



City of Brockville

Council Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM - Tuesday, May 14, 2024
City Hall, Council Chambers

The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 14, 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, Sheena Earl, City Clerk, and Phil Wood, Director of Operations

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Wren announced the Visitor Information Centre operated by Brockville Tourism is now fully operational, noting it is located on the east side of City Hall at 16 Market Street east. He congratulated Kelly Brintnell, Tourism Advisor and team on the successful opening and welcomed the summer student ambassadors. He said satellite information centres will be established near Highway 401 soon.

His Worship noted that Brockville Tourism is the second newly launched city service following Para-Transit's in house launch in January. He thanked staff for their efforts in ensuring the success of both initiatives.

Mayor Wren said the Brockville Railway Tunnel will open for the season this Friday, May 17th at 9:00 am. He said visitors can expect white lights and audio from the local radio station for the time being and noted a return to the full audio/visual show is expected by mid-summer.

Mayor Wren, along with Councillor Hobbs, visited Captain Andy and celebrated the 30th anniversary of 1000 Islands and Seaway Cruises which has been a permanent mainstay and attraction on the city's waterfront. He congratulated Captain Andy Neeteson and wished him a very successful season.

Mayor Wren announced that the annual River of Lights event is the recipient of \$20,000 as part of the Experience Ontario grant program. He thanked MPP Steve Clark for his efforts in supporting funding for this and other local events including the Aquatarium and Brockville Ribfest.

With Victoria Day approaching, Mayor Wren noted a modified schedule for recycling and garbage pickup the week of May 20th.

Mayor Wren wished Mary McHugh a very Happy 100th Birthday.

His Worship offered condolences to the family of Mr. Ted Abbot, an active and involved member of the community and the Brockville infantry. He noted the associates of the Infantry did a great job honouring him.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Council Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of April 23, 2024 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

Correspondence, Communication and Petitions

1. Resolution re: Resuming Property Assessment Cycle

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province; and
WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners; and
WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values; and

WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent; and
WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike; and

WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and

economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Brockville hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation; and

THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation.

CARRIED

2. Brockville Pride Week
Brockville Pride

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville hereby proclaim the week of Monday, June 3rd to Monday, June 10th, 2024 as Brockville Pride/Brockville LGBTQ+ (2SLGBTQQAAP+) Pride Week; and

THAT the Intersex-Inclusive Progress Flag be flown at Tunnel Bay.

CARRIED

3. Crossing Guard Appreciation Week
Ottawa Safety Council

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville do hereby proclaim the week of June 3rd to June 7th, Crossing Guard Appreciation Week.

CARRIED

4. Appointments to Boards and Committees
(BMAAC)

THAT Aubyn Baker-Riley be removed from the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee; and

THAT Jessica Barabash be removed from the Tourism Advisory Committee; and

THAT the necessary by-law be enacted.

CARRIED

5. National Physiotherapy Month
S. Craig-Pettem

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brockville hereby proclaim the month of May as National Physiotherapy Month in the City of Brockville.

CARRIED

Delegations

Nil.

Staff Reports

1. **2024-83**
Procurement Results
240022 Salt Storage Facility

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT Council approve an over expenditure of \$21,894 for the salt storage facility construction (240022) to be funded by debenture; and

THAT Council receive staff report 2024-83 detailing the public procurement process in accordance with Procurement Policy POL.F.20.139 for public tenders valued over \$100,000.

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. **2024-89**
Procurement Results
240002 Line Painting on City Streets

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT Council approve the purchase of line painting contracted services with A1 Carp Pavement Marking LTD in accordance with the City Procurement Policy for public tenders that result in less than three tender submissions.

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. **2024-91**
Remedial Tunnel Repair Options - Short Turn-Around

Original Motion

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Council receive report 2024-91 Remedial Tunnel Repair Options - Short Turn-Around for information, and

THAT Council approve staff to proceed with remedial repairs of the (13) control and power pedestals as outlined for a total cost of \$84,796.61 funded by reserves, and

THAT staff return to a future General Committee meeting to present long term solutions to protect the lighting fixtures from overhead dripping groundwater.

Amendment to Motion

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT the motion be amended to remove the second paragraph; and add THAT discussion regarding remedial repairs to the 13 control and power pedestals pending the identification of possible long-term solution to be presented in or before the fall of 2024.

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

Amendment to Motion

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT the motion be further amended to add "in or before fall 2024" after "General Committee meeting".

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 Council receive report 2024-91 Remedial Tunnel Repair Options - Short Turn-Around for information; and

THAT staff return to a future General Committee meeting in or before Fall 2024 to present long term solutions to protect the lighting fixtures from overhead dripping groundwater including discussion regarding remedial repairs to the 13 control and power pedestals.

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

Planning and Development Committee

Councillor M. Kalivas, Chair
Councillors J. Earle, N. Lavergne, and C. Wales, Citizen Member A.
Koolwine
Meeting held May 7, 2024

PDC - Consent Agenda

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Should a Council member wish an alternative action from the proposed recommendation, the Council member shall request that this matter be moved to “separate” the item.

Councillor Kalivas asked that Item 2. 2024-94 Cash-in-Lieu of Parking 36-46 King Street West be separated from the consent agenda.

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the following item, as listed on the Planning and Development Committee agenda is recommended to be passed by Consent Agenda:

CARRIED

1. **2024-88**
Proposed Amendments to Community Improvement Plan for Downtown and the Brownfields Community Improvement Plan Priority Area
Oxford Avenue
2. **2024-94**
Cash-in-Lieu of Parking
36-46 King Street West

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a Cash-in-Lieu of Parking Agreement with Caber Developments Inc. to require the developer to pay cash-in-lieu of parking for thirty-nine (39) parking spaces in the amount of \$5,000 per space, for a total of \$195,000.

THAT staff be directed to report back at a future date regarding the creation of a By-law pertaining to Cash-in-Lieu of Parking with a

recommendation for establishing a set amount for Cash-in-Lieu of Parking Payments.

DEFERRED ON A LATER VOTE

R. Nolan updated Council that the applicant has requested additional time to review alternative parking arrangements.

Motion to Defer

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT this item be deferred to on or before the Council meeting of July 23, 2024

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

PDC - Regular Agenda

Nil.

New Business - Report from Members of Council

1. Speed Limit on North Augusta Road
Councillor Wales

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT staff report to the June General Committee with a recommendation on lowering the speed limit from 60 km/h to 50 km/h on the northern portion of North Augusta Road.

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

Unfinished Business

Nil.

Emergency Business

Nil.

By-Laws

1. 034-2024
By-law to Amend City of Brockville Zoning By-law 050-2014 (Part of Lot 13, Block 35, Plan 67, City of Brockville, 86 John Street)
2. 035-2024
By-law to Adopt Amendment Number 034 to the Official Plan for the City of Brockville, described as Lots 1 & 2 and Part of Lot 17, Block 31, Plan 67, with municipal address of 36-46 King Street West
3. 036-2024
By-law to Amend City of Brockville Zoning By-law 050-2014 (Lots 1 & 2 and Part of Lot 17, Block 31, Plan 67, with municipal address of 36-46 King Street West)
4. 037-2024
A By-law to Amend 003-2023 Being a By-law to Appoint Members to Various Boards and Commissions (BMAAC/TAC)
5. 038-2024
Being a By-law to Amend By-law Number 119-89 Being a By-law of the Corporation of the City of Brockville to Regulate Parking (15 minute space - Visitor Centre and Orchard Street)
6. 039-2024
Being a By-law to Amend By-law Number 021-1993 Being a By-law to Regulate Traffic Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Brockville (Orchard Street and Ormond Street)

Reading of the By-Laws

Moved by: Councillor Deery
Seconded by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT By-laws Numbered 034-2024 to 039-2024 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 (Immediately Following The Regular Meeting)

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

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

1. personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (committee appointments)

CARRIED

Closed Meeting Matter

Report of the Closed Session

Mayor Wren reported that Council met in closed session to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (committee appointments) and provided direction/instruction to staff.

Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by: Councillor Deery

Seconded by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT By-law Number 040-2024 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on May 14, 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

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs
Seconded by: Councillor Deery

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting
scheduled for May 28, 2024.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Mayor

City Clerk