



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Elmwood Community Centre

Council Present: Chris Peabody, Mayor
Mitch Clark, Councillor
Tim Elphick, Councillor
Kym Hutcheon, Councillor
Gregory J. McLean, Councillor

Council Absent: James Lang, Deputy Mayor
B. Carl Kuhnke, Councillor

Staff Present: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer
Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)
Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer
Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations

1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Peabody called the meeting to order and started the meeting with an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

2. Acceptance of Council Agenda

Resolution 23-18-01

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton accept the Agenda for the regular Council Meeting on September 12, 2023 as presented.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act

5. Delegations

5.1 Bruce County 2023 Development Charges Study

Edward Henley, Bruce County Treasurer, provided an overview of the reasons why the County of Bruce was considering development charges; chiefly to ensure proper replacement of aging infrastructure. Mr. Henley noted that the County of Bruce was in the position of implementing a large tax rate increase to reflect the capital repairs and replacements needed in the Asset Management Plan.

Mr. Henley noted that there was also significant growth occurring throughout the County of Bruce that would require additional capital infrastructure, above and beyond the infrastructure that already existed and needed to be repaired or

replaced. It was noted that the only mechanisms to raise significant funds would be to implement development charges or to raise taxes by 5% across all lower-tiers in the County of Bruce.

Mr. Henley reviewed what capital expenditures were eligible to be funded through development charges, along with the specific on-going projects, such as paramedic stations and the Durham Street Bridge, that would be eligible for funding through development charges.

Council questioned whether the additional development charges could freeze development or motivate a developer to choose a different location.

The rate of growth occurring in specific municipalities was reviewed with Council, along with an estimate of the revenue that could be realized by implementing development charges throughout the County of Bruce, with specific emphasis on the estimates for the Municipality of Brockton.

Mr. Henley emphasized that it was more equitable to implement development charges that to require residents of one lower-tier municipality to pay for growth occurring in another lower-tier municipality in the form of global increased tax rates.

Mr. Henley responded to questions from Council about how development charges related to an increased municipal tax assessment. The legislative changes and the potential implementation timelines were also explained to Council. Council noted the importance of being mindful of the potential impact of development charges on affordable housing developments.

6. Minutes

6.1 Council Minutes - August 29, 2023

Resolution 23-18-02

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the August 29, 2023 Council Meeting as presented.

Carried

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

8. Reports

8.1 July and August 2023 Water and Wastewater Operation Maintenance

Resolution 23-18-03

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2023-10 – July and August 2023 Water and Wastewater Operation Maintenance, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, for information purposes.

Carried

8.2 One Ton Truck Purchase

Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, responded to questions from Council and noted the shop was using a half ton rather than a one ton, and the proposal to purchase the one ton would ensure that the existing equipment was not overloaded. Mr. Schnurr noted that it would have been recommended in the 2024 budget, but this vehicle was a guaranteed price for a vehicle that was difficult to obtain. It was also noted that this truck was a more specialized pick-up as it would fit the box requirement for Brockton's existing equipment.

Council debated the appropriate funding and purchasing options, noting that if reserve funds were depleted for the purchase they should be included in the 2024 budget to replenish the reserve fund. Council amended the motion to reference the cost being included in the 2024 Municipal Budget.

Resolution 23-18-04

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2023-21 - One Ton Truck Purchase, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and John Strader, Operations Manager and in doing so approves proceeding with the purchase of the One Ton Truck from Bud Rier Chevrolet and further approves Option A to finance the purchase with the cost to be included in the 2024 Municipal Budget.

Carried

8.3 2024 Council Meeting Schedule

Council discussed the January 23, 2024 meeting which would be occurring during the ROMA Conference, noting that the schedule could be amended in the future, and the preference to include a third Budget Meeting on February 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. followed by the regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution 23-18-05

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2023-21 - 2024 Council Meeting Schedule, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and in doing so approves the following regular Council Meeting dates for 2024 to be held at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted in accordance with the Municipality of Brockton's Procedural By-Law:

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 (Budget Meeting) 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 (Budget Meeting) 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 - Budget Meeting at 1:00 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Tuesday, June 4, 2024
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 (Cargill Community Centre)
Tuesday, July 9, 2024
Tuesday, August 13, 2024
Tuesday, August 27, 2024
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 (Elmwood Community Centre)
Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Tuesday, October 22, 2024
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

And that these dates be circulated to all Council members and posted on the Municipal website.

Carried

8.4 O.P.P. Contract Extension to 2025

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions from Council about whether there was any communication provided in terms of what the new contracts may look like once the revised legislation was introduced. Council preferred a one year term in order to have an opportunity to review the proposed legislation.

Resolution 23-18-06

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2023-15 – O.P.P. Contract Extension to 2025, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and further authorizes bringing a By-Law forward to amend the existing O.P.P. Contract for a two-year term to December 31st, 2025 or until such time as the Community Safety and Policing Act regulations are completed, if earlier.

Defeated

Resolution 23-18-07

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2023-15 – O.P.P. Contract Extension to 2025, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and further authorizes bringing a By-Law forward to amend the existing O.P.P. Contract for a one-year term to December 31st, 2024 or until such time as the Community Safety and Policing Act regulations are completed, if earlier.

Carried

8.5 Saugeen Municipal Airport and Member Municipality Correspondence

Council discussed the funding for the airport and importance of assessing the efficiency of this municipal asset and its benefit/value to taxpayers in a future report, including input from the Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission.

Resolution 23-18-08

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number CLK2023-22 – Saugeen Municipal Airport and Member Municipality Correspondence for information purposes and authorizes a staff report coming forward evaluating the service and the potential implications of a sale or dissolution of the organization.

Carried

9. Public Notification

9.1 Budget Consultation 2024

10. Accounts

10.1 Accounts - \$1,682,704.65

Resolution 23-18-09

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$1,682,704.65.

Carried

11. Correspondence Requiring Action

11.1 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 102 - Proclamation Request for Veterans Week

Resolution 23-18-10

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does hereby proclaim the week of November 4 to 11, 2023 Legion Veterans Week in the Municipality of Brockton.

Carried

12. Information

12.1 Ontario Ombudsman Report - Lessons for the Long Term

12.2 Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs and Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food - Increasing Deadstock Capacity Initiative Application Program

12.3 South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Commander Report - June to August 2023

12.4 Bruce Power News Release - Bruce Power's Unit 6 connected to Ontario's electricity grid following MCR outage

12.5 Invitation to Honour Veterans Buried in Purdy Cemetery

12.6 Invitation to electHER Now Networking Event at Paisley Mill

12.7 Municipality of Essex Resolution - Support Chatham-Kent on MFIPPA Review

12.8 Township of Georgian Bluffs Resolution - Support South Huron on MFIPPA Review

12.9 Township of Georgian Bluffs Resolution - Support Fort Erie and Puslinch on Short Term Rentals

12.10 Township of Matachewan Resolution - Municipal Codes of Conduct

Resolution 23-18-11

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives all items provided in Section 12. Information.

Carried

13. By-Laws

Resolution 23-18-12

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

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 2023-087 - Amend Traffic and Parking By-Law (Scott Street, Pool, Splash Pad, Tennis Courts Accessible Parking)
- By-Law 2023-088 - Amend OPP Contract Agreement By-Law

Carried

14. Committee Minutes

Resolution 23-18-13

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

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

- Brockton Police Services Board Minutes - June 15, 2023

Carried

15. New Business Brought Forward

1. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Councillor McLean noted that the Truth and Reconciliation Brockton group were planning their 2023 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event on September 30th at the Market Garden in Walkerton.

2. Brockton Heritage Committee Update

Councillor McLean provided an update that the Brockton Heritage Committee were starting to plan the 2024 Doors Open Event.

The Brockton Heritage Committee would also be distributing Peter Schmalz's historic books, The County Town Question, and The Impact of the Great Depression to Council members, staff, and the community.

3. Reconciliation Events

Mayor Peabody discussed activities occurring in Bruce County, and the Brockton community for Reconciliation month that he would be participating in as the County Warden, including the Youth on Reconciliation Exhibit on display from September 18th to November 30th at the Bruce County Museum, and Blanket exercises that would be held on September 22, 2023 at Best Western in

Walkerton and September 23, 2023 at the Bruce County Museum in Southampton.

16. Closed Session

Resolution 23-18-14

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 7:51 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual - **Property Condition Matter**
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board - **Offer to Purchase Project Lands**
- Labour relations or employee negotiations - **Department Staffing Update, Staffing Proposal**
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board - **Litigation Update**
- 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 - **Service Provider Update**

Carried

Resolution 23-18-15

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approve the direction provided to staff in Closed Session.

Carried

Resolution 23-18-16

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That Council of the Municipality of Brockton authorize the CAO and Fire Chief to sign an Agreement between the Township of Huron-Kinloss and the Municipality of Brockton for Brockton to provide temporary fire services for the period of September 15th to November 3rd, 2023.

Carried

17. Confirmation of Proceedings

Resolution 23-18-17

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

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 2023-089 - September 12, 2023 Confirmatory By-Law

Carried

18. Adjournment

Resolution 23-18-18

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Gregory J. McLean

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 8:35 p.m. to meet again on September 26, 2023.

Carried

Original Signed By

Mayor - Chris Peabody

Original Signed By

Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) – Fiona Hamilton