



City of Brockville

Council Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM - Thursday, January 11, 2024
City Hall, Council Chambers

The Council meeting was called to order on Thursday, January 11, 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:

Sheena Earl, City Clerk, Lynda Ferguson, Director of Finance & IT Services, Melanie Jones, Director of Fire & Partner Services, Robert Nolan, Director of Economic and Development Services, Mark Noonan, Police Chief, Lynn Murray, Deputy City Clerk, Adam Parker, IT Analyst, Chris Paul, Deputy Fire Chief, Peter Raabe, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure Services, and Phil Wood, Director of Operations

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Wren thanked members and staff for their flexibility in accommodating the meeting date change and noted Councillor Earle would likely be joining shortly.

Mayor Wren wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked those who attended the New Year's Day levy at the Brockville Art's Centre and referred to the New Year's Eve concert series, thanking all for their involvement and attendance and offered his appreciation to the congregations of Wall Street United, the First Baptist, St. Paul's and St. John's churches for opening their beautiful buildings to host the event.

Mayor Wren thanked staff for their continued efforts producing the River of Lights noting it has been extended to January 7th. He said visitor statistics for this event are being collected and noted appreciation for the provincial grant in support.

Mayor Wren drew member's attention to a new camera in Council Chambers and asked that any feedback with respect to the livestream be sent to the City Clerk by email at clerk@brockville.com.

With respect to Paratransit, Mayor Wren noted reports of a smooth transition to in-house operations thanks to staff. He commented on positive reviews from users and noted 195 rides had been successfully completed already this year. Mayor Wren said initial confusion about the correct phone number has been clarified and encouraged users and their families to continue to provide feedback.

Mayor Wren welcomed Kelly Britnell, Tourism Development Coordinator to the City. He said Ms. Britnell has previous work experience with Explore Waterloo, Queen's University and Tourism Kingston. Mayor Wren explained that the current contract with Henderson's printing for promotional materials will be extended to prevent any disruption and noted the City will continue to explore the use of private services and expertise with respect to tourism when needed.

Mayor Wren reported Council discussed a possible partnership with supportive housing provider Indwell at the closed meeting of December 12, 2023. and noted it would be explored further at the closed meeting of January 23, 2024. He drew attention to a recent presentation by Indwell at the Joint Services Committee meeting earlier this week, a recording of which can be found at leedsgrenville.ca. Mayor Wren noted the importance of all levels of government working together to address the complex homelessness issues.

Mayor Wren announced the Supreme Court of Canada has dismissed the Tall Ships Landing Development's appeal of a lower court decision in the City's favour, ending a years-long dispute over the construction of the Aquatarium.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Council Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of December 12, 2023 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

Correspondence, Communication and Petitions

1. Appointments to Boards and Committees
(BMAAC/Arena)

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT Council authorize the appointment of Aubyn Baker-Riley to the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (term to expire November 14, 2027); and

THAT Council appoint John Francis to the Arena Advisory Board (term to expire on November 30, 2027); and

THAT the necessary by-law be enacted.

CARRIED

Delegations

Nil.

Staff Reports

Nil.

Planning And Development Committee

Nil.

Councillor Earle arrived at 5:51 pm.

Budget

1. **2024-7**
2024 Budget
City Departments Capital and Update on Community Partners

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT Council receive report SR2024-7 for information.

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

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

That Council include a contribution of \$6,500 to the Frontenac Arch Biosphere in the 2024 Draft Budget.

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

Moved by: Councillor Wales

That Council include a contribution of \$10,000 to the ArtsHub in 2024 Draft Budget to the ArtsHub.

WITHDRAWN

Council decided to consider discretionary and non-discretionary community partner budget items later in the Budget deliberations process.

The Council recessed at 7:20 pm and resumed at 7:37 pm. Ms. Murray, Mr. Parker, Chief Noonan, Chief Jones and Deputy Chief Paul left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

1. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted
Council Minutes November 28, 2023
(Councillor K. Hobbs)

(Requires simple majority vote)

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT the Council meeting minutes of November 28, 2023 be amended to mark K. Hobbs as absent from the meeting.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business

Nil.

Emergency Business

Nil.

By-laws

1. 001-2024
A By-law to amend 003-2023 Being a By-law to Appoint Members to Various Boards and Commissions (Arena/Aquatarium)

Reading of the By-laws

Moved by: Councillor Severson
Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT By-law Numbered 001-2024 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

Confirmatory By-law

Moved by: Councillor Severson
Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT By-law Number 002-2024 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 11, 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

Mayor's Announcements

Media Question Period

Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Severson

Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for January 23, 2024.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk