



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 7:00 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 (Not present for Items 16 or 17)

Staff Present: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer
Fiona Hamilton, Clerk
Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services
Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk
Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations
Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager

1. Acceptance of Council Agenda

Resolution 21-06-01

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

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

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

3. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act

4. Delegations

4.1 County of Bruce Transportation Department - Durham St. and McNab St. Intersection Safety Study and Proposals

Jim Donohoe, Engineering Manager and Miguel Pelletier, Director of Transportation and Environment Services, provided an overview of the traffic study that was completed at the intersection of Durham Street and McNab Street in Walkerton.

The study was completed in response to concerns about pedestrian safety during peak times at the intersection. The methodology used in the study captured more data as it would show near miss situations rather than analysing only collision statistics.

The study showed that many of the near-miss situations were occurring from vehicles improperly turning left out of the Tim Horton's parking lot, as well as students crossing from the median at the intersection. As a result of the data, staff explored proposals and solutions, and the potential time-frame for both. The replacement of the Durham Street Bridge impacted the potential solutions, and the alignment of the bridge may impact the visibility and design at this intersection. The short-term measures included additional signage and a pedestrian barrier along the roadway.

Mr. Donohoe presented the projected cost estimates for both the short term and long-term solutions that were being considered and responded to questions from Council about how the short-term measures could be integrated with the long-term solutions as well. Mr. Donohoe confirmed the study did include traffic counts such that the long-term solutions would be warranted and that those solutions would also accommodate long term growth.

4.2 South Bruce O.P.P. - 2020 Annual Report

Krista Miller, Detachment Commander and Staff Sergeant Ryan Olmstead provided an overview of the crime statistics and overall calls for service.

Inspector Miller noted that there was a significant decrease in sexual assaults, which was an improvement over trends from previous years, although the reasons were currently unknown. Inspector Miller noted the number of assault charges and the proportion of those charges that were related to domestic violence. It was noted the threats against a person also included a large portion attributable to domestic violence, although a portion also included internet harassment.

Inspector Miller noted that there was a number of vehicles stolen and in all cases the keys had been left in or very near the vehicle, such that the Detachment was continuing to emphasize the pocket your keys campaign.

Overall, the statistics related to motor vehicle collisions had decreased because of the provincially mandated lockdowns such that there were fewer people travelling. However, once the lockdown restrictions were eased, there was an increase in racing charges (the majority of those offenders were not local individuals) and impaired driving offences.

The total calls for service and the hours for service were down likely due to the lockdowns and fewer people travelling. Inspector Miller noted that the change in the O.P.P. policing allowing dispatchers more discretion to evaluate 911 misdials has resulted in a significant decrease in calls for service for that issue.

The South Bruce Detachment had successfully hosted an Anti-Human Trafficking information session and had partnered with the school boards to provide information session to Brockton's youth. The detachment was part of a new Transfer of Care protocol for transfers of mental health patients to the hospital, and also saw the completion of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. The detachment was also partnering with the Canadian Mental Health Association where clinicians attended the detachment to assist with mental health and addictions related calls.

Overall, there were 65 calls for service related to the Covid-19 pandemic noting the overall emphasis on education.

Inspector Miller responded to questions from Council about whether there would potentially be a reduction in costs related to transporting prisoners to the courthouse. Council expressed support for expanding the campaign with the

Highway Safety Division to focus on potentially unsafe commercial motor vehicles.

4.3 GM BluePlan - Greenock Bridge 02 Schedule B Environmental Assessment Phase 2 Recommended Solution

Council listened to a presentation from GM BluePlan about the Environmental Assessment process for the Greenock Bridge 02 known as the Riversdale Bridge project. The Riversdale Bridge had deteriorated to a point where the bridge could no longer fulfil its intended function and was closed to the public as a safety measure.

There was a virtual public information session and comments that were obtained from residents that would be included in the project file. GM BluePlan reviewed the five potential alternatives that were evaluated, being do nothing, rehabilitation, removal, replacement or adaptive reuse. Gm BluePlan reviewed the considerations for each of these alternatives, and presented the overall recommended approach and the cost estimates of each alternative.

It was noted that the final cost would not be known until the project was tendered and that the cost would need to be weighed against the Municipality of Brockton's overall capital infrastructure, including the other 35 bridges within Brockton. The bridge code required designing bridges to a 75 year life span, and GM BluePlan noted that reinforced concrete was usually the most cost effective material to ensure this standard.

The Riversdale Bridge was low to significantly low traffic counts and there was a reasonable alternative route proposed such that emergency services would likely not be impacted (as those agencies had been confirmed when contacted). GM BluePlan also presented the alternative of adaptive re-use of the bridge for walking or snowmobile use. While the cultural and social value of this solution was high, the on-going maintenance costs would be high and result in long-term financial challenges.

Brent Willis responded to questions from Council and explained that if the bridge was replaced, a two-lane bridge would be preferred as there would be less chance for accidents and more potential for a detour route, etc. for 75 years. Mr. Willis discussed the potential timeline that would be involved for the design, tendering and construction of a bridge if a replacement option was preferred by Council.

Fiona Hamilton, Clerk, informed Council that nine (9) residents had provided letters to Council. Ms. Hamilton summarized the concerns outlined by those residents.

Mayor Peabody canvassed whether Council wanted to make the decision in relation to the Bridge given that many residents from Riversdale would be watching the meeting.

Council deferred the decision on the replacement of the bridge should be a one or two lane bridge until a report could be brought back at a future meeting providing additional information. Council also suggested exploring the possibility of replacement with a wooden bridge.

Council expressed the potential to receive some assistance from other levels of government and the need to spread the cost over a number of years.

4.3.1 Riversdale Bridge Environmental Assessment Phase 2

Council requested a recorded vote. The resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution 21-06-02

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2021-02 - Riversdale Bridge Environmental Assessment Phase 2, prepared by Gregg Furtney, Director of Operations, and in doing so approves Option 3 (a or b) to complete Phase 2 of the Environmental Assessment.

Member of Council	Yes	No
Councillor Steve Adams	✓	
Councillor Tim Elphick	✓	
Deputy Mayor Gieruszak	✓	
Councillor Kym Hutcheon	✓	
Councillor James Lang	✓	
Councillor Dean Leifso	✓	
Mayor Chris Peabody	✓	

Carried

5. Minutes

5.1 Council Minutes - January 26, 2021

Resolution 21-06-03

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Council Meeting as presented.

Carried

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

6.1 Town of Bracebridge Resolution - Infrastructure Funding

Resolution 21-06-04

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby support the Town of Bracebridge's Resolution 21-GC-024 requesting that the Federal and Provincial Governments provide immediate broad and substantial municipal funding opportunities for well-planned, shovel-ready projects already prioritized under municipal asset management plans to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies in order to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MPP Lisa Thompson, MPP Bill Walker, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Town of Bracebridge.

Carried

7. Reports

7.1 Brockton Overall Bridge and Culvert Review

Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations, responded to questions from Council about a proposed transportation network for Brockton. Mr. Furtney informed Council that he could provide an overall snapshot by combining both the Rural Roads Needs Study and the Bridge Assessment.

Resolution 21-06-05

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2021-03 – Brockton Overall Bridge and Culvert Review, prepared by Gregg Furtney, Director of Operations, for information.

Carried

7.2 January 2021 Water and Wastewater Report

Resolution 21-06-06

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2021-05 – January 2021 Water and Wastewater Report, prepared by Gregg Furtney, Director of Operations, for information purposes.

Carried

7.3 COVID-19 Municipal Response - February 9, 2021 Update

Mayor Chris Peabody remarked on the extended Stay at Home Order, and predicted colour coded zones that would be released after February 16, 2021.

Resolution 21-06-07

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2021-03 - COVID-19 Municipal Response – February 9, 2021 Update, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk for information purposes and further confirms and ratifies all operational decisions, procedures, and cancellations put in place by staff, and the Municipal Emergency Control Group in response for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carried

7.4 COVID-19 Arena Closure Ice Operations Update

Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, provided an update to Council about the provincial restrictions and provided a snapshot of the reduction of hours of use of the Arena. Mr. Coleman confirmed there was an option to host the Quick Feet program for 6 weeks, but noted that it did draw on residents from outside of Grey Bruce. If the ice remained in the Community Centre, Mr. Coleman said the proposal would be to keep the ice in until April 1, 2021.

Resolution 21-06-08

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approves that the motion dealing with Report Number REC2021-01 - COVID-19 Arena Closure Ice Operations, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, and considered as

item 7.4 at the Council Meeting on January 26, 2021 be taken from the table for purposes of a vote.

Carried

Resolution 21-06-09

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2021-01 – COVID-19 Arena Closure Ice Operations Update, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services and in doing so approves the removal of the ice at the Walkerton Community Centre for the balance of the 2020-2021 ice season as a result of the lack of revenues from users due to the Provincial lockdown and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Defeated

Resolution 21-06-10

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does hereby approve maintain the ice surface at the Walkerton Community Centre until April 1, 2021 and allowing ice surface rentals or the Quick Feet program to run only for persons residing in Grey or Bruce Counties.

Carried

7.5 Optimist Park Accessible Playground Phase II

Resolution 21-06-11

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2021-02 – Optimist Park Accessible Playground Phase II, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services;

And in doing so approves in principle the proposed Phase II works to complete the Accessible Park and Playground envisioned by the Walkerton and District Optimist Club;

And further directs Staff to continue to collaboratively work with the Optimist Club in completing the project.

Carried

7.6 Durham Street Park Development Committee Terms of Reference

Fiona Hamilton, Clerk, reminded Council that Mayor Peabody could attend any Committee meeting as an ex-officio member. Councillor Hutcheon volunteered her name as the Council representative to sit on the Committee. Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, clarified the proposed role of a Lead Landscape Designer and the budgetary expectations of the Committee.

Council discussed the one-year term, and a representative from the Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee with the vote for the service club as one vote.

Resolution 21-06-12

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2021-06 – Durham Street Park Development Committee Terms of Reference, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk, Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward adopting the Terms of Reference for the Durham Street Park Development Ad Hoc Committee; and further approves the Ad Hoc Committee being included in the Amended Committee of Council Appointment By-Law; and further that the following Council Member Hutcheon be appointed as a member on the Ad Hoc Committee, and that the composition be changed to eight with a Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee.

Carried

7.7 Property Standards Committee Terms of Reference

Fiona Hamilton, Clerk responded to questions from Council, explaining the purpose of the honorarium to provide compensation for the individual providing adjudicative services. Ms. Hamilton explained that agendas will be posted publicly, and decisions and notices will be issued, though minutes would not be provided in the same manner as other Committees due to the differing nature of the Committee.

Council suggested including an additional provision in the Terms of Reference allowing the Committee to set their own procedures for appeal hearings. Fiona Hamilton, Clerk explained that initial procedures were developed as an appendix to the Terms to allow for expectation and fairness for both the appellant and officers. Ms. Hamilton noted Council's direction to amend the Terms of Reference to include a specific clause stating that the Committee shall set out the procedural rules applicable to every hearing at their first meeting.

Resolution 21-06-13

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2021-05 – Property Standards Committee Terms of Reference, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward adopting the Terms of Reference for the Property Standards Committee and further approves including the Property Standards Committee in the Amended Committee of Council Appointment By-Law.

Carried

7.8 Chief Building Official's Activity Report for January 2021

Resolution 21-06-14

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BLDG2021-04 - Chief Building Official's Activity Report for January 2021, prepared by Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO for information purposes.

Carried

7.9 2022 Election Voting Method Recommendations

Council discussed the intention of the report, and Fiona Hamilton, Clerk advised that staff would facilitate electronic and telephone voting with voting centres to

accommodate residents that may have challenges with internet access or technology, etc.

Resolution 21-06-15

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2021-04 – 2022 Election Voting Method Recommendations, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk and in doing so approves the inclusion of electronic methods for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election in the Municipality of Brockton, and further directs the Clerk to prepare the necessary By-Law to come forward.

Carried

7.10 Municipal Innovation Council Waste Management Services Review

Sonya Watson, CAO, clarified that the report was for information only and encouraged Council to attend the webinar on March 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for a more detailed presentation.

Resolution 21-06-16

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2021-02 - Municipal Innovation Council Waste Management Services Review, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, for information purposes.

Carried

8. Public Notification

8.1 Brockton Snow Sculpture Challenge

8.2 Notice of Public Hearing - Minor Variance Application A-2020-059

8.3 Notice of Public Hearing - Minor Variance Application A-2020-076

9. Accounts

9.1 Accounts - \$596,901.69

Resolution 21-06-17

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$596,901.69.

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10. Correspondence Requiring Action

10.1 Statistics Canada - 2021 Census

Resolution 21-06-18

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

Carried

11. Information

Resolution 21-06-19

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

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

Carried

11.1 Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission Minutes - December 16, 2020

11.2 Municipal Innovation Council Minutes - November 19, 2020

11.3 Municipality of Grey Highlands Resolution - Insurance Rates

11.4 Township of North Glengarry Resolution - Small Business Reopenings

11.5 City of Port Colborne Resolution - Support Howick on Amending the Tile Drainage Installation Act

12. By-Laws

Resolution 21-06-20

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 2021-018 - Declare Part of Lot 33 and 34 Concession 1 N.D.R. Brant Surplus By-Law
- By-Law 2021-019 - Durham Street Park Development Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference By-Law
- By-Law 2021-020 - Property Standards Committee Terms of Reference By-Law
- By-Law 2021-021 - Amend Committee Appointment By-Law

Carried

13. Committee Minutes

Resolution 21-06-21

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

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

- Hanover/Walkerton Waste Management Committee Minutes - December 1, 2020
- Brockton Heritage Committee Minutes - December 7, 2020
- Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes - December 7, 2020

Carried

14. New Business Brought Forward

1. Snow Clearing on Durham Street, Walkerton

Council thanked the Roads Department for clearing snow along Durham Street sidewalks, which has been appreciated by local merchants in assisting their curbside pickup.

2. Winter Burials

Council asked Gregg Furtney, Director of Operations to bring forward an updated report on the status of winter burials.

3. Speed Humps

Council proposed planning ahead for the location of the speed humps.

4. Lobies Park Skating Oval

Council thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their work on opening the Lobies Park Skating Oval, and appreciated the extended hours.

5. County of Bruce Council Updates

Mayor Peabody provided an update from Bruce County Council regarding the County's focus on expanding transportation networks, and social housing units.

6. Residential Development

Council thanked the Chief Administrative Officer for beginning initial planning for the new residential development in the former Bogdon and Gross property.

15. Closed Session

Resolution 21-06-22

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 9:46 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 - **Fee Request**
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board
- Labour relations or employee negotiations - **Staffing Update**
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board - **Property Standards Matter**
- 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 - **Inter-municipal Service Agreement**
- 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 21-06-23

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Dan Gieruszak

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves the direction provided to staff in Closed Session and acknowledges the hiring of Jaimee Thomson as Brockton Child Care Centre Cook effective February 16, 2021.

Carried

16. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 21-06-24

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

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 2021-022 - February 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

17. Adjournment

Resolution 21-06-25

Moved By: James Lang

Seconded By: Steve Adams

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 10:33 p.m.
to meet again on March 9, 2021.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

Clerk – Fiona Hamilton