

City of Brockville Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 7:00 pm
City Hall, Council Chambers

Council Minutes

Council Members Present:

Mayor D. Henderson
Councillor J. Baker (late 5:15 pm)
Councillor T. Blanchard
Councillor P. Deery
Councillor J. Earle
Councillor J. Fullarton (late 5:07 pm)
Councillor M. Kalivas
Councillor D. LeSueur

Absent:

Councillor L. Bursey

Staff:

Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager
Mr. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations
Mr. D. Dick, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. MacDonald, City Clerk (Recording Secretary)
Ms. M. Pascoe Merkley, Director of Planning

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION (5:03 pm)

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard
Seconded by: Councillor Deery

THAT pursuant to *Municipal Act, 2001*, Section 239 Sub. 2 c and f, Council resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole, In Camera, closed to the public to consider:

1. a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
2. advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA (7:00 pm)

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur
Seconded by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Council rise from Committee of the Whole, In Camera and the Chairman report that all recommendations adopted in Committee of the Whole, In Camera, be adopted.

CARRIED

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Henderson bestowed congratulations and thank you to the hundreds of community volunteers in recognition of National Volunteer Week. He also noted that local high school student volunteers have once again organized the upcoming annual community clean-up day on April 30th. Further information is available at their website www.brockvillecleanup.ca. His Worship announced an upcoming Refugees for Brockville Fundraiser planned for April 24th.

The Mayor was pleased to confirm that the Aquatarium (building) is now owned by the Corporation of the City of Brockville as of March 31, 2016.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Fullarton declared a conflict with respect to Staff Report 2016-039-04 as the festival is being planned in coordination with the Brockville Ribfest Festival which is for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Leeds and Grenville, her employer.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 22, 2016 be adopted and circulated as read.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. **Myalgic Encephalomyelitis / Chronic Fatigue Syndrome;
Fibromyalgia; and Multiple Chemical Sensitivity International
Awareness Day
(Brockville Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association)**

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT City Council hereby declare Thursday May 12, 2016 as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis / Chronic Fatigue Syndrome; Fibromyalgia; and Multiple Chemical Sensitivity International Awareness Day in the City of Brockville

CARRIED

2. **Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada
(Leeds Grenville Chapter)**

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT City Council hereby declare the month of May as MS Awareness Month in the City of Brockville and that the flag be flown at Tunnel Bay for the month of May.

CARRIED

3. **Street Festival/Sidewalk Sale
Downtown Brockville**

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT Council declare that the Street Festival/Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, May 28th, 2016 organized by Downtown Brockville within the Business Improvement Area be designated as municipally significant for the purpose of obtaining a Public Special Occasion Permit.

CARRIED

4. **National Day of Mourning**
Del Jones, Leeds - Grenville Labour Council

Moved by: Councillor Blanchard

THAT Council hereby proclaim, Thursday, April 28, 2016 as National Day of Mourning in Brockville; and

THAT flags be lowered at Tunnel Bay and Gord Watts Municipal Centre in honour and remembrance of those killed at the workplace

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

1. **Brockville Railway Tunnel Committee**
(Linda Eyre, BRTC Member)

Ms. Eyre provided an update to Members of Council regarding the Brockville Railway Tunnel Committee project and their request before Council tonight.

2. **Canada 150th Celebration**

Ms. Kim Buckley, The Works and Mr. Wayne Van De Graaff, President, Absolute Lunacy addressed Members of Council regarding the Rails to Trails event proposed for the year 2017 Canada 150th Celebration.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **2016-038-04**
Brockville Railway Tunnel
Project Authorization

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

1. THAT Council approve the vision, plans and budget of the City of Brockville Railway Tunnel Committee for restoration of Canada's First Railway Tunnel, development of the vacant railway properties adjacent to the Tunnel, and improvements to Armagh S. Price Park in order to create Brockville's new Railway Tunnel Park;

2. THAT this project be undertaken by the City in the following two phases:

Phase I

Restoration of the Brockville Railway Tunnel and north gorge including masonry repairs, rock stabilization, drainage system, concrete travel surface, lighting, ventilation, safety and security features, slope stabilization, access ramp and landscaping features.

Phase II

Development of the vacant former railway lands north of the intersection of Tunnel Avenue and Brock Street, including a tour bus and visitor parking area, a Roundhouse Visitors Centre community multi-purpose building with public restrooms, snack bar, and attractions ticket kiosk, and acquisition of one or more antique railway cars for tour train office and historical displays.

Improvements at Armagh S. Price Park, including new public restrooms, a tourist information and attractions ticket kiosk, and acquisition of a railway dining car for a restaurant;

3. THAT tenders be issued for Phase I of the project, based on a project budget of \$2,500,000 and the previously approved City contribution of \$300,000.
4. THAT the City Manager be authorized to award components of the work on the basis of offers of monetary or "in-kind" donations towards the project;
5. THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a Contribution Agreement for \$275,000 from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Fund;
6. THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a Contribution Agreement should the application to the Rural Economic Development fund be successful;
7. THAT an application to Infrastructure Ontario for construction financing be authorized, based on the cash flow from private donations and government and foundation grants committed to date;

8. THAT Requests for Proposals be issued for the acquisition and operation of a soft-tired tour train to operate through the gorge and Tunnel, from Bock Street and Tunnel Avenue to Armagh S. Price Park, the Aquatarium and other downtown attractions;
9. THAT the Brockville Railway Tunnel Committee be authorized to continue conducting fundraising, marketing, and public awareness activities to secure private donations and government and foundation grants for the project and to encourage community support for it;
10. THAT a rent-free lease of the storefront at 66 King Street West for the purposes of a project awareness and fundraising campaign office be authorized.

CARRIED, as amended on a later vote

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Deery

THAT the following be inserted into the motion as the fifth paragraph of Clause 2:

"THAT all elements of Phase II must come before Council for approval."

CARRIED

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

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CARRIED

Councillor Fullarton exited Council Chambers (9:27 pm).

2. **2016-039-04**
150th Canada Celebrations

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT City Council provide endorsement towards the Brockville's hosting of Canada's 150 birthday anniversary through the execution of a modified four day Rails to Trails Festival utilizing a Cirque du Soleil Big Top concept as outlined and endorsed at the March 22nd Council meeting; and further,

THAT the City proceed with negotiations towards a formal contractual agreement with The Works to manage all aspects of the festival planning and implementation with appropriate milestones and conditions included to minimize financial exposure; and further,

THAT The Works proceed with all grant submissions and corporate fund raising immediately with regular reporting on the financial position of the festival revenue generation to the City; and further,

THAT financial requirements associated with the festival management and 2016 cash flow requirements be taken from the Tunnel Reserve account 9701101-9037001.

Recorded Vote:	Yes	Councillors Blanchard, Deery, LeSueur and Mayor Henderson	4
	No	Councillors Baker, Earle and Kalivas	3

CARRIED ON A VOTE OF 4 TO 3

Councillor Baker requested a Recorded Vote.

Councillor Fullarton re-entered Council Chambers (9:56 pm).

3. **2016-030-04
Brockville Museum Request
for Transfer of Funds**

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT Council authorize the transfer, to a maximum of \$1,000, from the Brockville Museum Reserve Fund (account 02-5-191954-6436) to be used for the storage and exhibition of Cossitt Estate artifacts.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Nil.

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton
Seconded by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT By-law Number 025-2016 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on April 12, 2016 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

Nil.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton
Seconded by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for April 26, 2016.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk