



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 4, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

Councillor McCreary was 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
- County Councillor Howes

Regrets:

- Mayor David Bailey
- County Councillor Chamber

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 Bell

THAT all items for Consideration and Consent BE APPROVED.

Item 5.1 was separated for discussion purposes.

The item that was subject to the vote was as follows:

6. CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 MINUTES

6.1.1 Social Services Committee Meeting - September 6, 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

There were no presentations on the agenda.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Committee then considered Item 5.1

Moved by: Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by: County Councillor Miller

5.1 Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Investment Plan [Financial Impact - None], 2023-227

- A. THAT Report 2023-227 on the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Investment Plan BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Investment Plan as outlined in this report BE APPROVED; and
- C. THAT the Chief Administrative Officer or Delegate BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Brantford and His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and any ancillary documents thereto, in a form approved by the City Solicitor; and

- D. THAT the Director of Housing and Homelessness Services BE AUTHORIZED to reallocate capital and operating dollars within the investment plan as may be necessary to facilitate total expenditures of the COCHI and OPHI funding allocations; and
- E. THAT the Director of Housing and Homelessness Services BE DIRECTED to fund the capital projects and repairs as identified in Appendix A to Report 2023-227 from COCHI and OPHI; and
- F. THAT the Director of Housing and Homelessness Services BE AUTHORIZED to revise or add capital repair projects to Appendix A for funding from COCHI or OPHI, as needed, to ensure full expenditure of the allocations; and
- G. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

CARRIED

7. RESOLUTIONS

Motion to waive the rules to deem the item urgent in order to be considered outside the budget process.

Moved By: Councillor Samwell

Seconded By: County Councillor Oakley

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.

CARRIED

7.1 Housing Development Location - Councillor Samwell

Moved By: Councillor Samwell

Seconded By: County Councillor Oakley

WHEREAS citizens residing in the City of Brantford and 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.

Friendly amendment:

That the words “the County of Brant” be added to the first whereas clause.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20am.

Councilor McCreary, Chair

Kristen Demeulemeester, Committee
Coordinator