

# City of Brockville Council Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM - Tuesday, November 14, 2023

City Hall, Council Chambers

The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 5:30 PM, in the City Hall, Council Chambers, with the following present:

Members Mayor Matt Wren, Councillor Philip Deery, Councillor Jeff

**Present:** Earle, Councillor Jane Fullarton, Councillor Katherine Hobbs,

Councillor Nathalie Lavergne, Councillor Louise Severson,

and Councillor Cameron Wales

**Regrets:** Councillor Mike Kalivas

**Staff:** Lynda Ferguson, Director of Finance & IT Services, Sandra

MacDonald, City Manager/City Clerk, Lynn Murray, Acting

City Clerk, Robert Nolan, Director of Economic and Development Services, Mark Noonan, Police Chief, and Peter Raabe, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure

Services

## MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION (5:00 PM)

Moved by: Councillor Deery Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT pursuant to *Municipal Act*, 2001, Section 239 Sub. 2 (k), Council resolve itself Closed Session, closed to the public to consider:

1. a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. (Fulford Academy)

**CARRIED** 

# **CLOSED MEETING MATTER(S)**

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

On behalf of Council, His Worship extended their sincere sympathies to Councillor Mike Kalivas and the Kalivas Family on the recent passing of Mike's mother, Mrs. Jeanne Kalivas. Mrs. Kalivas was well known to many in the community as coowner of the business she co-founded with her late husband, Jon's Restaurant, in 1960.

Mayor Wren shared that since the last meeting, the father of former Mayor David Henderson passed away, Mr. Lyle Henderson. The mayor was able to see former Mayor Henderson in person and pass along condolences to the Henderson family on behalf of Council.

The mayor thanked Branch 96 of the Royal Canadian Legion for once again planning and carrying out the City's annual Remembrance Day Ceremony, along with involvement of the Brockville Rifles, our Air Cadets and first responders.

Mayor Wren reminded residents that this is the final curbside leaf collection week, on your regular collection day leaves in biodegradable bags will be picked up.

The annual Tim Horton's holiday Smile Cookie campaign is happening this week and are thankful to the Joyce family for choosing Loaves and Fishes as the charity to receive the proceeds of that campaign this year. Mayor Wren explained that you can participate at all the local Tim Horton's stores.

The very popular City led festival, the River of Lights kicks off next weekend in sync with the annual Rotary Santa Claus Parade. The City is grateful to the many sponsors and supporters of this initiative, along with all of the city staff who are working hard to put it all together. You can enjoy the River of Lights nightly from Saturday, November 25 until January 2nd.

His Worship described that the city is providing information to the community about a major upcoming infrastructure project that will take place at the edge of Centeen Park. The information session will be held here in Council Chambers on November 30th from 4 -7 p.m. The project is replacing the current sewage pumping station with a new facility and the proposal is to build the new station next to the current one, and then remove the current structure. More information is on the city website.

## **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil.

#### REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Deery Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT Council rise from the Closed Session and the Chairman report that all recommendations adopted in Closed Session, be adopted.

**CARRIED** 

#### **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Nil.

## **CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS**

 Woman Abuse Prevention Month (Leeds and Grenville Interval House)

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville hereby proclaim November 2023 as Woman Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Brockville; and

THAT the purple LGIH flag be flown at Tunnel Bay from November 20 to December 4, 2023.

**CARRIED** 

2. Planning and Development Committee January 2024

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT Council approve changing the January Planning and Development Committee meeting from January 2, 2024 to Monday, January 8, 2024.

**CARRIED** 

#### **DELEGATIONS**

Nil.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Nil.

#### **BUDGET**

#### 1. **2023-209**

2024 Budget - Water and Wastewater

Moved by: Councillor Severson

THAT Council approve the 2024 Water Operating Budget with total net expenses of \$3,493,603 not including Capital; and

THAT Council approve the 2024 Wastewater Operating Budget with total net expenses of \$5,138,451 not including Capital; and

THAT Council approve the Water Capital Budget totaling \$1,250,500 funded as follows:

- \$357,500 funded by water rates
- \$83,000 funded by grants
- \$810,000 funded by reserves; and

THAT Council approve the Wastewater Capital budget totaling \$975,000 funded as follows:

- \$891,000 funded by wastewater rates
- \$84,000 funded by grants; and

THAT Council approve the Water and Wastewater Rates applicable to the final approved Water and Wastewater Budgets to be in effect January 1, 2024; and

THAT the necessary by-laws be enacted.

**DEFERRED** on a later vote

### Motion to Defer

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT the 2024 Budget - Water and Wastewater be deferred to the November 28, 2023 Council meeting.

**For:** Mayor Wren, Councillor Deery, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Hobbs, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Severson, and Councillor Wales

CARRIED 8-0 on a recorded vote

#### **NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Nil.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nil.

#### **EMERGENCY BUSINESS**

Nil.

#### **BY-LAWS**

077-2023
 Being a By-law to Establish the 2024 General Fees and Service Charges

2. 078-2023

A By-law to Amend City of Brockville By-law 042-2021, Being a By-law to establish the maintenance, management, regulation and control of the Brockville Cemetery

#### **READING OF THE BY-LAWS**

Moved by: Councillor Earle

Seconded by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT By-laws Numbered 077-2023 to 078-2023 be introduced and the same be now read a first, second and third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.

**CARRIED** 

#### **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Moved by: Councillor Earle

Seconded by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT By-law Number 079-2023 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on November 14, 2023 be read a first, second and third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.

**CARRIED** 

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD**

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Mayor

ADJOURNMENT
Moved by: Councillor Earle Seconded by: Councillor Lavergne
THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for November 28, 2023.
CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

City Clerk