

City of Brockville Council Meeting Minutes 6:00 PM - Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Virtual Meeting

The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 6:00 PM, in the Virtual Meeting, with the following present:

Members Mayor Jason Baker, Councillor Leigh Bursey, Councillor Jeff Earle, Councillor Jane Fullarton, Councillor Larry Journal,

Councillor Mike Kalivas, Councillor Nathalie Lavergne, Councillor Cameron Wales, and Councillor Matt Wren

Regrets:

Staff: Lynda Ferguson, Director of Finance & IT Services, Janette

Loveys, City Manager, Sandra MacDonald, City Clerk, and

Phil Wood, Director of Operations

MAYOR'S REMARKS

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

 Councillor Bursey declared a potential indirect pecuniary interest on the 2021 Budget YMCA of Eastern Ontario, Brockville YMCA funding request as the CEO/Executive Director acts as a director for a partnership which oversees his employment.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Wales Seconded by: Mayor Baker

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 9, 2021 and February 16, 2021 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

 Epilepsy Awareness Month (Epilepsy South Eastern Ontario)

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT Council do hereby proclaim March 2021 to be Epilepsy Awareness Month; and

THAT March 26, 2021 be proclaimed as Purple Day.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **SR2021-28**

Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning Program

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT Report SR2021-28 dated February 15, 2021 regarding the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning Program (MTEC) be received for information.

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documentation in connection to the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning program on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Brockville and to affix the Corporation's seal thereto.

THAT staff be authorized to bring forward a by-law to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement between the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and the City of Brockville, and all subsequent agreements or amendments with respect to the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning program with the Province of Ontario.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

2021 BUDGET

1. SR2021-31 2021 Budget City Departments

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT Council receives report SR2021-31 2021 Budget City Departments; and,

THAT Council approves the following:

- 1. 2021 City Departments Operating Budget, with a net levy of \$21,113,365.
- 2. Incremental Communications and Engagement Officer for \$46,883, then making the net levy of \$21,160,248.
- 3. 2021 Capital Budget for \$4,400,825 and be funded as follows:
 - \$924,409 tax levy
 - o \$1,143,470 Federal Gas Tax
 - \$357,950 other grants
 - \$363,500 reserves and reserve funds
 - o \$1,545,000 debt
 - \$66,496 donations
- 4. Of the Provincial Safe Restart funds previously approved of \$1,024,108, that \$812,358 be utilized for 2021 operating pressures and the remaining \$211,750 be held for further pressures caused by the pandemic.
- 5. Safe Restart funds for Transit of \$72,335 be utilized for pandemic pressures on the 2021 budget.
- 6. Safe Restart funds for Transit of \$98,237 be utilized to offset the pandemic pressures relating to Transit from 2020.

CARRIED, as amended on a later vote

Motion to Separate

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT Item No. 2 be separated.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

Motion to Defer

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT Item No. 2, Incremental Communication and Engagement Officer, be deferred to the Council meeting of March 9, 2021.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

Motion to Separate

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT Item Nos. 5 and 6 be separated.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

Moved by: Councillor Wren Seconded by: Mayor Baker

THAT Council approve the use of Safe Restart for Transit funds as follows:

- \$72,335 for pandemic pressures on the 2021 budget; and
- \$98,237 to offset the pandemic pressures relating to Transit from 2020.

For:

Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

Motion to Defer

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT Item Nos. 1, 3 and 4 be deferred to the Council meeting of March 9, 2021.

For:

Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

2. SR2021-302021 Budget Community Partners

THAT report SR2020-30, 2021 Budget Community Partners be received and the following be approved:

- 1. 2021 Operating Budget for the Aquatarium, including \$60,000 in-kind, of \$660,000 be funded as follows:
 - \$111,165 from 2020 Collected Municipal Accommodation Tax.
 - \$105,570 from Safe Restart funds.
 - \$443,265 from the Tax Levy.
- 2. 2021 Capital Budget for the Aquatarium of \$17,000 be funded from Federal Gas Tax.

- 3. 2021 Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority budget of \$206,565 be funded on the Tax Levy.
- 4. 2021 St. Lawrence Lodge budget of \$1,427,715 be funded on the Tax Levy.
- 5. 2021 Brockville Library identified COVID 19 budget pressures of \$22,262 be funded through Safe Restart funds.
- Council provides direction with respect to the 2021 Brockville Library Operating Budget request of \$823,536 with an increase of \$41,282 to be funded on the Tax Levy.
- 7. 2021 Capital Budget for the Brockville Library of \$40,815 for shelving be funded through Federal Gas Tax and the computer replacement and elevator repairs of \$31,200 be funded on the Tax Levy.
- 8. 2021 Brockville Police Services budget of \$8,242,411 be funded on the Tax Levy.
- 9. 2021 Frontenac Arch Biosphere request of \$5,900 be funded on the Tax Levy.
- 10. 2021 Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit budget of \$429,378 be funded on the Tax Levy; and,

THAT Council provide direction with respect to the funding amount up to but no more than \$100,000 for SLX-Life to be funded from the Modernization Fund; and,

THAT Council provide direction with respect to a one-time funding amount for 2021 for the Brockville YMCA to be funded from Fiscal Policy; and,

THAT Contribution Agreements be executed for the Aquatarium, Brockville Library and Brockville Police Services for the 2021 funding.

CARRIED, as amended on later votes

THAT report SR2020-30, 2021 Budget Community Partners be received and the following be approved:

- 1. 2021 Operating Budget for the Aquatarium, including \$60,000 in-kind, of \$660,000 be funded as follows:
 - \$111,165 from 2020 Collected Municipal Accommodation Tax.
 - \$105,570 from Safe Restart funds.
 - \$443,265 from the Tax Levy

CARRIED, as amended on a later vote

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT the 2021 Operating Budget for the Aquatarium be reduced by a total of \$50,000 (\$25,000 Safe Restart Funds and \$25,000 Tax Levy).

For:

Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT report SR2020-30, 2021 Budget Community Partners be received and the following be approved:

- 1. 2021 Operating Budget for the Aquatarium, including \$60,000 in-kind, of \$610,000 be funded as follows:
 - \$111,165 from 2020 Collected Municipal Accommodation Tax.
 - \$80,570 from Safe Restart funds.
 - \$418,265 from the Tax Levy

For:

Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council approve the 2021 Capital Budget for the Aquatarium of \$17,000 and that it be funded from Federal Gas Tax.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council approve the 2021 Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority budget of \$206,565 and that it be funded on the Tax Levy.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council approve the 2021 St. Lawrence Lodge budget of \$1,427,715 and that it be funded on the Tax Levy.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

THAT Council approve the 2021 Brockville Library identified COVID 19 budget pressures of \$22,262 and that it be funded through Safe Restart funds.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

Moved by: Councillor Earle

Council provides direction with respect to the 2021 Brockville Library Operating Budget request of \$823,536 with an increase of \$41,282 to be funded on the Tax Levy.

CARRIED as amended on a later vote

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT the 2021 Brockville Library Operating Budget request be reduced by \$41,282.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, and Councillor Wren

Against: Councillor Wales

CARRIED 8-1 on a recorded vote

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council approve the 2021 Brockville Library Operating Budget of \$782,254 to be funded on the Tax Levy.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

THAT Council approve the 2021 Capital Budget for the Brockville Library of \$40,815 for lighting and that it be funded through Federal Gas Tax and the computer replacement and elevator repairs of \$31,200 be funded on the Tax Levy.

CARRIED as amended on a later vote

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT \$20,000 of the budget for the elevator repairs be funded from Federal Gas Tax.

For:

Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council approve the 2021 Capital Budget for the Brockville Library of \$40,815 for lighting to be funded through Federal Gas Tax; and

THAT the computer replacement and elevator repairs of \$31,200 be approved and be funded on the Tax Levy in the amount of \$11,200 (computer replacement) and Federal Gas Tax in the amount of \$20,000 (elevator).

For:

Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

2021 Brockville Police Services budget of \$8,242,411 be funded on the Tax Levy.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, and Councillor Wales

Against: Councillor Wren

CARRIED 8-1 on a recorded vote

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council approve the 2021 Frontenac Arch Biosphere request of \$5,900 and that it be funded on the Tax Levy.

For: Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor

Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor

Wren

Against: Mayor Baker and Councillor Bursey

CARRIED 7-2 on a recorded vote

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council approve the 2021 Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit budget of \$429,378 and that it be funded on the Tax Levy.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council provide direction with respect to the funding amount up to but no more than \$100,000 for SLX-Life to be funded from the Modernization Fund.

REFERRED to the Council meeting of March 9, 2021

Motion to Refer

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT this matter be referred to the Council meeting of March 9, 2021.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, and Councillor

Wales

Against: Councillor Journal and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 7-2 on a recorded vote

Councillor Bursey exited the meeting (7:38 pm).

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council provide direction with respect to a one-time funding amount for 2021 for the Brockville YMCA to be funded from Fiscal Policy.

CARRIED as amended on a later vote

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT Council approve one-time funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the YMCA of Eastern Ontario, Brockville YMCA Brockville to be funded from Fiscal Policy.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor

Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales,

and Councillor Wren

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT the amount of funding be changed to \$150,000.

For: Councillor Earle, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and

Councillor Wren

Against: Mayor Baker, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Journal, and

Councillor Kalivas

DEFEATED 4-4 on a recorded vote

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council approve one-time funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the YMCA of Eastern Ontario, Brockville YMCA Brockville to be funded from Fiscal Policy.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor

Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales,

and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 8-0 on a recorded vote

Councillor Bursey re-entered the meeting (7:58 pm).

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council direct that Contribution Agreements be executed for the Aquatarium, Brockville Library, Brockville Police Services and SLX-Life for the 2021 funding.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

SR2021-30 2021 Budget Community Partners

(final motion)

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- 8. 2021 Brockville Police Services budget of \$8,242,411 be funded on the Tax Levy.
- 9. 2021 Frontenac Arch Biosphere request of \$5,900 be funded on the Tax Levy.
- 10. 2021 Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit budget of \$429,378 be funded on the Tax Levy; and,

THAT Council approve on-time funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the YMCA of Eastern Ontario, Brockville YMCA to be funded from Fiscal Policy; and

THAT Contribution Agreements be executed for the Aquatarium, Brockville Library and Brockville Police Services and SLX-Life for the 2021 funding; and

THAT Council the funding request for SLX-Life de deferred to the Council meeting of March 9, 2021

CARRIED

3. SR2021-29 Brockville Pickleball Club Proposal

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Council receives report SR2021-29 Brockville Pickleball Club proposal; and,

THAT Council requests the Brockville Pickleball Club and YMCA of Eastern Ontario/Brockville YMCA have discussions to see if a partnership is possible and, if so, the City contribute \$16,000 which was set aside in the 2020 budget for the capital retrofit of the YMCA's courts; and,

THAT Council direct staff to consider how a future pickleball court could be included in the overall concept for Memorial Centre.

For:

Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

4. **2021** Budget Motions from Members of Council

Reduce Contribution to the Fiscal Policy

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT the contribution to the fiscal policy reserve be reduced from \$900,000 to \$800,000; and

THAT the reduction of \$100,000 be used to reduce the tax levy.

For: Mayor Baker, Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor

Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor

Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Nil.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Nil.

BY-LAWS

1. 017-2021

A By-law to Amend City of Brockville Zoning By-law 050-2014 as it applies to Lots 133 through 142, inclusive, Registered Plan 388, City of Brockville, County of Leeds

2. 018-2021

A By-law to Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario for Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public

3. 019-2021

A By-law to authorize the renewal of agreement with Fire Marque Inc.

READING OF THE BYLAWS

Moved by: Councillor Journal Seconded by: Councillor Wren

THAT By-laws Numbered 017-2021 to 019-2021 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 BYLAW

Moved by: Councillor Journal Seconded by: Councillor Wren

THAT By-law Number 020-2021 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 23, 2021 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 Journal Seconded by: Councillor Wren

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for March 9, 2021.

CARRIED

Mayor	City Clerk