



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OPERATIONS MINUTES

October 3, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

Councillor Sicoli 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 VanTilborg
 Seconded by Councillor Samwell

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

Recorded vote on 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:

6.1.1 Amendments to Chapter 440 of the Municipal Code - Solid Waste By-law - 2023-304

- A. THAT Report No. 2023-304, "Amendments to Chapter 440 of the Municipal Code-Solid Waste By-law" BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the By-law amendments to Chapter 440 of the Municipal Code in regards to the new household organic waste collection program (Green Bin Program) BE APPROVED.

6.1.2 Public Works Energy Management Policy Transition [Financial Impact: None], 2023-575

- A. THAT Report No. 2023-512 Public Works Energy Management Policy Transition BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT PUBLIC WORKS-013 Energy Management Policy BE REPEALED; and
- C. THAT the necessary by-law to amend By-law 70-2010, being a by-law to adopt various City of Brantford policies, BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

6.1.3 Brantford Airport Board Report 09.11.23

- A. THAT Report 2023-522 entitled, "Draft Vision, Mission, Goals and Actions for the Brantford Municipal Airport" BE RECEIVED; and

- B. THAT feedback on the draft vision, mission, goals and actions BE PROVIDED to McSweeney & Associates; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to incorporate Aviation Hub Development Opportunities including, but not limited to, opportunities for development of vacant airport lands and the infrastructure and financing options required to support development of those lands into the project plan and financial plan previously approved by the Airport Board on April 27, 2023; and
- D. THAT after the Airport Committee has had an opportunity to comment on the completed Proposal it shall BE REFERRED to the Joint City-County Shared Services Committee; and
- E. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to prepare a report analyzing the options City Council consider for management and governance of the Airport, including the feasibility of using a municipal services corporation model for ownership and governance of the airport.

6.1.4 Vision Zero Road Safety Committee Report #2023-09-28

2. Scarfe Avenue at Brant Avenue – Directional Closure [Financial Impact – None], 2023-422

- a. THAT report no. 2023-422 regarding Scarfe Avenue at Brant Avenue – Directional Closure BE RECEIVED; and
- b. THAT the recommended By-law change as presented in Appendix “A” and further described in report no. 2023-422, Scarfe Avenue at Brant Avenue – Directional Closure, BE APPROVED; and
- c. THAT the necessary By-law BE PRESENTED to City Council for ADOPTION.

3. Terrace Hill Neighbourhood Traffic Review [Financial Impact – None], 2023-474, 2023-475

- a. THAT report no. 2022-547 regarding Terrace Hill Neighbourhood Traffic Review BE RECEIVED; and
- b. THAT the recommended By-law changes as presented in Appendix “A” and further described in report no. 2022-

547, Terrace Hill Neighbourhood Traffic Review BE APPROVED; and

- c. THAT a capital project to implement Terrace Hill neighbourhood recommendations BE CONSIDERED in the 2024 capital budget; and
- d. THAT the necessary By-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for ADOPTION; and
- e. THAT Appendix A BE AMENDED as follows:
 - i. THAT the posted speed limit BE REDUCED to 40 km/h on Terrace Hill Street between Wells Avenue and West Street; and
 - ii. THAT on-street parking on the north side of Terrace Hill Street from Wells Avenue to a point 67 metres east of the centre line of Wells Avenue BE PROHIBITED.

6.2 CONSENT ITEMS

6.2.1 Review of Seniors Ride Free Month (June 2023) , 2023-512

THAT Report No. 2023-512, titled “Review of Seniors Ride Free Month (June 2023)” BE RECEIVED.

6.2.2 MINUTES

- 6.2.2.1 Committee of the Whole - Operations - September 5, 2023**
- 6.2.2.2 Airport Board - August 21, 2023**
- 6.2.2.3 Vision Zero Road Safety Committee - May 25, 2023**

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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

Moved by Mayor Davis

Seconded by Councillor Sullivan

THAT Section 15.6.2 (d) (i) 1 of Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code BE WAIVED to allow a delegation received after the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

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)

5.1.1 Monil Jethva – Conestoga Students Inc.

Re: 6.1.4 - Item 1 - Active Transportation Master Plan [Financial Impact – None], 2023-83

Monil Jethva, President, Conestoga Students Inc., appeared before Committee and spoke in support of the Brantford Active Transportation Master Plan. Monil Jethva responded to questions of Committee.

5.1.2 Matthew Vaandering

Re: 6.1.4 - Item 1 - Active Transportation Master Plan [Financial Impact – None], 2023-83

Matthew Vaandering, resident of Brantford, appeared before Committee and spoke in support of the Active Transportation Master Plan. Matthew Vaandering responded to questions of Committee.

5.1.3 Christine Wildman & Tara Buchanan

Re: 7.1 Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence

Christine Wildman appeared before Committee to emphasize the importance in declaring Gender Based Violence an epidemic.

5.1.4 Penny McVicar – Victim Services of Brant

Re: 7.1 Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence

Penny McVicar, Executive Director of Victim Services of Brant, appeared before Committee to speak in support of declaring Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic. Penny responded to questions of Committee.

5.1.6 Pam Malins

Re: 7.1 Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence

Pam Malins, Professor, Laurier University, Brant Campus, appeared before Committee to support the Intimate Partner Violence resolution.

5.1.7 Leslie Josling & Vicki Hartman – Willowbridge Community Services

Re: 7.1 Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence

Leslie Josling, Willowbridge Community Services, appeared before Committee and spoke in support of the Intimate Partner Violence Resolution.

5.1.5 Natasha Dobler – Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services

Re: 7.1 Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence

Natasha Dobler, Executive Director, Nova Vita Domestic Violence Prevention Services, appeared before Committee and spoke in support of the Intimate Partner Violence Resolution.

5.1.8 Joanna Brant – Sexual Assault Centre of Brant

Re: 7.1 Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence

Joanna Brant, appeared before Committee and spoke in support of the Intimate Partner Violence Resolution.

5.1.9 Beth McAllister, Sexual Assault / Domestic Violence Care Team at Brant County Healthcare System

Re: 7.1 Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence

Beth McAllister, Clinical Leader of Sexual Assault Care Team, appeared before Committee and spoke in support of the Intimate Partner Violence Resolution.

5.2 PRESENTATIONS

5.2.1 Dave Ferguson, Manager, Traffic Services

Re: Item 6.1.4 - Active Transportation Master Plan contained within the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee Report #2023-09-28.

Dave Ferguson, Manager, Traffic Services and Mark Jacklyn, Director of Operational Services appeared before Committee, provided a presentation and responded to questions of Committee.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation has been placed in the meeting file.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/CONSENT

Moved by Councillor Sullivan

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT all Items for consideration/consent (6.1 and 6.2) separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

All remaining items were then voted on individually:

6.1 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1.4 Vision Zero Road Safety Committee Report #2023-09-28

1. Active Transportation Master Plan [Financial Impact – None], 2023-83

- A. THAT report 2023-83 regarding “Active Transportation Master Plan” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to implement the Active Transportation system as defined in the Active Transportation Master Plan.

Recorded vote on Item 1 of Vision Zero Road Safety Report #2023-09-28:

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

CARRIED (10 to 0)

3. Shellard Neighbourhood Traffic Review [Financial Impact – None], 2023-477

- A. THAT report no. 2023-477 regarding Shellard Neighbourhood Review BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the recommended By-law changes as presented in Appendix “A” and further described in report no. 2023-

477, Shellard Neighbourhood Traffic Review BE APPROVED; and

C. That a capital project to implement Shellard neighbourhood recommendations BE CONSIDERED in the 2024 capital budget; and

D. THAT the necessary By-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for ADOPTION

Recorded vote on Item 3 of Vision Zero Road Safety Report #2023-09-28:

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 Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence - Councillor Sicoli

Moved by Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by Councillor Samwell

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

CARRIED (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by Councillor Samwell

WHEREAS More than 46 municipalities and regions including the Cities of Toronto, Ottawa, Burlington, Windsor and London, along with Peel, Durham and Halton Regions, Lanark County, and

Renfrew County) across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic; and

WHEREAS by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, The City of Brantford can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in Canada in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic; and

WHEREAS the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and have not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support for victims and survivors of intimate partner and gender based violence has not kept pace; and

WHEREAS The City of Brantford had the highest number of police reports for Intimate Partner Violence in Ontario, and the 4th highest municipality in Canada in 2018; and

WHEREAS Nova Vita answered over 4,500 crisis and support calls in 2022, and in the same year, 648 women who were seeking safe shelter from family violence were turned away because the shelters were full and had no bed space to offer them. This number doesn't include their children; and

WHEREAS In Ontario last year, a woman was killed every week(52 femicides in 52 weeks) and, In Canada, a woman was killed every 2 days; and

WHEREAS 30% of women report having experienced a sexual assault since the age of 15, and 44% of women report having experienced some form of intimate partner violence (IPV) in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS Gender-Based Violence impacts individuals, families, and communities, and it also places a costly burden on the health, social, and justice systems. In 2009, it was estimated that IPV had an economic cost of \$7.4 billion annually and sexual violence a cost of \$4.8 billion annually; and

WHEREAS The Crisis hotline calls are up 600% from previous, and the funding and volunteerism is at an all time low.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT The City of Brantford Council DECLARE Gender-based violence and Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic in the City of Brantford; and
- B. THAT The City of Brantford Council RECOMMEND that gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and
- C. THAT The City of Brantford Council REQUEST that Femicide be added as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada and state its position to the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General Canada, and the Prime Minister of Canada; and
- D. THAT The City of Brantford Council REQUEST that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare a gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic across the country; and
- E. THAT The City of Brantford REQUEST that the provincial and federal governments rightfully declare intimate partner and gender-based violence an epidemic and enact the additional 85 recommendations from the inquest into the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County, Ontario, which provide a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide; and
- F. THAT The City of Brantford REQUEST that the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence epidemic; and
- G. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to consult with community organizations in the development of a Community IPV Action Plan, to be provided to City Council prior to March 31 2024, and that this plan include:
 - i. Input from community organizations regarding needed resources to address the local IPV epidemic
 - ii. Community-wide awareness campaign to highlight local IPV impacts and available supports
 - iii. Evidence-based approaches to engage and support youth who at risk of experiencing or committing IVP

- iv. Opportunities for Brantford City Council to support and advocate for community organizations that are addressing this epidemicH. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to the MP, MPP and Brant County Health Unit.

Recorded vote on item 7.1:

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

CARRIED (10 to 0)

7.2 Review of Mandatory Treatment Programs, Correction Facilities and Legislation - Councillor VanTilborg

Moved by Councillor VanTilborg

Seconded by Councillor Samwell

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 item 7.2:

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 VanTilborg

Seconded by Councillor Samwell

WHEREAS addressing the incidence and impact of homelessness is a priority of Brantford City Council; and

WHEREAS the City is taking a number of steps to enhance programs to support homeless individuals including warming and cooling centres, increased encampment response, access to washrooms and hygiene stations, health care partnerships, and homeless shelter services; and

WHEREAS local organizations continue to develop innovative and collaborative solutions to support individuals and families; and

WHEREAS the causes of homelessness can be complex and unique, with one of the primary causes being undiagnosed and / or untreated mental health and addiction issues; and

WHEREAS homelessness shelters cannot provide the level of care needed by individuals experiencing acute and / or chronic mental health or addictions challenges; and

WHEREAS individuals experiencing untreated or undiagnosed acute and / or chronic mental health or addictions challenges are at higher risk to themselves and other members of the community; and

WHEREAS every individual deserves the opportunity for treatment and recovery; and

WHEREAS mandatory treatment options can be effective for individuals experiencing cognitive challenges that are a barrier to self-initiated treatment; and

WHEREAS over the past 20 years, changes to legislation have restricted the use of mandatory treatment, even when requested by health care professionals, police, court officials or family members; and

WHEREAS past practices within mandatory treatment centres were identified as harmful to individuals, new advances in the understanding, treatment and root cause of mental health and addiction represents an opportunity to review current treatment options; and

WHEREAS institutions like the former Burtch Institution provided greater deterrence and accountability for minor offences, the nature of which are and have been on the rise in Brantford for some time,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT REVOLVED:

- A. THAT The Brantford City Council REQUEST that the Ministry of the Attorney General, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Long-Term Care, review the Mental Health Act, 1990 and the Health Care Consent Act to determine options for effective and compassionate mandatory treatment for

individuals who cannot receive proper care through non-mandatory treatment regimes, and that this review include a comprehensive consultation with the Association of Municipalities or Ontario; and

- B. THAT The Brantford City Council REQUEST that the Ministry of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Relations create an institution similar to the former Burtch Institution in the Brantford area to provide the necessary deterrence and accountability for crime in the community; and
- C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General, the Honourable Stan Cho, the Minister of Long Term Care, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Honourable Dominic Leblanc, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Relations, AMO, OBCM, MP and MPP.

Recorded vote on Item 7.2:

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. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Councillor Sicoli, Chair

E.Vokes, Deputy Clerk/Manager,
Legislative Services