



# City of Brockville General Committee Minutes

4:30 PM - Tuesday, April 16, 2024  
City Hall, Council Chambers

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The General Committee meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 4:30 PM, in the City Hall, Council Chambers, with the following present:

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| <b>Members Present:</b> | Chair Jane Fullarton, Councillor Philip Deery, Councillor Louise Severson, and Ex-Officio Matt Wren  |
| <b>Regrets:</b>         | Councillor Katherine Hobbs   |
| <b>Others:</b>          | Nil.   |
| <b>Staff:</b>           | Lindsay Armstrong, Senior Manager of Human Resources, Lynda Ferguson, Director of Finance & IT Services, Melanie Jones, Director of Fire & Partner Services, Sandra MacDonald, City Manager, Lynn Murray, Deputy City Clerk, Chris Paul, Deputy Fire Chief, Peter Raabe, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure Services, Travis Raison, Project and Asset Coordinator, Natalie Wood, Museum Curator/Director, and Phil Wood, Director of Operations |

## Land Acknowledgement Statement

## Chair's Remarks

## Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

## Delegations and Presentations

1. Pickleball Brockville  
Sue Hunter/Philippe Mausy

P. Mausy from Pickleball Brockville reviewed their presentation regarding the proposed plans to add a shade shelter to the new Pickleball courts.

2. Brockville Toursim  
Kelly Brintnell

The new Brockville Tourism team introduced themselves to the Committee and provided a presentation on their plans for 2024.

3. Railway Tunnel Update

P. Wood provided an update on the status of the tunnel, explaining the lighting issues. P. Wood stated staff are hopeful to have the tunnel open by mid to late May with white lights only with full capabilities expected in late June.

**Correspondence and Communications**

Nil.

**Reports from Boards and Committees**

Nil.

**Information Items**

1. 2024-66  
2023 Annual Report - Brockville Museum

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the Brockville Museum 2023 Annual Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**Staff Reports**

1. 2024-78  
Sabre Jet Memorial Restoration  
Option to Proceed

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT a contract with Bulldog Commercial Restoration and Waterproofing Inc. be approved in an amount of \$60,040 to complete an in-situ restoration and reinforcement of the existing Sabre Jet concrete pedestal structure; and

THAT up to \$50,000 of tax levy funding be reassigned from the Laurier M6 Soccer/Rugby Pitch to the Sabre Jet project; and

THAT \$50,000 of CCBF funding be approved to fund the Laurier M6 Soccer/Rugby Pitch; and

THAT \$25,144 be funded from the Fiscal Policy Reserve; and

THAT staff be authorized to proceed with planning and implementation of renovation and improvement to the Sabre Jet memorial esthetic in accordance with the design presented by the Sabre Jet committee.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

2. 2024-32  
Building Condition Assessment Fire Station 1

Moved by: Mayor Wren

THAT Council authorize a feasibility study of Fire Station No. 1 with EFI Engineering to be funded by the Fire Marque Reserve.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

3. 2024-50  
Negative Social Media Statement

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT staff be directed to post the Negative Social Media statement to the City's Website.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

4. 2024-46  
Delegation of Authority for S. 357(1)(d.1) Tax Relief Applications

Moved by: Mayor Wren

THAT Council delegates its authority for the processing of applications under Section 357(1)(d.1) to the Assessment Review Board (ARB); and

THAT the necessary by-law be enacted.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

5. 2024-67  
2024 Provincial Budget Highlights

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT report 2024-67 be received for information; and

THAT a resolution be sent to the Province to recommence property tax reassessment.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

6. 2024-75  
Report to Establish Two 15 Minute Parking Spaces  
Market Street East (Tourism Visitor Centre)

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT City Council authorize the establishment of two 15 minute parking spaces on the west side of Market Street East in front of the Visitor Centre; and

THAT Schedule 5 subsection 74 of the Parking By-law 119-89 be amended accordingly.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

7. 2024-76  
Municipal Access Agreement  
Xplore Inc.

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a Municipal Access Agreement with Xplore Inc. for the installation and maintenance of utility infrastructure to be located on a municipal right-of-way.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

8. 2024-77  
Centennial Road and Stewart Boulevard  
Cold-in-Place Rehabilitation

Moved by: Mayor Wren

THAT the tender for Cold-in-Place (CIP) Recycling and Hot Mix Paving from R.W. Tomlinson LTD. in the amount of \$964,437.08 (including net HST) be approved; and

THAT additional funding be approved in the amount of \$150,000 (including net HST) from the surplus in the 2023 Cold-in-Place Recycling and Hot Mix Paving budget.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

9. 2024-81  
WPCC - Digester #1 Mixer Rebuild

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT funding of up to \$30,000 be approved for the purchase and installation of a new bearing cartridge kit and PCD gasket with shims required to repair the Water Pollution Control Centre's digester mixer; and

THAT the \$30,000 be funded from the Wastewater Working Capital Operations Reserve.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

10. 2024-82  
WPCC - Programmable Logic Controller Siemens Module

Moved by: Mayor Wren

THAT funding of up to \$10,000 be approved for the purchase and installation of a Siemens Programmable Logic Controller module from ExcelPro; and

THAT the \$10,000 be funded from Wastewater Working Capital Operations Reserve.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

11. 2024-68  
Multi-Use Recreational Facility Update

Moved by: Mayor Wren

THAT a change order in the amount of \$276,214 reflecting the modified designer fee schedule be approved and funded by the Arena Reserve fund.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

## **New Business from Committee Members**

1. Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates  
Councillor Severson

Moved by: Councillor Severson

WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

WHEREAS Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

WHEREAS Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 per cent as of July 2023 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall below their value in 2018 (\$1,376 when adjusted for inflation) and significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month)

WHEREAS OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in

Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Brockville joins Prince Edward County to call on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by "Raise the Rates" campaign and the "Income Security Advocacy Centre";
- b) Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;
- c) Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Lanark Leeds and Grenville Social Services, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

2. Fire Apparatus  
Mayor Wren

Moved by: Mayor Wren

WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services as authorized by Council; and

WHEREAS the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

WHEREAS the Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in



Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Brockville direct the Mayor draft a letter to Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities; and

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

THAT this resolution be shared with The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

3. Community Fundraising for City Assets  
Mayor Wren

Moved by: Mayor Wren

THAT staff be directed to create a terms of reference for community fundraising for City assets to be presented at the General Committee by June 2024.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

4. Brockville Railway Tunnel

Moved by: Mayor Wren

THAT Staff be directed to bring a report to the April 23, 2024 meeting of Council outlining costs involved to restore the Tunnel lighting system to 100% functionality and recommend a funding source.

**For:** Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Deery, Councillor Severson, and Mayor Wren

**CARRIED 4-0 on a recorded vote**

**Committee Consent Agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the following items as recommended by the General Committee be placed on the Consent Agenda:

1. 2024-32  
Building Condition Assessment Fire Station 1
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11. 2024-68  
Multi-Use Recreational Facility Update
12. Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support  
Program Financial Assistance Rates
13. Fire Apparatus

**CARRIED**

### **Media Question Period**

### **Adjournment**

Moved by: Mayor Wren

THAT the General Committee adjourn its meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled for May 21, 2024.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.*