



City of Brockville

Council Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM - Tuesday, April 14, 2020
City Hall, Council Chambers

The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 6:00 PM, in the City Hall, Council Chambers, 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:

Conal Cosgrove, Director of Operations, Lynda Ferguson, Director of Finance, Janette Loveys, City Manager, Sandra MacDonald, City Clerk, and Robert Nolan, Director of Economic Development

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION (2:00 PM)

Moved by: Councillor Wren

Seconded by: Councillor Bursey

THAT pursuant to *Municipal Act*, 2001, Section 239 Sub. 2 (b), (d) 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. advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

The Closed meeting recessed at 4:50 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 pm.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Baker thanked everyone who gave and participated in the collection of food this past weekend. It was a success with over 300 milk crates filled with food.

His Worship reported that the International Joint Commission is not expecting the same flooding experienced along the St. Lawrence River in 2017 and 2019. Municipalities are monitoring the water levels and preparing for the spring season.

Social distancing practices continue to be important and should be maintained. These practices appeared to be successful over the weekend and he recognized that they will be a challenge as the weather improves but stressed the importance of continuing. The provincial state of emergency has been extended to May 12th. Changes will be made to the transit system this week to allow a maximum of 8 riders at one time to ensure the safety of riders and drivers by maintaining social distancing measures. The service will continue to be monitored. The City has implemented a COVID 19 Community phone line is operational Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm to answer questions. The phone number is 613-341-2282.

Mayor Baker asked the community to support local businesses as much as possible during this time by buying local whenever possible. Gratitude was bestowed on the City's front-line workers for all there efforts during this time.

Mayor Baker and Members of Council expressed their appreciate and recognition of Mr. Cosgrove, Director of Operations who will be retiring at the end of April after 30 years of service.

REPORT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT Council rise from the Closed Session without reporting.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 10, 2020 and March 26, 2020 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. Council Proclamation – Community Emergency

Moved by: Councillor Journal

WHEREAS on March 17, 2020 the Province of Ontario declared an emergency under s 7.0.1 (1) the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and, in doing so, Ontario is using every power possible to continue to protect the health and safety of all individuals and families; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario continues to direct and assist municipalities in the provision of essential services only during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have committed to providing financial assistance to the City of Brockville and United Counties of Leeds and Grenville; and

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Brockville continues to take proactive measures to limit the spread of the virus and to protect our residents, businesses, visitors and staff which includes social distancing and encouraging that people stay at home; and

WHEREAS the City of Brockville has activated the Community Emergency Management Committee which includes Lanark, Leeds and Grenville District Public Health Unit, Brockville General Hospital, St Lawrence Lodge, Brockville Police and Fire, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Social Services and city departments;

NOW THEREFORE Council is declaring a pandemic crisis for the City thereby issuing a call to action to all our residents, partners and businesses to acknowledge that COVID-19 is in our community and act accordingly.

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

CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

2. Human Values Day
(Walk for Values)

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT Brockville City Council do hereby proclaim April 24th, 2020 as Human Values Day in the City of Brockville.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

1. SR2020-068
Moratorium on Events

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT a moratorium on events be enacted for City facilities, parks, streets and public areas until June 30, 2020.

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. SR2020-065
Proposed Amendment to CIP-Downtown Priority Area 1 Boundary

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT Report 2020-065 to expand the Priority Area 1 boundary for the Downtown Community Improvement Area (CIP) be received and that the following be adopted:

1. THAT the Priority Area 1 boundary for the Downtown Community Improvement Area (CIP) be expanded to include lands described as Part Lot 182, Block 15, Plan 67 as in LR263439 and Part Lot 182-183, Block 15, Plan 67, Being Part 1, 28R5770, City of Brockville, County of Leeds, Property Identification Number 44165-0363 LT, known municipally as 9 & 11 Pearl Street East.

2. THAT the necessary by-laws be prepared and enacted at a future Council meeting.

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

3. SR2020-067
Zoning By-law Amendment
210 Pearl Street West
Owner: J. Blackburn Construction Ltd.

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT Zoning By-law 050-2014 to rezone lands, with municipal address 210 Pearl Street West, from "I1 – General Institutional Zone", to "R5 – Multiple Residential Zone Special Exception Zone" to permit conversion of the former Prince of Wales Public School to Thirty-Two (32) residential apartment units as well as a future building containing Sixty (60) residential apartment units. The Special Exception Zone provisions will recognize an existing setback from Pearl Street West of 4.5 metres and establish a maximum height of 16.5 metres for a future sixty (60) unit apartment building; and,

THAT Council provide staff direction with respect to the existing Encroachment Agreement as it applies to the use and maintenance of lands described as Part 1, Plan 28R-12460 to:

1. Transfer the Agreement to permit resident parking, or
2. Discontinue the Agreement

THAT the necessary by-laws be prepared and enacted at a future Council meeting.

CARRIED AS AMENDED ON A LATER VOTE 9-0 on a recorded vote

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT Paragraph 2 be deleted and replaced with the following:

"THAT staff be directed to proceed with the discontinuance of the existing Encroachment Agreement as it applies to the use and maintenance of lands described as Part 1, Plan 28R-12460."

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

CARRIED 8-0 on a recorded vote

The vote on the original motion, as amended, was now taken and the motion, as amended, was carried.

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT Zoning By-law 050-2014 to rezone lands, with municipal address 210 Pearl Street West, from "I1 – General Institutional Zone", to "R5 – Multiple Residential Zone Special Exception Zone" to permit conversion of the former Prince of Wales Public School to Thirty-Two (32) residential apartment units as well as a future building containing Sixty (60) residential apartment units. The Special Exception Zone provisions will recognize an existing setback from Pearl Street West of 4.5 metres and establish a maximum height of 16.5 metres for a future sixty (60) unit apartment building; and,

THAT staff be directed to proceed with the discontinuance of the existing Encroachment Agreement as it applies to the use and maintenance of lands described as Part 1, Plan 28R-12460.

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

4. SR2020-069
Sign By-law Amendment
3027 Parkedale Avenue
Owner: Copley Properties Parkedale Inc.

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Sign By-law 84-89 be amended to allow Copley Properties Parkedale Inc. to install two (2) oversized pylon signs, each with a sign area of 34.22 m² per side, totaling 68.44 m², including frame, with one sign located on the south side of Parkedale Avenue and the other on the north side of Jefferson Drive, with no additional pylon signs being permitted on lands with municipal address 3027 Parkedale Avenue, Brockville.

THAT the Environmental Services Department, Operations Department and Fire Department be consulted and, if necessary, approvals obtained prior to erection of the proposed signage.

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

5. SR2020-071
St Lawrence – Rideau Immigration Partnership – Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Grant Agreement

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT report 2020-071 – St Lawrence – Rideau Immigration Partnership – Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Grant Agreement dated April 7, 2020, be received and that Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, 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

6. SR2020-070
Suspension of 2020 Municipal Accommodation Tax

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT report SR2020-070 – Suspension of 2020 Municipal Accommodation Tax dated April 7, 2020, be received and that the collection of the Municipal Accommodation Tax be suspended from March 17, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

CARRIED AS AMENDED ON A LATER VOTE 0-0 on a recorded vote

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT the date of "December 31, 2020" be deleted and replaced with "August 31, 2020".

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

Against: Councillor Bursey and Councillor Earle

CARRIED 7-2 on a recorded vote

The vote on the original motion, as amended, was now taken and the motion, as amended, was carried.

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT report SR2020-070 – Suspension of 2020 Municipal Accommodation Tax dated April 7, 2020, be received and that the collection of the Municipal Accommodation Tax be suspended from March 17, 2020 to August 31, 2020.

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

7. SR2020-073
Parking Enforcement

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT Council receive report Parking Enforcement dated April 14, 2020 and that the following be approved:

1. THAT parking enforcement be limited to a complaint basis until June 30, 2020, and;
2. THAT ageing of parking tickets be suspended until June 30, 2020.

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

8. SR2020-072
City Revenue Streams at Risk

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT report SR2020-072 City Revenue Streams at Risk dated April 14, 2020 be received for information.

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

9. SR2020-066
Property Tax Assistance Options

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT report SR2020-66 Property Tax Assistance Options dated April 14, 2020 be received and that the following be adopted:

1. The Treasurer be authorized to suspend property tax pre-authorized payments up to three months, (April, May and June) upon request of the taxpayer, penalty free, as long as the payments have been made

- up by the end of the year; and
2. Staff be directed to report back in June with an update.

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

Nil.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Nil.

BY-LAWS

1. 031-2020
By-law to Amend City of Brockville Zoning By-law 050-2014 King Street West at Clarissa Street
2. 032-2020
A By-law to Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement with the Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship for a Grant for the St. Lawrence - Rideau Immigration Partnership Program

READING OF THE BYLAWS

Moved by: Councillor Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor Wren

THAT By-laws Numbered 031-2020 and 032-2020 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 Wren

THAT By-law Number 033-2020 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on April 14, 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 reminded community members to contact members of council with any suggestions or questions to help you through this time.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Bursey
Seconded by: Councillor Wren

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for April 28, 2020.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk