



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton**

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 29, 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**  
                                 **James Lang, Councillor**  
                                 **Kym Hutcheon, Councillor**

**Council Absent**        **Chris Oberle, Councillor**

**Staff Present:**        **Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer**  
                                 **Fiona Hamilton, Clerk**  
                                 **Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer**  
                                 **Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator**

### **1. Service Recognition Awards**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peabody at 7:00 p.m.

#### **1.1 Retirement Certificate - Larry Lippert, Heavy Equipment Operator**

Mayor Peabody and Chief Administrative Officer, Sonya Watson presented a Retirement Certificate to Larry Lippert, Heavy Equipment Operator for his 27 years of service with the Municipality of Brockton's Public Works Department.

#### **1.2 Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal - Tom Buckle, Walkerton Fire Department**

Mayor Peabody, Fire Chief Mike Murphy and Councillor/Firefighter James Lang presented a Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal from the Governor General to Tom Buckle, Firefighter for 20 years of service with the Walkerton Fire Department. John McPhee presented a recognition scroll on behalf of MPP Lisa Thompson.

#### **1.3 Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal - Jim Shields, Walkerton Fire Department**

Mayor Peabody, Fire Chief Mike Murphy and Councillor/Firefighter James Lang presented a Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal from the Governor General to Jim Shields, Firefighter for 20 years of service with the Walkerton Fire Department. John McPhee presented a recognition scroll on behalf of MPP Lisa Thompson.

Mayor Peabody thanked all of the Brockton firefighters for their dedication and service to the Municipality of Brockton.

## **2. Acceptance of Council Agenda**

### **Resolution 19-22-01**

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on October 29, 2019 as presented.

**Carried**

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

None disclosed at this time.

## **4. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act**

## **5. Delegations**

### **5.1 Christopher Mercanti, Manager of Community and Indigenous Relations - Bruce Power Update**

Christopher Mercanti, Manager of Community and Indigenous Relations provided an updated on the operations at Bruce Power, particularly the major component replacement, which would extend the operational life of the site. Mr. Mercanti outlined the specific components to be replaced, and their accompanying uses.

In addition to the major component replacement project, Mr. Mercanti provided an overview of Bruce Power's growing medical isotope program, confirming that Bruce Power had partnered with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation to expand the program to include a variety of medical isotopes.

Mr. Mercanti also informed Council about some of the community engagement initiatives that were promoted by Bruce Power over the past few months, including scholarships, the summertime block party, the Grand Fondo bicycle race, the partial removal of the Truax Dam and a significant five (5) year funding commitment to the Walkerton and District Hospital Foundation.

Council thanked Mr. Mercanti for his presentation and inquired about potentially hosting the next summertime block party in Brockton, noting that next year would

### **5.2 Rose Austin, General Manager of Saugeen Economic Development Corporation - Saugeen Connects Update**

Rose Austin, General Manager of the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation, and Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator, jointly presented an overview of the Saugeen Connects program, as well as the overall goals and successes of the program.

Ms. Austin and Ms. Peirol emphasized how successful the Saugeen Connects program has been in arranging for succession planning for single owner/operators throughout the region. The Saugeen Connects program also toured a number of foreign investors to the area to encourage these investors to consider relocating to the region.

Saugeen Connects was also hoping to address workforce diversification to assist with the lack of available workers for business in the area. A labour force diversification workshop was held in May to provide additional information and to share best practices with other employers in the area.

Ms. Austin and Ms. Peirol informed Council that Saugeen Connects had received an award for excellence for community economic development and also provided an overview of Saugeen Connects future plans and initiatives.

5.3 Jessica Linthorne, Manager of Strategic Initiatives at Town of Saugeen Shores - Municipal Innovation Institute Update

Jessica Linthorne, Manager of Strategic Initiatives at Town of Saugeen Shores, provided an overview of the proposed Municipal Innovation Council ("MIC") and its relationship with the Nuclear Innovation Institute ("NII"), which Bruce Power was establishing. Ms. Linthorne summarized her position with the MIC and the NII, and the informed Council that the goal of the MIC was to foster innovation and collaboration between municipalities to make best use of resources.

By pooling funds, the member municipalities would be able to find efficiencies and develop programs and initiatives that may not be easily tackled by a single municipality. Ms. Linthorne confirmed that five (5) municipalities in the County of Bruce had committed to a three year pilot project. The plan would be for each municipality to appoint a person for the MIC and to provide funding for a municipal lab director to build partnership and identify commonalities, particularly by leveraging the resources at the NII.

According to Ms. Linthorne, there were four (4) proposed areas of focus, being Construction and Infrastructure, IT and Digital Services, Municipal Sustainability, and Liveable Communities. Ms. Linthorne emphasized that these areas of focus were draft, and the MIC would finalize and determine its own initiatives after having an opportunity to meet. Ms. Linthorne confirmed the existing partners as well as the next steps in moving forward with the operation of the MIC.

Ms. Linthorne responded to questions from Council and provided examples of the types of topics or problems that could be tackled with a collaborative approach.

**6. Minutes**

6.1 Council Minutes - October 15, 2019

**Resolution 19-22-02**

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Council Meeting as presented.

**Carried**

**7. Business Arising From the Minutes**

Mayor Peabody provided Council with an update about the response from the Grey Bruce Health Unit with respect to the students smoking at the intersection of Hinks Street and Fischer Dairy Road in Walkerton.

**8. Reports**

8.1 Regional Liaison Committee

Council noted that many local businesses are concerned with the local tradespeople leaving to work on the restart project and requested that the Regional Liaison Committee consider the loss of skilled trades to local businesses in the area. Other members of Council also noted that the lack of affordable housing was also a challenge in attracting and retaining skilled trades.

**Resolution 19-22-03**

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2019—28 – Regional Liaison Committee, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes.

**Carried**

**8.2 Municipal Innovation Council**

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions from Council and confirmed that the funds for the three (3) year project would be placed into reserves.

Ms. Linthorne, Manager of Strategic Initiatives at the Town of Saugeen Shores, confirmed that municipalities in other counties had expressed interest in joining the MIC, but it was confirmed that the lower tiers municipalities in Bruce County were being provided with the opportunity to join at a preliminary time.

**Resolution 19-22-04**

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2019-26 - Municipal Innovation Council, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in doing so approves participation in the Municipal Innovation Council as a three year pilot project in partnership with the Nuclear Innovation Institute and additional municipal partners;

And further that funding be provided through the Provincial one-time efficiency/modernization grant;

And further that the Chief Administrative Officer be appointed as the representative for the Municipality of Brockton;

And further that the Memorandum of Understanding be brought forward for approval by By-Law.

**Carried**

**8.3 Twice the Ice Zamboni Donation Request**

**Resolution 19-22-05**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2019- 36 – Twice the Ice Zamboni Donation Request, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer for information and approves the donation of the Zamboni to Walkerton Minor Hockey Association (WMHA); and authorizes an exemption to the Surplus Asset Policy to donate the equipment.

**Carried**

#### 8.4 Taxation Extension Agreement

**Resolution 19-22-06**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2019-37 – Taxation Extension Agreement, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and in doing so approves that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer enter into extension agreement with the applicable and eligible property for taxation purposes.

**Carried**

#### 8.5 Walkerton 2020 Commemoration

Council recognized that there may be long-standing committee members that should be invited as initial representatives on the committee.

**Resolution 19-22-07**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number ED2019-11 - Walkerton 2020 Commemoration, prepared by Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator, and Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in doing so endorses the formation of a committee to acknowledge and commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Walkerton e-coli tragedy of May 2000.

**Carried**

#### 8.6 Bang the Table Community Engagement Tool

**Resolution 19-22-08**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2019-29 - Bang the Table Community Engagement Tool, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in doing so authorizes staff to proceed with entering into a two-year agreement with Bang the Table, and further approves a By-Law coming forward.

**Carried**

#### 8.7 Willi Street Deeming By-law

**Resolution 19-22-09**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number CLK2019-35 - Willi Street Deeming By-law, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk for information purposes and further approves a By-law coming forward deeming Lot 11 CON 7 PT LOT 6 PLAN 3M136 and Lot 12 CON 7 PT LOT 6 PLAN 3M136 not be whole lots on a registered plan of subdivision.

**Carried**

8.8 1 Queen Street West, Elmwood Property Sale Tender Acceptance

Fiona Hamilton, Clerk, confirmed that the MPAC assessment of the property may be out of date, but a letter of opinion was received indicating that the tender was at the higher end of the anticipated value.

**Resolution 19-22-10**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number CLK2019-34 – 1 Queen Street West, Elmwood Property Sale Tender Acceptance, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward to accept the Tender of Laverne Metzger in the amount of \$26,100 plus H.S.T. for the purchase of 1 Queen Street West, Elmwood.

**Carried**

8.9 Dog Control By-Law Amendments

**Resolution 19-22-11**

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2019-36 – Dog Control By-Law Amendments, prepared by Lisa MacDonald, Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Officer and Sarah Johnson, Corporate Records, Licensing and Communications Assistant, and in doing so authorizes that the amended Dog Control By-Law be brought forward.

**Carried**

8.10 Walkerton Public Library Rental Policy Amendment

Fiona Hamilton, Clerk responded to a question from Council regarding the rental fees, and confirmed that the policy had been amended in response to comments received from users and librarians due to the outdated fees. The rationale in bringing the amendment was to have a policy consistent with fees for both users and librarians.

**Resolution 19-22-12**

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number REC2019-25 – Walkerton Public Library Rental Policy Amendment, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Corporate Records, Licensing and Communications Assistant and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward to adopt the policy amendment.

**Carried**

**9. Public Notification**

9.1 Land Disposition Notice - Joseph Street, Walkerton

Council inquired if neighbouring property owners had been given notice. Fiona Hamilton, Clerk confirmed that neighbouring property owners had received correspondence throughout the entire process.

9.2 Land Disposition Notice - 25 Main Street South, Elmwood (Transfer to Municipality of West Grey)

9.3 Notice - Heritage Designation of Armoury Building in Walkerton

## **10. Accounts**

10.1 Accounts - \$109,471.69

### **Resolution 19-22-13**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$109,471.69.

**Carried**

## **11. Correspondence Requiring Action**

11.1 Violence Prevention Grey Bruce - Flag Lowering Request for National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

### **Resolution 19-22-14**

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby proclaims December 6, 2019 as Natural Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in the Municipality of Brockton, and further recognizes Violence Prevention Grey Bruce's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign to raise awareness and prevent gender-based violence in Grey and Bruce Counties.

In doing so, the Council of the Municipality of Brockton authorizes that the flag at the community flag pole located at the intersection of Jackson and Yonge Street in Walkerton be lowered to half-mast in remembrance of this event.

**Carried**

11.2 Demand the Right Coalition of Municipalities - Giving Ontario Municipalities the "Right to Approve" Landfill Developments in their Own Communities

### **Resolution 19-22-15**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby supports the Demand the Right Coalition of Municipalities decision to support enshrining municipal approval rights over landfills in provincial legislation and in doing so approves sending a letter of support for the policy commitment to MPP Lisa Thompson, MPP Bill Walker, and the Demand the Right Coalition of Municipalities.

**Carried**

## **12. Information**

### **Resolution 19-22-16**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

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

**Carried**

- 12.1 Brockton Police Services Board OPP Detachment Commander Report - September 2019
- 12.2 Grey Bruce Health Unit - 2018 Annual Report
- 12.3 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 102 - Invitation to Remembrance Day Ceremony 2019
- 12.4 Ministry of Environment and Climate Change - Response on Resolutions on Single-Use Disposable Wipes and Producer Requirements for Packing
- 12.5 Township of Puslinch Resolution - Provincial Policy Statement Review
- 12.6 Municipality of West Elgin Resolution - Proposed Changes to Provincial Policy Statements
- 12.7 Municipality of West Elgin Resolution - Support Penetanguishene on Municipal Amalgamation
- 12.8 Municipality of West Elgin Resolution - Support Blue Mountains on Integrity Commissioner Matters
- 12.9 Township of Springwater Resolution - Nottawasaga Conservation Authority Levy
- 12.10 Township of Springwater Resolution - Conservation Authorities Levies
- 12.11 Town of Ingersoll Resolution - Support for Continuation of Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Programs of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
- 12.12 Town of Kingsville Resolution - Local Health Care Services

### **13. By-Laws**

Fiona Hamilton, Clerk provided an update about By-Law 2019-141 - 2406311 Ontario Inc. East Ridge Business Park Listing Amendment to Agreement By-Law that was added to the agenda.

#### **Resolution 19-22-17**

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

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 2019-132 - Amend 2019 Fees and Charges By-Law
- By-Law 2019-133 - Amend 2020 Fees and Charges By-Law
- By-Law 2019-140 - Adopt Amended Rental Policy - Walkerton Public Library By-Law
- By-Law 2019-139 - Dog Control By-Law
- By-Law 2019-135 - Walkerton Minor Hockey Association (Twice the Ice) - Memorandum of Understanding By-Law
- By-Law 2019-136 - Taxation Exemption Agreement By-Law
- By-Law 2019-137 - Willi Street Deeming By-Law
- By-Law 2019-134 - Close Joseph Street Walkerton as Highway By-Law
- By-Law 2019-138 - 1 Queen Street West Elmwood Tender Acceptance By-Law
- By-Law 2019-141 - 2406311 Ontario Inc. East Ridge Business Park Listing Amendment to Agreement By-Law

**Carried**



#### 14. Committee Minutes

Council inquired about the wording on page two (2) of the minutes regarding the path to the Dam.

**Action: Staff will investigate the path to the Dam as described in the Cargill and District Community Fund Minutes to ensure safety.**

**Resolution 19-22-18**

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

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

- Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - September 5, 2019
- Cargill and District Community Fund Minutes - September 17, 2019

**Carried**

#### 15. New Business Brought Forward

##### 1. Safe Exchange Location

Councillor Lang informed Council that other communities had adopted safe exchange location, and Members of Council debated what other locations may be appropriate for this use.

##### 2. Team Canada Softball Team

Councillor Lang noted that a local resident was named to a Canada roster for softball.

##### 3. Speeding Concerns

Councillor Adams expressed some frustration with the Black Cat Radar unit that seemed to require significant repairs which impeded the collection of necessary data.

##### 4. Broadcasting Council Meetings

Councillor Leifso expressed support for broadcasting Council meetings.

**Action: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that staff would bring forward recommendations about broadcasting the Council meetings for the upcoming year.**

##### 5. Vacant Building Tax Rate Reduction

Councillor Leifso encouraged staff to consider the vacant building tax rate reduction that other municipalities have ended. Ms. Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that the County of Bruce administers this reduction and that it was currently under review.

#### 16. Closed Session

**Resolution 19-22-19**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 8:29 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 - **Drainage Matter, Property Standards, Property Condition Proposal, Staff Update**
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board
- Labour relations or employee negotiations
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board - **Drainage Matter, Property Standards**
- 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 - **Property Condition Proposal**
- 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 19-22-20**

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

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

**Carried**

**17. Confirmation of Proceedings**

**Resolution 19-22-21**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

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 2019-142 - October 29, 2019 Confirmatory By-Law

**Carried**

**18. Adjournment**

**Resolution 19-22-22**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 9:41 p.m. to meet again on November 12, 2019.

**Carried**

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Mayor - Chris Peabody

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Clerk – Fiona Hamilton