



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 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
Michael Crawford, Councillor
Tim Elphick, Councillor

Council Absent: 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
Dominic Paquette, Building and Planning Manager/CBO
Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services
Christine Brandt, Community Development Coordinator

1. National Anthem of Canada

The Council Meeting began with the playing of [Toronto Symphony Orchestra's instrumental recording](#) of O' Canada.

2. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

3. Recognition Certificate - Gabriella Frank, Regional Irish Dance Champion

Mayor Peabody presented a recognition certificate to Gabriella Frank, Celtic Academy Irish Dance Canada Student, who was the recipient of Oireachtas Champion 1st place Treble Reel Premiere and 4th place Solo Premiere Championship in Regional Irish Dance.

4. Acceptance of Council Agenda

Resolution 26-06-01

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Michael Crawford

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on March 10, 2026 as presented.

Carried

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None disclosed at this time.

6. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act

6.1 Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z-2025-040

Benito Russo, Bruce County Intermediate Planner presented an overview on the planning application, to rezone the subject lands from Agricultural Commercial Industrial Special (ACI-50) and Environmental Protection (EP) to Residential Low Density Multiple Special Holding (R2-12-H), and Environmental Protection (EP) with revised mapping. The special zone would permit additional lot coverage and one joint entrance with a width of +/-7.9m to facilitate construction of a six (6) unit residential development being three (3) semidetached residential buildings. The holding provision is recommended for an Environmental Site Assessment and Record of Site Condition. A related County Official Plan Amendment C-2025-004 is proposed to designate the lands to Hamlet Exception, establishing a new hamlet with an area of +/- 0.29 ha in Brockton. The application supports planned growth for the area, and phased development of an urban area.

Mr. Russo advised that the application meets Provincial Policy Statements with minimal environmental impacts to the serviced lands. Mr. Russo noted that supportive materials submitted by the applicant demonstrate the need for additional urban lands, with adequate municipal water and sanitary sewer capacity available through the Town of Hanover. Mr. Russo advised that County mapping will be updated to reflect field assessments and proposed development outside the natural hazard and heritage features. An archeological assessment was conducted and the Province requires a Record of Site Condition as a greenhouse was formerly built on the lands.

Mr. Russo noted that should the Municipality approve the application, the County Official Plan Application would be considered on March 19, 2026, with a By-Law to be adopted by Brockton following County approval.

Mr. Russo confirmed that no agency comments were submitted in objection to the application, and no public comments were received.

Dana Kieffer spoke on behalf of the Applicant, noting that the application will open up redevelopment opportunities along that stretch of Bruce Road 10 and advised that the increased driveway would allow semi-residential buildings to share a garage.

No members of the public indicated they wished to participate in-person or virtually when given the opportunity to do so.

Resolution 26-06-02

Moved By: Michael Crawford

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton has considered the Planning Report prepared by Benito Russo, Bruce County Intermediate Planner, dated March 10, 2026, and entitled Municipality of Brockton Planning Report and further that Council supports the proposal for the new hamlet creation File C-2005-007, providing further direction to the County of Bruce Approval Authority;

And Further that Council approves the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment submitted by Candue Homes 2020 Ltd, File Z-2025-040, with a Site Specific By-Law being brought forward subject to the approval and adoption of the related County Official Plan Amendment File C-2025-0007.

Carried

6.2 Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z-2026-004

Benito Russo, Bruce County Intermediate Planner summarized the purpose of the application to apply a holding as the property is in a high archeological potential zone, the 0.35 ha lot addition would be applied to a neighbouring non-farm lot outside the lot boundary correcting an access issue, and bringing the property into compliance with the County Official Plan and Municipal Zoning By-Law. The application corrects legal access and servicing issues by merging parcels and consolidating lands.

Mr. Russo noted that Bruce County requested that the Applicant consider a more square or rectangular shape for this lot addition, to which the Applicant declined as they did not want to lose any farmland. Instead, the Applicant chose to establish the lot fabric in accordance with the existing manicured areas.

No members of the public indicated they wished to participate in-person or virtually when given the opportunity to do so.

Resolution 26-06-03

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Michael Crawford

That the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton has considered the Planning Report prepared by Benito Russo, Bruce County Intermediate Planner, dated March 10, 2026, and entitled Municipality of Brockton Planning Report and further that Council approves the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment submitted by Tony Lang Farms Ltd c/o Anthony Lang, File Z-2026-004 with a Site Specific By-Law coming forward.

Carried

7. Delegations

8. Minutes

8.1 Council Minutes - February 24, 2026

Resolution 26-06-04

Moved By: Michael Crawford

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the February 24, 2026 Council Meeting as presented.

Carried

9. Business Arising From the Minutes

9.1 Township of Southgate Resolution - Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

Resolution 26-06-05

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Michael Crawford

Whereas arable land is a critical finite resource;

And Whereas Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day;

And Whereas Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton supports the Township of Southgate's support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and also urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Township of Southgate, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Defeated

9.2 Chepstow Road Resident Petition

A petition was received with 343 signatures from residents across the County of Bruce requesting improved winter maintenance on the Chepstow Road. Mayor Peabody advised that at the February 24, 2026 meeting Council directed staff to inquire about whether the County of Bruce could assist Brockton with any winter maintenance on the Chepstow Road. The Municipality is now awaiting information from Bruce County on the matter.

10. Reports

10.1 New Hamlet Proposal

Resolution 26-06-06

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Michael Crawford

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2026-03 - New Hamlet Proposal, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and in doing so approves naming the proposed hamlet located at 013420 Bruce Road 10 "Sutherland", in honour of Robert Sutherland.

Carried

10.2 Scattering Gardens in the Walkerton Cemetery

Council suggested incorporating a memorial wall to identify individuals within the scattering garden.

Action: Staff to complete a supplementary report including the proposed location for the scattering garden and associated costs.

Resolution 26-06-07

Moved By: Michael Crawford

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2026-08 - Scattering Gardens in the Walkerton Cemetery, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer, for information purposes and provides staff the following direction related to implementation of a future Scattering Gardens: bring back a fulsome report on the location and costing of a scattering garden.

Carried

10.3 South Bruce OPP Detachment Board 2026 Budget Contribution

Resolution 26-06-08

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Michael Crawford

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report FIN2026-09 – South Bruce OPP Detachment Board 2026 Budget Contribution prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer, for information; and

That Council authorizes proceeding with the additional \$3,350 if required to be funded from the Police Reserve Fund, based on consensus of the member municipalities.

Carried

10.4 Customer Service Standards

Council acknowledged staff's work in implementing Strategic Plan action items and supported the clarity that these customer service standards provide for both ratepayers and employees.

Resolution 26-06-09

Moved By: Michael Crawford

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2026-05 – Customer Service Standards, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in doing so approves the Customer Service Policy and Standards and further approves the appropriate by-law coming forward.

Carried

10.5 Walkerton Minor Hockey Storage Funding Request

Council discussed the request and location of the seacan storage. Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services noted that the seacans could be stored by the ball diamonds close to the Walkerton Agricultural Society buildings.

Council inquired on the arrangements between Walkerton Minor Hockey (WMH) and the Municipality, including responsibilities of both parties for storage and purchasing.

Ms. Gillis and Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer provided information on outdoor storage solutions used in other departments, and limitations to storing the seacans indoors at a Municipal facility.

Council expressed concerns with authorizing municipal dollars towards funding a user group that levies user fees. Council inquired on whether the seacans could be purchased by the Municipality and rented to WMH.

Resolution 26-06-10

Moved By: Michael Crawford

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2026-07 – Walkerton Minor Hockey Storage Funding Request prepared by Brad Thomson, Facilities and Parks Supervisor and Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services, and in doing so authorizes Option 3 (Decline Walkerton Minor Hockey's request for \$7,000 in funding to purchase the storage sea cans but grant permission for the organization to store the sea cans on municipal property behind the PWU Centre at no cost) in regards to request of financial

assistance to purchase two sea cans to the amount of \$7,000.00 to store vital equipment for “Ice Palace” operations.

Carried

10.6 Green and Inclusive Community Building (GIBC) Grant-Update for New Arena

Council discussed their preferences for grant readiness, expressing concerns on the associated costs should grant funding be approved in the future, and whether the Municipality could afford to construct a new facility.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer provided clarity on the intention of the report to plan for a new facility when grants become available and ensure the Municipality is investment ready for facility renewals. Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services confirmed that staff are looking to initiate a Request for Proposal (RFP) to outline the scope of proposals and hire a consultant for this project. Ms. Gillis responded to a question advising that grant funding could be approximately \$10 million.

Council expressed hesitancy due to available Municipal funds and lack of support to increase the tax rate for this initiative. Council discussed previous direction to plan for a new arena facility, and investments that have occurred over the past 10 years towards this project.

Council suggested amending the scope of the study to include a renovation or retrofit of the existing Walkerton Community Centre/Arena.

Ms. Watson noted that previous Council directions have led staff to plan for a new facility with reserved lands in the East Ridge Business Park; however, staff could engage a consultant to complete an investigative report with key decision-making points, a phased RFP, additional feasibility study, and involving community input.

Council discussed the parameters of the Green and Inclusive Community Building Grant, including funding for large retrofits/renovations. Council supported evaluating alternative options and amended the resolution to include a retrofit of the current arena.

Resolution 26-06-11

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Michael Crawford

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2026-06 - Green and Inclusive Community Building (GIBC) Grant Application Update for New Arena, prepared by Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services, and authorize staff to initiate a Request for Proposal and procurement process to retain a qualified project consultant to advance detailed planning for a retrofitted or renovation to the existing Walkerton arena.

Carried

10.7 Recommendation for Second Intake – CIP Grant Program

Council supported extending the application process to support local businesses.

Resolution 26-06-12

Moved By: Michael Crawford

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number ED2026-03 – Recommendation for Second Intake – CIP Grant Program, prepared by Christine Brandt, Community Development Coordinator, and in

doing so approves a second intake of CIP Grant Program applications for 2026 with an additional funding allocation of \$10,000; and authorizes staff to open the second intake beginning April 1, 2026 with applications accepted until the funds are fully allocated; and further supports the allocation of funds from the Tax Mitigation Reserve.

Carried

10.8 Sale and Disposition of Land Policy

Resolution 26-06-13

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number CLK2026-04 – Sale and Disposition of Land Policy, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) for information purposes and further approves a by-law coming forward to adopt the revised Sale and Disposition of Land Policy and repealing By-law 2007-87.

Carried

10.9 Strategic Action Plan Final Update/ Housing Strategy Plan

Resolution 26-06-14

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2026-06 – Strategic Action Plan Final Update, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Cally Mann, Municipal Executive Coordinator for information purposes and further approves the Housing Strategy as outlined.

Carried

11. Public Notification

12. Correspondence Requiring Action

12.1 Invitation to Annual General Meeting Elmwood Community Service Association

Council members were invited to attend the Elmwood Community Service Association Annual General Meeting on April 11, 2026.

12.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Resolution Request - Accessibility in Convenience Stores

Council supported the Accessibility Advisory Committee's resolution request, noting the limitations of space within convenience stores for able-bodied individuals, and encouraged the Province to make changes to accommodate individuals with mobility devices.

Resolution 26-06-15

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Michael Crawford

Whereas the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton have brought forward concerns surrounding the availability of floor and aisle space when entering businesses who have been given Provincial approval to sell alcohol and have further requested that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton consider adopting a resolution in support;

And Whereas on September 5, 2024 the Province of Ontario expanded the sale of beer, cider, wine, and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages to all licensed convenience stores, being approximately 4,187 stores, in addition to the nearly 3,000 other licensed retail outlets, as well as takeaway options from licensed bars and restaurants;

And Whereas convenience stores play an important role in providing residents with access to everyday necessities including food, beverages, medications, and household items;

And Whereas the expansion of alcohol sales in convenience stores increases the number of patrons accessing these establishments and can result in changes to store layouts, shelving, and product displays;

And Whereas many residents rely on mobility devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, and mobility scooters to maintain their independence and participate fully in community life;

And Whereas adequate interior floor space and clear pathways within retail establishments are essential to ensure individuals using mobility devices can safely enter, navigate, and purchase goods within convenience stores;

And Whereas limited aisle widths, cluttered floor layouts, and insufficient maneuvering space can create barriers for persons with disabilities, restricting their ability to independently access essential goods;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario has committed to improving accessibility through the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, and the goal of creating a more accessible and inclusive Ontario;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the importance of ensuring that convenience stores provide adequate interior floor space and accessible pathways that allow patrons using mobility devices to enter, move throughout the store, and purchase necessities with dignity and independence;

And Further That the Province be requested to review existing accessibility standards and consider strengthening requirements that support adequate maneuvering space and accessible pathways within convenience stores and similar small retail establishments;

And Further a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their consideration.

Carried

13. Information

- 13.1 Bruce County Media Release - Upcoming Lane Closure on Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton
- 13.2 Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team - Grey-Bruce Primary Care Patient Attachment Update
- 13.3 Notice of Consent Application B-2026-006 and B-2026-007
- 13.4 Notice of Public Meeting - Zoning By-Law Amendment Z-2026-008
- 13.5 Notice of Public Hearing - Minor Variance Application A-2026-006
- 13.6 Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit Minutes - November and December 2025

- 13.7 Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission Minutes - November 2025 and January 2026
- 13.8 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Minutes - October and November 2025

Resolution 26-06-16

Moved By: Tim Elphick
Seconded By: Mitch Clark

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

Carried

14. By-Laws

Resolution 26-06-17

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 2026-021 - Zoning By-Law Amendment - Tony Lang Farms Ltd Z-2025-004
- By-Law 2026-022 - Amend 2026 Fees and Charges By-Law (Tennis Pickleball Court Fees)
- By-Law 2026-023 - MTO Yard Walkerton Lease Agreement By-Law
- By-Law 2026-024 - Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy
- By-Law 2026-025 - Customer Service Standards Policy
- By-Law 2026-026 - Amend 2022-2026 Council Committee Appointments By-Law

Carried

15. Committee Minutes

Resolution 26-06-18

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:

- Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes - December 3, 2025
- Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes - January 7, 2026
- Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes - February 4, 2026

Carried

16. New Business Brought Forward

- 16.1 Town of Hanover Replacement of Well 1 and 2

Mayor Peabody summarized the correspondence from residents of Marl Lakes and Lake Rosalind Property Owners Association's concerns regarding the Town of Hanover's expansion/renovation of Wells 1 and 2.

Council supported considering the motion at this meeting, and further amended the motion to circulate a copy to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Resolution 26-06-19

Moved By: Michael Crawford

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton dispense with Notice of Motion in order to consider the proposed motion regarding Town of Hanover Replacement of Wells 1 and 2.

Carried

Resolution 26-06-20

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

WHEREAS the Town of Hanover has undertaken or is planning rehabilitation and upgrades to two municipal groundwater wells supplying its drinking water system;

AND WHEREAS groundwater aquifers may extend across municipal boundaries and can serve residents in both the Municipality of Brockton and neighbouring municipalities;

AND WHEREAS residents in the Marl Lakes area and surrounding rural areas have previously expressed interest in ensuring the long-term sustainability of local groundwater resources and the protection of private wells;

AND WHEREAS municipalities share a common interest in responsible water management and protecting groundwater resources in accordance with the *Ontario Water Resources Act*;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Brockton respectfully request that the Town of Hanover provide information regarding the scope and anticipated impacts of the well rehabilitation works, including any available hydrogeological studies or assessments related to groundwater drawdown and aquifer sustainability;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Brockton request ongoing communication and consultation between the two municipalities as the project proceeds to ensure that any potential cross-boundary groundwater impacts are understood and addressed;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Council for the Town of Hanover and the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks.

Carried

16.2 Reconsideration of Walkerton Minor Hockey Request

Resolution 26-06-21

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton reconsider the Resolution dealing with Item 10.5 Walkerton Minor Hockey Storage Funding Request that was previously considered earlier in the meeting.

Carried

Resolution 26-06-22

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Michael Crawford

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2026-07 – Walkerton Minor Hockey Storage Funding Request prepared by Brad Thomson, Facilities and Parks Supervisor and Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services, and in doing so authorizes Option _____ in regards to request of financial assistance to purchase two sea cans to the amount of \$7,000.00 to store vital equipment for “Ice Palace” operations.

Tabled

1. LiUNA 1059 Graduation Ceremony

Mayor Peabody attended LiUNA 1059 tradesworker's graduation ceremony in London and noted that a future graduation ceremony would occur in Walkerton.

17. Closed Session

A Closed Session did not occur as part of this Council Meeting.

18. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 26-06-23

Moved By: Tim Elphick

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 2026-027 - March 10, 2026 Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

19. Adjournment

Resolution 26-06-24

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 8:19 p.m. to meet again on March 24, 2026.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

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