



## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 14, 2023

2:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall  
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

Present: Mayor Davis  
Councillor Sicoli  
Councillor Caputo  
Councillor Sless  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor McCreary  
Councillor Hunt

Regrets: Councillor Sullivan  
Councillor Carpenter  
Councillor Samwell  
Councillor VanTilborg

### 1. ROLL CALL

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

### 3. PROCLAMATIONS

#### 3.1 The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - Councillor Sicoli

Moved by Councillor Sicoli  
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

WHEREAS violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and  
WHEREAS November 25th the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 46 femicides in Ontario since November 26th, 2022; and

WHEREAS Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide and were overrepresented within the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses' 2021-2022 Annual Femicide List; and

WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 7 days a woman or child lost their lives due to femicide; and

WHEREAS this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS a Wrapped in Courage Campaign flag will be raised during Woman Abuse Prevention Month in recognition that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the City of Brantford does hereby PROCLAIM November 25th, 2023 as "The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women" and urge all citizens to recognize this day by taking action to support survivors of gender-based violence and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

YES: (7): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary and Councillor Hunt

**CARRIED (6 to 0)**

#### **4. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Moved by Councillor Sless

Seconded by Councillor Caputo

THAT Council MOVE IN-CAMERA to consider the following:

##### **4.1 Follow-Up to Report 2023-96 and 2023-329 re Organizational Realignment - 2023-698**

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Labour relations or employee negotiations.

Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

##### **4.2 Sports and Entertainment Centre Update - 2023-678**

A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

##### **4.3 Information Security Roadmap and Personnel Resource Analysis - 2023-683**

The security of the property of the municipality or local board.

##### **4.4 Collective Bargaining Update with IATSE - 2023-614**

Labour relations or employee negotiations.

##### **4.5 Market Rent Homes Owned by the City of Brantford – Disposition of Lands Strategy - 2023-619**

A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

YES: (7): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, and Councillor Hunt

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Council reconvened in Open Session and adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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Mayor K. Davis, Chair

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C. Gauthier, City Clerk