



# **City of Brockville**

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**6:00 PM - Tuesday, June 30, 2020**  
Virtual Meeting

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The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at 6:00 PM, in the Virtual Meeting, with the following present:

**Members Present:**

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:**

Nil.

**Staff:**

Lynda Ferguson, Director of Finance, Janette Loveys, City Manager, Sandra MacDonald, City Clerk, and Krista Vandewal, Manager of Human Resources

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Baker welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that he was in Council Chambers with Councillors Kalivas and Journal.

He recognized the closure of Bud's on the Bay Restaurant. He encouraged everyone to spend locally. He highlighted the Shop Brockville campaign.

Councillor Wales spoke of the calls for action over the past several weeks about the issue of racism. Items of business coming forward to Council which address racism in a meaningful way. If there are community members who would assist with the discussion, please contact members of council.

His Worship noted that the residents maybe becoming impatient with the reopening of the community. The first priority if the health of our community but the financial impact of reopening will also be a considered factored. He spoke of local examples of how local people and businesses have been supporting the community during this difficult time.

He wished everyone a Happy Canada Day on behalf of City Council.

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil.

## **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020 be adopted and circulated as read.

**CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. July and August 2020 Council Meetings  
S. MacDonald, City Clerk

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the Council meetings for the summer months be set as July 14th, 2020 and August 18th, 2020.

**CARRIED**

## **DELEGATIONS**

Nil.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

1. COVID 19 Recovery Plan – Part 2

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT report SR2020-97 COVID 19 Recovery Plan – Part 2 be received; and

THAT the following facilities be reopen following Health Unit Guidelines and at the appropriate service level to ensure public safety for an approximate cost of \$103,000.00 for:

- Blockhouse Island public washrooms
- St Lawrence park public washrooms
- Centeen park public washroom
- Rotary Park splash pad washroom

AND THAT staff report back with respect to Memorial and Youth arenas operations and financial considerations.

**AS AMENDED ON A LATER VOTE**

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT the washrooms at Hardy Park for a cost of approximately \$30,000 be added to the list of facilities to be reopened.

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

**Against:** Councillor Journal and Councillor Kalivas

**CARRIED 7-2 on a recorded vote**

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

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THAT staff report back with respect to Memorial and Youth arenas operations and financial considerations.

**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 Fullarton

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THAT the following facilities be reopen following Health Unit Guidelines and at the appropriate service level to ensure public safety for an approximate cost of \$103,000.00 for:

- Blockhouse Island public washrooms

- St Lawrence park public washrooms
- Centeen park public washroom
- Rotary Park splash pad washroom
- Hardy Park washroom (requires additional funding)

THAT staff report back with respect to Memorial and Youth arenas operations and financial considerations.

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

1. Emergency Cooling Centre  
Councillor L. Bursey

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

Whereas June 2020 brought about unseasonably warm temperatures and warmer weather is anticipated this season; and

Whereas, due to COVID 19 restrictions current public facilities such as the Brockville Public Library, the Centennial Youth Arena, and Brockville Memorial Centre are not available for public use at this time; and

Whereas, due to COVID 19 and the changing face of retail, public spaces like mall food court cafeterias are also not readily accessible at that time; and

Whereas many citizens can not readily access central air conditioning at their place of residence, due to no shortage of reasons including home energy costs, precarious under housing, or any variety of additional reasons; and

Whereas other neighbouring urban centre municipalities have either discussed implementing emergency protocols for public cooling centres, or have already done so; and

Whereas, for many this is their first time not having access to the

aforementioned facilities, and others like it; and

Whereas extreme heat is a serious public health concern for those who cannot safely or easily access enclosed cooling spaces, and heat related illness or death is a largely preventable health care emergency; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the City of Brockville direct staff to investigate possible options for public cooling centres that can be accessed by the public during extreme heat; and

That staff report back to council with parameters for potential costs, locations, conditions and hours of operation, and how to achieve this public accommodation with respect current public health social distancing directives and protocols, with the direct intention of crafting a Brockville emergency cooling centre policy for immediate implementation where deemed necessary.

**For:** Councillor Bursey, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Wales, and Councillor Wren

**Against:** Mayor Baker and Councillor Earle

**CARRIED 7-2 on a recorded vote**

2. Noise and traffic Downtown and Blockhouse Island  
Councillor N. Lavergne

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT Council request the Brockville Police Services Board to provide a report on the issue of noise and traffic concerns in the downtown core and on Blockhouse Island, along with their recommendations of actions Council could take to support their enforcement efforts.

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

**Against:** Councillor Earle

**CARRIED 8-1 on a recorded vote**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **EMERGENCY BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **BY-LAWS**

1. 053-2020  
Being A By-Law to Appoint Sebastian Scott as Chief Building Official, Inspector, Property Standards Officer, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, and Weed Inspector for the City of Brockville

## **READING OF THE BYLAWS**

Moved by: Councillor Wales

Seconded by: Councillor Wren

THAT By-law Numbered 053-2020 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 Wales

Seconded by: Councillor Wren

THAT By-law Number 054-2020 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on June 30, 2020 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**

Public Health is currently discussing the use of masks in indoor spaces and further information will be forthcoming. The City is working with Downtown Brockville to determine what support be provided to the businesses. He noted that the transit service returned to the regular schedule this past Monday. He thanked the system

users, the drivers and CUPE 115 for their support during the modified system schedule. He thanked CUPE 115 for working with the City during the changes in service and staffing during the pandemic.

### **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Wales  
Seconded by: Councillor Wren

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for July 14, 2020.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.*

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Mayor

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City Clerk