



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

OPERATIONS MINUTES

May 2, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall

58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

Councillor Sullivan in the Chair.

1. INVOCATION

Councillor Sullivan read the Invocation.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, Councillor Van Tilborg

Regrets: Mayor Davis

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

4. SEPARATION OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONSENT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

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

Recorded vote on all items not separated:

YES: (10): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

CARRIED (10 to 0)

As no Items for Consideration or Consent Items were separated, the following items were all carried accordingly:

6.1 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**6.1.1 Museum Funding Agreement with Brant Historical Society [Financial Impact: \$46,347 annually for 3 years], 2023-248**

- A. THAT Report No 2023-248 regarding a Museum Funding Agreement with Brant Historical Society BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE AUTHORIZED to execute a Museum Funding Agreement for the Community Cultural Investment Program – Core Operating Grant stream with Brant Historical Society, subject to approval as to form by the City Solicitor or designate; and
- C. THAT the funding request of up to \$46,347 annually (2023, 2024 and 2025) BE FUNDED by the Community Groups Reserve, as set out in Section 9.0 of Report No. 2023-248.

6.1.2 Healthy Kids 2022 Annual Report [Financial Impact: None], 2023-208

THAT staff report 2023-208 “Healthy Kids 2022 Annual Report”, BE RECEIVED;

6.1.3 Brantford Immigration Partnership Annual Update and 2023 Action Plan [Financial Impact: None], 2023-295

THAT Report 2023-295 titled Brantford Immigration Partnership Annual Update and 2023 Action Plan BE RECEIVED;

6.1.4 Clean Brantford Update [No financial impact], 2023-244

THAT Report #2023-244 titled “Clean Brantford Update” BE RECEIVED.

6.1.5 Brantford Airport Board Report #2023-04-17, 2023-344

WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Brantford owns and oversees the operations of the Brantford Municipal Airport located at 110 Aviation Avenue; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has recognized that there is significant new demand for space at the Brantford Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS there has been significant interest for free standing hangers at the Airport; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has vacant land for expansion at the Brantford Airport;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to investigate the possibility for development opportunities for leasing of lands and buildings at the Brantford Municipal Airport; and
- B. THAT staff of the City of Brantford prepare conditions of lease and financial business case to include size and design for the area; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to present a project plan and financial business case to the Airport Board; and
- D. The Airport Board make recommendation to Brantford City Council; and
- E. THAT upon approval by Brantford City Council staff BE DIRECTED to prepare the lands and/or buildings for lease as per the above business case and project plan.

6.2.1 City of Brantford Drinking Water Quality Management System - 2022 Annual Update, 2023-306

- A. THAT Report No. 2023-306 titled "City of Brantford Drinking Water Quality Management System - 2022 Annual Update" BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT City Council ENDORSE the City of Brantford Water System's Quality Management System Operational Plan as the Owner; and
- C. THAT City Council AUTHORIZE the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Commitment and Endorsement document in the Operational Plan on behalf of City Council; and
- D. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to place the document on the Signing Bylaw for presentation to City Council.

6.2.2 MINUTES

6.2.2.1 Committee of the Whole - Operations - April 4, 2023

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no delegations or presentations made at the meeting.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Model - Councillor Samwell

Moved by Councillor Samwell

Seconded by Councillor Van Tilborg

WHEREAS Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) builds on the assets that are found in the community and mobilizes individuals, associations, and institutions to come together to realize and develop their strengths; and

WHEREAS The City of Brantford has demonstrated a commitment to community based programming and Asset Based Community Development; and

WHEREAS The City of Brantford Neighbourhood Association Policy and the network of active neighbourhood associations is the City's strongest example of ABCD in which residents are actively engaged in fostering safe, caring, strong and resilient neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS The City of Brantford Affiliation Policy is another excellent example of the City's commitment to supporting local grass roots organizations and community groups seeking support and resources to help build community capacity and improve quality of life for Brantford residents; and

WHEREAS through the Neighbourhood Association Policy and Affiliation Policy, access to free space is made possible for community gathering, resident advocacy and resident led action; and

WHEREAS numerous other citizens, groups and organizations are leading important community development initiatives in the City of Brantford; and

WHEREAS through the Neighbourhood Alliance of Brantford (NAB), annual neighbourhood project grants are awarded to Neighbourhood Association citizen-led projects that build community from the ground up; and

WHEREAS The City of Brantford is a proud partner of the ABCD Symposium taking place May 31st, 2023 at Mohawk Park Pavilion. This year's theme is "BELONGING";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT City staff from all departments BE ENCOURAGED to learn about ABCD and participate in this free, full-day ABCD symposium; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to develop an internal process to utilize principles from ABCD in development of programs, services and public engagement and include examples and outcomes within a Council Priorities Update Report under Strategic Theme 6 “effectively and consistently engage with the community”; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to explore staff training opportunities to develop a better understanding of ABCD principles and include any resource requirements within respective departmental training budgets; and
- D. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to INVESTIGATE adding a new section to the staff report template to summarize community and neighbourhood impact and REPORT BACK with options; and
- E. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to update the City’s current “Community Involvement Framework” to include the principals of ABCD, and to coordinate a presentation about ABCD to the Public Consultation Task Force for consideration of the Members.

Recorded vote on Item 7.1:

YES: (5): Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

NO: (5): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, and Councillor McCreary

LOST ON A TIE VOTE (5 to 5)

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Samwell read the title of the following Notice of Motion:

8.1 Central Park Community Garden Water Service - Mandy Samwell

WHEREAS on June 19, 2017 the Downtown Community Neighborhood Association (DCNA) partnered with Equal Grounds Community Garden (EGCG) and volunteers from both associations, along with students from central public school, installed Brantford's 33rd garden (at the time) the at Central School located at 135 George Street; and

WHEREAS the school expansion in 2020 required the community garden to be removed; and

WHEREAS this garden not only provided food for the downtown community but created a safe place for those to turn to, it built a community of passionate community members who tended to the garden a sense of belonging and it provided the students at central public-school with education, pride and accomplishment as they helped implement, tend to and harvest the seeds at the end of season; and

WHEREAS food insecurity is at an all-time rise before the pandemic and certainly as continued to rise during and after the pandemic; and

WHEREAS the DCNA goal is to alleviate food insecurity for downtown members and for 222 children that are fed through Gifts of the Heart along with the 45 families we support during the week. The gardens provides hope, community, belonging and a place to turn to for food; and

WHEREAS both the DCNA and the Gifts of the Heart are committed to ensuring no food goes to waste and will work together with the downtown community to tend to the gardens and rescue all un used food before it spoils to break down and process in order to use in our children's lunches; and

WHEREAS recent playground upgrades provides the DCNA with an excellent location for re-establishment of the community gardens that were lost in 2020; and

WHEREAS the DCNA through EGCG will complete and submit the application form to the Community Garden Committee (2023 deadline April 1, 2023) and, if approved, enter into a Community Garden License Agreement for the 2024 growing season; and

WHEREAS to accommodate the proposed community gardens, appropriate water servicing complying to City Standards is recommended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT following approval from the Community Garden Committee, City Staff BE DIRECTED to construct a park service complete with meter chamber and parks service box; and
- B. THAT City Staff BE DIRECTED to engage and retain appropriate professional Contractor and to fund these costs, estimated to be \$25,000, from the Council Priorities Reserve RF0558.

8.2 Request for 'CREWFEST' to be Declared Municipally Significant - Councillor Sicoli

Moved by Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by Councillor Caputo

THAT Section 15.11.5 of Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code BE WAIVED in order to introduce the following Resolution without prior Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS the 6th Annual CREWFEST Music Festival (formerly WTFEST) will be taking place in the City of Brantford on Friday, July 28th and Saturday, July 29th 2023, at Lions Park Steve Brown Sports Complex in Brantford; and

WHEREAS the festival started in 2015 as a rock festival intended to bring an affordable music festival to the City of Brantford; and

WHEREAS the festival has been working cooperatively with the S.E.A.T. Committee to provide an exceptional high quality music festival at an affordable ticket cost; and

WHEREAS international recording artists Live, Our Lady Peace, Headstones and Bif Naked have already been announced for this year's festival; and

WHEREAS CREWFEST is a long standing event in the City of Brantford that attracts thousands of visitors to from all over Ontario as well as other parts of Canada and the United States, making it a strong tourism driver with significant economic impact for our community; and

WHEREAS the event organizer has applied for a Special Occasion Permit-Public through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO); and

WHEREAS a request was received by the City of Brantford to support an application for the purposes of obtaining a Special Occasion Permit – Public for the event; and

WHEREAS a Special Occasion Permit-Public requires the event be deemed municipally significant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Brantford DECLARE the 6th annual "CREWFEST" as a Municipally Significant

Event in order for the organizer to obtain a liquor licence through the AGCO.

Recorded vote on the motion to waive the rules:

YES: (10): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

CARRIED with required 2/3 (10 to 0)

As the motion to waive the rules to introduce the item was carried, the item was placed on the floor.

Moved by Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by Councillor Caputo

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Brantford DECLARE the 6th annual “CREWFEST” as a Municipally Significant Event in order for the organizer to obtain a liquor licence through the AGCO.

Recorded vote on Item 8.2:

YES: (10): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

CARRIED (10 to 0)

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Councillor Sullivan, Chair

M. Figueiredo, Committee
Coordinator