

October 29, 2024

Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration Report #2024-10-15

REPORT TO: Mayor and Members
City Council

The Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration submits the following recommendations from its meeting held on October 15, 2024:

12.3.1 New Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), 2024: Update and Impacts to Brantford [Financial Impact: None], 2024-574

THAT Report 2024-574, respecting the new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), 2024: Update and Impacts to Brantford, BE RECEIVED.

12.3.2 Proposal to Rename Morton Avenue to Morton Avenue West [Financial Impact – Approximately \$5,500], 2024-439

- A. THAT Report 2024-439 titled “Proposal to Rename Morton Avenue to Morton Avenue West” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the proposal to rename “Morton Avenue” to Morton Avenue West” between West Street and North Park Street BE APPROVED; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to bring forward for Council approval the necessary by-law required to implement the street name change; and
- D. THAT the costs associated with the street name changes BE FUNDED from the Council Priorities Reserve (RF0558) to an upset limit of \$1,000 for Morton Avenue and \$4,500 for Longboat Run.

12.3.3 City Bylaw Housekeeping Amendments [Financial Impact- None], 2024-615

- A. THAT Staff Report 2024 – 615 titled, “City Bylaw Housekeeping Amendments”, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Property Standards Officers/Peace Officers Appointment Bylaw being Chapter 132 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code be amended to include “Bylaw and Security Department” and “Director of Bylaw and Security” and repeal and replace “Manager of Property Standards and Bylaws” with “Supervisor of Bylaw Compliance” and to remove reference to the Building Department under Article 1; and
- C. THAT the Animals Bylaw being Chapter 206 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code be amended to repeal and replace the definition of “Animal Control Officer” to include Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, include a definition of “Property” and “Order”, include provisions for

authority for entry onto land, inspection and obstruction and any necessary numbering and grammatical changes; and

- D. THAT the Fences Bylaw being Chapter 438 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code be amended to repeal and replace all provisions containing “Chief Building Official” with “Director”, include a definition of “Director” and “Officer”, include provisions for authority for entry onto land, inspection and obstruction and any necessary numbering and grammatical changes; and
- E. THAT the Noise Control Bylaw being Chapter 554 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code be amended to repeal and replace “Chief Building Official” with “Director”, include definitions of “Officer”, “Person” and “Property”, include provisions for authority for entry onto land, inspection and obstruction and any necessary numbering and grammatical changes; and
- F. THAT the Lot Maintenance and Waste Bylaw being Chapter 492 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code be amended to repeal all provisions containing “Chief Building Official” and replace with “Director”, include a definition of “Director” and any necessary numbering and grammatical changes; and
- G. THAT the Signs Bylaw being Chapter 478 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code be amended to repeal and replace the definition of “Chief Building Official” to include authority to assign a designate for the purposes of administration of the by-law, include a definition of “Officer”, repeal and replace the provision for entry onto land to include Officers and any necessary numbering and grammatical changes; and
- H. THAT the Swimming Pools Bylaw being Chapter 437 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code be amended to replace the definition of “Inspector” to include Municipal Law Enforcement Officers; and
- I. THAT Bylaw No. 4-2016 (Vacant Buildings Registry) be amended to repeal and replace the definition of “Building Department” with “Bylaw and Security Department”; and
- J. THAT the Fire Prevention Bylaw being Chapter 533 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code be amended to repeal and replace the title with “Unsafe Building Bylaw”, the definition of “Property Standards Officer”, include a definition of “Person”, include provisions for entry onto land, inspection and obstruction and any necessary numbering and grammatical changes; and
- K. THAT the Property Standards Bylaw being Chapter 465 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code be amended to repeal and replace the definition

of Chief Building Official with Director of Bylaw & Security, and delete the definition of “Inspector”.

12.3.4 Various Corporate and Human Resources Policy Updates [Financial Impact: none], 2024-395, 2024-520 [DEFERRED], 2024-520

THAT the necessary By-law to REPEAL Corporate-016 Employee Computer Purchase Plan Policy BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption.

12.3.5 Public Consultation Task Force Report #2024-09-12

- A. THAT Staff Report, titled “Expansion of Community Involvement Framework Update – City-wide Engagement Campaign [Financial Impact: \$10,000] BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the cost of the Community Involvement Framework - Engagement Campaign BE FUNDED through the Council Priorities Reserve (RF0558) in the amount of \$10,000; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to develop and implement the Community Involvement Framework Engagement Campaign; and
- D. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to REPORT BACK to the Task Force with findings of the Engagement Campaign in February 2025; and
- E. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to REPORT BACK to the Public Consultation Task Force in Q4 of 2024 with an overview of who and how the research panel was selected and how the panel plans to complete their selection process, criteria used, complement of residents, etc.
- F. THAT three public hearings (daytime, evening and weekend) in three different locations throughout the city BE ADDED to the public engagement campaign that will inform the updated Community Involvement Framework; and
- G. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to investigate professional research companies and provide an option for Committee to consider; and
- H. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to circulate the questionnaire and survey to the Public Consultation Task Force prior to the next meeting for feedback and comment.

12.3.6 Committee Review Task Force Report #2024-09-17

- A. THAT Report 2024-443 titled Committee Review Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the following policies as outlined in Report 2024-443 BE AMENDED:

- i. CORPORATE-028 - Appointments Policy; and
- ii. CORPORATE-019 - Wall of Recognition Policy; and
- C. THAT Finance Committee Meetings BE SCHEDULED quarterly beginning in 2025 and THAT Chapter 15 BE AMENDED to reflect the mandate revisions outlined in Report 2024-443; and
- D. THAT Schedule 11 of Chapter 26 BE AMENDED as outlined in Report 2024-443 regarding The Environmental and Sustainability Policy Advisory Committee; and
- E. THAT, if after reaching out to the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) and the organization is unable to recommend another member for appointment to the Heritage Committee, Staff BE DIRECTED to bring forward a By-law to REMOVE the ACO Liaison Position from the Heritage Committee Composition; and
- F. THAT the necessary By-laws to AMEND Corporate Policy-028, Corporate Policy-019, Municipal Code Chapter 15 and Municipal Code Chapter 26 BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption; and
- G. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to REPORT BACK to Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration with recommendations for implementation of an Appeals Committee in Q2 of 2025; and
- H. THAT the Committee Review Task Force BE DISBANDED having met its mandate.

12.3.7 Major Sports Teams Liaison Committee Report #2024-09-25

- A. THAT Staff Report 2024-573 titled, “Major Sports Team Liaison Committee Update” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to proceed with the Recommended Next Steps further outlined in Section 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 of Report 2024-573, including:
 - i. To identify the capacity of the City’s current major sports team facilities, capturing the requirements and constraints of attracting prospective major sports leagues; and
 - ii. That staff report on private sports facilities, the capacity and interest in accommodating prospective major sports teams in the City of Brantford; and
 - iii. That staff prepare an investment attraction strategy to best position the City of Brantford to attract major sports teams to the City.

Respectfully Submitted,
Councillor McCreary, Chair