



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton**

**Special Council Meeting Minutes  
(2020 Municipal Budget)**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 9:00 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**  
                                 **Tim Elphick - Councillor**  
                                 **Dean Leifso, Councillor**

**Staff Present:**        **Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer**  
                                 **Fiona Hamilton, Clerk**  
                                 **Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer**  
                                 **Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations**  
                                 **John Strader, Roads Supervisor**

**1.      Acceptance of Special Council Agenda**

Mayor Peabody called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion: 20-05-01

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 as presented.

**Carried**

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

Councillor Dean Leifso declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to an item arising from the Closed Session under Item 4.

**3.      Tax-Supported Operating Budget (Continued)**

**3.1      Introduction**

**3.2      Materials Management Budget**

Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations, provided Council with an overview of the projects from the previous year, including the launch of the polystyrene densifier and preparing for the next cell opening at the Brant landfill.

Council discuss the expensive equipment needs for the Brant landfill site as well the large capital contribution requested by the Town of Hanover for the Hanover and Walkerton landfill site.

Mayor Peabody provided Council with an update regarding the proposed budget for Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling ("BASWR"). Council directed Mayor

Peabody to communicate to BASWR that the proposed budget should be in line with a 2% increase rather than previous 5%.

### 3.3 Public Works Budget

Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations, informed Council that the County of Bruce had requested funding for the traffic study at McNab and Durham Street in Walkerton. Mr. Furtney also provided an overview of the roads to be reconstructed in the next year in accordance with the rural roads needs study that was completed in 2019.

Mr. Furtney responded to questions from Council about the benefit of the proposed packers for gravel roads and also itemized the list of changes to the Brant work shop requested by the tenant of that facility.

Council debated the amount that should be transferred into reserves noting the commitment to infrastructure that was made in the previous year's budget.

### 3.4 Streetlights Budget

John Strader, Roads Supervisor, responded to questions from Council and clarified that the proposed plan was to complete upgrading the streetlights in Cargill to LED fixtures, with Riversdale and Glammis to be completed in the next year. Council discussed the brightness of the street lights in Chepstow and debated in which year those lights should be replaced. Council directed staff to proceed with the plan to replace the LED fixtures in Cargill this year, and to plan on replacing the fixtures in Riversdale, Glammis and Chepstow in the following year.

Council also directed staff to amend the amount budgeted for the replacement of streetlight to \$3,000.00 from \$5,000.00.

Motion: 20-05-02

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

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

**Carried**

Motion: 20-05-03

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Dan Gieruszak

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now hereby return to Open Session at 11:21 a.m.

**Carried**

## 4. Closed Session

Councillor, Dean Leifso declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to Item 4, and removed himself from the table.

Council discussed the importance of gaining community input, and involvement from the Wong family regarding the parkette.

Motion: 20-05-04

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 11:22 a.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
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board – **Consideration of Downtown Property**
- 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 – **Erosion Issue**
- 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 – **Inter-Municipal Agreement Update**
- 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**

Motion: 20-05-05

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approves the direction provided to staff in the closed session.

**Carried**

Motion: 20-05-06

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: James Lang

Whereas the Walkerton Business Improvement Area (BIA), the Economic Development Committee (EDC) and the Community Improvement Committee

(CIC) have expressed the desire for the Municipality to secure an area to develop a downtown greenspace or community gathering area; and

Whereas the Municipality of Brockton Council selected a vacant lot at 312 Durham Street as the best site due to its size, the central location for shoppers, convenience for community events, connection to the municipal parking lot, and suitability for an urban park style design to support downtown businesses; and

Whereas two independent real estate assessments were obtained to determine the fair market value of the lot located at 312 Durham Street; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Council of the Municipality of Brockton does hereby ratify the decision to purchase the property known as 312 Durham Street for the purchase price of \$100,000.00 using funds from the parkland reserve fund;
2. That the Municipality of Brockton will accept a charitable donation of \$26,000.00 from the property owners, the Wong Family, and issue a corresponding receipt once the property has been transferred;
3. That recognition for the Wong Family's contributions to, and history in, the community be incorporated into the development of the parkette;
4. That the Municipality of Brockton will solicit comments and ideas from the community regarding the design plans for this downtown greenspace when designed in the future.

**Carried**

Councillor Leifso declared a conflict of interest in relation to this item for professional reasons and did not participate in the vote.

Motion: 20-05-07

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves withholding the \$206,000.00 requested by the Town of Hanover for costs related to opening Cell 2 at the Hanover-Walkerton Landfill Site until such time as the Committee has met to discuss renegotiating the Agreement, with a more equitable distribution of shares.

And further approves staff communicating the withholding to the Town of Hanover.

As well as a summary of Council's concerns regarding the operation of the landfill site.

**Carried**

## **5. Tax-Supported Municipal Capital Requests**

Council discussed the Recreation Pool Capital request and Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, informed Council that the proposal was to remove the high dive when the concrete skirting was being replaced to save on future cost.

Council then focused on discussing the capital request that were being proposed to be funded through the tax rate, including the equipment purchases for the fire department, reservoir hanging baskets and storage for the day camp, and dredging at the Cargill Community Centre.

John Strader, Roads Supervisor, responded to questions from Council and suggested that the costs for dredging at the Cargill Community Centre should be budgeted as \$8,000.00 rather than the \$20,000.00 initially proposed.

**Action: Council directed staff to reduce the amount budgeted for dredging at the Cargill Community Centre to \$8,000.00.**

Council discussed the culvert replacement with Arran-Elderslie which was completed in 2019 with the agreement that Brockton would fund its portion in 2020. Council suggested funding the culverts from reserves.

#### 5.1 Office Renovation Proposal

Council discussed the benefits of considering alternatives to the current location, with some members expressing a preference to owning a municipal office rather than continuing to rent space.

Council discussed the importance of addressing security issues at the building, and decided to consider the proposed renovations to the municipal office until all other capital items had been prioritized.

Councillor Hutcheon provided notice that she would bring a motion at the next regular Council meeting requesting that staff provide a comparison of the costs related to the renting the current municipal office location versus a potential new build in the East Ridge Business Park.

Motion: 20-05-08

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2020-01 Office Renovation Proposal, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, for information purposes and provides further direction to staff.

**Carried**

Mayor Peabody exited the meeting at 12:12 p.m. due to a Bruce County Council Meeting. Deputy Mayor Giersuzak assumed the role of Chair.

#### 6. Recess

Motion: 20-05-09

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Dan Gieruszak

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now hereby recess from the Open Session at 12:17 p.m.

**Carried**

Motion: 20-05-10

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now hereby return to Open Session at 12: 57 p.m.

**Carried**

Motion: 20-05-11

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the motion dealing with Report Number CLK2020-03 - Broadcasting Council Meetings and identified as Item 7.5 under the Reports section of the January 14, 2020 Council Agenda that was tabled at the January 14, 2020 Council Meeting be taken from the table for the purposes of a vote.

**Carried**

Motion: 20-05-12

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives for information Report Number CLK2020-03 – Broadcasting Council Meetings, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and further grants pre-budget approval to accept the quote from E-scribe Software Ltd. for \$14,825.00 and an additional \$12,150.00 for Live Closed Captioning and authorizes Fiona Hamilton, Clerk to sign the attached quote, and further that the June 16, 2020 and September 10, 2020 Council meetings be held in the Bruce County Administration Building.

**Defeated**

## **7. Current Tax Rate Implications**

Council amended the agenda to allow Dale Ahrens and Ernie Faulkner to review the capital budget items for the Elmwood Community Centre Board. Mr. Ahrens summarized the projects completed in 2019 by the Board, and presented their goals for 2020. Mr. Ahrens further presented a history of the funding amounts provided to the Elmwood Community Centre Board and requested that Council consider a %3.3 increase.

Council discussed the matched funding between the Municipality of Brockton and Municipality of West-Grey. Staff explained that the funding would include the matched amount, as well as the normal \$3,000 and \$10,000 reserve fund.

Council further discussed the tax rate implications of the budget as proposed. Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer informed Council that the approximate tax rate increase is 8.96%. Council directed staff to review the budget based on the priorities that had been identified to arrive at a more modest tax rate increase for Brockton residents.

**Action: Staff would bring back a list of proposed changes to the budget to arrive at lower proposed tax rate increase.**

## **8. Council Discussion on Budget**

Council discussed the importance of maintaining reserve funds for roads and recreation as consideration for staff when amending the proposed budget.

## **9. Confirmation of Proceedings**

Motion: 20-05-13

Moved By: James Lang

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 2020-014 - February 4, 2020 Confirmatory By-Law

**Carried**

**10. Adjournment**

Motion: 20-05-14  
Moved By: Tim Elphick  
Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 2:01 p.m. to meet again on February 11, 2020.

**Carried**

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Mayor - Chris Peabody

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Clerk – Fiona Hamilton