



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 6, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Martin, Councillor Samwell, Mayor Bailey, Mayor Kevin Davis, County Councillor Bell, County Councillor Oakley, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sless, County Councillor Miller, County Councillor Howes, Councillor Carpenter,

Regrets: County Councillor Garneau,

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 Martin

Seconded by: County Councillor Oakley

THAT all items for Consideration and Consent (5.1 - 6.2) not separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

Carried

The items that were subject to the vote were as follows:

5. Items for Consideration

5.2 174 Trillium Way Capital Budget Amendment [Financial Impact: \$2,017,000], 2024-148

- A. THAT Report 2024-148 174 Trillium Way Capital Budget Amendment BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to amend the capital budget by \$2,017,000 to be fully funded by the County of Brant as per the Trillium Way Contribution and Ownership Agreement dated March 24, 2022; and
- C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

6. Consent Items

6.2 Minutes

6.2.1 Social Services Committee Meeting - February 7, 2024

THAT the Social Services Committee minutes from February 7, 2024 BE APPROVED.

4. Delegations/Presentations

4.1 Delegations

4.1.1 Jessica Mrav

Re: Item 5.1 The City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) Housing-Bylaw Pilot Program Evaluation [Financial Impact: None], 2024-127

Dawson Heyworth, Community Initiatives Coordinator Bylaw appeared before the Committee and read a statement prepared by Jessica Mrav regarding The City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) Housing-Bylaw Pilot Program Evaluation.

4.1.2 Ron Cromwell

Re: Item 5.1 The City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) Housing-Bylaw Pilot Program Evaluation [Financial Impact: None], 2024-127

Ron Cromwell appeared before the Committee and made a presentation on The City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) Housing-Bylaw Pilot Program Evaluation and responded to questions.

4.2 Presentations

4.2.1 Mary Musson, Director of Housing & Homelessness

Re: Item 5.1 The City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) Housing-Bylaw Pilot Program Evaluation [Financial Impact: None], 2024-127

Mary Musson, Director of Housing & Homelessness appeared before the Committee and made a presentation on The City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) Housing-Bylaw Pilot Program Evaluation and responded to questions.

5. Items for Consideration

Moved by: Councillor Martin

Seconded by: Councillor Sicoli

THAT all Items for consideration/consent (5.1 and 6.2) separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

The items were then voted on separately and carried accordingly.

5.1 The City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) Housing-Bylaw Pilot Program Evaluation [Financial Impact: None], 2024-127

- A. THAT Report 2024-127 The City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) Housing-Bylaw Pilot Program Evaluation BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to extend the City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) Housing-Bylaw Pilot Program until March 31, 2025; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to include the staffing costs as detailed in this report in the 2025 Shared Services Budget as a strategic budget investment for consideration by Social Services Committee; and
- D. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

Amendment

Moved by: Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by: Councillor Samwell

THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to MP Larry Brock.

Carried

Amendment to the amendment

Moved by: Councillor Carpenter

Seconded by: Councillor Oakley

THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to MP Larry Brock, MPP Will Bouma and Federal MP Bryan May.

Carried

Vote on Item 5.1 as amended.

Carried

5.3 Housing Support Worker Pilot Program [Financial Impact: None], 2024-128

- A. THAT Report 2024-128 Housing Support Worker Pilot Program BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to extend the Housing Support Worker Pilot Program, funded entirely by federal Reaching Home grant funding, until March 31, 2025; and
- C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

Amendment

Moved by: Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by: Councillor Samwell

E. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the resolution and report to MP Larry Brock and MP Bryan May and MPP Will Bouma.

Carried

Vote on Item 5.3 as Amended

Carried

6. Consent Items

6.1 Live Well Brantford-Brant (LWBB) 2023 Annual Report [Financial Impact: None], 2024-51

- A. THAT report 2024-51, 2023 Live Well Brantford-Brant (LWBB) Annual Report, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. 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

There were no Resolutions.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:52am.

County Councillor Bell, Chair

K. Demeulemeester, Committee
Coordinator