



City of Brockville

Council Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM - Tuesday, May 28, 2024
City Hall, Council Chambers

The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 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, Councillor Mike Kalivas, Councillor Nathalie Lavergne, Councillor Louise Severson, and Councillor Cameron Wales

Regrets:

Nil.

Staff:

Sandra MacDonald, City Manager, Robert Nolan, Director of Economic and Development Services, Phil Wood, Director of Operations, Sheena Earl, City Clerk, and Lesley White, Manager of Business Engagement & Partnerships

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Wren congratulated Downtown Brockville business owners, the DBIA board and staff on the very successful street event in 2024 held Saturday, May 25th. He acknowledged the number of visitors and residents who attended and said he looks forward to future events this summer.

Mayor Wren announced that traffic calming measures are being installed, noting he and staff have been receiving very favourable feedback. He explained that efforts to calm traffic will be ongoing and noted the City has created an intake form to receive additional suggestions of areas of concern. Mayor Wren identified the original pedestrian cross overs on King Street at Rivers Avenue (near St. Lawrence Park) as areas requiring further review. His Worship said a report will be forthcoming to the General Committee in June regarding upgrading this crossing given the new Swift Waters School's impending opening this September.

Mayor Wren announced that subdivision work on Stirling Meadows is scheduled to begin May 27th and said notification letters have been distributed to those in the area of construction. He said the developers expect the road (Dobbie Street) will be reconstructed within 60 days.

As of July 2, 2024, His Worship indicated that southern portions of Ormond and Orchard Street will transition to one-way streets, with Ormond being

southbound and Orchard northbound between King Street and Pearl Street east.

Mayor Wren announced it is national AccessAbility Week and the theme this year is "Forward Together: Accessibility and Inclusion for All," which emphasizes the need for collective efforts to create barrier-free communities. He welcomed members of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Janet Jones, Chair and Member Greg Bamber to the meeting.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Council Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 14, 2024 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

Correspondence, Communication and Petitions

1. Appointments to Boards and Committees

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT Evan McMurtry be removed from the Heritage Brockville Committee; and

THAT Winfield Sifton and Carson Dowds be appointed to the Brockville Railway Tunnel Committee; and

THAT Councillor Severson be appointed to the Arena Advisory Board; and

THAT the necessary by-law be enacted.

CARRIED

2. St. John Ambulance Week
St. John Ambulance - D. Brontmire

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville hereby proclaim the week of Monday, June 24th to Monday, June 30th, 2024 as St. John Ambulance Week; and

THAT the St. John Ambulance Flag be flown at Tunnel Bay.

CARRIED

Delegations and Presentations

1. AccessAbility Week Recognition Event

Council along with members of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee recognized Ryan Billing, Brockville Home Health Care, Cycling Without Age and Paddlers Place for their efforts in reducing accessibility barriers in the City, in recognition of national AccessAbility Week.

Staff Reports

1. **2024-106**
2023-2026
Council Priorities - Strategic Plan

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

That the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan be adopted as presented.

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

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

2. **2024-107**
Pre-Competition Camp Bid
IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT Council direct staff to apply to Hockey Canada to be a host community for the pre-competition camp for the 2025 World Junior Championship being held in Ottawa.

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

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

General Committee

Councillor J. Fullarton, Chair
Councillors P. Deery, K. Hobbs, and L. Severson
Meeting held May 21, 2024

General - Consent Agenda

*Councillor Severson moved to separate Item 1. Report Number 2024-27
Municipal Accommodation Tax Rate Increase.*

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 Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Hobbs, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Severson, and Councillor Wales

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

2. 2024-105

Marguerita Residence Corporation
42 Garden St. Project Loan Extension Request

THAT Council receive the letter from the Marguerita Residence Corporation requesting an extension to the existing construction loan; and

THAT Council approve an extension to December 15, 2024, or 120 days after the point of Substantial Completion, whichever comes first.

3. **2024-100**
Single Axel Plow Truck

THAT Council approve an additional expenditure of \$13,591 funded by debenture, to proceed with the 2024 capital project to purchase a new single-axel plow truck in accordance with the 2024 Capital Budget; and

THAT Council receive this staff report detailing the procurement method in accordance with Procurement Policy POL.F.20.139 for information.

4. **2024-90**
Options for Arena Canteen Food Services

THAT Council direct staff to develop a detailed operation plan for City staff operated arena canteens to be presented to the General Committee in June.

5. Information Items

THAT the following items be received:

1. **2024-95**
Road Rehabilitation at Various Locations
2. 2024-96
Routing, Cleaning & Sealing Cracks in Asphalt Pavements
3. 2024-97
Traffic Controllers and Detection Devices

General - Regular Agenda

1. **2024-47**
Municipal Accommodation Tax
Rate Increase

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) be increased to 6% effective January 1st, 2025 on all hotel, motel, lodge, inn, short term rental accommodations under 30 days and a \$6.00 per night MAT for bed and breakfast establishments.

CARRIED, AS AMENDED ON A LATER VOTE

Amendment to Motion

Moved by: Councillor Severson

THAT the motion to amended to replace 6% with 5%.

WITHDRAWN

Amendment to Motion

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT the motion be amended to remove the \$6.00 per night MAT for bed and breakfast establishments

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

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) be increased to 6% effective January 1st, 2025 on all hotel, motel, lodge, inn, short term rental accommodations under 30 days; and

THAT Bed and Breakfast establishments be exempt from the Municipal Accommodation Tax.

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

Against: Councillor Earle

CARRIED 8-1 on a recorded vote

2. **2024-65**
Multi Use Recreational Facility Update

Moved by: Councillor Severson

THAT Council receive staff report 2024-103 Multi-Use Recreational Facility Update for information; and

THAT staff return to future General Committee meeting with details related to the Memorial Centre FIT solar program and options to proceed; and

THAT staff return to future General Committee meeting with details related to potential future uses of the Youth Arena facility.

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

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

3. **2024-79**
Winter Classic Proposed Upgrades to the Rotary Outdoor Rink (ODR)

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT Council approve the proposed upgrades to the Rotary Outdoor Rink as follows:

1. Installation of rubber matting from the change rooms to the washrooms
2. Construction of a wheelchair accessible seating area including landscaping and lean-to roofing
3. Installation of a new score clock
4. Installation of access doors on the existing benches
5. Improved water service or onsite storage to facilitate future use of an ice resurfacer

6. Installation of devices to mitigate problems related to overnight condensation buildup; and

THAT Council approve that the upgrades be funded by the Winter Classic Group; and

THAT staff report to Council as required in accordance with the City Procurement Policy.

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

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

New Business - Report from Members of Council

Nil.

Unfinished Business

Nil.

Emergency Business

Nil.

By-Laws

1. 041-2024
A By-law to Amend 003-2023 Being a By-law to Appoint Members to Various Boards and Commissions (Heritage/BRTC/AAC)
2. 042-2024
By-law to Remove Block 4, Registered Plan 28M-22, City of Brockville, County of Leeds, being PIN# 44168-0314(LT), from Part Lot Control - St. Alban's
3. 043-2024
By-law to Amend the Brownfields Community Improvement Plan for the City of Brockville
4. 044-2024
By-law to Amend the Community Improvement Plan for Downtown Brockville (Priority Area 1) Oxford Avenue

Reading of the By-Laws

Moved by: Councillor Wales
Seconded by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT By-laws Numbered 041-2024 to 044-2024 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

Mayor's Announcements

Media Question Period

Motion to Move into Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor Deery
Seconded by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT pursuant to *Municipal Act*, 2001, Section 239 Sub. 2 (k), Council resolve itself Closed Session at 7:47pm, closed to the public to consider: 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, specifically Agreement, TSL.

CARRIED

Closed Meeting Matter

The meeting recessed and resumed at 7:52 pm.

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the closed session adjourn and the open session resume at 8:47 pm.

CARRIED

Report of the Closed Session

Mayor Wren reported that the Council met in closed session to discuss matters pertaining to 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, specifically Agreement, TSL and provided instruction/direction to staff.

Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by: Councillor Wales
Seconded by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT By-law Number 045-2024 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on May 28, 2024 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

Adjournment

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for June 11, 2024.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk