



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Special Council Meeting Minutes (Strategic Action Plan)

Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Electronic Meeting

Council Present: Chris Peabody, Mayor
Dan Gieruszak, Deputy Mayor
Steve Adams, Councillor
Tim Elphick, Councillor (excluding items 5 and 6)
Kym Hutcheon, Councillor
James Lang, Councillor
Dean Leifso, Councillor

Staff Present: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer
Fiona Hamilton, Clerk
Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer
Cally Mann, Municipal Executive Coordinator
Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator
Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services
Dieter Wetz, Building and Planning Manager
Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations
Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor
Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services

1. Acceptance of Special Council Agenda

Resolution 21-14-01

Moved By: Dean Leifso

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting on May 4, 2021 as presented.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None disclosed at this time.

3. Delegations

3.1 Bill Winegard and Associates - Brockton Strategic Action Plan

Bill Winegard provided an overview of the plan for the session and the outline of the next steps involved in the process. Mr. Winegard thanked Council and staff for their input and the discussions that were held in the small group sessions and were summarized for the public.

4. Business for Which the Meeting Was Called

4.1 Discussion on Strategic Action Plan 2025

Mr. Winegard asked whether there were any questions or clarifications required for any of the items listed in the summary.

Council noted the importance of also listing our environmental assets, along with out other municipal assets, related to healthy rivers, air and our trail system from an economic development perspective. Council also questioned the degree to which staff would relate all reports to items connected in the strategic plan to ensure the plan is being properly implemented. The CAO noted that this is already done and would continue with the new Action Plan.

Mayor Peabody noted that he had some concerns with adding a third meeting due to the staff time involved and additional mandatory training for Members of Council. Council discussed that while a third meeting may not be required at all times, a dedicated strategic planning meeting could be scheduled on a quarterly basis, if possible.

The idea of potentially delegating more authority to staff was also discussed, with some Members of Council expressing concern that it may be seen by the public as eroding the oversight role of Councillors.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, provided the background in relation to the suggestion for additional training session and responded to some of the negative criticism surrounding the increased training and rules for Members of Council.

Council also discussed the potential to consider shared services and highlighted some of the larger contracts in place in Brockton and the need to remain cost conscious.

Councillor Elphick departed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Winegard shifted the discussion to focus on the main priorities that were already well underway. Council identified the fast-tracking of subdivision approvals and the construction of the next phase of the East Ridge Business Parks as major priorities. The need to be transparent with the public about the significant funds that will need to be spent in the upcoming terms of Council to maintain or improve existing assets was also discussed. Similarly, Council highlighted the need to plan for the growth and development occurring, both in terms of infrastructure and staffing. Some Members of Council provided the specific example of providing greater education about the way in which grant funding works and the relationship between the various levels of government.

Fiona Hamilton, Clerk identified that a clear decision in relation to a small development charge or a community benefit charge could be accomplished over the next eighteen months.

Mr. Winegard concluded the session by noting the comments would be taken into consideration and the long list of actions updated accordingly. Mr. Winegard continued to outline the overall process and the next steps to be taken prior to the next Strategic Planning Meeting.

5. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 21-14-02

Moved By: Steve Adams

Seconded By: Dean Leifso

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 2021-063 - May 4, 2021 Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

6. Adjournment

Resolution 21-14-03

Moved By: Dan Gieruszak

Seconded By: James Lang

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 10:24 a.m.
to meet again on May 11, 2021.

Carried

Mayor - Chris Peabody

Clerk – Fiona Hamilton