



## **CITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

December 17, 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**

**4.1 Councillor Sullivan - Blue Box Recycling Program – Update on Transition to Individual Producer Responsibility in 2025 [Financial Impact \$84,800], 2024-692**

Councillor Sullivan declared a conflict on this item due to his full-time employment.

**4.2 Councillor Carpenter - Code of Conduct Investigation – Integrity Commissioner Report, 2024-721**

Councillor Carpenter declared a conflict on this item as he is named as the Respondent in the investigation.

**4.3 Councillor Caputo - Year 2 Budget Confirmation – Local Boards [Financial Impact – 2025 - \$73,359,283 Operating and \$3,058,809 Capital], 2024-706**

Councillor Caputo declared a conflict on the Brantford Police Services budget as he has a family member on the auxiliary.

**4.4 Councillor Sless - Year 2 Budget Confirmation – Local Boards [Financial Impact – 2025 - \$73,359,283 Operating and \$3,058,809 Capital], 2024-706**

Councillor Sless declared a conflict on the John Noble Home budget as he has a family member employed there.

**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 12.4) 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 #2024-12-03, 2024-720**

**12.1.3 Brantford 2050 City Vision: Project Update [Financial Impact: None], 2024-691**

THAT Report 2024-691 titled Brantford 2050 City Vision: Project Update BE RECEIVED.

**12.1.5 Murray Street / East Ward Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Review [Financial Impact – None], 2024-325**

- A. THAT report no. 2024-325 regarding the Murray Street / East Ward 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. 2024-325, Murray Street / East Ward Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Review BE APPROVED; and
- C. THAT funding in the amount of \$19,300, be provided from the Road Safety initiatives reserve (RF0575) in 2025, to implement the Murray Street / East Ward traffic safety recommendations; and
- D. THAT Murray Street / East Ward traffic safety recommendations in the amount of \$119,900 BE CONSIDERED in the 2026 capital budget; and
- E. THAT the necessary by-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for ADOPTION.

**12.1.6 2024 Climate Change Action Plan Annual Update [Financial Impact: None], 2024-306**

THAT Report 2024-306 “2024 Climate Change Action Plan Update” BE RECEIVED.

**12.1.7 Amendments to The Brantford Source Protection Plan [No Financial Impact], 2024-543**

- A. THAT Report No. 2024-543 titled “Amendments to The Brantford Source Protection Plan” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the proposed amendments to specific policies in the Brantford Source Protection Plan as set out in Appendix A of Report 2024-543 BE APPROVED; and
- C. THAT a copy of this resolution BE PROVIDED to the Grand River Source Protection Authority by December 27, 2024.

**12. Committee Reports**

## **12.2 Estimates Committee Report #2024-12-04**

### **12.2.1 2025 City Budget Priorities – Public Engagement Campaign Findings [Financial Impact: None], 2024-709**

THAT Report 2024-709, 2025 City Budget Priorities – Public Engagement Campaign Findings BE RECEIVED.

## **12. Committee Reports**

### **12.3 Committee of the Whole - Planning and Administration Report #2024-12-10**

#### **12.3.1 Brant Land Trust Pond Property on Savannah Oaks Drive [Financial Impact: \$16,428.27], 2024-697**

- A. THAT Report 2024-697 BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Council DIRECT STAFF to refund the municipal property taxes for the Savannah Oaks Drive Pond Property (PLAN 2M1854 PT LOT 1 RP 2R8891 PART 3; Roll number 2906-010-012-14505) owned by Brant Land Trust for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025 in the amount of \$16,428.27.

#### **12.3.2 Second Phase of Neighbourhood Consultation Results for Three Potential Heritage Conservation Districts [Financial Impact - None], 2024-678**

- A. THAT Report 2024-678, titled “Second Phase of Neighbourhood Consultation Results for Three Potential Heritage Conservation Districts”, BE RECEIVED for information; and
- B. THAT, due to a lack of widespread resident interest, heritage conservation district designation NOT BE PURSUED at this time for any of the consulted neighbourhoods; and
- C. THAT Staff REPORT BACK with options for heritage commemoration with the various neighbourhoods consulted by Q4 2025.

#### **12.3.3 Downtown Entertainment District – Options Report [Financial Impact: None], 2024-703**

- A. THAT Report 2023-703, titled “Downtown Entertainment District – Options Report”, BE RECEIVED; and

- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to proceed with Option 1 as outlined in Report 2023-703; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Council in Q3-2025 regarding Option 1 in Report 2023-703 with the potential costs and implementation strategy.

#### **12.3.4 Economic Development Strategy (2024-2031), 2024-73**

- A. THAT Report 2024-73 titled “Economic Development Strategy (2024-2031)” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City of Brantford Economic Development Strategy (2024-2031) (Appendix A) BE APPROVED and IMPLEMENTED in order to further economic growth and development in the City of Brantford; and
- C. THAT the supporting information contained in the Brantford Community Profile (Appendix B), Situational Analysis (Appendix C), Retail Analysis (Appendix D) and Economic Development Strategy (2016) – Final Report Card (Appendix E) BE RECEIVED; and
- D. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Council, annually, on the progress of implementation of the Economic Development Strategy (2024-2031).

#### **12.3.5 Brantford Truth and Reconciliation Action Plan – Recommended Next Steps [Financial Impact: None], 2024-649**

- A. THAT Report 2024-649 Brantford Truth and Reconciliation Action Plan – Recommended Next Steps BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to undertake the development of a Brantford Truth and Reconciliation Action Plan; and
- C. THAT Council ENDORSE ‘Truth and Reconciliation’ as a Priority Area within the 2025-2028 Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

#### **12.3.7 Annual Update on Street Naming – 2024 [Financial Impact – None], 2024-639**

THAT Report 2024-639, “Annual Update on Street Naming – 2024”, BE RECEIVED.

### **12.3.8 OMERS By-law Update [Financial Impact: None], 2024-675**

- A. THAT Report 2024-675 regarding the OMERS By-law Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the updated City of Brantford OMERS Participation By-law and a By-law to repeal By-laws 84-64, 164-79, 183-94, 170-2002, 138-2006 BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

### **12.3.9 People Master Plan Status Update #2 [Financial Impact: None], 2024-613**

THAT Report 2024-613 regarding the People Master Plan Status Update #2 BE RECEIVED.

## **6. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

## **7. Recognition of Achievements**

There was no recognition of achievements.

## **8. Proclamations**

Moved by Councillor Samwell  
Seconded by Councillor Van Tilborg

THAT the following proclamation BE APPROVED:

### **8.1 – Bell Let’s talk – January 22, 2025**

Recorded vote on the Proclamation:

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)**

Councillor Samwell read the following proclamation:

### **8.1 Bell Let's Talk - January 22, 2025**

WHEREAS January 22, 2025, marks the 15th annual Bell Let's Talk Day, a day of conversation, support and positive change for mental health; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford supports positive mental health for all citizens and members of our Community and seeks to improve the lives of the one in five Canadians who will experience a mental illness or mental health issue in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS raising the Bell Let's Talk flag is a visible reminder to the members of the community that mental health matters, that help is available, and that we are committed to creating change; and

WHEREAS "Bell Let's Talk Day" promotes mental health awareness, acceptance and action build on four key pillars: fighting stigma, improving access to care, supporting world-class research and leading by example in workplace mental health.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford hereby PROCLAIMS Wednesday, January 22, 2025, as "Bell Let's Talk Day" in the City of Brantford.

## **9. Presentations/Delegations**

### **9.1 Jeffrey Shapiro, J.D., LL.M., Investigator ADR Chambers, Integrity Commissioner Office**

Jeffrey Shapiro, J.D., LL.M., Investigator ADR Chambers, Integrity Commissioner Office, appeared before Council and provided an overview of Item 13.1 - Code of Conduct Investigation and responded to questions of Council.

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

### **10.1 Clerk's Report on Communication for December 2024, 2024-716**

Moved by Councillor Hunt  
Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

THAT the Clerk's Report on Communication for December 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 McCreary  
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the following Minutes BE ADOPTED:

**11.1 Special City Council – November 19, 2024**

**11.2 City Council – November 26, 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)**

**13. Integrity Commissioner Report**

**13.1 Code of Conduct Investigation – Integrity Commissioner Report, 2024-721**

Councillor Carpenter declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Carpenter declared a conflict on this item as he is named as the Respondent in the investigation.)

Moved by Councillor Sicoli  
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT report 2024-721 entitled Code of Conduct Investigation – Integrity Commissioner Reports BE RECEIVED.

Moved by Councillor Sicoli  
Seconded by Councillor Caputo

AMENDMENT

WHEREAS The Council of the corporation of the City of Brantford holds their Code of Conduct in the highest regard as a guideline to maintain integrity, transparency and decorum of their proceedings; and



WHEREAS Councillor Richard Carpenter has demonstrated a violation of the Oath of Confidentiality as outlined in the City of Brantford's Code of Conduct; and

WHEREAS the integrity commissioner in this investigation ruled that the transgression by Councillor Carpenter "appeared purposeful";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford hereby orders a penalty against Councillor Richard Carpenter of a suspension of remuneration for 30 days, commencing on January 1st, 2025.

Recorded vote on the amendment to Item 13.1:

Yes (6): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, and Councillor McCreary

No (4): Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

Conflict (1): Councillor Carpenter

**Carried (6 to 4)**

Recorded vote on Clause A:

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Carpenter

**Carried (10 to 0)**

Recorded vote on Clause B, as amended:

Yes (6): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, and Councillor McCreary

No (4): Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

Conflict (1): Councillor Carpenter

**Carried (6 to 4)**

## **12. Committee Reports**

Moved by Councillor Van Tilborg  
Seconded by Councillor Samwell

THAT all Items in the Committee Reports (Items 12.1 to 12.4) separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

### **12.1 Committee of the Whole - Operations Report #2024-12-03, 2024-720**

#### **12.1.1 Active Transportation – Missing Sidewalk Links [Financial Impact – None], 2024-462**

- A. THAT report 2024-462, regarding “Active Transportation – Missing Sidewalk Links” Be RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT an annual capital project of \$250,000, starting in 2027, BE CONSIDERED to address the need for missing sidewalk links; and
- C. THAT the necessary By-law BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption to AMEND By-law 70-2010, being a By-law to adopt various policies of the City of Brantford and to create a Corporate Policy Manual, by REPEALING Public Works Corporate Policy-012 Petition for New Sidewalk Policy.

THAT the following BE REFERRED to the Estimates Committee:

THAT \$250,000 annually for 2025 and 2026 to BE ALLOCATED for sidewalks.

Moved by Councillor Caputo  
Seconded by Councillor Sless

AMENDMENT

Strike out the referral to the Estimates Committee and replace with the following.

THAT the Mayor BE REQUESTED to include a \$250,000 allocation for sidewalks in the 2025 and 2026 operating budget.

Recorded vote on the amendment to Item 12.1.1:

Yes (7): Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

No (3): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, and Councillor Martin

**Carried (7 to 3)**

Recorded vote on Item 12.1.1 as amended:

Yes (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, and Councillor Samwell

No (1): Councillor Van Tilborg

**Carried (9 to 1)**

**12.1.2 Blue Box Recycling Program – Update on Transition to Individual Producer Responsibility in 2025 [Financial Impact \$84,800], 2024-692**

Councillor Sullivan declared a conflict on this item.  
(Councillor Sullivan declared a conflict on this item due to his full-time employment.)

THAT Report No. 2023-692 “Blue Box Recycling Program – Update on Transition to Individual Producer Responsibility in 2025”, BE RECEIVED.

Recorded vote on Item 12.1.2:

Yes (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

Conflict (1): Councillor Sullivan

**Carried (9 to 0)**

#### **12.1.4 Brantford Airport Board Report 2024-11-18, 2024-702**

- A. THAT Report 2024-693 titled “Brantford Municipal Airport - Fees and Charges Review” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Staff be directed to amend the rates at the Brantford Municipal Airport to the following:
  - i. THAT the Commercial Hangars be exempt from the Fees and Charges By-law and be determined by market rates in accordance with the Acquisition & Disposition of Interests in Lands Policy (Corporate-042); and
  - ii. That the Mid-size T-hangar with power rates in the Fees and Charges By-law be amended from \$509.27 per month to \$611.27 per month; and
  - iii. THAT the Commercial land lease rate be changed from \$0.56/sq ft (1.8%) to \$0.58/sq ft (5.5%), and
- C. THAT the necessary By-law to amend By-law 21-2024, 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.

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

#### DEFERAL

Clause B ii BE DEFERRED to the February cycle

Recorded vote on Deferral of Clause B ii:

Yes (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

No (1): Councillor Hunt

**Carried (9 to 1)**

AMENDMENT

THAT the Brantford Airport rates amended through report 2024-693 BE APPROVED to also include inflationary increases in 2026 and 2027 as outlined in the report.

Recorded vote on the amendment to Item 12.1.4:

Yes (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

No (1): Councillor Hunt

**Carried (9 to 1)**

Recorded vote on Item 12.1.4, as amended.

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

**Carried (10 to 0)**

**12.2 Estimates Committee Report #2024-12-04**

**12.2.2 Year 2 Budget Confirmation – City Services [Financial Impact – 2025 - \$138,360,049 Operating and \$158,765,799 Capital], 2024-647**

- A. THAT Report 2024-647 Year 2 Budget Confirmation – City Services, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT upon deemed adoption of the 2025 operating and capital budgets, the following actions BE APPROVED:

- i. THAT the necessary By-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption as follows:
  - 1. 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; and
  - 2. THAT the necessary financing by-laws to authorize debenture financing BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption; and
  - 3. THAT the Commissioners, and the Purchasing Officer BE AUTHORIZED to award Year 2025 capital projects in accordance with the City of Brantford's Purchasing Policy; and

C. THAT Council requests the Mayor to include the operating and capital costs to implement Option 3 of the Brantford Transit-Moving Forward Plan from Section 9.9.3 in the 2025 Budget.

Recorded vote on item 12.2.2:

Yes (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

No (1): Councillor Sullivan

**Carried (9 to 1)**

Moved by Councillor Sullivan

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

AMENDMENT

THAT the Princess Anne Park Splash Pad BE INCLUDED in the 2025 Capital Budget.

Recorded vote on amendment to Item 12.2.2:

Yes (4): Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, and Councillor Van Tilborg

No (6): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, and Councillor Samwell

**Lost (4 to 6)**

**12.2.3 Year 2 Budget Confirmation – Local Boards [Financial Impact – 2025 - \$73,359,283 Operating and \$3,058,809 Capital], 2024-706**

Councillor Caputo declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Caputo declared a conflict on the Brantford Police Services budget as he has a family member on the auxiliary. )

Councillor Sless declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Sless declared a conflict on the John Noble Home budget as he has a family member employed there.)

- A. THAT Report 2024-706 Year 2 Budget Confirmation – Local Boards, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City of Brantford APPROVES the request from the Brantford Police Services Board to assume administration of the Adult School Crossing Guard Program and ACCEPTS the transfer of funds associated with the program totaling \$744,189 to the City effective January 1, 2025; and
- C. THAT the Brantford Police Services Board BE REQUESTED to continue management of the Adult School Crossing Guard Program until the end of the 2024-2025 school year, with all expenses covered by the City; and
- D. THAT Option #1 BE SELECTED to address the funding shortfall in the Brantford Police Capital budget outlined in Section 9.4 of this report; and
- E. THAT the budget for the Summer Park Patrol Program that has been removed from the 2025 Police budget in the amount of \$96,755 BE INCLUDED in the City's 2025 Operating Budget; and

- F. THAT a one percent (1%) increase to the 2024 budget for the Brant County Health Unit BE APPROVED, to be implemented as part of their 2025 budget.

Recorded vote on the Brantford Police Services budget:

Yes (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

Conflict (1): Councillor Caputo

**Carried (9 to 0)**

Recorded vote on the John Noble Home budget:

Yes (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

Conflict (1): Councillor Sless

**Carried (9 to 0)**

Recorded vote on the remaining Local Boards budgets:

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

**Carried (10 to 0)**

**12.3 Committee of the Whole - Planning and Administration Report #2024-12-10**

**12.3.6 Citizen's Remuneration Review Committee Report 2024-11-07**

- A. THAT Report 2024-645 regarding Final Remuneration Recommendations BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT effective for the new 2026 term of Council, the remuneration for City Councillors be set at Step 3.0 of Level D (\$32.71/hour plus economic adjustments for 2025, 2026 and 2027 as negotiated for the exempt group) in the exempt



wage grid and be based on 25 hours per week starting on January 1, 2027; and

- C. THAT effective for the new term of Council, the remuneration for the Mayor remain under the current provisions; and
- D. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to include the following other compensation suggestions for consideration for the next term of Council:
  - i. Hire dedicated staff support person(s) to help members of City Council manage their schedules, answer emails, return phone calls, handle social media, assist with newsletter preparation, etc.; and
  - ii. Implement Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software to track constituent inquiries; and
  - iii. Increase orientation to greater than one day for new Councillors to grasp the full scope of City departments and activities; and
  - iv. Create ongoing professional development opportunities for members of City Council, especially in the first year; and
- E. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to amend the Honorarium Bylaw to implement any wage rate changes to coincide with the effective date of the exempt wage grid, which is usually on January 1st annually.
- F. THAT Council REMOVES the Planning Committee Stipend amount of \$250.00 per meeting, effective for the new 2026 term of Council.

Recorded vote on Item 12.3.6:

Yes (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

No (1): Councillor Sullivan

**Carried (9 to 1)**

Moved by Councillor Hunt  
 Seconded by Councillor Samwell

AMENDMENT

That Clause B BE AMENDED by removing the pay grid, hourly wage and the 25 hours and adding an annual honorarium of \$42,523.00.

Recorded vote on the amendment to Item 12.3.6:

Yes (1): Councillor Hunt

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

**Lost (1 to 9)**

**12.4 Planning Committee Report #2024-12-12**

**12.4.1 Zoning By-Law Amendment PZ-16-24 – 571 West Street  
 [Financial Impact - None], 2024-668**

- A. THAT Zoning By-law Amendment Application PZ-16-24, submitted by API Development Consultants Inc., on behalf of property owner 11393952 Canada Inc. (c/o Danny Bawa), affecting the land municipally addressed as 571 West Street, to amend Zoning By-Law 160-90 from “General Industrial Zone” (M2) to “Holding – General Commercial - Exception 108 Zone” (H-C8-108), and Zoning By-Law 124-2024 from “Major Commercial Centre” (MCC) to “Holding – Major Commercial Centre - Exception 14 Zone” (H-MCC-14) with site-specific provisions to facilitate the development of a 10-storey mixed-use building featuring a retirement home with ground floor commercial uses, BE APPROVED in accordance with the applicable provisions outlined in Section 10.3 of Report 2024-668; 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 condition has been satisfied:
- i. THAT the applicant provides a Land Use Compatibility Study and Noise Study to the satisfaction of the City;

- 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 9.2 of Report 2024-668.”

Recorded vote on Item 12.4.1:

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

**Carried (10 to 0)**

**14. Urgent Reports**

There were no urgent reports.

**15. Resolutions**

There were no resolutions.

**16. Notices of Motion**

**16.1 Retroactive Charity Rebate for the Brant United Way, 2024-718**

Councillor Sless read the title of his Notice of Motion:

Moved by Councillor Sless

WHEREAS the City of Brantford offers an annual Property Tax Rebate program for eligible registered charities occupying commercial or industrial property; and

WHEREAS the rebate for eligible registered charities is set at 40% of the annual property taxes on property it occupies; and

WHEREAS an eligible Registered Charity must submit a Property Tax Rebate Application annually no earlier than January 1<sup>st</sup> of the tax year and no later than the last day of February of the year following the taxation year to be considered for the rebate; and

WHEREAS the Brant United Way is a Registered Charity occupying commercial property in the City of Brantford; and

WHEREAS the Brant United Way has not submitted an application for the Property Tax Rebate since the 2019 tax year; and

WHEREAS the Brant United Way intends to apply for the rebate for the 2024 tax year prior to the February 28, 2025 deadline.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Brant United Way BE REIMBURSED the amount of \$9,902.67, representing retroactive charity rebates for the years 2020 to 2023.

## 17. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Sullivan

Seconded by Councillor Sicoli

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

179-2024 THREE To amend Parking By-law 144-88, being a by-law to regulate Parking in the City of Brantford (Murray Street / East Ward Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Review) (2024-325) (Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2024-12-03)

180-2024 THREE To amend Parking By-law 37-83, being a by-law to regulate Traffic in the City of Brantford (Murray Street / East Ward Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Review) (2024-325) (Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2024-12-03)

181-2024 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. (Brantford Airport Board Report #2024-11-18) (Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2024-12-03)

182-2024 THREE By-law to amend By-law 70-210, being a By-law to adopt various policies of the City of Brantford and to create a Corporate Policy Manual Active Transportation – Missing Sidewalk Links (2024-462) (Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2024-12-03)

183-2024 THREE Being a By-law to confirm and authorize participation in the OMERS Primary Pension Plan (“Primary Plan”) and the Retirement Compensation Arrangement for the OMERS Primary Pension Plan (“RCA”), each as amended from time to time, of the employees, councillors and head of council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford

("Employer") identified herein, and to repeal By-law 84-64, By-law 164-79, By-law 183-94, By-law 170-2002 and By-law 138-2006 (2024-675) (Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration Report #2024-12-10)

184-2024 THREE To amend By-law No. 160-90, being a By-law to regulate the use of lands and the location and use of buildings and structures in the City of Brantford (2024-668) (Planning Committee Report #2024-12-12)

185-2024 THREE To amend By-law No. 124-2024, being a By-law to regulate the use of lands and the location and use of buildings and structures in the City of Brantford (2024-668) (Planning Committee Report #2024-12-12)

186-2024 THREE Being a By-law to amend Chapter 26 (Boards – Advisory Committees) of the City of Brantford Municipal Code (2024-449) (Committee Review task Force Report #2024-09-17)

187-2024 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 December 17, 2024.

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

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

**Carried (10 to 0)**

Moved by Councillor Caputo

Seconded by Councillor Sless

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

**Carried (10 to 0)**

**18. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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K. Davis, Mayor

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Chris Gauthier, City Clerk