



City of Brockville

Council Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM - Tuesday, May 12, 2020
Virtual Meeting

The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 12, 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

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

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT pursuant to *Municipal Act*, 2001, Section 239 Sub. 2 (b), (d), (e) 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. litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
4. advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

Seconded by: Councillor Journal

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

CARRIED

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Baker noted that this week is National Police Week. He took the opportunity to send best wishes to the Brockville Police Service.

His Worship noted Monday was the first day that retailers were able to open with curbside pickup. He encouraged everyone to shop local and remember the small businesses that have been closed and for the community to show their support.

The Royal Brockville Retirement Resident has experienced an outbreak of COVID-19. Under the present guidelines an outbreak is defined as one confirmed patient.

This weekend is the first long weekend of the summer. It has been incredible to see the compliance to restrictions within the community which has helped deter the spread. It was noted that there has been a drop in the level of compliance within the community which is evidenced by the increase in call volume received by the police. Residents are asked to adhere to the provincial guidelines to ensure that the spread of the virus remains low. The risks to the hospital and vulnerable population are real. COVID-19 is not over and life is not returning to normal yet. Call upon the community for continued diligence and thank you for all that has been done to date.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Wales declared a potential indirect pecuniary interest on Staff Report No. 2020-087, Community Partners COVID 19 Cash-flow Mitigation Strategies, clauses 1, 2 and 3 as his employer provides services and bids to provide services for the DBIA and Chamber of Commerce/Brockville Tourism. A decision of Council on these 3 specific items could directly affect those services.

Councillor Wales declared a potential indirect pecuniary interest on Staff Report No. 2020-058, 2020 Budget – Final Levy, clauses 1, 2 and 4 as one of his parents has a pecuniary interest in the matter being discussed.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Bursey
Seconded by: Mayor Baker

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of April 14th, 21st and 28th, 2020 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

DELEGATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

1. SR2020-87
Community Partners COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategies

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT report 2020-87 Community Partner COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategies be received and that the following be adopted:

1. THAT City staff analyze and monitor actual cash collections of the Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA) physical cash collections on the City's property tax accounts and transfer money from the DBIA Reserve Fund for any shortfalls, and;
2. THAT Council provide direction with respect to the Brockville Tourism's response to Council's April 28, 2020 request for COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategy and;
3. THAT Council provide direction to the Chamber of Commerce's response to Council's April 28, 2020 request for COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategy and ;
4. THAT Council accept the Brockville Public Library's COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategies and City staff continue to work with the Brockville Public Library with the appropriate recovery plan and report back to Council and;
5. THAT Council accept the Aquatarium at Tall Ships Landing's COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategies and City staff continue to work with the Aquatarium at Tall Ships Landing and report back to Council and;
6. THAT Council accept the Brockville Cemetery's COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategies and;
7. THAT staff report back at the May 26, 2020 Council meeting with cashflow recommendations.

CARRIED AS AMENDED ON A LATER VOTE

Councillor Wales exited the meeting (6:11 pm)

Motion to Separate

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT paragraph 1, 2 and 3 be separated from paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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

CARRIED 8-0 on a recorded vote

Moved by: Councillor Journal

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2. THAT Council provide direction with respect to the Brockville Tourism's response to Council's April 28, 2020 request for COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategy and;
3. THAT Council provide direction to the Chamber of Commerce's response to Council's April 28, 2020 request for COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategy.

CARRIED AS AMENDED ON A LATER VOTE

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Journal

That Council accept the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism COVID-19 cash-flow mitigation strategies of \$21,001 and \$48,187 for a total \$69,188 which will be retained by the city.

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

CARRIED 8-0 on a recorded vote

Amended motion

Moved by: Councillor Journal

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2. THAT Council provide direction with respect to the Brockville Tourism's response to Council's April 28, 2020 request for COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategy and;
3. THAT Council provide direction to the Chamber of Commerce's response to Council's April 28, 2020 request for COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategy. AMEND

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

CARRIED 8-0 on a recorded vote

Councillor Wales re-entered the meeting (6:28 pm).

Separated Motion

Moved by: Councillor Journal

4. THAT Council accept the Brockville Public Library's COVID 19 Cashflow Mitigation Strategies and City staff continue to work with the Brockville Public Library with the appropriate recovery plan and report back to Council and;
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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. SR2020-88
COVID 19 Recovery Plan

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT report SR2020-88 COVID 19 Recovery Plan be adopted.

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

NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

1. Brockville General Hospital Redevelopment Project
Funding
(Councillor Wren)

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT the City of Brockville revise its funding arrangement for the Brockville General Hospital Redevelopment Project by securing a debenture in the amount of \$2,760,000; and

THAT the Director of Finance report back to Council on debenture options available at its May 26 meeting; and

THAT the funds in reserve for the Brockville General Hospital Redevelopment Project be retained by the City as a potential funding source for any deficit that may arise due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

THAT in the event the BGH funds are not needed as a mitigation measure related to Covid-19 financial impacts upon City revenues, that they be

applied towards the outstanding balance of the debenture.

CARRIED on a later vote

Motion to Separate

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT paragraph 4 be separated from the motion.

For: Councillor Bursey, Councillor Earle, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Lavergne, and Councillor Wren

Against: Mayor Baker, Councillor Journal, Councillor Kalivas, and Councillor Wales

CARRIED 5-4 on a recorded vote

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT the City of Brockville revise its funding arrangement for the Brockville General Hospital Redevelopment Project by securing a debenture in the amount of \$2,760,000; and

THAT the Director of Finance report back to Council on debenture options available at its May 26 meeting; and

THAT the funds in reserve for the Brockville General Hospital Redevelopment Project be retained by the City as a potential funding source for any deficit that may arise due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

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

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT in the event the BGH funds are not needed as a mitigation measure related to Covid-19 financial impacts upon City revenues, that they be applied towards the outstanding balance of the debenture.

DEFERRED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 26, 2020

Motion to Defer

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT this matter be deferred to the meeting of May 26th.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Nil.

BY-LAWS

1. 044-2020

By-law to Amend By-law 041-2003 Being By-law to Impose Penalty and Charge Interest for Default of Payment of Taxes and to Provide for Interest Payments on Tax Overpayments and to Provide for a Monthly Payment Plan to Amend the Penalty Rate for the Period of April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 to Zero.

CARRIED

READING OF THE BYLAWS

Moved by: Councillor Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor Earle

THAT By-laws Numbered 044-2020 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 Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor Earle

THAT By-law Number 045-2020 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on May 12, 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

Mayor Baker thanked all the people who volunteered with the food drive this past weekend.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for May 26, 2020.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk