



## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

November 26, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall  
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

Present:

- Mayor Davis
- Councillor Sicoli
- Councillor Sullivan
- Councillor Caputo
- Councillor Sless
- Councillor Martin
- Councillor McCreary
- Councillor Carpenter
- Councillor Hunt
- Councillor Samwell
- Councillor Van Tilborg

### **1. National Anthem**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order and the National Anthem was played.

### **2. Invocation**

Mayor Davis read the invocation.

### **3. Roll Call**

The City Clerk confirmed that a roll call was taken.

### **4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

No declaration of pecuniary interest was made regarding items appearing on the agenda.

## **5. Separation of Items in Committee Reports for Discussion Purposes**

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT all Items contained within the Committee Reports (Items 12.1 to 12.5) not separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

Recorded vote on all items not separated for discussion purposes:

Yes (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (11 to 0)**

The following items were subject to the vote and carried accordingly:

## **12. Committee Reports**

### **12.1 Committee of the Whole - Operations Report #2024-11-05**

#### **12.1.1 Brantford Transit - Moving Forward Final Report, 2024-337**

- A. THAT Report No. 2024-337, titled "Brantford Transit - Moving Forward Final Report" BE RECEIVED, and
- B. THAT Brantford Transit – Moving Forward Final Report and the recommendations detailed throughout Section 9.0 "Analysis" BE ADOPTED

#### **12.1.2 Cemetery Master Plan Summary and Recommendations [Financial Impact: \$150,000 revenue], 2024-348**

- A. THAT Report 2024-348 titled, "Cemetery Master Plan Summary and Recommendations" BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Cemetery Master Plan Summary and Recommendations and recommendations for implementation as detailed in Section 9.8 of this report BE ADOPTED;
- C. THAT staff be directed to include \$150,000 in additional revenue to the 2025 Operating Budget; and

- D. THAT the necessary By-law to amend By-law 2021-2024, being a By-law to Fix Fees and Charges to be collected by The Corporation of the City of Brantford for 2024-2027, BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption

**12.1.3 Empowering Youth –City of Brantford Youth Strategy 2025-2027 [Financial Impact: None], 2024-662**

- A. THAT Report 2024-664 Empowering Youth Strategy 2025-2027 BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to implement the Empowering Youth Strategy 2025-2027 as outlined in Appendix B; and
- C. THAT Council ENDORSE ‘Youth’ as a Priority Area within the 2025-2028 Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

**12.1.5 Healthy Aging Strategy 2025-2027 [Financial Impact: Approx. \$44,781 from Casino Legacy Reserve], 2024-663**

- A. THAT Report 2024-663 Healthy Aging Strategy 2025-2027 BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to implement the Healthy Aging Strategy 2025-2027; and
- C. THAT funding for age-friendly initiatives and pilot projects over the next three years ending in December 2027 BE FUNDED from unspent funds in the Casino Legacy Reserve (RF0555) previously allocated to the Healthy Age-Friendly Strategy approved in 2018; and
- D. THAT Council ENDORSE ‘Older Adults’ as a Priority Area within the 2025-2028 Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

**12.1.6 Fire Route of Private Property – 585 Colborne Street [Financial Impact - None], 2024-555**

- A. THAT report no. 2024-555 titled “Fire Route on Private Property – 585 Colborne Street” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Schedule “27” of Parking by-law 144-88, which pertains to “Fire Routes on Private Property” BE AMENDED by adding the Fire Route for 585 Colborne Street; and

- C. THAT the necessary by-law BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

**12.1.7 Parkside Drive Traffic Safety Review [Financial Impact – None], 2024-322**

- A. THAT report no. 2024-322 regarding Parkside Drive Traffic Safety Review BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the recommended by-law changes as presented in Appendix “A” and further described in report no. 2024-322, Parkside Drive Traffic Safety Review BE APPROVED; and
- C. THAT the Parkside Drive traffic safety recommendations in the amount of \$64,000 BE CONSIDERED in the 2025 capital budget; and
- D. THAT the necessary by-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for ADOPTION.

**12.1.9 West Brant Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Review [Financial Impact – None], 2024-321**

- i. THAT report no. 2024-321 regarding the West Brant Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Review BE RECEIVED; and
- ii. THAT the recommended by-law changes as presented in Appendix “A” and further described in report no. 2024-321, West Brant Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Review BE APPROVED; and
- iii. THAT a capital project to implement the West Brant traffic safety recommendations BE CONSIDERED in the 2025 and 2026 capital budgets in the amount of \$683,000; and
- iv. THAT the necessary by-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for ADOPTION.

**12.1.10 Special Olympics Ontario**

WHEREAS Brantford has a long tradition of sporting excellence through hosting and servicing hundreds of local, regional and provincial tournaments and events annually; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford was officially recognized as the “Tournament Capital of Ontario” in the Provincial Legislature on June 4, 1998; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford’s Economic Development, Tourism & Cultural Initiatives Department (Tourism Division) has identified sport tourism as a core target market since 2013; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford’s *Sport Tourism Strategy* (2019) aspires to a vision that Brantford will be a leading sport tourism destination in structure, supports and execution as the Tournament Capital of Ontario;

WHEREAS the Brantford Police Service have been awarded a bid to host the 2025 Special Olympics Ontario Summer Games in Brantford on July 10-13, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Special Olympics Ontario Summer Games will welcome 900 athletes along with their families and support workers to the City of Brantford; and

WHEREAS the mission of Special Olympics Ontario is dedicated to enriching the lives of Ontarians with an intellectual disability through sport; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford’s Inclusive Community Plan aims to promote opportunities to support diversity, inclusion and developing a community in which every person feels safe and welcome.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the following administration costs to support the events BE FUNDED from the Council Priorities Reserve (RF0558) to a maximum of \$50,000:
  - i. Waiving facility and field rental fees
  - ii. Recovering the value of golf green fees and cart rental fees
  - iii. Waiving any permit fees required to execute the event

- iv. Preparing John Wright Soccer Complex and Kiwanis Field for the events including painting lines and additional grass cutting
  - v. Administering renting, staffing and cleaning the Quench Buggy or costs associated with an alternative solution
  - vi. Renting any waste containers or large garbage bins/dumpster at John Wright Soccer Complex for the event including pickup and dumping fees
  - vii. Renting up to five (5) portable washrooms and two (2) hand wash stations per site that do not have adequate washroom facilities in place for attendees
  - viii. Renting a shipping container at John Wright Soccer Complex for overnight storage or find a suitable location for storage of equipment or other materials for the duration of the event
  - ix. Fees associated with advertising the event on City buses
- B. THAT staff from the Communications, Community Engagement and Customer Service Department BE DIRECTED to design advertisements; and
- C. THAT interested City of Brantford staff BE PERMITTED to volunteer for the 2025 Special Olympics Ontario Summer Games where operationally feasible during regular working hours; and
- D. THAT the Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Cultural Initiatives Department BE DIRECTED to execute a sponsorship agreement between Special Olympics Ontario and The Corporation of the City of Brantford to outline roles and responsibilities for each party in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor or designate.

#### **12.1.11 Remembrance Day Crosswalk**

WHEREAS Remembrance Day is observed on November 11 each year to honour those who gave their lives to serve our country, and

WHEREAS a Remembrance Day crosswalk is a decorative pedestrian crosswalk that commemorates Remembrance Day,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT a crosswalk be installed near the Brant County War Memorial in time for Remembrance Day 2025; and
- B. THAT the crosswalk be funded to an upset limit of \$30,000 from the Council Priorities Reserve (RF0558).

## **12. Committee Reports**

### **12.2 Committee of the Whole - Planning and Administration Report #2024-11-12**

#### **12.2.1 Waterworks Park Parking Lot Additional Funding [Financial Impact - \$213,504], 2024-631**

- A. THAT Report 2024-631 titled Waterworks Park Additional Funds BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT an increase in the amount of \$213,504 to the capital budget for Waterworks Park Parking Lot (PK1906) BE FUNDED from the Capital Funding Envelope Reserve Fund (RF0556).

#### **12.2.2 Provincial Offences Court Services (POA) Accommodations Project Update [Financial Impact - \$3,550,000], 2024-655**

- A. THAT Report 2024-655, titled "Provincial Offences Court Services (POA) Accommodations Project Update" BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT an increase in the amount of \$3,550,000 to the capital budget for the POA Accommodations Project (PM2107) BE FUNDED from the Capital Funding Envelope Reserve (RF0556)

#### **12.2.3 Administrative Penalty System (APS) [Financial Impact – None], 2024-299**

- A. THAT Report No. 2024-299 BE RECEIVED; and

- B. THAT staff BE AUTHORIZED to implement the necessary policies, processes, and procedures for the establishment of an Administrative Penalty System (APS); and
- C. THAT the following By-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption with an effective date of December 1, 2024:
  - i. A By-law to Establish an Administrative Penalty System; and
  - ii. A By-law to Establish a Screening and Hearing Officer Appointment and Management System; and
  - iii. A By-law to Amend the Parking Control By-law (No. 144-88), to include the necessary language to allow tickets to be issued, processed and adjudicated through the Administrative Penalty System.

**12.2.4 Adaptive Re-use Incentives for Designated Heritage Properties using the Downtown and Greyfields Community Improvement Plans [Financial Impact - Variable], 2024-444**

- A. THAT Report 2024-444, titled “Adaptive Re-use Incentives for Designated Heritage Properties using the Downtown and Greyfields Community Improvement Plans”, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to prepare amendments to the Downtown and Greyfields Community Improvement Plans to implement the adaptive re-use incentives discussed in Report 2024-444.

**12.2.5 Proposed Amendments to Heritage Designation By-law 153-81 for 34 Myrtleville Drive (Myrtleville House Museum and Farmstead) [Financial Impact – Approximately \$533.11 - \$733.11], 2024-437**

- A. THAT Report 2024-437, titled ‘Proposed Amendments to Heritage Designation By-law 153-81 for 34 Myrtleville Drive (Myrtleville House Museum and Farmstead)’, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT a notice of proposed amendment to Heritage Designation By-Law 153-81 BE ISSUED to the property owner of 34 Myrtleville Drive in accordance with Section



30.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act for the reasons detailed in Report 2024-437; and

- C. THAT subject to Recommendation B., the amending by-law BE PRESENTED to Council for APPROVAL not before thirty (30) days after the notice of proposed amendment has been issued to the property owner.

**12.2.6 City-Operated Medical Clinic: Projected Capital and Operating Costs [Financial Impact: None], 2024-504**

THAT the following item BE REFERRED to staff to be reviewed as part of the Community Physician Recruitment Program 2024 and 2025 Action Plan:

THAT Report No. 2024-504 “City-Operated Medical Clinic: Projected Capital and Operating Costs” BE RECEIVED.

**12.2.7 Community Physician Recruitment Program 2024 and 2025 Action Plan [Financial Impact: None], 2024-618**

- A. THAT Report 2024-618 Community Physician Recruitment Program 2024 and 2025 Action Plan BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT an increase in funding in the amount of \$145,000 for the year 2025, BE APPROVED.

**12.2.8 Downtown Brantford Priority Plan: 2024 Annual Report [Financial Impact: None], 2024-619**

THAT Report 2024-619 Downtown Brantford Priority Plan: 2024 Annual Report BE RECEIVED.

**12.2.9 Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding - Councillor Sullivan**

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Brantford City Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
- B. THAT Brantford City Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
- C. THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
- D. THAT copies of this resolution BE FORWARDED to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and

Housing, Larry Brock - Member of Parliament (MP) and Will Bouma - Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and

- E. THAT copies of this resolution BE FORWARDED to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

### **12.3 Finance Committee Report #2024-11-13, 2024-705**

#### **12.3.1 External Auditor Annual Independence Letter, Engagement Letter, and Audit Plan [Financial Impact: none], 2024-626**

THAT Report 2024-626 regarding the Independence of the City's external auditor, the Engagement Letter and the Audit.

#### **12.3.2 Departmental Review of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, 2024-640**

- A. THAT Report 2024-640 Departmental Review of the Parks, Recreation and Facilities BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Winter and Summer Festival be delivered jointly by Parks and Recreation and Economic Development staff with this event being cost neutral.

#### **12.3.3 Quarterly Reserve and Reserve Fund Update [Financial Impact– None], 2024-648**

- A. THAT Report No. 2024-648 Quarterly Reserve and Reserve Fund Update, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the necessary by-law to establish RF0452 – Building Faster Fund Reserve Fund BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

#### **12.3.4 3rd Quarter Casino Update [Financial Impact -\$1,266,346 revenue], 2024-654**

THAT report 2024-654 titled 3rd Quarter Casino Update BE RECEIVED.

#### **12.3.5 Quarterly Status Report of Contracts Awarded [Financial Impact– None], 2024-638**

THAT Report 2024-638 titled “Quarterly Status Report of Contracts Awarded” for the period of July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024 BE RECEIVED.

#### **12.4 Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14**

##### **12.4.1 Zoning By-law Amendment PZ-11-24 – 816 Colborne Street [Financial Impact - None], 2024-427**

THAT the following item BE DEFERRED two cycles:

- A. THAT Zoning By-law Amendment Application PZ-11-24, submitted by J.H. Cohoon Engineering, on behalf of 816 Colborne Street Inc., affecting the lands municipally addressed as 816 Colborne Street, to rezone from “Residential Type 1B Zone (R1B)” to “Holding - Residential Medium Density Type A –Exception 96 Zone (H-R4A-96)” to permit townhouse units with site-specific provisions, BE APPROVED, in accordance with the applicable provisions outlined in Section 9.2 of Report 2024-427; and,
- B. THAT the By-law to remove the Holding “(H)” provision from the subject lands not be presented to the Chief Planner for approval until the following conditions have been satisfied:
  - i. THAT the applicant provide evidence that they consulted directly impacted neighbours on Colborne Street about the proposed road improvements related to the development, to the satisfaction of the City;
  - ii. THAT the applicant receive approval for an appropriate new access to facilitate the proposed development, to the satisfaction of the City; and,
- C. THAT pursuant to Section 34(18.2) of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, c. P.13 the following statement SHALL BE INCLUDED in the Notice of Decision: “Regard has been had for all written and oral submissions received from the public before the decision was made in relation to this planning matter, as discussed in Section 9.4 of Report 2024-427.”

##### **12.4.2 Various Road Dedication Bylaws [Financial Impact – None], 2024-210**

- A. That Report 2024-210 titled “Various Road Dedication Bylaws” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. That the following by-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for ADOPTION:
  - i. By-law to declare and dedicate Reserve Block 135, Plan 2M-1892, City of Brantford, as Public Highway, to be known as Hoodless Court; and
  - ii. By-law to declare and dedicate Reserve Block 43, Plan 2M-1879, City of Brantford and Reserve Block 93, Plan 2M-1878, City of Brantford, as Public Highway, to be known as Longboat Run East; and
  - iii. By-law to change the name of Rudd Street to Rudd Way

**12.4.3 Wayne Gretzky Parkway 0.3m Reserve Dedication and Lane Designation By-laws [Financial Impact – None], 2024-528**

- A. THAT report 2024-528 titled Wayne Gretzky Parkway 0.3m Reserve Dedication and Lane Designation Bylaws BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the following by-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption:
  - i. By-law to dedicate part of Lot 37, Concession 3 in the Township Brantford, now the City of Brantford, designated as Part 15 on Reference 1 on Reference Plan 2R-9067, as part of the Public Highway, to be known as Wayne Gretzky Parkway; and
  - ii. THAT Schedule “5” of Traffic Bylaw 37-83 which pertains to “Lane Designation” BE AMENDED as outlined in Appendix “B” of Report No. 2024-158

**12.4.4 West Brant Heights Phase 2 Subdivision Agreement [Financial Impact - None], 2024-435**

- A. THAT Report 2024-435, “West Brant Heights Phase 2 Subdivision Agreement” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to place the West Brant Heights Phase 2 Subdivision Agreement on a signing by-law to BE EXECUTED by the Mayor and Clerk; and

C. THAT the following by-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for ADOPTION:

- i. By-law to declare and dedicate Block 119, Registered Plan 2M-1978, City of Brantford, as part of the Public Highway, to be known as Granka Street; and
- ii. By-law to declare and dedicate Block 122, Registered Plan 2M-1978, City of Brantford, as part of the Public Highway, to be known as Strickland Avenue; and
- iii. By-law to declare and dedicate Part 1, Plan 2R- 9008, City of Brantford and Parts 10 and Part 12, Plan 2R- 8205, City of Brantford, as part of the Public Highway, to be known as Frey Crescent; and
- iv. By-law to declare and dedicate Part 2, Plan 2R- 9008, City of Brantford, as part of the Public Highway, to be known as Granka Street, and
- v. By-law to declare and dedicate Part 3 and Part 5, Plan 2R-9008, City of Brantford, as part of the Public Highway, to be known as Vollett Street, and
- vi. By-law to declare and dedicate Part 4, Plan 2R- 9008, City of Brantford, as part of the Public Highway, to be known as Strickland Avenue.

## **12. Committee Reports**

### **12.5 Appointments Committee Report #2024-11-19**

#### **12.5.2 2023-2024 Council Attendance Report, 2024-682**

THAT the appointment of Members of Council to various Committees, Boards and Task Forces as outlined in Appendix "A" attached hereto BE APPROVED.

#### **12.5.3 Appointment of Citizen Members to Various Boards.**

- A. THAT The following Citizen members are hereby appointed to the following Committees and Task Forces for terms to expire as specified:
  - i. Brantford Accessibility Advisory Committee

THAT the following applicants BE APPOINTED to the Brantford Accessibility Advisory Board for a term to expire November 14, 2028:

1. Madison Moyer

ii. Brantford Airport Board

THAT the following applicants BE APPOINTED to the Brantford Airport Board for a term to expire November 14, 2028:

1. Mark Littell

2. Brittany Young

iii. Brantford Heritage Committee

THAT the following applicants BE APPOINTED to the Brantford Heritage Committee for a term to expire November 14, 2028:

1. Dan Brown

2. Nathan Etherington

3. Tamara Cupoli

4. Nicholas Wildey

iv. Economic Development, Tourism and Cultural Initiatives Committee

THAT the following applicants BE APPOINTED to the Economic Development, Tourism and Cultural Initiatives Advisory Committee for a term to expire November 14, 2028

1. Jay Goldberg

v. Environmental and Sustainability Policy Advisory Committee

THAT the following applicants BE APPOINTED to the Environmental Sustainability Policy Advisory Committee for a term to expire November 14, 2028:

1. Andy Straisfeld

2. David Kielstra

vi. Property Standards Committee

THAT the following applicants BE APPOINTED to the Property Standards Committee for a term to expire November 14, 2028

1. Brenda Hertog

2. Tamara Cupoli

vii. Public Consultation Task Force

THAT the following applicants BE APPOINTED to the Public Consultation Committee for a term to expire November 14, 2028

1. Jay Goldberg

B. THAT Schedule "4" of Chapter 26 BE AMENDED by adding 1 additional citizen member to the Brantford Airport Board composition.

**6. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

**7. Recognition of Achievements**

**7.1 GRCA Wastewater Optimization (WWOP) Recognition Program Gold Award Recipient**

Mayor Davis presented a certificate of recognition to Selvi Kongara, Director of Environmental Services, Tim Howarth – Manager of Wastewater Operations, and Andrew Drinkwater – Supervisor of Wastewater Operations for achieving Gold Recognition Status in the Grand River Watershed-wide Wastewater Optimization Program.

**8. Proclamations**

Moved by Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by Councillor Sullivan

THAT the following proclamations BE APPROVED:

**8.1 Project Red Ribbon - November 1, 2024 to January 8, 2025**

Moved by Councillor Sicoli



WHEREAS, Project Red Ribbon is a commitment made by Canadians to drive safe and sober. It is a highly visible, community public awareness campaign which depends on volunteer participation to promote the message that deaths and injuries resulting from impaired driving are needless tragedies and totally preventable;

WHEREAS, Each year from the beginning of November until the first Monday after New Year's, MADD Canada volunteers across the country distribute red ribbons and/or car decals and ask Canadians to display a red ribbon and/or car decal on their vehicle, key chain, or on a personal item like their purse, briefcase or backpack;

WHEREAS, the MADD Canada red ribbon and/or car decal is a powerful symbol. By displaying the ribbon and/or car decal, you are making a personal commitment to drive sober. A red ribbon and/or car decal is also used to pay tribute to the thousands of Canadians who have lost their lives or who have been injured as a result of impaired driving. The red ribbon and/or car decal also reinforces the message to drive sober throughout the holidays and the year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford HEREBY PROCLAIMS November 1, 2024 to January 8, 2025 as "Project Red Ribbon" in the City of Brantford.

Recorded vote on all Proclamations:

Yes (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (11 to 0)**

**9. Presentations/Delegations**

There were no presentations or delegations.

**10. Clerk's Report on Communications**

**10.1 Clerk's Report on Communication for November 2024, 2024-707**

Moved by Councillor Carpenter  
 Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Clerk's Report on Communication for November 2024 BE RECEIVED.

Recorded vote on Clerk's Report on Communication:

Yes (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (11 to 0)**

## **11. Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Hunt  
 Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

THAT the following Minutes BE ADOPTED:

**11.1 City Council – October 29, 2024**

**11.2 Special City Council – November 12, 2024**

**11.3 Special City Council – Private and Confidential – November 12, 2024**

**11.4 John Noble Home Committee of Management – November 13, 2024**

**11.5 John Noble Home Committee of Management – Private and Confidential – November 13, 2024**

Recorded vote on all minutes:

Yes (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (11 to 0)**

## **12. Committee Reports**

Moved by Councillor Sless  
 Seconded by Councillor Caputo

THAT all Items in the Committee Reports (Items 12.1 to 12.5) separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

## **12.1 Committee of the Whole - Operations Report #2024-11-05**

### **12.1.4 Background Regarding Public Health Mergers in Ontario [Financial Impact: None], 2024-606**

Moved by Councillor McCreary

Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the decision of the chair BE SUSTAINED.

Recorded vote on Challenge of the Chair's ruling:

Yes (7): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Sless, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, and Councillor Samwell

No (4): Councillor Caputo, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (7 to 4)**

THAT Report 2024-606 titled Background Regarding Public Health Mergers in Ontario BE RECEIVED.

Recorded vote on item 12.1.4:

Yes (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (11 to 0)**

### **12.1.8 Tollgate Road Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Review [Financial Impact – None], 2024-327**

- A. THAT report no. 2024-327 regarding the Tollgate Road Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Review BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the recommended by-law changes as presented in Appendix “A” and further described in report no 2024-327, Tollgate Road Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Review” BE APPROVED; and

- C. That a capital project to implement the Tollgate Road Neighbourhood traffic safety recommendations, in the amount of \$128,000, BE CONSIDERED in the 2025 capital budget; and
- D. THAT the necessary by-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for ADOPTION.

Recorded vote on item 12.1.8:

Yes (2): Mayor Davis, and Councillor Hunt

No (9): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Lost (2 to 9)**

**12.2 Committee of the Whole - Planning and Administration Report #2024-11-12**

**12.2.10 Climate-Ready Plan Grant Application - Councillor Martin**

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has made funding available through the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Initiative; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford and its infrastructure are at risk of various climate hazards such as flooding, extreme heat, extreme weather events, and others; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford needs to adapt for the impacts of climate change by developing climate risk assessments and climate adaptation plans which are critical for safeguarding infrastructure, protecting essential services, and ensuring the well-being of all residents; and

WHEREAS having a well-defined climate adaptation plan will outline targeted action to reduce the impacts of climate challenges, protect infrastructure like water management systems and energy grids, and enhance public health; and

WHEREAS a Climate Adaptation Plan is expected to assess methods to provide stormwater relief for flooding that is caused by extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS staff were directed to develop a climate adaptation plan as part of the Corporate Climate Change Action Plan approved in November 2020 in Report 2020-472; and

WHEREAS cities all across Ontario and Canada are developing climate adaptation plans to address climate hazards and protect the people, property, and prosperity of their communities; and

WHEREAS FCM will provide a grant of 60% of project costs up to a maximum of \$105,000 for the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Initiative and this project will be added to the City's 2025 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS having a climate adaptation plan will enable the City of Brantford to be eligible for funding opportunities through FCM to implement climate adaptation infrastructure such as for flood mitigation and reducing the urban heat island; and

WHEREAS staff are required to forward a resolution of Brantford City Council's support towards this initiative to FCM as part of the application process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff BE DIRECTED to apply for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Initiative for the City of Brantford Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Plan.

Recorded vote on item 12.2.10:

Yes (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (10 to 0)**

**12.2.11 Request for Download of King George Road - Mayor Davis**

WHEREAS the City of Brantford adjusted the municipal boundary in 2017 adding 2,700 gross hectares of land, including the lands from Powerline Road North to Governor's Road East to accommodate significant residential and employment growth; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford Official Plan identifies King George Road, north of Powerline Road, as an Intensification Corridor bisecting two residential Block Plans, known as the Powerline Central and Powerline West block plan areas; and

WHEREAS King George Road, north of Powerline Road is under provincial jurisdiction and referred to as King's Highway 24, managed and maintained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford currently owns and maintains a portion of King George Road, south of Powerline Road through a Ministry of Transportation administered program called the Connecting Links Program for critical roadways that serve both provincial and municipal interests; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford is working with the development community to achieve the City's housing target to build 10,000 new homes by 2031 to support the Province's goal to build 1.5 million homes in the same period; and

WHEREAS the development of the lands within the Powerline Central and Powerline West Block Plan areas, adjacent to the King's Highway 24 corridor will result in approximately 15,000 new homes; and

WHEREAS the King's Highway 24 corridor being owned by the Ministry of Transportation is a constraint for future development due to provincial policies related to setbacks, access, placement of utilities and stormwater management, and will prevent the full urbanization of this corridor; and

WHEREAS the location of a planned new east-west major collector road traversing King's Highway 24, identified in the City's Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan, cannot meet the provincial guidelines for access spacing on a provincial highway under the current ownership requirements; and

WHEREAS the relocation of the planned east/west major collector corridor would be significantly impeded by natural heritage system constraints and rolling topography.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford REQUEST the Ministry of Transportation download King George Road, north of Powerline Road to Governor's Road East, to the City of Brantford, having full jurisdiction of this roadway, or as an alternative; and
- B. THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford REQUEST AND ENDORSE an extension to the Ministry of Transportation's Connecting Links Program to transfer the remaining portion of King's Highway 24 within the city limits into the City's jurisdiction; and
- C. THAT Senior staff at the Ministry of Transportation be REQUESTED to work in unison with City staff on an interim Highway Access Management Plan, until such time a transfer of ownership can occur, to expedite development and servicing of the affected lands; and
- D. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Will Bouma, MPP for Brantford Brant and the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation

AMENDMENT

To include a request to the ministry for maintenance and capital funds for a ten year period

Recorded vote on amendment to item 12.2.11:

Yes (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

No (1): Councillor Sicoli

**Carried (10 to 1)**

Recorded vote on item 12.2.11 as amended:

Yes (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (11 to 0)**

**12.5 Appointments Committee Report #2024-11-19**

**12.5.1 Appointment of Members of Council to Various Committees, Boards, Advisory Committees and Task Forces**

- A. THAT the appointment of Members of Council to various Committees, Boards and Task Forces as outlined in Appendix "A" attached hereto as amended BE APPROVED; and
- B. THAT the joint City-County Shared Services Committee BE DISBANDED; and
- C. THAT the Zoning By-Law Task Force BE DISBANDED.

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT item 12.5.1 BE DEFERRED to the next Appointments Committee meeting.

Recorded vote on motion to defer item 12.5.1:



Yes (4): Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, and Councillor Samwell

No (7): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Lost (4 to 7)**

Recorded vote on Clauses B and C of item 12.5.1:

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

No (1): Councillor Martin

**Carried (10 to 1)**

Recorded vote on Clause A of item 12.5.1:

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

No (1): Councillor Martin

**Carried (10 to 1)**

### **13. Urgent Reports**

#### **13.1 2025 Shared Social Services Budget Approval [Financial Impact – \$19,205,188 Operating Budget, \$3,973,829 Capital Budget], 2024-708**

Moved by Councillor Van Tilborg  
Seconded by Councillor Samwell

- A. THAT Report 2024-708 titled 2025 Shared Social Services Budget Approval BE RECEIVED;
- B. THAT the following 2025 budget BE APPROVED:
  - i. Shared Social Services Operating Budget - \$19,205,188
  - ii. Shared Social Services Capital Budget - \$3,973,829; and
- C. THAT the Director of Housing and Homelessness and the Purchasing Officer BE AUTHORIZED to award 2025 capital projects contained herein in accordance with the City of Brantford's Purchasing Policy; and
- D. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to deliver the final shared services budget to the County on or before December 1, 2024.

Recorded vote on item 13.1:

Yes (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (11 to 0)**

#### **14. Resolutions**

##### **14.1 Tentative Settlement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 636, Unit 41 for a renewal Collective Agreement from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2028, 2024-660 (Special City Council In-Camera Resolution - November 12, 2024)**

Moved by Councillor Sullivan  
Seconded by Councillor Sicoli

THAT Council RATIFY the settlement reached between The Corporation of the City of Brantford and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 636, Unit 41 for renewal of the Collective Agreement to cover the period of June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2028.

Recorded vote on item 14.1:

Yes (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (11 to 0)**

**14.2 Disposition of Underutilized City-owned Properties on Marlene Avenue, 2024-646 (Special City Council In-Camera Resolution - November 12, 2024)**

Moved by Councillor Samwell

Seconded by Councillor Van Tilborg

- A. THAT Council approves the listing for sale of the following properties:
  - i. 10 Marlene Avenue;
  - ii. The two (2) lots to be severed from 5 Marlene Avenue; and
- B. THAT Staff BE AUTHORIZED to take all necessary actions to dispose of the following vacant properties separately and individually of each other, which includes: marketing, listing, obtaining reference plans, depositing surveys, to retain external real estate agent(s) (and waive the requirements of the Purchase Policy for this purpose) and signing any and all documents required to undertake the above.

Recorded vote on item 14.2:

Yes (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (11 to 0)**

**14.3 Acquisition of Property at 57 Charlotte Street [Financial Impact: \$1,628,475], 2024-571 (Special City Council In-Camera Resolution - November 12, 2024)**

Moved by Councillor McCreary

Seconded by Councillor Martin

- A. THAT the agreement of purchase and sale of the acquisition of 57 Charlotte Street for \$1,600,000 plus land transfer tax costs of \$28,475 to a total upset limit of \$1,628,475 to BE FUNDED from the Capital Funding Envelope Reserve (RF0556); and
- B. THAT Staff BE AUTHORIZED to sign any and all documents necessary to complete the acquisition; and
- C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to place the Agreement of Purchase and Sale between The Corporation of the City of Brantford and the Vendor on the Signing By-law for execution by the Mayor and City Clerk; and
- D. THAT Staff BE AUTHORIZED to execute a nominal lease between The Corporation of the City of Brantford and The Brant Historical Society for a 5 year term with 1 option to extend for an additional 5 years.

Recorded vote on item 14.3:

Yes (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

No (1): Councillor Carpenter

**Carried (10 to 1)**

**15. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

**16. By-laws**

Moved by Councillor Carpenter

Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT LEAVE BE GIVEN to the Mover and Seconder to introduce the following By-laws for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

BY-LAW READINGS PREAMBLE

153-2024 THREE To amend By-law Number 144-88, being a by-law to regulate Parking in the City of Brantford (Public Works Policy – 021 Amending On-Street Parking Regulations)

- 154-2024     THREE     A By-law to provide for an interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes for the year 2025 (2024-587) (Finance Committee Report #2024-10-16)
- 155-2024     THREE     Being a By-law to amend By-law 021-2024, being a By-law to Fix Fees and Charges to be collected by The Corporation of the City of Brantford for 2024-2027 (2024-348) (Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2024-11-05)
- 156-2024     THREE     To amend Parking By-law 144-88, being a by-law to regulate Parking in the City of Brantford (2024-555) (Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2024-11-05)
- 157-2024     THREE     To amend Parking By-law 144-88, being a by-law to regulate Parking in the City of Brantford (Parkside Drive) (2024-322) (Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2024-11-05)
- 158-2024     THREE     To amend Traffic By-law 37-83, being a by-law to regulate Traffic in the City of Brantford (Parkside Drive) (2024-322) (Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2024-11-05)
- 160-2024     THREE     To amend Parking By-law 144-88, being a by-law to regulate Parking in the City of Brantford (West Brant) (2024-321) (Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2024-11-05)
- 161-2024     THREE     To amend Traffic By-law 37-83, being a by-law to regulate Traffic in the City of Brantford (West Brant) (2024-321) (Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2024-11-05)
- 162-2024     THREE     Being a By-law to Establish a Building Faster Fund Reserve Fund (2024-648) (Finance Committee Report #2024-11-13)
- 163-2024     THREE     Being a by-law to declare and dedicate Reserve Block 135, Registered Plan 2M-1892, City of Brantford, being all of PIN 32612-1268 (LT) as part of the public highway, to be known as Hoodless Court (2024-210) (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)
- 164-2024     THREE     Being a by-law to declare and dedicate Reserve Block 43, Registered Plan 2M-1879, City of Brantford, being all of PIN 32612-0983 (LT) and Reserve Block 93, Registered Plan 2M-1878, City of Brantford, being all of PIN 32612-0927 (LT) as part of the public highway, to be known as Longboat Run East. (2024-210) (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)

165-2024 THREE Being a By-law to change the name of Rudd Street to Rudd Way (2024-210) (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)

166-2024 THREE Wayne Gretzky Parkway 0.3m Reserve Dedication and Lan Designation By-law (2024-528) (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)

167-2024 THREE Wayne Gretzky Parkway – Traffic By-law Amendment Schedule 5 (2024-528) (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)

168-2024 THREE Being a by-law to declare and dedicate Reserve Block 119, Registered Plan 2M-1978, City of Brantford, being all of PIN 32074-1283 (LT), as part of the public highway, to be known as Granka Street. (2024-435) (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)

169-2024 THREE Being a by-law to declare and dedicate Reserve Block 122, Registered Plan 2M-1978, City of Brantford, being all of PIN 32074-1286 (LT), as part of the public highway, to be known as Strickland Avenue (2024-435) (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)

170-2024 THREE Being a by-law to declare and dedicate Part of Block 5, Kerr Tract, City of Brantford, being Part 1 on Reference Plan 2R-9056, City of Brantford, being Part of the PIN 32074-1164 (LT) and Part of Block 5, Kerr Tract, City of Brantford, being Parts 10 and 12 on Reference Plan 2R-8205, City of Brantford, being Part of the PIN 32074-1164(LT), as part of the public highway, to be known as Frey Crescent. (2024-435) (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)

171-2024 THREE Being a by-law to declare and dedicate Part of Block 5, Kerr Tract, City of Brantford, being Part 2 on Reference Plan 2R-9056, City of Brantford, being Part of the PIN 32074-1164 (LT), as part of the public highway, to be known as Granka Street. (2024-435) (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)

172-2024 THREE Being a by-law to declare and dedicate Part of Block 5, Kerr Tract, City of Brantford, being Parts 3 and 5 on Reference Plan 2R-9056, City of Brantford, being Part of the PIN 32074-1164 (LT), as part of the public highway, to be known as Vollett Avenue (2024-210) (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)

173-2024 THREE Being a by-law to declare and dedicate Part of Block 5, Kerr Tract, City of Brantford, being Part 4 on Reference Plan 2R-9056, City of Brantford, being Part of the PIN 32074-1164 (LT), as part of

the public highway, to be known as Strickland Avenue. 2024-435 (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)

174-2024 THREE Appointment of Members of Council to various committees, Boards, Advisory Committees and Task Forces (Appointments Committee Report #2024-11-19)

175-2024 THREE Appointment of Citizen Members to Various Boards (Appointments Committee Report #2024-11-19)

176-2024 THREE Being a By-law to approve the purchase of lands known as 57 Charlotte Street in the City of Brantford (2024-571) (Special City Council – November 12, 2024)

177-2024 THREE By-law to authorize the execution of AGREEMENTS individually dated and listed on Schedule 'A' attached hereto:

1. West Brant Heights Phase 2 Subdivision Agreement (2024-210) (Planning Committee Report #2024-11-14)
2. Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the City of Brantford and Brant Historical Society Board (57 Charlotte Street) (2024-571) (Special City Council – November 12, 2024)

178-2024 THREE By-law to confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford with respect to the Meeting held on November 26, 2024.

Recorded vote on 1st and 2nd reading of all By-laws not separated for discussion purposes:

Yes (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (11 to 0)**

THAT all by-laws having received a first and second reading BE TAKEN as read a third time, and be finally passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Recorded vote on 3rd reading of all By-laws not separated for discussion purposes:

Yes (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (11 to 0)**

**17. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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K. Davis, Mayor

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Chris Gauthier, City Clerk