The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Bruce County Council Chambers - 30 Park Street, Walkerton, ON

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
                 Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations
                 John Strader, Roads Supervisor
                 Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator

1. Acceptance of Council Agenda

Mayor Peabody called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Resolution 19-09-01
Moved By: Dean Leifso
Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on April 9, 2019 as presented.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

3. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act

4. Delegations

4.1 Jeff Graham, P. Eng., GSS Engineering - Partial Removal of Truax Dam in Walkerton

Jeff Graham, P. Eng. from GSS Engineering Ltd. presented an overview of the history of the Truax Dam project and the initial options that were considered. Local First Nations were consulted and permits were pending. Moorefield Construction had tendered the lowest bid and construction was to commence as soon as all permits were received.

Mr. Graham noted that a public information session had been held two (2) weeks prior to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions and review the overall design, which was then presented again with photographs for Council’s consideration. The western section of the Truax Dam would remain with rock to stabilize the area with a viewing platform. The proposed design would allow for the free passage of all fish species and create interesting moving water for recreational kayaks and canoes.


According to Mr. Graham, construction could begin as soon as two approval were received - one from the Ministry of Natural Resources and the other from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority was holding a hearing to consider the permit based on the two major technical submissions that were provided to them that discussed how the partial removal of the dam may impact erosion along the banks of the Saugeen River. Jeff Graham responded to questions from Council and confirmed that any decision of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority could be appealed to the Ministry of Natural Resources, but that he expected the hearing was to consider a long-standing erosion issue.

Council discussed the public consultation process involved in this project as well as the aesthetics of the Saugeen River once the construction was complete. Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, clarified questions from a resident and provided Mr. Graham an opportunity to comment on ice flows, potential dam failures and the cultural and aesthetic value of the Truax Dam.

4.2 Bruce County - Nuclear Economic Development and Innovation Initiative Update and 2019 Outlook

Stellina Williams, Business Investment Specialist, Energy Sector, from the County of Bruce, informed Council about the partnership that had been developed between the County of Bruce and Bruce Power in 2016 which created her position in response to Bruce Power's life extension program. The County of Bruce and Bruce Power were taking steps to ensure that the investment in the Bruce Power site, with the accompanying suppliers, contractors and increased labour force would remain in the local community and remain sustainable in the long-term.

Ms. Williams summarized her report and the overall goals of the project, which included assisting suppliers in locating suitable locations throughout the County of Bruce, rather than having the lower-tier municipalities compete for resources. Ms. Williams provided Council with an overview of what had been accomplished towards these goals to date, including 51 suppliers that were now established in the region, and the labour challenges that were being addressed with the creation of the new Skilled Trades Secretariat.

Ms. Williams commended the Municipality of Brockton for the redesign of the website which provided much needed support for new residents. Ms. Williams noted that the Nuclear Industry Regional Advisory Committee was being relaunched with new Terms of Reference and mandate which would engage with the Nuclear Innovation Institute that Bruce Power was establishing in the area.

4.3 Bruce County - Planning and Development Annual Update

Mark Paoli, Senior Planner, and Manpreet Kaur Sangha, Economic Development Officer, both with the County of Bruce, presented the annual planning and economic development report. Mr. Paoli described the initiatives that were being undertaken in 2019, as well as how the success of these initiatives could be measured. The Bruce GPS project was well underway and the process to develop a new Official Plan would occur later in 2019. According to Mr. Paoli, the County of Bruce was committed to a collaborative approach to planning, having hired a consultant to review and improve the legal notices to be sent to the general public as part of the planning process.

Manpreet Kaur Sangha, Economic Development Officer, summarized the economic development programs of the County of Bruce, being the "Business to Bruce" program (aimed at attracting entrepreneurs to the area), the "Spruce the
Bruce” program (that supported local communities for a vibrant commercial core) and the “Explore the Bruce” program (aimed at promoting tourism throughout the region). Ms. Kaur Sangha confirmed how the success of these programs would be measured and provided Council with the key performance indicators for each program.

Council confirmed support for the initiatives undertaken by the County of Bruce and encouraged staff to consider extending the “Spruce the Bruce” program to the smaller communities of the Municipality of Brockton, not just those with Community Improvement Plans.

Council asked Ms. Kaur Sangha how the key performance indicators compared to previous years, and Ms. Kaur Sangha confirmed that she would provide this information to Council in the near future. Council also confirmed the timeline for the Official Plan Review and encouraged increased public consultation for this process, similar to the efforts made in the Bruce GPS project, given the importance of the Official Plan to affected landowners.

5. Minutes

5.1 Council Minutes - March 26, 2019

Resolution 19-09-02
Moved By: Dean Leifso
Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby adopt the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Council Meeting as presented.

Carried

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

1. Westario Power Inc. Information

Council asked Mayor Peabody about local meetings of Westario Power Inc., and Mayor Peabody noted that the June meeting was scheduled to consider emergency measures. Mayor Peabody also informed Council that the annual report was not yet available and the Annual General Meeting, which all stakeholders were invited to attend, had not yet occurred.

2. Proposed Subdivision

Council noted the extent of the discussion and public engagement with the proposed “Clancy” and noted the usefulness of having the developer provide quarterly updates.

Action: Mayor Peabody would speak with the developer of the subdivision and encourage regular updates and information sessions.

6.1 Motion to Re-Establish Visual Block Berm at North Edge of Hanover-Walkerton Landfill Site

Council discussed the merits of restoring a visual barrier for the residents of Marl Lakes, and it was noted that the barrier was also a condition of the environmental assessment that had been completed in the past. Council noted that it was challenging to accomplish tasks at the Hanover/Walkerton Landfill as the Committee did not meet regularly to ensure adequate consultations.

Action: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, would contact staff from the Town of Hanover to ensure that a regular meeting schedule was implemented.
Resolution 19-09-03
Moved By: Steve Adams
Seconded By: Dean Leifso

Whereas sections of the northern boundary of the Hanover-Walkerton Landfill Site is clearly visible from both Bruce Road 22 and from residential properties on the south edge of Marl Lake;

And Whereas the view of the landfill is quite unsightly for both residents and passers by;

And Whereas a tree berm was unsuccessfully installed in 2018;

And Whereas the unsightly condition remains;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby requests the Hanover-Walkerton Landfill Committee to re-install suitable, coniferous or similar visual screening barrier at the opening on the northern boundary (facing Bruce Road 22) at an appropriate time in 2019.

Carried

7. Reports
7.1 Truax Dam Update

Resolution 19-09-04
Moved By: Kym Hutcheon
Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2019-09 – Truax Dam Update, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes.

Carried

Resolution 19-09-05
Moved By: James Lang
Seconded By: Chris Oberle

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton amend the Agenda to consider item 7.8 prior to the other items in reports.

Carried

7.2 Lake Rosalind Water Supply and Condition Update

Council commended staff for providing such a comprehensive report, and noted that the current water system should be reviewed as it likely could not accommodate additional hook-ups. It was also noted that any kind of feasibility study would be expensive and need to be included in the next budget after additional communication with the Town of Hanover. Members of the Lake Rosalind Residents Association were in attendance at the meeting, and they informed Council that the best way to communicate the information to those affected would be a presentation at the Lake Rosalind Residents Association Annual General Meeting.

Council directed staff to prepare a presentation discussing the quantity and quality of the current water system, as well as some potential costs associated with a preliminary consideration of upgrading the system, for a Council Member to share with the Lake Rosalind Residents Association at the Annual General Meeting. It was also noted that Mayor Peabody would have an informal
discussion with the Mayor of the Town of Hanover about the water service in the area.

**Action:** Staff will prepare a presentation for the Annual General Meeting of the Lake Rosalind Residents Association.

**Resolution 19-09-06**  
Moved By: Dean Leifso  
Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon  


**Carried**

7.3 **New Brockton Tourism Website**

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions from Council and confirmed that the website would be updated by Tourist Town with input from staff from the Municipality of Brockton and the Business Improvement Area ("BIA"). Ms. Watson noted that the BIA would keep the existing URL, but the new URL with Tourist Town would be promoted.

Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator also responded to questions from Council and explained how the County of Bruce tourist website differed from the proposed Tourist Town platform. It was also confirmed that staff were investigating the option of having both a Visit Walkerton site and a Visit Brockton site, noting that the urban sites seemed to generate twice the amount of total traffic.

**Resolution 19-09-07**  
Moved By: Dan Gieruszak  
Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton receives Report Number ED2019-04 - New Brockton Tourism Website, prepared by Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator for information purposes.  

**Carried**

7.4 **Greenock Swamp Promotional Committee Initiatives**

Council noted support for all the requests being made to promote the Greenock Swamp Tours, which had proven to be extremely successful in the previous year.

**Resolution 19-09-08**  
Moved By: Dan Gieruszak  
Seconded By: Chris Peabody

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number ED2019-03 – Greenock Swamp Promotional Committee Initiatives, prepared by Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator and in doing so approves the Committee’s requests for the 2019 tourism season.  

**Carried**

7.5 **Hanover/Walkerton Landfill – Berm at Northern Boundary**

**Resolution 19-09-09**  
Moved By: Kym Hutcheon  
Seconded By: James Lang
That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2019-14 - Hanover/Walkerton Landfill – Berm at Northern Boundary, prepared by Gregg Furtney, Director of Operations for information purposes, and further that Council direct sitting members of the Hanover/Walkerton Landfill Committee to discuss this item at the next Hanover/Walkerton Landfill Committee Meeting.

Carried

7.6 Hanover Walkerton Landfill – Residential Clean-up Pass

Council discussed the residential clean-up pass and noted that a service should not be extended to only a portion of the residents of the Municipality of Brockton. Council also discussed the need to increase communication with the Town of Hanover to emphasize the importance of operating the Hanover/Walkerton Landfill as a joint partnership.

Action: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, would send an appropriately worded communication to staff at the Town of Hanover to ensure regularly schedule meetings of the Committee and to encourage increased communication between municipalities.

Resolution 19-09-10
Moved By: Steve Adams
Seconded By: Dean Leifso


Carried

7.7 Temporary Removal of Fish on Durham Street Bridge

It was noted that some of the fish on other bridges had been removed without prior authorization. Staff were encouraged to provide notice to the public that the fish would be removed only on a temporary basis.

Resolution 19-09-11
Moved By: Dean Leifso
Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon


Carried

7.8 Accept 2019 Tenders for Product and Services

Council noted that the prices for the products had not increased significantly over previous years, and some prices had actually decreased.

Resolution 19-09-12
Moved By: Steve Adams
Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2019-16 - Accept 2019 Tenders for Product and Services, prepared by John Strader, Roads Supervisor and in doing so accepts the 2019 Tender Results and awards contracts to the following lowest bidders.

Carried
Resolution 19-09-13
Moved By: Dean Leifso
Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts the tender for calcium chloride to Den Mar Brines Ltd. in the amount of $245.00/tonne for a total of $60,907.00 before HST.

Carried

Resolution 19-09-14
Moved By: Dean Leifso
Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts the tender for crushed gravel to Joe Kerr Ltd. in the amounts of $1.87/tonne for Crushed and Stockpile, and $5.17/tonne for Crush and Apply before HST.

Carried

Resolution 19-09-15
Moved By: Steve Adams
Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts the tender for the Hot Mix Contract A1 Tender to Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd. in the amount of $75.90/tonne for a total of $349,140.00 before HST.

Carried

Resolution 19-09-16
Moved By: Kym Hutcheon
Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts the tender for the Hot Mix Contract A3 Tender to Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd in the amount of $93.96/tonne for a total of $42,282.00 before HST.

Carried

Resolution 19-09-17
Moved By: Chris Oberle
Seconded By: Dan Gieruszak

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts the tender for Hot Mix Contract A5 Tender to Schmidt’s Paving Ltd in the amount of $145.00/tonne for a total of $14,500.00 before HST.

Carried

Resolution 19-09-18
Moved By: Dan Gieruszak
Seconded By: Chris Oberle

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts the tender for Single Surface Contract B1 Tender to M.S.O Construction Ltd in the amounts of $1.11/litre (oil) and $37.50/tonne (aggregate).

Carried
7.9 Southern Bruce Natural Gas Project

Council noted the importance of the issue to the residents of Brockton, both in terms of environmental impact and in relation to the provision of future natural gas service to the Municipality of Brockton and directed staff to apply to be an intervenor in the Ontario Energy Board Hearing.

Resolution 19-09-19
Moved By: Chris Oberle
Seconded By: Dan Gieruszak

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2019-05 – Southern Bruce Natural Gas Project, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk for information purposes and further directs staff regarding the preferred level of participation in the Ontario Energy Board Hearing relating to EPCOR’s Southern Bruce Natural Gas Project.

Carried

7.10 Community Flag Raising Request

Resolution 19-09-20
Moved By: Kym Hutcheon
Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2019-06 - Community Flag Raising Request, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk for information purposes and further approves flying the Pride Flag on the Community Flag Pole for a one (1) week period in the month of June 2019.

Carried

7.11 Volunteer Recognition Event

Council expressed support for the event and noted that the volunteers in the Municipality of Brockton were the backbone of the community.

Resolution 19-09-21
Moved By: Dan Gieruszak
Seconded By: Chris Oberle

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2019-08 – , prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes and in doing so supports the volunteer appreciation event on May 29, 2019.

Carried

7.12 Walkerton Court House

Council were encouraged by the update provided in the report and encouraged continued monitoring of the use of the courthouse.

Resolution 19-09-22
Moved By: Dan Gieruszak
Seconded By: Chris Oberle

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2019-07 - Walkerton Court House, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, for information purposes.

Carried
Resolution 19-09-23
Moved By: Dean Leifso
Seconded By: Steve Adams


Carried

8. Public Notification

Mayor Peabody informed those in attendance at the meeting that the Elmwood Community Centre kitchen renovation was complete and the grand opening would occur on April 12, 2019.

9. Accounts

9.1 Accounts - $2,619,185.59

Resolution 19-09-24
Moved By: Kym Hutcheon
Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of $2,619,185.59.

Carried

10. Correspondence Requiring Action

10.1 Letter from John and Irma DeVries - Notice of No Consent to EP Designation on 344 Bruce Road 15

Council noted that there was no legal support for the position put forward in the letter and directed staff not to send a response.

10.2 Brockton Heritage Committee Letter - Request Council Approval of Heritage Designation of Armoury Building

Council requested more information about the process involved in designating a heritage property, as well as what potential restrictions may accompany a heritage designation on a property.

Action: Staff will bring forward a report about the process and implications of designating a heritage property.

11. Information

Resolution 19-09-25
Moved By: Dean Leifso
Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives all items provided in Section 11. Information.

Carried

11.1 Notice of Public Hearing - Longman Hill Farms Ltd co Van Nes A-17-19.31
11.2 Notice of Public Meetings - Ballantyne Smurk Inc. co Lippert Z-50-18.34
11.3 Notice of Public Meeting - Poechman Z-12-19.34
11.4 Notice of Public Meeting - Eidt Z-16-19.34
11.5 Bruce County Report - Waste Management Update
11.6 Drinking Water Source Protection Committee Minutes - November 23, 2018
11.7 Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit Minutes - February 22, 2019
11.8 Gran Fondo Lake Huron - Charity Cycling Event
11.9 Nuclear Innovation Institute Press Release - Bruce County Receives Grant Funding and Launches New Talent Developer Officer Position
11.10 Minister of Infrastructure and Communities - Gas Tax Fund One-Time Top-Up
11.11 FLYGTA Airlines - Media Release Flight Service Between Downtown Toronto and Wiarton Keppel International Airport

12. By-Laws

13. Committee Minutes

Resolution 19-09-26
Moved By: Steve Adams
Seconded By: Dean Leifso

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

• Brockton Heritage Committee Minutes - March 4, 2019
• Elmwood Community Centre Board Minutes - March 5, 2019

Carried

14. New Business Brought Forward

1. Property Standards

Council noted two properties that did not appear to comply with the Property Standards By-Law, including a number of vehicles in the front yard.

Action: Staff would investigate the properties for potential violations of the Property Standards By-Law.

2. Styrofoam Processing

Council inquired with staff about what type and quantity of styrofoam could be processed by the densifier.

John Strader, Roads Supervisor, noted that the process was still new, and staff were still determining the level and type of styrofoam that could be processed.

Action: Staff would provide more information to Council and the public about the processing of styrofoam when available.

3. Crosswalk on Durham Street

Councillor Oberle asked whether the County of Bruce had responded to the request for a crosswalk on Durham Street in Walkerton. John Strader, Roads Supervisor recalled some initial correspondence and noted that he would follow up with staff at the County of Bruce.

Action: John Strader, Roads Supervisor, would communicate with staff at the County of Bruce about the request for a crosswalk on Durham Street in Walkerton.
4. **Ontario Provincial Police Contract**

Council noted the importance of including the Chair of the Police Services Board in the negotiation with the Ontario Provincial Police for a new contract for police services in the Municipality of Brockton.

15. **Closed Session**

**Resolution 19-09-27**

Moved By: Steve Adams  
Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 9:47 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Security of the property of the municipality or local board
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - **Staffing Matters**
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board - **Transfer Between Municipalities**
- Labour relations or employee negotiations
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board
- Advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose
- A matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act. 2001, c.25, s.239 (2)
- Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value
- 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
- The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members and at the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.

**Carried**

**Resolution 19-09-28**

Moved By: Chris Oberle  
Seconded By: Dan Gieruszak

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts with sincere regret the retirement of Terry Tuck, Chief Building Official, effective December 31, 2019 and thanks Terry Tuck for his decades of unwavering dedication to the Municipality of Brockton.

**Carried**
Resolution 19-09-29
Moved By: Dan Gieruszak
Seconded By: Chris Oberle

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

Carried

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 19-09-30
Moved By: Dan Gieruszak
Seconded By: Chris Oberle

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 2019-034 - April 9, 2019 Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution 19-09-31
Moved By: Chris Oberle
Seconded By: Dan Gieruszak

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 10:19 p.m. to meet again on April 23, 2019.

Carried

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Mayor - Chris Peabody

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Clerk – Fiona Hamilton