



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

## Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

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

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

**Staff Present:** Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Fiona Hamilton, Clerk  
Sarah Johnson, Corporate Records, Licensing and  
Communications Assistant

### 1. Acceptance of Council Agenda

Mayor Peabody called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and made a brief statement of the purpose of the meeting and the general order of proceedings to be followed. Mayor Peabody thanked all of the candidates for applying for the Office of Councillor.

#### **Resolution 20-02-01**

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting on January 21, 2020 as presented.

**Carried**

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

Councillor Leifso declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 4.4 for professional reasons. Mayor Peabody also declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 4.4 due to a personal relationship with one of the candidates.

Clerk, Fiona Hamilton advised the audience that Mayor Peabody and Councillor Leifso would not participate in the vote for the Office of Councillor.

Deputy Mayor Gieruszak proceeded to Chair the meeting.

### 3. Delegations

### 4. Consideration of Business for Which Notice Was Given - Candidates

#### 4.1 Clerk to Provide List of Candidates

Deputy Mayor Gieruszak chaired this item on the Agenda as Mayor Peabody had declared a conflict of interest.

Candidates were sequestered in a separate room during the presentations.

#### 4.1.1 Paul G. Crysler

Paul G. Crysler withdrew his Application prior to the meeting.

#### 4.2 Motion to Consider Candidates for Appointment

##### **Resolution 20-02-**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the following individuals, who have signified in writing that they are legally qualified to hold office and consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the vacancy, be considered for appointment to fill such vacancy:

- Charles Bagnato
- Tim Elphick
- Philip Marcus Englishman
- John William Fruin
- Brent Carelton (Carl) Kuhnke
- Gregory J. McLean
- Henry Simpson

**Carried**

#### 4.3 Review of Candidates and Qualifications

Candidates' names were drawn by random lot to determine the order of presentations. All candidates had ten (10) minutes to make their remarks to Council. Candidates were warned on the time restraints at 8 minutes and 30 second intervals. Each Council member were allowed to ask two (2) questions of each candidate.

##### 4.3.1 Philip Marcus Englishman

Clerk, Fiona Hamilton and Chief Administrative Officer, Sonya Watson drew random lot for the first presentation. The first candidate's name that was drawn was Philip Marcus Englishman. The remaining candidates were sequestered in a separate room.

Mr. Englishman requested that Deputy Mayor Gieruszak consider declaring a conflict of interest and not participate in the proceedings. As a result of this request, the Clerk requested Council consider a short recess to review By-Law 2020-004 - Amend Council Vacancy Replacement Procedure Policy By-Law to review how many voting members of Council were required in response to Mr. Englishman's request.

##### **Resolution 20-02-03**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now hereby recess from the Open Session at 10:15 a.m.

**Carried**

##### **Resolution 20-02-04**

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now hereby return to Open Session at 10:21 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Gieruszak solicited opinions from members of Council about whether he should be declaring a conflict of interest. As Council was unanimously of the opinion that there was no conflict of interest, Deputy Mayor Gieruszak declined to declare a conflict of interest and continued as Chair of the meeting. Mr. Englishman resumed his presentation and confirmed that, if appointed, he would vote based on issues rather than personal relationships.

#### 4.3.2 John William Fruin

Clerk, Fiona Hamilton and Chief Administrative Officer, drew the next candidates name by random lot. John Fruin was invited into the Council Chambers.

John Fruin thanked Council for the opportunity to present, and summarized his extensive municipal experience and knowledge of critical infrastructure.

#### 4.3.3 Brent Carleton (Carl) Kuhnke

Carl Kuhnke thanked Council for the opportunity, and explained his experience as CEO of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre (WCWC). Mr. Kuhnke summarized what he considered his biggest priorities for Council to consider.

Mr. Kuhnke responded to questions from Council about his definition of customer service in the municipal context, as well as how he would balance his numerous responsibilities.

#### 4.3.4 Gregory J. McLean

Gregory McLean provided some personal background about his family and volunteer efforts. Mr. McLean voiced his interest in pushing for innovation in Brockton and updating the Municipality's Strategic Plan.

Ms. McLean responded to questions from Council and further explained his views relating to how Councillor could communicate their vision for the future of Brockton to residents.

#### 4.3.5 Henry Simpson

Henry Simpson thanked Council for the opportunity to speak, and emphasized his unique perspective from working as a geologist around the world.

Mr. Simpson responded to questions from Council and confirmed that while he did own a consulting business, he was no longer working extensively such that he could attend all meetings.

#### 4.3.6 Charles Bagnato

Charles Bagnato thanked Council and staff for the opportunity to present and emphasized his commitment to the community as seen in the time he spent as a member of Council, particularly following the Walkerton Water Crisis.

Mr. Bagnato responded to questions from Council and explained his definition of customer service in the municipal context and confirmed that he would be excited to take on the role of Councillor rather than Mayor.

#### 4.3.7 Tim Elphick

Tim Elphick discussed his long-time commitment to the community and the unique perspective he could offer after his many of years of working as a public servant for the Provincial Government, with particular emphasis on the role he played in advocating for the Walkerton Courthouse.

Mr. Elphick responded to questions from Council and confirmed his commitment to fiscal responsibility and strong civic engagement.

4.4 Vote for Candidate to be Appointed

Clerk, Fiona Hamilton invited candidates back into room to witness the vote. Ms. Hamilton explained the process that ballots would be distributed to each voting Council member, and that each Council member was to mark their vote on the ballot. Councillor names were drawn by random lot to determine the order for the vote.

Clerk, Fiona Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer, Sonya Watson, and Corporate Records, Licensing and Communications Assistant, Sarah Johnson tallied the votes for the candidates for two rounds of voting.

4.5 Clerk to Announce Successful Candidate

Clerk, Fiona Hamilton, announced that Tim Elphick was the successful candidate for the Office of Councillor.

5. **By-Law - Appointment of New Council Member**

**Resolution 20-02-05**

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

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 2020-006 - Appoint Tim Elphick as Member of Council By-law

**Carried**

6. **Oath of Office**

Tim Elphick swore their Oath of Office in the presence of Clerk, Fiona Hamilton.

7. **Welcoming Remarks From Councillors**

Council congratulated Tim Elphick on his appointment as Councillor, and voiced their recognition and appreciation for his past experience which would assist him in his new role. Council also thanked all of the candidates who submitted an application for the vacancy, and remarked on the excellent quality of all candidates.

8. **Confirmation of Proceedings**

**Resolution 20-02-06**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Steve Adams

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 2020-007 - January 21, 2020 Special Meeting Confirmatory By-Law

**Carried**

9. **Adjournment**

**Resolution 20-02-07**

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 11:38 p.m.  
to meet again on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m..

**Carried**

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Mayor - Chris Peabody

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Clerk – Fiona Hamilton