



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 4, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

1. Roll Call

Chair Bell called the meeting to order and roll call was confirmed.

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

2. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

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

3. Separation of Items for Consideration and Consent Items for Discussion Purposes

Moved by: Mayor Davis

Seconded by: Councillor Samwell

THAT all items for Consideration and Consent (5.1 - 6.1) not separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

Carried

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

5. Items for Consideration

5.3 Appointment of Ontario Works Administrator [Financial Impact: None], 2024-331

- A. THAT Report 2024-331 Appointment of Ontario Works Administrator BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the appointment of Michelle Connor, Director of Community Strategies and Family Supports, as the Ontario Works Administrator BE APPROVED; 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

6.1 Minutes

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4. Delegations/Presentations

4.1 Delegations

There were no delegations.

4.2 Presentations

Brian Hutchings, Chief Administrative Officer, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the application. A PowerPoint Presentation was made and a copy was placed in the meeting folder.

5. Items for Consideration

Moved by: Mayor Davis

Seconded by: Councillor Samwell

THAT all Items for consideration/consent (5.1 and 6.1) separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

The items were then voted on separately and carried accordingly.

5.4 2025 Shared Social Services Budget [Financial Impact – \$19,941,180 Operating Budget, \$3,973,829 Capital Budget], 2024-522

- A. THAT Report 2024-522 - 2024 Shared Services Budget BE RECEIVED; and

- B. THAT the 2025 draft operating and capital Shared Social Services budgets as contained in report 2024-522 BE APPROVED as follows:
- i. Base budget totaling \$19,756,116, representing a 7.18% increase; and
 - ii. Addition of two full-time Community Initiatives Coordinators totaling \$185,064, representing an additional 1.01% increase; and
 - iii. Capital budget totaling \$3,973,829; and
- C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to deliver a copy of this report and the Committee's recommendations to the County of Brant prior to October 1, 2024.

Carried

5.1 2024-25 Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Investment Plan [Financial Impact - None], 2024-423

- A. THAT Report 2024-423, 2024-25 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
- THAT the Senior Director of Community Services and Social Development BE DIRECTED to fund the capital repair projects as identified in this report from COCHI/OPHI; and
- THAT the Senior Director of Community Services and Social Development 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

THAT the Senior Director of Community Services and Social Development BE AUTHORIZED to revise or add capital repair projects for funding from COCHI or OPHI, as needed, to ensure full expenditure of the allocations; and

THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

Carried

5.2 Housing Stability Wintering Plan [Financial Impact: \$250,000], 2024-473

- A. THAT Report 2024-473 Housing Stability Wintering Plan BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to extend the existing contracts with all emergency shelter providers for one (1) year effective November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025, with the option to renew for an additional 1-year term effective November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026, fully funded by Homelessness Prevention Program provincial grant funding; Existing shelter providers include:
 - i. Nova Vita, Inc.;
 - ii. Rosewood House, Inc.;
 - iii. Salvation Army Brantford Booth Centre; and
 - iv. SOAR Community Services Inc. Cornerstone House; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to issue and award a competitive process to select a qualified vendor to operate a temporary winter shelter from November 1, 2024 to April 1, 2025 at an upset limit of \$250,000; and
- D. THAT the cost for the temporary winter shelter BE FUNDED from the Housing Provider Stability Reserve (RF0476); and;
- E. THAT the Senior Director, Community Services and Social Development and the Manager of Purchasing BE AUTHORIZED to execute the extension agreements and any amendments thereto

related to the emergency shelters, and the operation of a temporary winter shelter; and

- F. 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 10:38am.

Councillor Bell, Chair

K. Demeulemeester, Committee
Coordinator