



City of Brockville

Council Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM - Tuesday, March 26, 2024
City Hall, Council Chambers

The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 5:30 PM, in the City Hall, Council Chambers, with the following present:

Members Present:

Mayor Matt Wren, Councillor Philip Deery, Councillor Jeff Earle, Councillor Jane Fullarton, Councillor Katherine Hobbs, and Councillor Cameron Wales

Regrets:

Councillor Mike Kalivas, Councillor Nathalie Lavergne, and Councillor Louise Severson

Staff:

Lynda Ferguson, Director of Finance & IT Services, Sandra MacDonald, City Manager, Robert Nolan, Director of Economic and Development Services, Peter Raabe, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure Services, Phil Wood, Director of Operations, Sheena Earl, City Clerk, Adam Parker, IT Analyst, Lesley White, Manager of Business Engagement & Partnerships, Kendra Lorimer, Economic Development Coordinator, Melanie Jones, Director of Fire & Partner Services, Mark Noonan, Police Chief, and Chris Paul, Deputy Fire Chief

Motion To Move into Closed Session (5:00 PM)

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

1. a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; (Memorial Centre Lands); and
2. a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to negotiations; (Servicing of Land)

CARRIED

Closed Meeting Matters

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Councillor Earle joined the meeting at 5:30pm.

Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Wren shared regrets from Councillors Severson, Kalivas and Lavergne and noted Councillor Earle has joined the meeting remotely.

His Worship offered condolences to the family of Mr. Joe Hudson, tremendous contributor and businessman. He spoke of the positive impact Mr. Hudson and Burnbrae Farms has had on the community and offered his sympathy and support to the Hudson family on behalf of City Council.

Mayor Wren congratulated recent inductees into the Music and Performing Arts Hall of Fame presented at the Brockville Arts Centre last week and thanked organizers, noting more than 100 inductees have been recognized since the inception of the Hall of Fame.

Mayor Wren said the Joint Services Committee of Leeds and Grenville held a special meeting recently to consider recommendations regarding a partnership with Flourish, a real-estate development branch of supportive housing specialist Indwell. Mayor Wren noted all 13 mayors unanimously voted in favour to support this initiative which will potentially bring 150 supportive housing units and wrap around support services with a view to end homelessness in the community. He noted critical funding needs and referred to the Provincial Budget delivered this evening and his hope that it contains some funding for supportive housing initiatives. Mayor Wren indicated of the anticipated total project cost of \$55 million, \$6 to \$7 million will be required as a local contribution along with an additional \$3 million in community donations, noting an annual provincial healthcare operating cost of \$5 million. His Worship said the City will not solve the issue of homelessness on its own and thanked other local municipalities for their support saying he remains hopeful that provincial and federal funding will materialize.

With respect to the Brockville Railway Tunnel, Mayor Wren said unfortunately the difficulties associated with the lighting system are greater than expected and noted staff have been in contact with a senior official at Signify, the lighting provider. He said the issues will take time to resolve and noted that these unforeseen challenges do not reflect the work of staff to maintain the asset and thanked the community for their continued patience.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Report of the Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor Deery

Seconded by: Councillor Fullarton

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

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 12, 2024 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

Correspondence, Communication and Petitions

1. Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)
100th Anniversary

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville wish to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force in the City of Brockville; and

THAT the Royal Canadian Air Force flag be flown at Tunnel Bay from April 1, 2024 to April 9th, 2024.

CARRIED

2. National Epilepsy Awareness Day
Epilepsy South Eastern Ontario

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville wish to proclaim March 26, 2024 as National Epilepsy Awareness Day in the City of Brockville.

CARRIED

Delegations/Presentations

1. Neal Condron - Success at the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games

Council congratulated Brockville's Neal Condron who represented Eastern Ontario in Nordic Skiing for Team Ontario at the 2024 Calgary Special Olympics Canada Winter Games earlier this month.

Neal brought home gold in the 2.5 km race and bronze in the 1 km race. He also competed in the 5 km race placing 4th.

2. Eclipse - April 8th, 2024 - Path of Totality

Staff presented an overview of the events planned to take place at Blockhouse Island on the day of the Eclipse, including vendors, chalk art contest, eclipse information and more.

Staff Reports

1. **2024-62**

Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Event Update

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT report 2024-62 be received for information.

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

CARRIED 6-0 on a recorded vote

2. **2024-36**

Main Sewage Pump Station – Design Options
(Referred from Council meeting of February 27, 2024)

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT Council approve Design Option 1, Traditional Design, for the design of the city's Main Pump Station located in Centeen Park.

CARRIED, AS AMENDED ON A LATER VOTE

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Wales

That the motion be amended to include direction to staff to consult with the public and consider public input into the aesthetic design of the project.

For: Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Hobbs, Mayor Wren, and Councillor Wales

Against: Councillor Earle

CARRIED 5-1 on a recorded vote

The vote on the original motion, as amended was now taken and the motion, as amended was carried.

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT Council approve Design Option 1, Traditional Design, for the design of the city's main pumping station located at Centeen Park; and

THAT staff consult with the public and consider public input into the aesthetic design of the project.

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

CARRIED 6-0 on a recorded vote

3. **2024-53**
NGEN 911 SOLGEN Grant Allocations

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT Council approves the Phase 2 funding under the NGEN 911 SOLGEN Grant for a value of \$368,260.00; and

THAT Council authorize staff to complete procurement of the goods and services outlined in this report as per the City's procurement policy.

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

CARRIED 6-0 on a recorded vote

4. **2024-55**

2024 Temporary Borrowing By-law

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT Council approves a Temporary Borrowing By-law authorizing the Mayor and City Treasurer to borrow temporary working capital, as may be required for the Current Operations, of up to \$6,000,000 for the year 2024; and

THAT the necessary by-law be enacted.

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

CARRIED 6-0 on a recorded vote

5. **2024-51**

2023 Council Remuneration and Expenses

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT Report 2024-51, 2023 Council Remuneration and Expenses be received.

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

CARRIED 6-0 on a recorded vote

6. **2024-3**

Reynolds Park / Water St. Realignment project reconciliation

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT Council approve the funding the Reynolds Park / Water St. realignment project cost overrun of \$43,002 with surplus 2023 ACPM capital budget.

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

CARRIED 6-0 on a recorded vote

7. **2024-22**

Food Services

Blockhouse Island Waterfront Patio and City Arenas

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT Council authorize staff to negotiate a lease extension with the current food services tenant, to continue operation of the Blockhouse Island waterfront patio only, to conclude at the end of 2024; and

THAT the negotiated lease extension define that the lease space will seek competitive, public expressions of interest for operation of the waterfront patio location beyond 2024; and

THAT the negotiated lease extension exclude operation of the canteen spaces at City arenas; and

THAT staff bring a report to General Committee with recommendations for the future operation of canteen spaces at City arenas.

For: Mayor Wren, Councillor Deery, Councillor Fullarton, and Councillor Wales

Against: Councillor Earle and Councillor Hobbs

CARRIED ON A LATER VOTE 4-2 on a recorded vote

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Earle

That the motion be amended to authorize staff to negotiate a lease extension with the current food services tenant to conclude at the end of 2028.

For: Mayor Wren, Councillor Earle, and Councillor Hobbs

Against: Councillor Deery, Councillor Fullarton, and Councillor Wales

DEFEATED 3-3 on a recorded vote

The vote on the original motion was now taken and was carried.

8. **2024-57**

Water Pollution Control Centre Capacity Re-rating

Councillor Earle left the meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Council approve the quote from EVB Engineering to complete a Schedule B Environmental Assessment and Environmental Compliance Approval Application in the amount of \$29,000 (including net HST); and

THAT Council approve the use of surplus funds in the amount of from 2023 Wastewater Capital projects to cover the additional expenditures.

For: Mayor Wren, Councillor Deery, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Hobbs, and Councillor Wales

CARRIED 5-0 on a recorded vote

9. **2024-54**

2023 Annual Water Quality Report Brockville Drinking Water System

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT Council receive the 2023 Annual Water Quality Report for the Brockville Drinking Water System, for information.

For: Mayor Wren, Councillor Deery, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Hobbs, and Councillor Wales

CARRIED 5-0 on a recorded vote

10. **2024-56**

2023 Annual Report Water Pollution Control Centre

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT Council receive the 2023 Annual Report for the Brockville Water Pollution Control Centre (WPCC), for information.

For: Mayor Wren, Councillor Deery, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Hobbs, and Councillor Wales

CARRIED 5-0 on a recorded vote

General Committee – Cancelled

Councillor J. Fullarton, Chair
Councillors P. Deery, K. Hobbs, and L. Severson
Meeting held March 19, 2024

New Business - Report from Members of Council

Nil.

Unfinished Business

Nil.

Emergency Business

Nil.

By-Laws

1. 018-2024
By-law to Dedicate Part of Lot 14, Concession 2, being Part 4 on Plan 28R-15801, City of Brockville, County of Leeds as public highway, name same and add them to Parkedale Avenue
2. 019-2024
By-law to Adopt Amendment Number 032 to the Official Plan for the City of Brockville, Part of Lots 14 and 15, Concession 2, being Parts 1 to 3, Plan 28R-12604, City of Brockville, County of Leeds, 3064 and 3076 Parkedale Avenue
3. 020-2024
By-law to Amend City of Brockville Zoning By-law 050-2014 (Part of Lots 14 and 15, Concession 2, being Parts 1 to 3, Plan 28R-12604, City of Brockville, County of Leeds) 3064 and 3076 Parkedale Avenue
4. 021-2024
By-law to Adopt Amendment Number 033 to the Official Plan for the City of Brockville, County of Leeds, with municipal address of 125 Stewart Boulevard
5. 022-2024
By-law to Amend City of Brockville Zoning By-law 050-2014 on Part of Lots 5 and 6, Plan 238, and Part of Lot 12, Concession 1, as in LR133104, LR74470, LR41159, except LR66143, S/T LR127622, City of Brockville, County of Leeds.
6. 023-2024

A By-law to Authorize the Appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Peace Officers as it Applies to the Private Property of 3 Apple Street

Reading of the By-Laws

Moved by: Councillor Wales
Seconded by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT By-laws Numbered 018-2024 to 023-2024 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 Wales
Seconded by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT By-law Number 024-2024 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 26, 2024 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

Mayor Wren wished his father a Happy Birthday.

Media Question Period

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Wales
Seconded by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for April 9, 2024.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk