



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 14, 2025

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. Roll Call

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order and roll call was confirmed.

2. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were made regarding Items appearing on tonight's Special City Council agenda.

3. Presentations/Delegations

3.1 Delegations

3.1.1 Josh Van Horne, Brantford Professional Fire Fighters Association

Josh Van Horne representing the Brantford Professional Fire Fighters Association appeared before Council and spoke in regards to the Brantford's Fire Department budget and requested the addition of a new position.

3.1.2 Sebastien Corrie and Broderick Norwich, Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union

Sebastien Corrie and Broderick Norwich, representing Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union appeared before Council and spoke with regards to the Rent Safe Brantford Project and the Brantford Transit Plan.

4. Items for Consideration

4.1 Mayor's Proposed 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets, 2025-51

Moved by Councillor McCreary
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT Report 2025-51 the Mayor's proposed 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets BE RECEIVED.

Moved by Councillor Sicoli
Seconded by Councillor Martin

Amendment:

Whereas the Master Fire Plan presents 44 Operational Recommendations that will provide efficiencies, cost-savings, and strengthen community safety practices;

Whereas in 2025, Brantford's Emergency Services will be transitioning to the "Next Generation 9-1-1" communication software technology to remain compliant with Federal mandates;

Whereas the implementation of a Dispatch Supervisor to co-ordinate with the roll out of the NG-911 Systems would provide cost efficiencies (in the form of reducing training & over-time costs), would provide potential revenue streams (in the form of providing Training & Communication services to other jurisdictions) and provide crucial back fill services to ensure more timely response to public emergency calls;

Whereas Communications and Dispatch is the First Line of contact in an emergency situation, and Public Safety is of the utmost importance to The City of Brantford.

Now therefore be it resolved:

THAT the amount of \$35,000 be added to the Brantford Fire Department's Local Board's 2025 Budget for the purpose of adding a "Supervisor of Dispatch" to their staffing compliment to begin in Q4 of 2025;

THAT the ongoing costs of this new position be reflected in the Brantford Fire Department's budget presentation during the next Estimates Cycle.

Recorded vote on amendment:

Yes (8): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

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

Carried (8 to 3)

Moved by Councillor McCreary

Seconded by Councillor Martin

Amendment:

THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to implement snow and ice control of all 21.4 KM of paved paths in City parks at a one-time cost of \$100,000.00 for the year 2025 and that it BE FUNDED from the winter control reserve.

Recorded vote on amendment:

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)

Moved by Councillor Sullivan
 Seconded by Councillor Sicoli

Amendment:

THAT the Princess Anne Splashpad BE ADDED to the 2025 Capital budget in the amount of \$750,000 funded from the CCBF Reserve.

Recorded vote on amendment:

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)

Moved by Councillor McCreary
 Seconded by Councillor Martin

Amendment:

THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to implement snow and ice control of all 63 KM of asphalt paved multi use trails at a one-time cost of \$110,000.00 for 2025 and that it BE FUNDED from the winter control reserve.

Recorded vote on amendment:

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)

Moved by Councillor McCreary
 Seconded by Councillor Martin

Amendment:

THAT staff BE DIRECTED to identify the costs of winter control for internal paved park pathways and asphalt paved multi use trails as additional strategic budget investments for 2026/2027.

Recorded vote on amendment:

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)

Moved by Councillor McCreary

Seconded by Councillor Martin

Amendment:

THAT the budget BE REDUCED by \$210,000 through a reduction in the Planned Resource Investments through the elimination of new positions to be determined by the CAO.

Recorded vote on amendment:

Yes (3): Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, and Councillor Carpenter

No (7): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

Lost (3 to 7)

Recorded vote on item 4.1 as amended:

Yes (9): 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 (9 to 1)

5. Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

THAT the following Estimates Committee meeting minutes be APPROVED.

5.1.1 Estimates Committee - October 16, 2024

5.1.2 Estimates Committee - December 2, 2024

5.1.3 Estimates Committee - December 4, 2024

Recorded vote on minutes:

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

Carried (10 to 0)

6. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

7. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motions.

8. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Caputo

Seconded by Councillor Sless

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

BY-LAW PREAMBLE

1-2025 By-law to confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford with respect to the Special City Council Meeting held on January 14, 2025.

Recorded vote on 1st reading of By-laws:

Yes (9): 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 (9 to 1)

Moved by Councillor Sicoli
Seconded by Councillor Martin

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 3rd reading of by-laws:

Yes (9): 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 (9 to 1)

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor K. Davis, Chair

C. Gauthier, City Clerk