



City of Brockville

Council Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM - Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Hybrid/Virtual Meeting

The Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM, in the Hybrid/Virtual Meeting, 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:

Staff:

Lynda Ferguson, Director of Finance & IT Services, Mike Johnston, , BAC Theatre Technician, Sandra MacDonald, City Manager/City Clerk, Andrew McGinnis, Chief Planning Officer, Robert Nolan, Director of Economic and Development Services, Mark Noonan, Police Chief, Chris Paul, Director of Fire & Partner Services, Peter Raabe, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure Services, Anne Shropshire, Manager, Cultural Services, and Phil Wood, Director of Operations

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Wren welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special thanks was expressed to City staff for the maintenance of the roads during the Christmas 2022 winter storm. He explained what a significant weather event and asked the residents for patience during these events. The Brockville Museum was thanked for hosting the New Year's Day Levy.

His Worship explained the changes to the garbage collection schedule that become effective February 6, 2023.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. Correspondence St. Lawrence Corridor Economic Development Commission Housing

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT the correspondence from St. Lawrence Corridor Economic Development Commission regarding housing as a key factor in ability to attract and retain labour in the manufacturing section be received.

CARRIED

2. Appointment of Citizens to Boards and Committees

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Council hereby appoint citizen members to boards and committees as listed in the attachment hereto; and

THAT the necessary by-law be enacted.

CARRIED

3. Appointment of Members of Council to Boards and Committees
Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

THAT Councillor J. Earle and Councillor K. Hobbs be appointed to the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority; and

THAT the necessary by-law be enacted.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

DELEGATIONS

1. Cooperative Care Centre and the Brockville Housing Partnership

The delegation was not able to attend the meeting and have rescheduled for January 24, 2023.

2. United Counties of Leeds Grenville
Alison Tutak, Director of Community and Social Services and
Ryan Flannagan, Manager, Integrated Programs Delivery

Ms. Tutak and Mr. Flannagan addressed council regarding homelessness initiatives and programming. *A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.*

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor M. Kalivas, Chair
Councillors J. Earle, N. Lavergne, and C. Wales, Citizen Member A. Koolwine
Meeting held January 3, 2023.

PDC - CONSENT AGENDA

Nil.

PDC - REGULAR AGENDA

1. 2022-240
Information Report concerning Proposed Official Amendment,
Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision
550 King Street West

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas
Seconded by: Mayor Wren

THAT Official Plan Amendment No. 25, File No. D09-27, respecting lands with municipal address 550 King Street West, previously described in Report 2022-210 and outlined on Attachment 1 to this report, be approved;

THAT Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. D14-065, respecting lands with municipal address 550 King Street West, previously described in Report 2022-210 and outlined on Attachment 2 to this report, be approved;

THAT Approval be granted for a Draft Plan of Subdivision, File No. 08T-14505, as outlined on Attachment 3 to this report, respecting lands with municipal address 550 King Street West, previously described in Report 2022-210 and as amended to include:

- “That prior to final approval of the Plan, traffic calming measures be provided for the west end of Church Street by the Owner, to the satisfaction of the Planning and Development Committee”;

THAT the tree saving/replanting plan prioritize the preservation of existing trees where practical, particularly near the boundaries of the property, to the satisfaction of the Planning and Development Committee;

THAT a Tree Inventory be completed and provided to the City and that the removal of significant or mature trees, being 12 inches in diameter at 4.5 feet in height, be replaced at a 4:1 ratio within the City of Brockville, in addition to the trees already required in front and rear yards under current policy, with an emphasis on replacement of trees within the immediate neighbourhood;

THAT active transportation infrastructure be prioritized in the final design of the subdivision, both within the site and regarding neighbourhood active transportation connections; and

THAT the necessary By-laws be enacted

CARRIED as amended on a later vote

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Wales

That a North/South active transportation pathway be provided through the middle of each block in the proposed plan of subdivision

That the applicant provide a life-cycle cost analysis on the proposed underground stormwater management system, including a comparison to an above ground system, prior to final approval of the plan of subdivision.

CARRIED on a later vote

Motion to Separate

Moved by: Councillor Severson

THAT the motion to be separated.

CARRIED

Motion to Amend (Paragraph 1)

Moved by: Councillor Wales

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For: Mayor Wren, Councillor Deery, Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Hobbs, Councillor Lavergne, and Councillor Wales

Against: Councillor Earle, Councillor Kalivas, and Councillor Severson

CARRIED 6-3 on a recorded vote

Motion to Amend (Paragraph 2)

Moved by: Councillor Wales

That the applicant provide a life-cycle cost analysis on the proposed underground stormwater management system, including a comparison to an above ground system, prior to final approval of the plan of subdivision.

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Amended Motion

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CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

2. 2022-241
Zoning By-law Amendment
Crocker Crescent

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT Zoning By-law 050-2014 be amended, to rezone lands described as Part Lot F, Plan 332, and Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 28R-15540, from "E1 – Business Park", subject to "Source Water Protection" considerations, to "E1- Business Park Special Exception Zone", subject to "Source Water Protection" considerations to add an "automobile body shop" as a permitted use.

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

NEW BUSINESS - REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Nil.

BUDGET

1. **2023-3**
2023 Water and Wastewater Operating Budget Final

Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

THAT Council approve the 2023 Water Operating Budget with total net expenses of \$4,616,403, including Capital and;

THAT Council approve the 2023 Wastewater Operating Budget with total net expenses of \$5,550,389, including Capital and;

THAT Council approve the 2023 Water and Wastewater User Fees listed in the User Fee Schedule in attachment # 2 and;

THAT Council approve the Water and Wastewater Rates applicable to the approved Water and Wastewater Budgets listed on attachment # 3 and;

THAT the necessary by-laws be enacted.

CARRIED on a later vote

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Wales

THAT the bulk water station and water meter replacement project be included in the 2023 budget and funded on the rate.

For: Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Hobbs, Councillor Lavergne, Councillor Severson, and Councillor Wales

Against: Mayor Wren, Councillor Deery, Councillor Earle, and Councillor Kalivas

CARRIED 5-4 on a recorded vote

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the Front Ave Watermain Replacement project in the amount of \$525,000 be debentured.

For: Mayor Wren, Councillor Deery, Councillor Earle, Councillor Kalivas, Councillor Lavergne, and Councillor Severson

Against: Councillor Fullarton, Councillor Hobbs, and Councillor Wales

CARRIED 6-3 on a recorded vote

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Moved by: Councillor Lavergne

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CARRIED 9-0 on a recorded vote

2. **2023-1**
2023 Pre-Budget Overview

This matter was postponed to the meeting of January 17, 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Nil.

BY-LAWS

1. 001-2023
A By-law to amend 083-2018 Being a By-law to Appoint Members to Various Boards and Commissions (DBIA)
2. 002-2023
A By-law to Amend By-law Number 119-89 (parking near intersections)
3. 003-2023
A By-Law to Amend City of Brockville Traffic By-law 021-1993 (speed limit Water Street West/Metro parking lot)
4. 004-2023
By-law to Appoint Members to Various Boards and Commissions of the City of Brockville

READING OF THE BYLAWS

Moved by: Councillor Deery
Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT By-laws Numbered 001-2023 to 004-2023 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 Deery
Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT By-law Number 005-2023 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 10, 2023 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 Wren announced that the Winter Classic event will be returning on Family Day weekend in February.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Deery
Seconded by: Councillor Wales

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for January 24, 2023

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk

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Homelessness in Brockville: The Challenge and Solution

Presenters:
Alison Tutak, Chief Administrative Officer (Acting)
Ryan Flannagan Manager, Integrated Programs Delivery


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Integrated Programs Delivery

Presentation Objective:

- Homelessness: Why is it happening?
- What is being done address homelessness now?
- What is needed to address homeless in the future?



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JENN'S STORY



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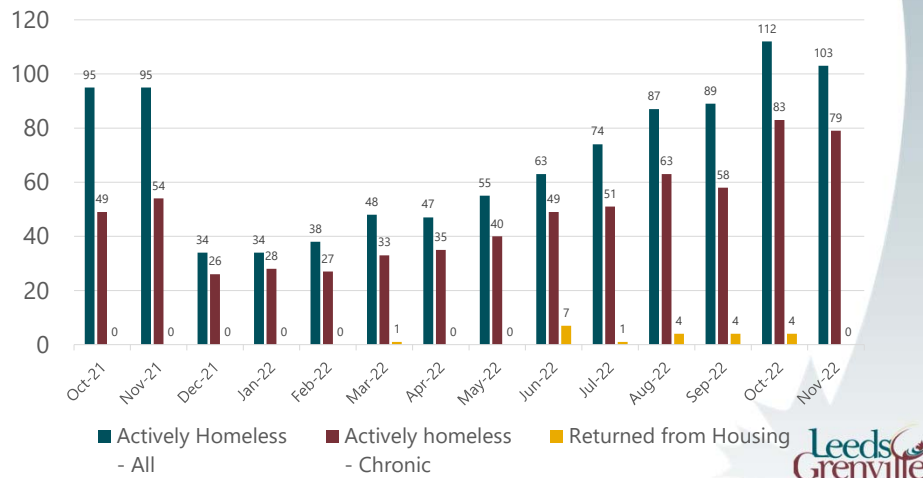
Understanding the Local Context

Location	Population	Total Homeless	Homeless Percentage of Population
Brockville	22,116 (2021)	103	0.47%
Belleville	55,071 (2021)	165	0.29%
Toronto	2,794,356 (2021)	18,096	0.65%
Canada	38,000,000 (2020)	35,000*	0.09%

*estimate on any given night

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Leeds and Grenville – Homeless Persons



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What is Driving Homelessness?



Challenges are similar across the Province:

- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of mental health/addictions services
- Easy access to addictive drugs
- Wages too low
- Over credentialing of jobs

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Common Contributing Factors

46% Report Mental Health Challenges

41% Report Substance Abuse Challenges

68% Interacted with Police in Past Year

33% Been Incarcerated in Past Year

21% Report Fleeing Domestic Abuse

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Housing Costs - Brockville

Single Ontario Works Client*		Versus	Average Rental Costs	
Basic Needs	\$343.00		Room	\$650.00
Shelter Allowance	\$390.00		Bachelor	\$1,100.00
Total	\$733.00		One Bedroom	\$1,350.00

*70% of Ontario Works Caseload

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What is Being done to Help?

Emergency Services

- Six 21-day shelters
- Hotel vouchers (approximately \$174,000.00 invested)
- Cooperative Care Centre (aka Warming Centre)

ByName List (BNL) Dedicated Resources

- UCLG Housing Support Team
- Other agency case management spaces

Participating Agencies:

- Connect Youth
- John Howard Society
- Victim Services
- Lanark, Leeds Grenville Addictions and Mental Health
- Leeds Grenville Interval House
- Family and Children's Services Lanark, Leeds and Grenville
- Cooperative Care Center

Inter-agency Coordination

- Homelessness Leadership Committee
- BNL Working Group



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What is Being Done to Help?

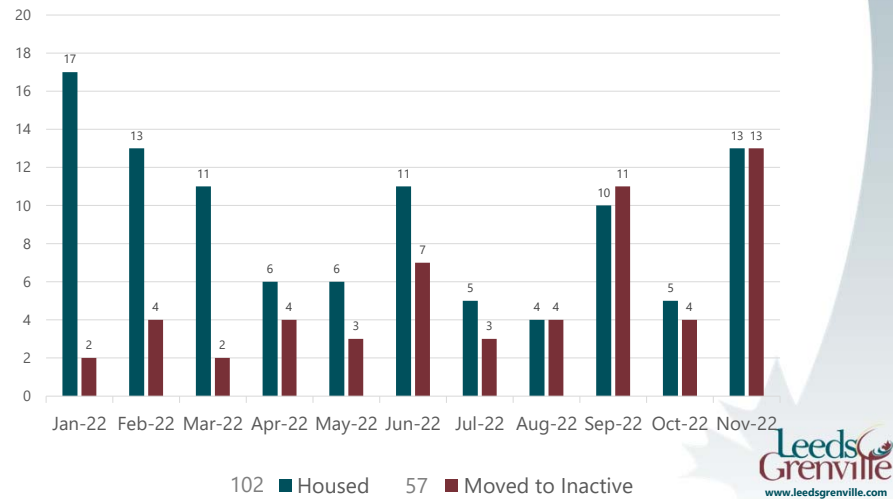
Homelessness Prevention Programs:

- **Homelessness Prevention Benefits Program** – \$280,000.00 in 2022
- **Rent Bank** - \$142,000.00 in 2022
- **BNL Housing Allowance** - \$80,000.00 available
- **Ontario Works Discretionary Benefits**
- **Housing Support Team** - 50 individuals housed in 2022



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Overall Results in 2022



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What Is Needed?

- Increased affordable housing (units and subsidies).
- Increased supportive and transitional housing programming.
- Increased access to mental health and addictions services.
- Coordinated encampment strategy.



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The Future: The Focus

- Objective of Homelessness Prevention Program funds (Ministry of Housing) is to support people to retain housing or become housed.
- Funding shelters does not accomplish this.
- Goal - funding meets the primary goal of getting people housed.



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Health Poverty

- Complexity of the issue is overwhelming.
- Systems issue requires a system fix.
 - Brockville is a caring and compassionate community.
 - Multiple agencies/groups are working and hoping to improve the situation.
 - This is not easy!



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