peabody congratulated Jeff Loney, Bruce County Manager of Economic Development on receiving the Paulette Peirol Memorial Award for Excellence in Economic Development from the Nuclear Innovation Institute, noting Mr. Loney's work throughout the County, including showcasing the East Ridge Business Park.

16. Closed Session

Resolution 25-10-17

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 7:31 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - **Livestock Evaluator Appointments, Billing Request**
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board - **Property Repurchase Proposal, East Ridge Business Park Offer**
- Labour relations or employee negotiations - **Road Department Update**
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board - **Facility Safety Concern**
- 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 - **Service Agreement, Development Agreement Instruction**

Carried

Resolution 25-10-18

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

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

Carried

Resolution 25-10-19

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

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 2025-035 - St. Catharines Fire Dispatch Agreement By-Law
- By-Law 2025-036 - Appoint Livestock Evaluators By-Law
- By-Law 2025-037 - Lippert ERBP Agreement of Purchase and Sale By-Law

Carried

17. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 25-10-20

Moved By: Steve Travale

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

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 2025-038 - April 22, 2025 Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

18. Adjournment

Resolution 25-10-21

Moved By: Steve Travale

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 8:13 p.m. to meet again on May 13, 2025.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

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