



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OPERATIONS MINUTES

June 7, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Brantford City Hall, 58 Dalhousie Street

Present:

- Mayor Davis
- Councillor Sicoli
- Councillor Vanderstelt
- Councillor Utley
- Councillor Sless
- Councillor McCreary
- Councillor Martin
- Councillor Carpenter
- Councillor Antoski
- Councillor VanTilborg
- Councillor Wall

1. **INVOCATION**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
None.
4. **SEPARATION OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONSENT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES**

Moved by Councillor Wall

Seconded by Councillor VanTilborg

THAT all Items contained for consideration/consent (6.1 and 6.2) not separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

The following Items not separated for discussion purposes were approved unanimously on a recorded vote:

6.1.3 Policy Framework for Corporate Security CCTV and Vehicles, 2022-321

- A. THAT Report 2022-321 Policy Framework for Corporate Security CCTV and Vehicles BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Corporate Policy 029 Employee Code of Conduct BE AMENDED to reflect the proposed changes as identified in Section 9.1 of Report 2022-321 and THAT the necessary by-law to amend by-law 70-2010, being a by-law to adopt various City of Brantford policies and to create a corporate policy manual BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption; and
- C. THAT Corporate Policy 051 Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Video Surveillance Policy, attached as "Appendix B", BE APPROVED; and
- D. THAT the necessary by-law to amend by-law 70-2010, being a by-law to adopt various City of Brantford policies and to create a corporate policy manual BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

6.1.4 Brantford Accessibility Advisory Committee Report - 05.26.22 [Financial Impact: None]

- A. THAT report no. 2022-294 regarding "44 Aberdeen Avenue – Accessible On-street Parking" BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to approve the installation of an accessible on-street parking space be approved at 44 Aberdeen Avenue; and
- C. THAT the necessary by-law to support the option chosen BE PRESENTED to Council.

6.2.3 City of Brantford Seniors Programs Update [Financial Impact: None], 2022-342

THAT Report 2022-342 City of Brantford Seniors Programs Update BE RECEIVED.

6.2.4 City of Brantford Water System Quality Management System - 2021 Annual Update, 2022-57

- A. THAT Report No. 2022-57 titled “City of Brantford Water System Quality Management System - 2021 Annual Update” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT City Council APPOINTS the Quality Management System (QMS) Specialist position as City of Brantford Drinking Water Quality Management System Representative and REMOVES the Superintendent, Water Treatment and Compliance position as DWQMS Representative.

6.2.1 MINUTES

6.2.1.1 Committee of the Whole - Operations - May 3, 2022

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS [list, if any, available at the meeting]

Delegations

5.1 Lucy Marco, Grand River Council on Aging

Re: Item 6.1.1 Downtown Brantford Streetscape EA Final Report [No Financial Impact], 2022-360

Lucy Marco of Grand River Council on Aging appeared before the committee and spoke with regards to Item 6.1.1. A PowerPoint presentation was provided, a copy of which will be placed in the meeting folder.

5.2 Beth Gurney, Tony Araujo, Wilfrid Laurier University

Re: Item 6.1.1 Downtown Brantford Streetscape EA Final Report [No Financial Impact], 2022-360

Beth Gurney and Tony Araujo of Wilfrid Laurier University appeared before the committee and spoke with regards to Item 6.1.1.

5.3 John Gefucia, Ross Bennett

Re: Item 7.1 Erie Avenue Roadway Improvements

John Gefucia and Ross Bennett appeared before the committee and spoke with regards to Item 7.1.

5.1 PRESENTATION

5.1.1 Gagan Batra, Manager Business Support and Sustainability

Re: Downtown Brantford Streetscape EA Final Report [No Financial Impact], 2022-360

Gagan Batra, Manager Business Support and Sustainability provided a presentation to members of the Committee regarding Item 6.1.1. A PowerPoint presentation was provided and a copy of which will be placed in the meeting folder.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ CONSENT

Moved by Councillor VanTilborg

Seconded by Councillor Wall

THAT all Items for consideration/consent (6.1 and 6.2) separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

6.1 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1.1 Downtown Brantford Streetscape EA Final Report [No Financial Impact], 2022-360

- A. THAT Report No. 2022-360 titled Downtown Brantford Streetscape EA Final Report BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Downtown Brantford Streetscape Environmental Assessment BE APPROVED and the Notice of Study Completion be issued for the mandatory public review period.

Recorded vote on Item 6.1.1:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (11 to 0)

6.1.2 Building Safer Communities Fund [Financial Impact: \$2,107,022 Allocation to the City of Brantford], 2022-317

THAT Report 2022-317 Building Safer Communities Fund BE RECEIVED.

Recorded vote on Item 6.1.2:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (11 to 0)

6.1.5 Police Station Task Force Report - 05.30.22

- A. THAT Staff Report 2022-350 – Brantford Police Services Facility Redevelopment Project Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Police Station Task Force membership BE AMENDED by adding a representative of the Brantford Police Association as a non-voting member;
- C. THAT all future meetings of the Police Station Task Force be held at the Brantford Police Station (344 Elgin St, Brantford, ON).

Recorded vote on Item 6.1.5:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (11 to 0)

6.2 CONSENT ITEMS

6.2.2 2021 Economic Development and Tourism Department Year in Review [Financial Impact: None], 2022-283

THAT Report 2022-283 regarding the 2021 Economic Development and Tourism Department Year in Review BE RECEIVED.

Recorded vote on Item 6.2.2:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (11 to 0)

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Erie Avenue Roadway Improvements - Councillor Van Tilborg

Moved by Councillor VanTilborg

Seconded by Councillor Wall

WHEREAS a Public Information Centre meeting was held on October 15, 2021, to solicit feedback regarding safety concerns along Erie Avenue with the proposed plan presented to the community on February 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS City Council approved Vision Zero Road Safety Committee Report #2022-03-24, on April 26, 2022, that included the Erie Avenue Roadway Improvements Report #2022-203; and

WHEREAS the recommended changes for these works are scheduled to be implemented over the next several years and funded from the net proceeds of the red light camera initiative; and

WHEREAS the community has asked the Ward Councillors to fast track the implementation of some of the recommendations from Report 2022-203 this year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Director of Operational Services BE DIRECTED to implement a full signal at Ninth Avenue and Erie Avenue and to implement the pavement marking changes as outlined in Report 2022-203; and
- B. THAT the estimated cost \$240,000 to implement this work BE FUNDED from the Roads and Related Reserve (RF0537); and
- C. THAT the necessary by-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

Recorded vote on Item 7.1:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (11 to 0)

7.2 Transit Service to Hershey Chocolate Plant - Councillor Utley

Moved by Councillor Utley

Seconded by Councillor Sless

WHEREAS public transit provides essential and universal mobility to residents in urban areas; and

WHEREAS Brantford is undergoing an expansion of the industrial sector and introduction of new employers; and

WHEREAS the development of residences and industrial operations in the Northwest Business Park area will require access to transit services; and

WHEREAS the new Hershey Canada Inc. building is located at Oak Park Road and Hardy Road; and

WHEREAS Hershey Canada Inc. is a major employer in Brantford that community members will require convenient and safe access to via public transit; and

WHEREAS there is currently no Brantford Transit stop located in close proximity to the entrance of Hershey Canada Inc. and other industrial developments in the area; and

WHEREAS staff have been working closely with the Hershey Canada Inc. team to provide interim service to the Plant; and

WHEREAS the interim solution beginning on May 2, 2022 introduced a Brantford Lift bus to drive workers from the current bus stop located on Hardy Road to Hershey Canada Inc. at no increase to the Brantford Transit operational budget; and

WHEREAS a permanent solution is required to provide transit service to the industrial area where Hershey Canada Inc. is located;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Director of Fleet and Transit BE DIRECTED to continue engagement with the Hershey Canada Inc. team and all new industrial developments in the area to determine the permanent public transit needs for the area; and
- B. THAT any permanent changes required to service the area and associated operating costs BE CONSIDERED in the scope of the upcoming 2023 Transit Optimization Study by Q1 of 2023.

Recorded vote on Item 7.2:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (11 to 0)

7.3 Cricket Facilities - Councillor Sicoli

Moved by Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by Councillor Vanderstelt

WHEREAS Brantford is known as the Tournament Capital of Ontario; and

WHEREAS in 2021 Cricket was recognized as the fastest growing sport in Canada with over 40,000 players across the country; and

WHEREAS the number of cricket players and fans living in and visiting Brantford is also growing; and

WHEREAS the City currently has no dedicated cricket facilities available; and

WHEREAS the City's Parks & Recreation Master Plan speaks to the need for cricket facilities; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Sport Tourism Strategy (2019) speaks to numerous strategic priorities related to sport infrastructure and competitive advantage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to investigate interim options available for utilizing existing City parks for playing cricket; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to investigate permanent locations, including Phase 2 of the Southwest Community Centre and Park, where cricket can safely be played with potential equipment storage; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Council on locations and capital and/or operational impacts for the permanent locations by Q3 2022.

Recorded vote on Item 7.3:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (11 to 0)

7.4 Silverbridge Park - Councillor Antoski

Moved by Councillor Antoski

Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

WHEREAS Silverbridge Park entrances include Dante Cres, Ludlow Cres and Gillin Road; and

WHEREAS the entrances from these locations are not user friendly and have no pathway connectivity to the playground area; and

WHEREAS the park is used by all ages from children to active seniors; and

WHEREAS the detail design is currently underway for playground and pathway improvements with construction in 2023; and

WHEREAS the users of the park have reached out to the Ward Councillors requesting that pathways be constructed to allow for better accessibility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to implement an asphalt walking path this year from Dante Cres and Ludlow Cres and to

terminate the path at a reasonable location as to not impact the future installation of the new playground; and

- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to complete maintenance to the playground area, including sand and hazard identification, prior to reconstruction of the playground occurring in 2023.

Recorded vote on Item 7.4:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (11 to 0)

7.5 2022 Provincial Election

Moved by Councillor McCreary

Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

THAT Section 15.11.5 of the Procedural By-law BE WAIVED in order to introduce a Notice of Motion as a resolution without prior notice:

WHEREAS residents of Brantford Brant went to the polls on June 2 2022 to elect a member of Provincial Parliament and

WHEREAS Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario candidate Willem Bouma was reelected to his second term; and

WHEREAS the New Democrat Party was represented by Harvey Bischof; and

WHEREAS the Liberal Party was represented by Ruby Toor; and

WHEREAS the Green Party was represented by Karleigh Csordas; and

WHEREAS the New Blue Party was represented by Tad Brudzinski; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Party was represented by Allan Wilson ;and

WHEREAS the CCP was represented by Leslie Bory; and

WHEREAS the Libertarian Party was represented by Rob Ferguson; and

WHEREAS John Turmel contested the election as an independent;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford congratulates Willem Bouma on his electoral victory; and

Thanks all candidates and their volunteers and supporters for their commitment to the electoral process.

Recorded vote on Waiving of the Rules of Procedure:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utle, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

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Recorded vote on Item 7.5:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (11 to 0)

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 Grand River Avenue – Speed Cushions

Councillor Sless read the title of the Notice of Motion.

WHEREAS residents of Grand River Avenue are reporting on-going speeding concerns; and

WHEREAS Grand River Avenue is a minor collector road connecting the downtown area and the Holmedale neighbourhood; and

WHEREAS existing curve warning signage and pavement markings has not resolved the speeding concern; and

WHEREAS there has been several collisions that have occurred as a direct result of speeding; and

WHEREAS vertical traffic calming measures are effective at reducing the operating speed of a roadway;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

A. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to construct two (2) sets of permanent speed cushions, east and west of the bend at 124

Grand River Avenue with the exact locations to be determined and finalized by Traffic Services; and

- B. THAT funding not to exceed \$15,000 BE PROVIDED from the Council Priorities Reserve (RF0558); and
- C. THAT staff undertake traffic studies along Grand River Avenue and determine if additional measures are required at other locations in accordance with the Traffic Calming Policy.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Councillor McCreary, Chair

C. Gauthier, Deputy Clerk/Manager,
Clerk's Services