



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 6, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

Councillor McCreary in the Chair.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Councillor McCreary
- Councillor Sicoli
- Mayor Kevin Davis
- Councillor Sless
- Councillor Carpenter
- Councillor Samwell
- County Councillor Bell
- County Councillor Miller
- County Councillor Oakley
- Mayor David Bailey
- County Councillor Chambers

Regrets: County Councillor Howes

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest noted.

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

Moved by Councillor Samwell

Seconded by Councillor Sicoli

THAT all items for Consideration and Consent BE APPROVED.

Item 5.1 and 5.3 were separated for discussion purposes.

The items that were subject to the vote were as follows:

5.2 Appointment of Administrator for Ontario Works Brant [Financial Impact: None], 2023-496

- A. THAT report 2023-496 regarding the Appointment of Administrator for Ontario Works Brant BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City of Brantford Council APPROVE the appointment of Aaron Wallace, Director of Community Strategies and Family Supports, as Administrator for Ontario Works Brant; and
- C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

5.4 Electronic Document Management Services for Ontario Works: Non-Competitive Procurement [Financial Impact: \$162 000], 2023-508

- A. THAT Staff Report 2023-508, Electronic Document Management Services for Ontario Works: Non-Competitive Procurement, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Council APPROVE a multi-year non-competitive procurement to December 31, 2025 for document scanning and imaging services related to the implementation of Electronic Document Management with Nimble Information Strategies Incorporated pursuant to section 4.02(e) of the Purchasing Policy to an upset limit of \$162,000; and
- C. THAT the Director of Community Strategies and Family Supports and the Manager of Purchasing BE AUTHORIZED to execute an agreement with Nimble Information Strategies Incorporated and any amendments thereto related to the document scanning and imaging services of Ontario Works Client Files; and
- D. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

5.5 Update to the Housing Services Act, 2011: Use of Household Income Limits to Determine Rent-Geared-To-Income Eligibility [Financial Impact: None], 2023-469

- A. THAT Report 2023-469 Updates to the Housing Services Act, 2011: Use of Household Income Limits to Determine Rent-Geared-To-Income Eligibility BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Household Income Limits as a local eligibility rule for rent geared-to-income applicants and recipients as described in this report BE APPROVED; and
- C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 Minutes

6.1.1 Social Services Committee Meeting - June 7, 2023

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS /PRESENTATIONS

4.1 DELEGATIONS [list, if any, available at the meeting]

There were no delegations on the Agenda.

4.2 PRESENTATIONS

4.2.1 Brian Hutchings, Chief Administrative Officer

Re: 2024 Shared Services Budget [Financial Impact – \$18,431,921 Operating Budget, \$25,586,000 Capital Budget], 2023-424

Brian Hutchings, CAO, appeared before Committee and provided a presentation on the 2024 Shared Services Budget Report 2023-424, a copy of which has been placed in the file.

Motion to Waive the Rules to Extend the Time Permitted for Presentation and Questions from Members of the Committee for Item 4.2

Moved by Mayor Davis

Seconded by Councillor Samwell

THAT Section 15.6.3(a) of Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code BE WAIVED for Item 4.2 in order to extend the time permitted for the presentation and questions from Members of the Committee beyond the 10 minute time limit.

CARRIED

Social Services staff responded to various questions of Committee.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Committee then considered Item 5.1 and 5.3

5.1 2024 Shared Services Budget [Financial Impact – \$18,431,921 Operating Budget, \$25,586,000 Capital Budget], 2023-424

- A. THAT report 2023-424 - 2024 Shared Services Budget BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the 2024 draft operating and capital Shared Social Services budgets as contained in report 2023-424 BE APPROVED; and
- C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to deliver a copy of this report and the Committee's recommendations to the County of Brant prior to October 1, 2023.

CARRIED

5.3 Ontario Works Administrative Funding [Financial Impact: None], 2023-497

- A. THAT Report 2023-497 Ontario Works Program Delivery Funding BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services be RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED to increase the amount of annual program delivery funding provided to the Ontario Works Brant program; and
- C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the Member of Provincial Parliament Will Bouma; and
- D. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant; and
- E. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to AMO.

CARRIED

7. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Samwell read the title of her Notice of Motion

8.1 Housing Development Location - Councillor Samwell

WHEREAS citizens residing in the City of Brantford are experiencing a shortage of affordable rental housing options; and
 WHEREAS there is currently a waiting lists of 975 households applying to reside in community housing; and
 WHEREAS various Community and Affordable Housing types are essential components in the housing continuum; and
 WHEREAS these housing types provide affordable housing options for middle and lower income households; and
 WHEREAS the Brantford-Brant Housing Stability Plan (2014-2024) identifies increasing affordable housing options as one of its six goals; and
 WHEREAS on October 22, 2019, Council directed staff to complete a 10-year Municipal Housing Master Plan (2020-2030) that establishes a plan for increasing the development of municipally-owned housing by 506 units over the next 10 years; and
 WHEREAS the Housing Master Plan specifically satisfies a key action attached to achieving this goal: “Develop and implement a 10-year Housing Regeneration Master Plan for municipally owned housing with funding/financing recommendations that support ongoing financial sustainability”; and
 WHEREAS it is important for municipally-developed, mixed income housing developments to be integrated into the community, in close proximity to services and supports; and
 WHEREAS it is important to ensure a city-wide balanced approach to location of future housing projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to provide an update on the status of the Brantford-Brant Housing Stability Plan including key initiatives in Q4 2023; and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to provide, in the above Plan, an overview of the current housing units by Ward Boundary locations (City and County) and the currently planned housing development units by Ward Boundary and report back to Council by Q4 2023.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

Councillor McCreary, Chair

Emma Vokes, Committee
Coordinator