

December 17, 2024

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

REPORT TO: Mayor and Members
City Council

The Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration submits the following recommendations from its meeting held on December 10, 2024:

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.

12.3.6 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.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Davis, Chair