



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OPERATIONS MINUTES

September 5, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

Mayor Davis in the Chair

1. INVOCATION

Mayor Davis read the Invocation

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Davis
Councillor Sicoli
Councillor Sullivan
Councillor Caputo
Councillor Sless
Councillor Martin
Councillor McCreary
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Carpenter
Councillor VanTilborg
Councillor Samwell

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest noted.

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

Moved by Councillor McCreary
 Seconded by Councillor Martin

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

Item 6.1.1 was separated for discussion purposes.

Recorded vote on all items not separated:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

CARRIED (11 to 0)

The following items were subject to the vote and were subsequently approved:

6.2 CONSENT ITEMS

6.2.1 MINUTES

6.2.1.1 Committee of the Whole - Operations - August 8, 2023

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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

There were no delegations on the Agenda.

5.2 PRESENTATIONS

5.2.1 Grandbridge Energy Corporation Shareholder Overview

Ian Miles, President & CEO, GrandBridge Energy and Sarah Hughes, VP Corporate Services & CFO, GrandBridge Energy appeared virtually before Committee and provided a presentation to Committee. A copy of the presentation has been placed in the meeting file.

Ian Miles and Sarah Hughes responded to questions from members of Committee.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ CONSENT

Moved by Councillor Sicoli
 Seconded by Councillor Caputo

6.1 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1.1 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:
 - 1. Councillor Sicoli
 - 2. Councillor Sless
 - 3. Councillor McCreary
 - 4. Councillor Hunt
 - 5. 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.

Recorded vote on Item 6.1.1:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

CARRIED (11 to 0)

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 **The City of Brantford supports the Brantford Red Sox IBL Baseball Team - Councillor Carpenter (Deferral from August Meeting Cycle)**

Moved by Councillor Carpenter
Seconded by Councillor Sullivan

THAT Section 15.11.6 of Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code BE WAIVED to deem the item urgent in order to be considered outside the budget process.

Recorded vote on motion to waive the rules:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

CARRIED (11 to 0)

Deferral:

Moved by Councillor Carpenter
Seconded by Councillor Sullivan

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:

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

THAT the credit be funded from the Council Priorities Reserve (RF0558).

Recorded vote on Deferral:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

CARRIED (11 to 0)

7.2 Request to County of Brant for Infrastructure Needs at Brantford Municipal Airport- Councillor Martin

Motion to Waive Rules:

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT Section 15.11.6 of Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code BE WAIVED to deem the item urgent in order to be considered outside the budget process.

Recorded Vote on Motion to Waive the Rules:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

CARRIED (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor VanTilborg

WHEREAS the Brantford Municipal; Airport provides economic benefits to both the City of Brantford and the County of Brant; and

WHEREAS the Brantford Municipal Airport is owned by the City of Brantford but located on County of Brant land; and

WHEREAS the County of Brant receives development charges and property taxes from the Brantford Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS the property taxes received by the County of Brant is up to 3.4 times greater than what the City receives from a commercial land lease;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff BE DIRECTED to prepare a request to be presented to the County of Brant requesting that the County consider paying to install the infrastructure needed to allow for the development of commercial hangars on the east side of the Airport property, south of runway 23.

Referral:

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT the following item BE REFERRED to staff to complete a fulsome proposal to be presented to the Airport Board:

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WHEREAS the Brantford Municipal Airport is owned by the City of Brantford but located on County of Brant land; and

WHEREAS the County of Brant receives development charges and property taxes from the Brantford Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS the property taxes received by the County of Brant is up to 3.4 times greater than what the City receives from a commercial land lease;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff BE DIRECTED to prepare a request to be presented to the County of Brant

requesting that the County consider paying to install the infrastructure needed to allow for the development of commercial hangars on the east side of the Airport property, south of runway 23.

Amendment to referral:

Moved by Councillor Carpenter
Seconded by Councillor Sicoli

That the proposal BE PRESENTED to the Joint Services Committee.

Recorded vote on amendment:

YES: (4): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, and Councillor Carpenter

NO: (7): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

LOST (4 to 7)

Recorded Vote on REFERRAL:

YES: (4): Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, and Councillor VanTilborg

NO: (7): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, and Councillor Samwell

LOST (4 to 7)

Withdrawal:

Item 7.2 was WITHDRAWN at the request of the mover and seconder.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Moved by Mayor Davis
Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

THAT Sections 15.11.5 and 15.11.6 of Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code BE WAIVED in order to introduce the following Resolution without prior Notice of Motion and to deem the item urgent in order to be considered outside the budget process.

Recorded vote on motion to waive rules:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

CARRIED (11 to 0)

8.1 SC Johnson Resolution of Support - Mayor Davis

Moved by Mayor Davis

Seconded by Councillor Caputo

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 unwavering 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 RECEIVE and 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;
- 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
- D. THAT a copy of this resolution BE SENT to the Member of Provincial Parliament Will Bouma and Member of Parliament Larry Brock.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor McCreary

Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT Clause C BE AMENDED to include:

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 (iv) taxes paid to the city of brantford

That staff prepare a report itemizing the chronology of the ownership transactions and involvement of the City of Brantford involving 58 Morrell St.

Recorded vote on amendment:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

CARRIED (11 to 0)

Friendly Amendment:

THAT the following be added as Clause E:

That Planning committee hear the zoning bylaw amendment and draft plan of condominium application for 58 morrell street (upon legal advice)

Recorded vote on Item 8.1, as amended:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Samwell

CARRIED (11 to 0)

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Mayor Davis, Chair

E. Vokes , Deputy Clerk/Manager,
Legislative Services