

September 26, 2023

Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2023-09-05

REPORT TO: Mayor and Members
City Council

Your Committee of the Whole – Operations submits the following recommendations from its meeting held on September 5, 2023:

12.1.1 Re-Establishment of the Joint City-County Shared Services Committee, 2023-564

- A. THAT the Joint City-County Shared Services Committee BE RE-ESTABLISHED with a mandate to continue to explore opportunities for service sharing and improvements and to make recommendations to the two Councils (County of Brant and The City of Brantford); and
- B. THAT the Joint City-County Shared Services Committee BE COMPRISED of 10 members including five (5) members of Brant County Council and five (5) members (1 member per ward) of Brantford City Council; and
- C. THAT the following five (5) Members of City Council BE APPOINTED to serve on the Joint City-County Committee to Examine Service Sharing:
 - i. Councillor Sicoli
 - ii. Councillor Sless
 - iii. Councillor McCreary
 - iv. Councillor Hunt
 - v. Councillor Samwell
- D. THAT the Mayor of The City of Brantford BE APPOINTED an Ex-Officio member of the Joint City-County Shared Services Committee; and
- E. THAT the Joint City-County Shared Services Committee report to the Committee of the Whole - Operations.
- F. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the County of Brant BE REQUESTED to consider a similar resolution.

12.1.2 The City of Brantford supports the Brantford Red IBL Baseball Team

THAT the following item BE DEFERRED until such time as the Brantford Red Sox can obtain their non-profit organization status:

WHEREAS The Brantford Red Sox were founded in 1911 when they joined the Canadian Baseball League; and

WHEREAS the Red Sox joined the Intercounty Baseball League (IBL) in 1921 and currently play in the Senior Division of the IBL; and

WHEREAS the Red Sox have always called Cockshutt Park (originally Agricultural Park) home; and

WHEREAS over the years many great players have worn a Brantford Red Sox uniform including Ron Stead, the only amateur inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS the team has provided over 110 years of great baseball experiences for players and fans in Brantford; and

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Brantford recognizes and supports that legacy; and

WHEREAS the Red Sox organization is still recovering from the economic setbacks of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS this Council has prioritized supporting the growth of year-round high-level sport experiences for players and fans in Brantford;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the City of Brantford provide the Brantford Red Sox with a credit against fees incurred for use of the Arnold Anderson Stadium field and concession of up to \$15,000 in each of the 2023, 2024 and 2025 calendar years; and
- B. THAT the credit be funded from the Council Priorities Reserve (RF0558).

12.1.3 SC Johnson Resolution of Support – Mayor Davis

WHEREAS SC Johnson is one of the oldest family-owned businesses in North America, with operations located in The City of Brantford since 1920; and

WHEREAS SC Johnson demonstrates the corporate citizenship that The City of Brantford was built on and is woven into the fabric of our Community; and

WHEREAS SC Johnson has been an incredible contributor to the local economy, community and well-being of citizens across The City of Brantford; and

WHEREAS over the last two decades SC Johnson has contributed more than \$34 million dollars to benefit community projects that include the Brant Community Health Care System, The SC Johnson Trail, and the SC Johnson Community Centre; and

WHEREAS SC Johnson re-locating its operations would be detrimental and have lasting impact on our community and economy; and

WHEREAS SC Johnson has expressed implicit concerns about the re-zoning of the privately purchased property located at 58 Morrell Street; and

WHEREAS SC Johnson requested deferral periods during which time, they made a number of attempts reasonable solutions with the property owner; and

WHEREAS The City also attempted to facilitate resolution to the concerns between the property-owner and SC Johnson; and

WHEREAS in August, 2023, the property-owner made the decision to bypass The City planning process and apply directly to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) thereby removing City Council from any decision-making; and

WHEREAS the residents of The City of Brantford have clearly indicated their unwaivering support for SC Johnson; and

WHEREAS City Council did not have the opportunity to make a planning decision based on evidence, community feedback and neighbourhood context;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT The City of Brantford and its Council members EXPRESS its most sincere support and appreciation to SC Johnson, and its incredible legacy of contributing to the betterment of Brantford, its residents and community;
- B. THAT The Ontario Land Tribunal be provided with and be requested to consider The City of Brantford's input and feedback regarding the re-zoning of 58 Morrell Street; and in particular that the Council of the City of Brantford would not have approved the proposed rezoning of the property at 58 Morrell Street; and
- C. THAT staff PREPARE a report, for the October Council cycle, outlining options to support SC Johnson remaining in Brantford, including options for supporting the position SC Johnson is expected to advance at the Ontario Land Tribunal and that staff REQUEST and prepare a summary of:
 - (i) SC Johnson, and other similar neighbouring companies, employment statistics including number of full time and contract employees and their estimated annual payroll; and
 - (ii) a summary of SC Johnson staff volunteer participation in community activities; and
 - (iii) taxes paid to the city of Brantford and prepare a report itemizing the chronology of the ownership transactions and involvement of the City of Brantford involving 58 Morrell St; and
- D. THAT a copy of this resolution BE SENT to the Member of Provincial Parliament Will Bouma and Member of Parliament Larry Brock.
- E. That Planning committee hear the zoning bylaw amendment and draft plan of condominium application for 58 morrell street (upon legal advice)

Respectfully submitted, Mayor Davis, Chair