



**City of Brockville**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**5:30 PM - Tuesday, October 10, 2023**  
City Hall, Council Chambers

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The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 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 Nathalie Lavergne

**Regrets:**

Councillor Mike Kalivas, Councillor Louise Severson, and Councillor Cameron Wales

**Staff:**

Melanie Jones, Director of Fire & Partner Services, Sandra MacDonald, City Manager/City Clerk, Lynn Murray, Acting City Clerk, and Robert Nolan, Director of Economic and Development Services

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Wren offered condolences on behalf of City Council and himself to the family and friends of Peter Hoogendam, who was a long time Brockville businessman and mainstay of Downtown Brockville for decades. He will long be remembered for his passion and supportiveness of Downtown Brockville and was a tremendous contribution to the community. He will be greatly missed.

His Worship gave his sincere thanks to all those involved in the food drive and fundraising for our local food bank this past weekend. In particular, to the Brockville Rotary Clubs and MOVE Radio. It was a pleasure to join the on air broadcast early Friday morning alongside our MP and MPP. He added that Rotary has announced that almost 13,000 lbs of food and nearly \$33,000 in cash was received.

Mayor Wren reported that beyond the food drive, there were a great many thanksgiving meals served to those who were either alone or in need over the weekend. Two events he was aware of included Richards Coffee House and the Wall Street United Church. Special thanks to Sam Rawas, of Richard's Coffee House and his staff, and all the volunteers who helped with both efforts.

His Worship shared that this coming Saturday is the George E. Smith Fire Truck Pull another annual event in support of a great cause. In this case the YMCA of Eastern Ontario – with the annual Mayor George Smith Fire Truck Pull. His Worship noted that Mayor Smith was a tremendous supporter of the Y, and it

seems only fitting to assemble a team of local mayors to take part in the festivities. Mayor Wren shared that he is being joined by Mayors Gauri Shankar, Robin Jones, Arie Hoogenboom, Brant Burrow, Jeff Shaver, Tory Deschamps and Mike Cameron and they will do our best to pull one of Brockville Fire Departments rigs as fast as possible – while raising money for a great cause. Any donations are appreciated!

Mayor Wren congratulated the 1000 Islands Ladies Chorus on their 50th Anniversary which will be celebrated on Sunday. Yet another example of the thriving organizations in our Arts and Culture circles.

In addition, the Brockville Operatic Society – School of Rock which runs from October 11 to the October 14 is upcoming and the Mayor would like to extend best wishes our colleague Councillor Wales and the Operatic Society as they take to the Arts Centre Stage with School of Rock later this week.

His Worship communicated that today the City, the Employment & Education Centre and Brockville General Hospital announced the launch of the “Brockville Life” recruitment campaign designed to attract much needed health care workers, including physicians, to our community.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil.

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

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of September 26, 2023 be adopted and circulated as read.

**CARRIED**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS**

1. International Day of the Girl  
Girls Incorporated of Upper Canada

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville hereby proclaim the day of October 11th, 2023 as International Day of the Girl in the City of Brockville.

**CARRIED**

2. Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day  
Lesley Patry

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville hereby proclaim the day of October 15th, 2023 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in the City of Brockville.

**CARRIED**

## **DELEGATIONS**

Nil.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

1. **2023-182**  
Response to Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommendations

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT Council approve the five prioritized recommendations from the Affordable Housing Task Force identified by staff; and

THAT staff prepare a response to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Mayor's signature for submission by October 16, 2023.

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

**CARRIED 6-0 on a recorded vote**

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Nil.

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

1. Policy and/or Procedural Changes  
Councillor Wales

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

That staff work with the governance committee on recommended policy and/or procedural changes to achieve the following aims:

- To publish proposed Council business further in advance of Standing Committee and Council meetings
- To ensure that members of the public are made aware of key issues well in advance of corresponding Committee and Council meetings, in a manner consistent with current best practices
- To establish a clear, consistent and accessible procedure for members of the public to appear as delegations at Committee and Council meetings
- To revise the current public notification process for land use planning matters and public meetings in order to be consistent with current best practices

THAT staff report to General Committee in February 2024.

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

**CARRIED 6-0 on a recorded vote**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **EMERGENCY BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **BY-LAWS**

1. 069-2023  
A By-Law to Establish a Sewer Connection in the City of Brockville and to Repeal By-law 46-89
2. 070-2023  
A By-law to amend 003-2023 Being a By-law to Appoint Members to Various Boards and Commissions (DBIA/MHC/BRTC)

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

Moved by: Councillor Earle

Seconded by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT By-laws Numbered 069-2023 and 070-2023 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 071-2023 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on October 10, 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**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Earle  
Seconded by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for October 24, 2023.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.*

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Mayor

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City Clerk