



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Electronic Meeting

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

Staff Present: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer
Fiona Hamilton, Clerk
Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk
Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations

1. Acceptance of Special Council Agenda

Resolution 21-05-01

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting on February 9, 2021 as presented.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

3. Reports

3.1 Budget Consultation 2021 Final Feedback

Resolution 21-05-02

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2021-04 – Budget Consultation 2021 Final Feedback, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk and Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer for information purposes.

Carried

3.2 Cargill and Greenock Swamp Promotion/Visitor Information Centre Budget Update

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator, responded to questions from Council about the

prospects of the group being successful in obtaining grants for summer students.

Councillor Leifso declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to any discussion of the renovation of the building in Cargill, Ontario for professional reasons.

Resolution 21-05-03

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number ED2021-01 – Cargill and Greenock Swamp Promotion/Visitor Information Centre Budget Update, prepared by Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator and Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in doing so supports a donation for inclusion in the 2021 Municipal Budget to support the Cargill/Greenock Swamp Promotional Association in the amount of \$6,850 plus an additional \$5727.50 to support one summer student should the Canada Summer Jobs grant application be unsuccessful; and further if the grant application is approved the \$5727.50 will be transferred to a reserve fund for consideration by Council to support the Visitor Centre Operations of the Cargill/Greenock Swamp Promotional Association in 2022.

Carried

3.4 2021 Municipal Budget

Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer gave a high-level summary of the changes indicating it brought the overall tax rate down to an increase of 1.61%.

Council discussed specific items outlined in the budget, including the Saugeen Municipal Airport budget and the efforts made to increase revenue for that facility, and the need to improve Concession 14, Brant. Ms. Serratore, Chief Financial Officer, clarified that the engineering for Concession 14, Brant was proposed to be funded through a reserve fund transfer.

Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations, mentioned the proposed crosswalk near the Walkerton District Community School and clarified that safety measures could be implemented to improve student safety at the Schools in that area that were less expensive and more in line with the Ministry of Transportation guidelines, noting the guidelines were specific to school areas.

Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, responded to questions from Council about the details of proposed repairs to equipment at the Walkerton Community Centre arena, noting the hot water boiler system was one project planned for 2021.

Council discussed the overall tax rate proposed and noted that the MPAC assessments were frozen for this year's budget cycle. Council discussed the reserve fund transfer to recreation, and whether any assessment increases could be directed towards the rate stabilization reserve fund or working reserves. Ms. Serratore confirmed that this proposal was in line with practice.

Ms. Serratore recommended leaving the \$200,000.00 transfer as presented along with a plan to include \$100,000.00 as supplemental assessment income may already be generous.

Council discussed the reserve fund transfer and the overall priorities to be included in the budget.

4. Non-Tax Supported Operating Budget

4.3 2021 Non-Tax Support Budget and Utility Rate Changes

Resolution 21-05-04

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number FIN2021-06 – 2021 Non-Tax Supported Budget and Utility Rate Changes, prepared by Trish Serratore, and in so doing authorizes By-Laws coming forward approving the 2021 Non-Tax Supported Budget and 2021 Water/Wastewater Rates.

Carried

5. Tax Supported Operating Budget

6. Council Discussion on Budget

7. Current Tax Rate Implications

Resolution 21-05-05

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2021-05 – 2021 Municipal Budget, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and in doing so approves bringing forward a By-Law to accept the 2021 Municipal Budget in the levied amount of \$9,855,085 including the levied tax rate increase of 1.61%.

Carried

8. By-Laws

Council decided to vote on the By-Laws in two separate motions.

Resolution 21-05-06

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

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 2021-014 - Water Service Rates and Charges By-Law
- By-Law 2021-015 - Approve 2021 Non-Tax Supported Municipal Budget By-Law

Carried

Resolution 21-05-07

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: James Lang

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 2021-016 - Approve 2021 Municipal Budget By-Law

Carried

9. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 21-05-08

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

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 2021-017 - February 9, 2021 Special Council Meeting Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

10. Adjournment

Resolution 21-05-09

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 1:45 p.m. to meet again on February 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

Clerk– Fiona Hamilton