



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

## Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Bruce County Council Chambers - 30 Park Street, Walkerton, ON

**Council Present:** Chris Peabody, Mayor  
James Lang - Deputy Mayor  
Mitch Clark, Councillor  
Tim Elphick, Councillor  
Kym Hutcheon, Councillor  
B. Carl Kuhnke, Councillor

**Council Absent:** Gregory J. McLean, Councillor

**Staff Present:** Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)  
Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk  
Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services  
Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations

### 1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Chris Peabody informed Council that he would be participating in an engagement meeting at Cape Croker Park in Neyaashiinigmiing on May 23, 2024 with Bruce County Council, and further that the Reconciliation Action Plan would be presented to Bruce County Council June 20, 2024.

### 2. Acceptance of Council Agenda

#### Resolution 24-15-01

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 May 21, 2024 as presented.

**Carried**

### 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

### 4. Public Meetings Required Under the Planning Act

### 5. Delegations

### 6. Minutes

6.1 Joint Council Minutes (Saugeen Municipal Airport) - April 17, 2024

6.2 Council Minutes - May 7, 2024

#### Resolution 24-15-02

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the May 7, 2024 Council Meeting as presented.

**Carried**

**Resolution 24-15-03**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Tim Elphick

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton adopt the minutes of the April 17, 2024 Joint Council Meeting (Saugeen Municipal Airport) as presented.

**Carried**

**7. Business Arising From the Minutes**

**7.1 Motion - FoodCycler Pilot Program**

Councillor Kuhnke spoke in support of the FoodCycler Program due to changes in the technology and the number of municipalities that have participated in the FoodCycler Program and the need to reduce methane gas emissions on a federal level. Councillor Kuhnke provided information about the amount of food waste that could be diverted from landfills from using these devices.

Council discussed whether the FoodCycler Program would have a meaningful impact to the landfill operations and whether the municipality should be involved in subsidizing household appliances. Council also discussed whether the scale of the program in Brockton would provide a benefit to residents.

**Resolution 24-15-04**

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton previously considered a proposal to implement the FoodCycler program in September 2021 and February 2023, choosing not to proceed with the project at those times;

And further that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton agreed to leave the Municipal Innovation Council in February 2024, an organization that was providing subsidized FoodCycler products to member municipality's residents;

And further that the Walkerton-Hanover Landfill Committee have recently considered implementing the FoodCycler program, with the Town of Hanover agreeing to pursue this service;

And whereas the FoodCycler program provides countertop machines to process food waste and promote increased recycling of organic waste;

And whereas the FoodCycler Science partnered with 130 Canadian Municipalities, including an estimated 20% being Ontario Municipalities;

And whereas a number of pilot programs are being offered at a low-cost to residents to encourage waste diversion which has been a successful program, especially in municipalities where curbside organics are not a feasible option;

And whereas the Municipality of Brockton would need to provide a financial commitment of \$100/per user in a 100 household pilot, for a total cost of \$10,000 if the Municipality were to pursue offering this pilot program;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton reconsider the implementation of the FoodCycler pilot program.

**Defeated**

## 8. Reports

### 8.1 Food Cycler Program 2024

Council commented on possible other options to consider in the future for organic waste.

#### **Resolution 24-15-05**

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2024-11 - Food Cycler Program 2024, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so directs staff to proceed with option number 1: receive for information purposes and staff will not proceed with the Food Cycler Pilot Project.

**Carried**

### 8.2 April 2024 Water and Wastewater Operations Maintenance

#### **Resolution 24-15-06**

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2024-06 – April 2024 Water and Wastewater Operation Maintenance prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, for information purposes.

**Carried**

### 8.3 2024 Surplus Asset- Styrofoam Densifier

Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations, responded to questions from Council about the volume of material being accepted and the shift to using an external contractor to handle the volume of the material.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to questions from Council about the consultation that has occurred with external agencies to ensure the densifier could properly be declared surplus and sold.

#### **Resolution 24-15-07**

Moved By: B. Carl Kuhnke

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2024-10 – 2024 Surplus Asset – Styrofoam Densifier, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so approves the Styrofoam Densifier being listed as a surplus item.

**Carried**

### 8.4 Chief Building Official's Activity Report for April 2024

#### **Resolution 24-15-08**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BLDG2024-07 – Chief Building Official's Activity Report for April 2024, prepared by Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO for information purposes.

**Carried**

8.5 Walkerton Community Centre Compressor Tender Results

Council recognized the level of participation in activities at the Walkerton Community Centre and the need for the new compressors.

Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services, responded to questions from Council about the potential difference in the tender results that were received.

**Resolution 24-15-09**

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: B. Carl Kuhnke

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2024-07- Walkerton Community Centre Compressor Tender Results, prepared by Brad Thomson, Facilities and Parks Coordinator and Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services, and in doing so, awards the tender to Black and McDonald Limited in the amount of \$172,559.00 plus HST.

**Carried**

8.6 Optimist Park Playground Phase II Project- Update and Request for Accessibility Reserve Funds Reallocation

Council thanked the Optimist Club for their positive contributions to the community. Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services responded to questions from Council about the phases of the overall project.

Council encouraged the finalization of the donor recognition component as soon as possible.

**Resolution 24-15-10**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2024-08- Optimist Park Playground Phase II- Update and Request for Accessibility Reserve Funds Reallocation, prepared by Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services for information purposes and approves withdrawing up to \$6,000.00 from the accessibility reserve fund for the completion of this project.

**Carried**

8.7 Cargill District Community Foundation Spring 2024 Donation

Council extended their appreciation to the Cargill District Community Foundation for their generosity.

**Resolution 24-15-11**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2024- 10 - Cargill District Community Foundation Spring 2024 Donation, prepared by Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services for information purposes.

**Carried**

8.8 Elmwood Homecoming Sponsorship Request- Follow-up

Council discussed the amount provided to other Homecomings and the challenges associated with offering in-kind use of the facilities at the Elmwood Community Centre as it is operated jointly with the Municipality of West Grey.

**Resolution 24-15-12**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2024-11- Elmwood Homecoming Sponsorship Request- Follow up, prepared by Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services and in doing so provides the following donation of \$500.00 to the Elmwood Homecoming Committee contingent on the Municipality of West Grey also providing a donation of \$500.00.

**Carried**

8.9 Camera Installation Proposals

Council discussed whether cameras could be installed to capture the newly refurbished Tennis/Pickleball Courts at Centennial Park. Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) noted sensitivity and privacy concerns due to the proximity of residents' backyards to the courts. It was noted that staff could re-advertise the camera installation and review the associated security audit and feasibility.

**Resolution 24-15-13**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2024-09 – Camera Installation Proposals, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services and in doing so approves installing cameras at Centennial Park and the Bruce Power Soccer Park.

**Carried**

8.10 Alectra Battery Storage Proposal Update

Council discussed the challenges associated with the battery storage proposal, including the time involved and communication with the public.

Mayor Peabody raised considering a Notice of Motion to state that the Municipality would be an unwilling host for wind, solar, and battery storage projects in Brockton due to the significant staff and Council time involved.

**Action: Staff to bring forward a motion noting that the Municipality of Brockton will not approve projects for wind, solar and battery storage at the next Council Meeting.**

**Resolution 24-15-14**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2024-09 - Alectra Battery Storage Proposal Update, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Dalton Stone, Municipal Services Coordinator for information purposes.

**Carried**

**9. Public Notification**

9.1 Brant Landfill Temporary Closure

The Brant Landfill is temporarily closed on Tuesday, May 21st and Tuesday, May 28th, 2024. Brant Landfill will still be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

## 9.2 Volunteer Recognition Awards

Nominations are open for the Municipality of Brockton's 2024 Volunteer Recognition Awards: the Brockton Good Neighbour Award and the Walkerton & District Optimist Club's Outstanding Youth Award! Visit [Brockton.ca/VolunteerAwards](https://Brockton.ca/VolunteerAwards) to see the application forms and more details. Applications are due May 27, 2024 at Noon.

## 10. Accounts

### 10.1 Accounts - \$810,094.87

#### **Resolution 24-15-15**

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approve payment of the accounts in the amount of \$810,094.87.

**Carried**

## 11. Correspondence Requiring Action

### 11.1 AMO Conference Delegation Meeting Requests

Council suggested that the following delegation meeting requests be submitted for the AMO Conference:

1. Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding the challenges associated with O.P.P. Detachment Boards being unable to secure insurance, as required by the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.
2. Ministry of the Solicitor General for additional mental health support resources for the South Bruce O.P.P Detachment.
3. Ministry of Health advocating for rural healthcare.
4. Ministry of Skills and Training for approval of a training centre for skilled trades workers in rural communities.
5. Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport lobbying for the new arena and funding for additional recreational amenities.
6. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing advocating that the MPAC re-assessment cycle return.

### 11.2 Invitation to Saugeen Municipal Airport First Responder's Day

### 11.3 Invitation to Rotary Club of Walkerton's 85th Anniversary

### 11.4 Bruce County Environmental Registry Posting ERO 019-8366 - Reducing Barriers to Additional Residential Units

### 11.5 Bruce County Environmental Registry Posting ERO 019-8369 - Planning and Municipal Act Changes

### 11.6 Bruce County Environmental Registry Posting ERO 019-8371 - Changes to Development Charges Act

### 11.7 Bruce County Environmental Registry Posting ERO 019-8462 - Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

## **12. Information**

- 12.1 Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit - 2023 Operations and Ridership Statistics
- 12.2 Canadian Poolplayers Association - 2024 Tournament at Walkerton Community Centre
- 12.3 Municipal Engineers Association - 2024 MEA Award Request for Nominations
- 12.4 Township of Lake of Bays Resolution - Request for AMPS in Ontario Building Code Act
- 12.5 County of Prince Edward Resolution - National Housing Affordability Crisis
- 12.6 Township of Puslinch Resolution - Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing
- 12.7 Township of Puslinch Resolution - Support Amaranth on Operational Budget Funding
- 12.8 Township of Puslinch Resolution - Support Cobourg on Amendment to Ontario Heritage Act for Heritage Register
- 12.9 City of Welland Resolution - Support St. Catharines on Restrictions for Nonnative Wild Animals
- 12.10 City of Welland Resolution - Funding for Ontario Libraries and Museums

### **Resolution 24-15-16**

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

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

**Carried**

## **13. By-Laws**

## **14. Committee Minutes**

## **15. New Business Brought Forward**

- 15.1 Notice of Motion - Application to Bruce Power Affordable Housing Stream

Councillor Hutcheon and Deputy Mayor Lang offered to move and second the Notice of Motion.

- 1. Retirement of Connie Borth

The Brockton Child Care Committee acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Connie Borth, Assistant Supervisor of the Brockton Child Care Centre on May 28, 2024 after a 34 year career. Councillor Elphick further acknowledged the hiring of Anna Fijol, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor. Councillor Elphick and Deputy Mayor Lang further commended the entire program at the Brockton Child Care Centre. It was noted that Council will recognize Connie Borth's contributions to the Municipality in June.

- 2. O.P.P. Detachment Board Insurance

Councillor Elphick noted the challenges associated with O.P.P. Detachment Boards being unable to obtain an insurance provider, such that the Board is on hiatus until all members are insured, further halting the ability to provide policing oversight.

3. Street Sweeper Repairs

Council discussed resident concerns regarding the street sweeper. Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations advised that the street sweeper was being fixed, and the Municipality is in a queue with a third party contractor.

4. Dog Park

Deputy Mayor Lang commended staff on the creation of the Dog Park pilot project.

5. Walkerton Fire Department Events

Deputy Mayor Lang invited Council and staff to attend the Walkerton Fire Department's trade show on June 6, 2024 and the Touch a Truck event on June 8, 2024.

6. Retirement of Josh Bell

Deputy Mayor Lang recognized the retirement of Josh Bell from the Walkerton Fire Department after a 20-year career and family legacy with the department.

7. Road Line Painting

Council commented on the line painting along the West Hill of Durham Street West. Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer advised that Bruce County will correct the error by the weekend.

**16. Closed Session**

**Resolution 24-15-17**

Moved By: Kym Hutcheon

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton enter into Closed Session at 8:03 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - **Servicing for Development Proposal**
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board - **East Ridge Business Park Agreement Extension**
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board - **General Litigation Update, Construction Claims Settlement**
- 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 - **Servicing for Development Proposal**

**Carried**

**Resolution 24-15-18**

Moved By: Mitch Clark

Seconded By: Kym Hutcheon

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

**Carried**



**17. Confirmation of Proceedings**

**Resolution 24-15-19**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

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 2024-048 - May 21, 2024 Confirmatory By-Law

**Carried**

**18. Adjournment**

**Resolution 24-15-20**

Moved By: Tim Elphick

Seconded By: Mitch Clark

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton does now adjourn at 8:21 p.m. to meet again on June 4, 2024.

**Carried**

Original Signed By

Mayor - Chris Peabody

Original Signed By

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