



City of Brockville
Council Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM - Tuesday, May 23, 2023
City Hall, Council Chambers

The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 5:30 PM, in the City Hall, Council Chambers, with the following present:

Members Present:

Mayor Matt Wren, Councillor Philip Deery, Councillor Jane Fullarton, Councillor Mike Kalivas, Councillor Nathalie Lavergne, and Councillor Cameron Wales

Regrets:

Councillor Jeff Earle, Councillor Katherine Hobbs, and Councillor Louise Severson

Staff:

Cassidy Cameron, Committee Assistant, Sandra MacDonald, City Manager/City Clerk, and Robert Nolan, Director of Economic and Development Services

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION (4:30 PM)

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton
Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT pursuant to *Municipal Act*, 2001, Section 239 Sub. 2 (b), (c), and (k), 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. a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; (North Augusta Road)
3. a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (UCLG).

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING MATTER(S)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Wren welcomed Ron Zajac to the meeting, reporter from the Recorder and Times, who was away for several weeks due to medical reasons. His Worship was pleased to see R. Zajac had recovered and offered him the opportunity to speak on behalf of his medical issues.

His Worship congratulated the Aquatarium staff, and all those involved, in bringing the Travelling Bricks LEGO exhibit to the Brockville Centennial Youth Arena; this is the first time this exhibit has been displayed in Canada. His worshiped encouraged people to attend the event, noting how impressive it is. Additionally, City Staff, who have worked hard to make the facility ready for use, were thanked. Tickets can be ordered online at travellingbricksbrockville.com.

Mayor Wren recognized the paramedics of Leeds and Grenville for their service and hard work, as this week is National Paramedic Week. All first responders were thanked for keeping us safe.

His Worship addressed the Integrity Commissioner report from the last few weeks:

Donations made to the City of Brockville, that are designated towards specific projects, have been and always will be used for their intended purpose. Donations are not arbitrarily spent on city operations, except when they are designated for such. The spending decisions about donations are not made by City staff, but by City Council as a whole, not any individual member. His Worship assured those who have donated, or will donate in the future, that those funds are clearly identified, safeguarded and spent carefully based on the intentions of the donor, and only when the proper process is followed.

The City's Procurement Policy is in line with that of all other municipalities in the province of Ontario. The policy is rigid for good reason. Follow up from the Tunnel Project led to a review from KPMG, which resulted in the Procurement Policy being updated in the last term of Council. It is staff of the City of Brockville who operate within the framework of these policies; policies which were established and approved by this elected body.

Regarding the process for handling complaints, municipalities are required by law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner. That individual is an independent and impartial adjudicator to which matters of complaint are referred. The only role for the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to play, at the beginning of the process, is to determine if a complaint is vexatious or frivolous. They are not meant to perform their own adjudication or evaluate whether the complaint should be referred to the Integrity Commissioner; that would be impeding the process. Council did not create the system in place, but they are required to follow it, and, as needed, that is what they will do.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

1. 2023 Longest Day of SMILES
(Operation Smile Canada)

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville proclaim June 18th, 2023 as the Longest Day of Smiles in the City of Brockville.

CARRIED

2. St. John Ambulance Week
Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Branch

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville hereby proclaim the week of June 19th to June 26th, 2023 as St. John Ambulance Week in the City of Brockville; and

THAT the St. John Ambulance flag be flown at Tunnel Bay from June 19th to June 26th, 2023.

CARRIED

3. Pride Week
Brockville Pride

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

That the council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville hereby proclaim the week of Monday, June 5th to Monday, June 12th, 2023 as Brockville Pride/Brockville LGBTQ+ (2SLGBTQQAAP+) Pride Week, and that the rainbow flag be flown at Tunnel Bay.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

1. Medical Officer Introduction

Dr. Linna Li, Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, was unable to attend and will return at a later Council meeting for introductions.

STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Councillor J. Fullarton, Chair
Councillors P. Deery, K. Hobbs, and L. Severson
Meeting held May 16, 2023

GENERAL - CONSENT AGENDA

Councillor Lavergne asked that item No. 13, Support for Bill 5, be separated from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

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

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

CARRIED 6-0 on a recorded vote

1. **2023-83**
Canada Day Fireworks Display

THAT Council approve the proposal from GFA PYRO in the amount of \$15,181 (excluding HST) for the 2023 Canada Day fireworks.

2. **2023-86**
Municipal Twinning Agreement Policy

THAT Council approve the Municipal Twinning Agreement Policy; and

THAT the proposed Municipal Twinning Agreement Policy be amended to delete reference to the "ability, within existing resources, to maintain the relationships with exchange visits at least once in every five years."

3. **2023-81**

Next Generation 911 (NGEN 911) Grant Allocations/ Expenditures in Partnership with Brockville Police Services

THAT Council approve the Next Generation 911 (NGEN 911), Project, Phase #1 in the amount of \$982,297.08 to be funded by the NGEN 911 SOLGEN Grant received from the Ministry in May 2023; and

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Owen Sound Police Services Board for the provision of a NGEN 911 Call Handling Hosted Solution; and

THAT Council authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Frontline Communications to provide consulting services to assist in the NGEN 911 transition and connection with hosted platform to current "Crisys" Computer Aided Dispatch consoles.

4. **2023-85**

Generator Replacement Fire Stations 1 & 2

THAT Council approves the purchase of one (1) replacement 125kW Cummins Generator for \$103,325.60 (with net HST) for Station #2 at 360 Laurier Blvd;

THAT Council approves the purchase of one (1) 80kW Cummins Generator for \$80,910.95 (with net HST) for Station #1 at 61 Perth Street, and;

THAT Staff prepare a Tender Package for the installation of both generators, and;

THAT Staff prepare a follow-up report to council outlining the installation tender results with the overage being funded by the gas tax (estimated at \$83,000).

5. **2023-77**

Parks Bucket Truck Procurement

THAT Council approve the purchase of a Terex forestry bucket truck from Custom Truck for a cost including net HST and USD exchange rate not to exceed \$245,000, and

THAT Council approve an increase to the approved capital budget from \$200,000 to \$245,000, and

THAT the additional funds required to complete the purchase be funded by Debt.

6. **2023-80**

Facilities Roofing Project
Fire Station #1

THAT Council approve the award of the contract to replace roof section 1 of Brockville Fire Station #1 for a total cost \$132,008.16, and

THAT Council approve an additional \$32,009 funded by debt to fund the budget shortfall.

7. **2023-82**

Break Open Lottery Licence fee - request for relief

THAT Council approve a one-time lottery licence fee reduction of 2%, for the Brockville General Hospital Volunteer Association, therefore setting the fee at 1% of the prize board.

8. **2023-79**

Transit Bus Procurement

THAT Council approve the purchase of two transit buses at a cost of \$311,788.20 from Girardin Ontario Inc., and

THAT Council approve funding a budget shortfall of \$31,043.06 to complete the purchase of the buses.

9. **2023-90**

Reconstruction of Sherwood Street - Contract# 23-0007

THAT Council approve the tender from Ken Miller Excavating for the Reconstruction of Sherwood Street in the amount of \$1,125,978.40 (including net HST); and

THAT Council approve an additional \$37,515.47 from the OCIF Fund.

10. **2023-91**

Concrete Sidewalk & Curb Reconstruction on City Streets

THAT Council approve the tender from Ken Miller Excavating for Concrete Sidewalk and Curb Reconstruction in the amount of \$17,647.72 (including net HST).

11. **2023-92**

Residential Backwater Sanitary Valve Protection Program

THAT Council approve a Backwater Valve Grant program, and;

THAT it be funded by the Wastewater Working Capital Operations Reserve.

12. **Information Items**

THAT the following items be received:

1. Integrity Commissioner Services
Annual Report 2022
2. 2023-57
Council Compensation
3. 2023-78
Municipal Accommodation Tax - 2023 Quarter 1 Update
4. 2023-88
Project 230018 Public Works Plow Truck - Completed Procurement
5. 2023-87
Project 230020 Parks Mower - Completed Procurement

6. 2023-89
Project 230044 Public Works Street Sweeper - Completed
Procurement

GENERAL - REGULAR AGENDA

1. Support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Brockville City Council express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councils and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP Leeds–Grenville–Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes.

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

CARRIED 6-0 on a recorded vote

NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Nil.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Nil.

BY-LAWS

Nil.

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by: Councillor Deery
Seconded by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT By-law Number 042-2023 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on May 23, 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

The meeting recessed at 6:09 pm.

RECONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 6:14 pm.

REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Deery
Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT Council rise from the Closed Session and the Chairman report that all recommendations adopted in Closed Session, be adopted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Deery
Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for June 13, 2023.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk

