



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton**

**Special Council Meeting Minutes  
(2019 Municipal Budget)**

**Thursday, March 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m.  
Walkerton Clean Water Centre  
20 Ontario Road  
Walkerton, Ontario**

**Council Present:** Chris Peabody, Mayor  
Dan Gieruszak, Deputy Mayor  
Dean Leifso, Councillor  
Steve Adams, Councillor  
Chris Oberle, Councillor  
James Lang, Councillor  
Kym Hutcheon, Councillor

**Staff Present:** Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Fiona Hamilton, Clerk  
Lindsey Watson, Tax Collector and Deputy Treasurer  
Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations  
Mike Murphy, Fire Chief  
John Strader, Roads Supervisor

**1. Acceptance of Council Agenda**

Deputy Mayor Giersuzak called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Resolution 19-06-01**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting on March 7, 2019 as presented.

**Carried**

## **2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

Councillor Oberle declared pecuniary interest in relation to Item 3.1 due to a personal relationship with BIA employee.

## **3. 2019 Tax Supported Budget - Report**

### **3.1 2019 Municipal Budget**

Staff introduced Director of Operations, Gregory Furtney.

Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer presented the 2019 Tax Supported Budget Report which outlined the changes that staff were proposing to the 2019 Tax Supported Budget. Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer presented the Bruce County tax rate increases from 2012-2018 and confirmed that Brockton has had an overall decrease in comparison to the surrounding municipalities.

Councillor inquired about the hydrant fee on the utility bills for Chepstow, as those residents did not have fire hydrants. Mike Murphy, Fire Chief confirmed that residents in Chepstow do not have fire hydrants and the CFO noted that staff would remove the charge from those specific utility bills.

Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer explained there had been a duplicate entry for a transfer to a reserve fund that had been removed. Ms. Serratore explained the tax rate increase that would result from the repayments on additional borrowing, particularly the borrowing for the Cargill and District Community Centre Entrance Project.

Council then debated the proposed \$100.00 Roads Infrastructure Fee and debated whether there should be a separation between rural and urban roads. Council decided to adopt the Roads Infrastructure Fee of \$100 a year. \$50.00 will be added to both the interim and final tax bills for this infrastructure fee. The funds would be directed to a single reserve fund and staff would track the amounts spent on urban and rural roads.

Council also discussed the amount that should be transferred to a reserve fund for recreation, which each Council Member stipulating their range of comfort. Mike Murphy, Fire Chief confirmed that the proposed reserve fund transfer would also cover equipment that may need to be replaced and maintenance of existing recreational facilities, as well as future planning for a new recreational complex.

Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer, informed Council that funds could be withdrawn from the tax rate stabilization reserve fund to balance the need for future planning with concerns about affordability for residents. Council decided to

transfer \$100,000.00 from the tax rate stabilization reserve as proposed by Ms. Serratore.

Given the decision to withdraw funds from the tax rate stabilization reserve fund, Council then discussed the range of funds that should be transferred to reserves for recreation and the amount that should be transferred to the Brockton Infrastructure Reserve Fund for emergency situations. Council decided that \$200,000.00 should be transferred to the recreation reserve fund and \$100,000 should be transferred to the Brockton Infrastructure reserve fund.

There was a recorded vote for the approval the 2019 Tax Supported Budget with the changes that were proposed by staff and discussed by Council.

**Resolution 19-06-02**

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now hereby recess from the Open Session at 11:15 a.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution 19-06-03**

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton returns to Open Session at 11:30 a.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution 19-06-04**

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now hereby recess from the Open Session at 12:40 p.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution 19-06-05**

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton returns to Open Session at 1:10 p.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution 19-06-06**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2019-05 – 2019 Municipal Budget, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer for information and in doing so, approves bringing forward a by-law to accept the 2019 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$8,597,694.00.

**Carried**

**4. By-Laws**

**4.1 By-Law 2019-024 - Amend 2019 Fees and Charges By-Law**

**Resolution 19-06-07**

Moved By: Chris Oberle

Seconded By: James Lang

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 2019-024 - Amend 2019 Fees and Charges By-Law

**Carried**

**5. Confirmation of Proceedings**

**5.1 By-Law 2019-025 - March 7, 2019 Confirmatory By-Law**

**Resolution 19-06-08**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: James Lang

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 2019-025 - March 7, 2019 Confirmatory By-Law

**Carried**

**6. Adjournment**

**Resolution 19-06-09**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 1:49 p.m. to meet again on March 12, 2019.

**Carried**

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Mayor - Chris Peabody

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Clerk- Fiona Hamilton