



City of Brockville

Council Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM - Tuesday, November 12, 2019
City Hall, Council Chambers

The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 6:00 PM, in the City Hall, Council Chambers, 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, Lynn Murray, Deputy City Clerk, and Robert Nolan, Director of Economic Development

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

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

Seconded by: Councillor Wales

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

1. personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
2. labour relations or employee negotiations;
3. advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING STAFF REPORTS

REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Wren

Seconded by: Councillor Bursey

THAT Council rise from the Closed Session without reporting.

CARRIED

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Baker reminded everyone of the winter weather and road conditions. He noted that the overnight parking restrictions are now in affect. He cautioned citizens to take care on the roads as people will walk on the roads when sidewalks are not as accessible. Mayor Baker stated that homeowners should be shoveling sidewalks in front of their homes and should not be putting snow out into the streets.

Mayor Baker listed several events coming up; Downtown Brockville and the City of Brockville will be holding our annual tree lighting ceremony Friday November 29th at the Fulford Fountain on Courthouse Avenue. Downtown Brockville will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank at the event. In the coming days you will also see King Street looking more festive for the season. Mayor Baker noted that Downtown Brockville will be completing their lamp post decoration installation for the season. He added that this is a Downtown Brockville member driven beautification project and the city thanks them for their commitment to making the city beautiful during the holiday season.

His Worship announced that the Rotary Club of Brockville annual Santa Claus parade is November 30th, beginning at 5:00 pm. He also wished to remind people the Rotary Club is doing their annual Christmas Ham fundraising sale. Hams can be purchased by contacting a member of the Rotary Club.

Directly following the parade, the City of Brockville in partnership with Downtown Brockville, and Chamber of Commerce will be flipping the switch on the River of Lights grand opening event. Expert Contractors who have been instrumental in the technical side of the event will be on hand accepting donations to the food bank. River of Lights will run nightly after 5:00 pm throughout the holiday season. There will be no charge but the first three Saturday nights in December Kelsey's restaurant staff will be on hand to accept non-perishable food items for our food bank.

Lastly, Mayor Baker announced that tonight marks the start of our 2020 Budget process. Council and staff are committed to both improving the budget review process as well as making the information we see and base our decisions on more accessible to our ratepayers. In addition, a newly revamped budget section of the city's website will be a key resource for people who want to follow the process and will have links to our meeting agendas and minutes. Our meetings are open to the public and are also streamed online and carried by YourTV Cogeco.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Wales declared an indirect pecuniary interest on Agenda Item SLX Residential Attraction as his employer may have a potential pecuniary interest.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 22, 2019 and October 29, 2019 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. National Addictions Awareness Week (Canadian Centre on Substance Control)

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT City Council declare November 25th to December 1st, 2019 as National Addictions Awareness Week in the City of Brockville.

CARRIED

3. Transgendered Day of Remembrance

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT City Council declare November 20th, 2019 as Transgendered Day of Remembrance in the City of Brockville.

CARRIED

3. National Housing Day (CMHC)

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT City Council declare November 22nd as National Housing Day in the City of Brockville.

CARRIED

4. Movember

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT City Council declare November 2019 as Movember month in the City of Brockville; and

THAT the Movember flag be flown from November 18th to December 2nd, 2019.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

1. Wall Street Village Project Update
Bruce Hynes, Chair, Marguerita Residence Corporation

B. Hynes reviewed his presentation for Council.

2. Riverton Homes
Evan Veenstra

E. Veenstra addressed Council regarding the SLX Residential Attraction item on this evening's agenda.

3. Communities in Bloom - Results Presentation
Ron Dubyk, Communities in Bloom Ontario

A. Barabash, Chair of Brockville's Communities in Bloom Committee introduced R. Dubyk a judge from Communities in Bloom Ontario. R. Dubyk stated that he was pleased to announce that Brockville had received 5 blooms which is the highest award. He added that Brockville had also received recognition in three other categories; environmental action, floral displays and community involvement. A. Barabash declared that at this point they could possibly go national with the City's support.

Mayor Baker offered gratitude to this Committee and what they have accomplished. He explained that each year the tulips are pulled the the late spring to make room for the annual plantings. Mayor Baker said that this year the Communities in Bloom Committee asked for the tulips, they sent the flowering portions to retirement and long-term care homes. They then dried the bulbs over the summer and have since planted the bulbs in areas along the Brock Trail to be enjoyed in the spring for many years going forward.

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2019-166-11
Land Transfer Tax -
Additional Costs re Tall Ships Transfer

Moved by: Councillor Bursey
Seconded by: Mayor Baker

THAT Council approve the funding of additional land transfer tax regarding the transfer from Tall Ships Landing Developments Inc. to the City of Brockville for the Aquatarium building from the Fiscal Policy Reserve for approximately \$33,000.

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

Against: Councillor Journal

CARRIED 8-1 on a recorded vote

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Councillor M. Kalivas, Chair
Councillors L. Bursey and C. Wales, Art Koolwine, Citizen Member
Meeting Date November 5, 2019

POC - CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the following items, as listed on the Planning and Operations Committee agenda are recommended to be passed by Consent Agenda:

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. 2019-159-11
Proposed Amendment to Zoning By-law 050-2014

9 and 11 Pearl Street East, City of Brockville
Owners: Brent Sydney Irvine, In Trust & 125703 Canada Inc.
Applicant: Annable Designs, Dave Annable

THAT Zoning By-law 050-2014 to rezone lands described as Lots 182 and 183, Block 15, Plan 67, with municipal addresses 9 and 11 Pearl Street East, from "R4 – General Residential Zone", to "R4 – General Residential Special Exception Zone" to permit the construction of a building containing five (5) apartment dwelling units with a minimum front yard setback of 2.0 metres and minimum interior side yards of 1.5 metres (west) and 2.1 metres (east), in addition to those uses currently permitted, be approved; and,

THAT the necessary by-laws be prepared and enacted at a future Council meeting.

3. 2019-160-11
Update on *Waste Free Ontario Act*

THAT Report 2019-160-11, Update on Waste Free Ontario Act be received for information.

POC - REGULAR AGENDA

Nil.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Councillor J. Fullarton, Chair
Councillor M. Wren, J. Barabash and T. Barnes, Citizen Members
Meeting held November 5, 2019

EDRTC- CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

Seconded by: Mayor Baker

THAT the following items, as listed on the Economic Development, Recreation and Tourism Committee agenda are recommended to be passed by Consent Agenda:

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. 2019-163-11
Tall Ships Festival

THAT Council receive Report 2019-163-11 2019 Tall Ships Festival; and

THAT the balance of the funds from the 2019 Big River / Tall Ships Festival be held in Reserve to offset the costs of future Tall Ships and Big River festivals; and

THAT any expenditure from this reserve be done in consultation with Council, Staff and the Tall Ships Committee.

THAT Council approve hosting the Tall Ships Festival in 2022 and that the required US\$5,000 deposit be taken from the 2019 Big River / Tall Ships Festival balance; and

THAT staff be directed to use the new Committee template to develop a Terms of Reference for the 2022 Tall Ships Festival Committee.

3. 2019-164-11
Big River Festival

THAT Council receive Report 2019-164-11 2019 Big River Festival; and

THAT \$7,500 of the funds from the Big River. Tall Ships Festival be retained in Reserve to fund the 2020 Big River Festival.

4. 2019-161-11
Contract 2019-36 Thomas Street Seawall & Sidewalk Upgrades

THAT Kehoe Marine Construction Ltd. be awarded the contract for the 2019 seawall and sidewalk upgrades at Thomas Street in the amount of \$550,000 (five hundred and fifty thousand dollars) plus HST for a net cost of \$559,680; and,

THAT the additional funds required of \$131,734 be funded from Federal Gas Tax.

5. 2019-162-11
Brock Trail Lighting Project

THAT the Brock Trail Committee be authorized to undertake a trial project to install solar powered lights on a section of the Brock Trail; and,

THAT the project be funded from the Brock Trail donations.

EDRTC - REGULAR AGENDA

1. SLX Residential Attraction

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT the EDRTC is in support of this concept but would like it to go before Council on November 12, 2019 to get their support before we ask staff to negotiate a contract and identify a funding stream to reimburse the performance; and

That Staff report back to EDRTC in December.

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

CARRIED 8-0 on a recorded vote

2020 BUDGET

1. 2019-167-11
2020 Pre-budget Overview

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton
Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT Council receive the 2020 Pre-Budget Overview report for information.

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

L. Ferguson, Director of Finance reviewed the 2020 Pre-Budget presentation.

Councillor Journal was happy to hear that all capital projects will have a business plan attached to them, he wondered if the incremental items will as well. J. Loveys responded that yes if there are any incremental items, they will also have an associated business plan.

Councillor Journal encouraged staff to consider debt decreases and increase in reserves when they are looking at the long-term financial planning.

Councillor Journal asked what level of detail will be brought forward at the beginning of the process. L. Ferguson stated that they will be showing at least 3 years and the departments will be broken down further in major categories. Councillor Journal added that he would like to see possible solutions to mitigate the challenges listed in the presentation.

Councillor Wales stated that he is not sure about the criteria, he felt staff may be hesitant to bring something forward because it may not fit exactly into one of the three criteria. J. Loveys replied that the criteria assist in prioritizing and starting point in Council's decision making.

Councillor Wren discussed the main sewage pumping station and its poor report card rating. He wondered what contingencies are in place if there is a failure. J. Lovey's replied that this would be a question for the Capital

budget discussions and clarified that this Asset Management report card is from 2016.

Councillor Journal is surprised at the 24% increase for benefits.

Mayor Baker suggested that maybe this is somewhere they need to make time to review. He added that a public benefit package is much different than a private package. Many private benefits are a 50/50 split between the company and the employer.

NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Nil.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Nil.

BY-LAWS

084-2019 A By-law to Authorize the Appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Peace Officers as it Applies to the Private Property at 2288 Parkdale Ave and 27 Aldershot Avenue

READING OF THE BYLAWS

Moved by: Councillor Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor Earle

THAT By-law Numbered 084-2019 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 Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor Earle

THAT By-law Number 085-2019 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on November 12, 2019 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 Baker encouraged residents to complete the Brockville Transit Survey, deadlines for submissions are close of business on November 15th, 2019. Paper copies are available at City Hall and the Public Library, there is also a link to the survey on the City's website.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next meeting scheduled for November 19, 2019

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk