

October 24, 2023

Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration Report #2023-10-10

REPORT TO: Mayor and Members  
City Council

Your Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration submits the following recommendations from its meeting held on October 10, 2023:

**12.3.1 Fire Department Staffing impact due to employees who are on Presumptive Leaves through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) [Financial Impact: Estimated (\$108,450)], 2023-620**

- A. THAT report 2023-572 titled Fire Department Staffing impact due to employees who are on Presumptive Leaves through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Fire Chief BE DIRECTED to hire probationary firefighters/communications dispatchers to replace current fire department employees who are off on WSIB presumptive leaves in excess of six (6) months plus one day.

**12.3.2 Concurrent Non-Routine Demolition Applications for 187-203 Market Street, 11 Grey Street, and 168 & 168½ George Street [Financial Impact – Unknown], 2023-582**

- A. THAT Report 2023-582, titled “Concurrent Non-Routine Demolition Applications for 187-203 Market Street, 11 Grey Street, and 168 & 168½ George Street” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Non-Routine Demolition Applications for 187-203 Market Street, 11 Grey Street, and 168 & 168½ George Street BE APPROVED.

**12.3.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting – Alternate Dates for Bid to Host [Financial Impact: None], 2023-606**

- A. THAT Report No 2023-606 regarding the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting – Alternate Dates for Bid to Host BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford formally INVITES the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors to hold their meeting within the City of Brantford; and
- C. THAT staff SUBMIT the alternate dates (September 21-24, 2027 and September 19-22, 2028) to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on or before November 10, 2023; and

- D. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to provide a certified copy of the final resolution of Council offering to host the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting event on the stated alternate dates before October 31, 2023; and
- E. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Council in the event that the bid is successful.

**12.3.4 Downtown Brantford Priority Plan: 2023 Update, 2023-584**

- A. THAT Report 2023-584 Downtown Brantford Priority Plan: 2023 Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Councillor Mandy Samwell BE APPOINTED as the Downtown Revitalization Champion for the duration of the Downtown Brantford Infrastructure Renewal project; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to continue to work with community stakeholders to implement the Downtown Brantford Priority Plan and provide annual progress reports to Brantford City Council.

**12.3.5 Updates to the City of Brantford Customer Service Standard and Customer Complaints Handling Policy [Financial Impact – None], 2023-577**

- A. THAT Report No. 2023-577 entitled “Updates to the City of Brantford Customer Service Standard and Customer Complaints Handling Policy” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City of Brantford “Customer Service Standard Update” as amended outlined in Appendices “A & B” BE ADOPTED; and that the necessary bylaw BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption; and
- C. THAT the City of Brantford “Customer Complaints Handling Policy Update” BE ADOPTED; and that the necessary bylaw BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption; and
- D. THAT the City Clerk BE REQUESTED to update the Corporate Policy Manual to include the amended City of Brantford Customer Service Standard Update Corporate-018 and Complaints Handling Policy Corporate-043.

**12.3.6 Wall of Recognition Task Force Report #2023-09-18, 2023-598**

- A. THAT Report 2023-501 titled Historical Inductees BE RECEIVED; and

B. THAT the following nominees BE INDUCTED into the Wall of Recognition as a Historical Candidates:

- i. 2023: Walter J. Bragg
- ii. 2024: John Wedgewood Bowlby
- iii. 2025: Charles H. Hartman
- iv. 2026: John H. Matthews; and

C. THAT John Utley BE INDUCTED into the Wall of Recognition as a Modern-day Candidate for the year of 2022.

#### **12.3.7 Resolution of Municipal Significance - Birthday Party and Networking Event**

WHEREAS Maygan Myrie's Birthday Party and Networking event will be taking place in the City of Brantford on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at the Brant Masonic Lodge, 117 Charing Cross Street, Brantford; and

WHEREAS the event will be advertised to the public and is being held in an effort to celebrate life and provide a networking opportunity for the community; and

WHEREAS the event is intended to inform the community of Maygan Myrie's expertise in balloon decor for parties, weddings, baby showers, and more;

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 Maygan Myrie's Birthday Party and Networking Event as a Municipally Significant Event in order for the organizer to obtain a liquor licence through the AGCO.

#### **12.3.8 City Council Resolution in Support of the State of Israel**

WHEREAS the nation of Israel has been the subject of cowardly terrorist actions on a scale unseen since 9/11/2001; and

WHEREAS thousands of Israelis and citizens of other countries including Canada have been victimized by this cowardly terrorist assault; and

WHEREAS 900 victims are confirmed dead including Montrealer Alexandre Look, 2,000 victims are wounded and more than 100 are believed to have been abducted into Gaza;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford offers its condolences to the victims of this cowardly terrorist action on both sides of that border; and
- B. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford condemns the actions of these cowardly terrorists and their state and non state sponsors; and
- C. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford condemns the actions of Canadian residents who publicly celebrated the cowardly terrorist attacks on the state of Israel; and
- D. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford requests that the Government of Canada should consider financial aid to the nation of Israel to replenish depleted stocks of defensive anti missile systems; and
- E. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford urges the return of all individuals held hostage in Gaza; and
- F. THAT as a display of solidarity with the nation of Israel Brantford City Hall will be illuminated with the colours of the Israeli flag until the cessation of hostilities. If the lighting is not available then staff BE DIRECTED to fly the Israeli flag at half mast.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councillor Sicoli, Chair