



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 4, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Brantford City Hall, 58 Dalhousie Street

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. Delegations/Presentations

3.1 Andy Straisfeld

Item 4.1 - Report of the Working Group on Trade and Procurement
[Financial Impact: None], 2025-127

Andy Straisfeld appeared before Council and provided a PowerPoint presentation, a copy which will be placed on the meeting file, with regards to Item 4.1.

3.2 John Oddi, Elizabeth Lorenzin, David Prang, Chamber of Commerce Brantford-Brant

Item 4.1 - Report of the Working Group on Trade and Procurement [Financial Impact: None], 2025-127

Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, John Oddi, Elizabeth Lorenzin and David Prang appeared before Council and spoke in regards to Item 4.1.

4. Items for Consideration

4.1 Report of the Working Group on Trade and Procurement [Financial Impact: None], 2025-127

Moved by Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by Councillor Caputo

- A. THAT Report # 2025-127 titled Report of the Working Group on Trade and Procurement BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Council support and endorse the advocacy and engagement efforts led by Mayor Davis and the Working Group on Trade and Procurement to ensure that municipal voices and the concerns of local businesses are effectively represented and understood by the provincial and federal governments regarding the potential tariffs on Canadian goods entering the United States of America (US); and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to continue monitoring potential changes around provincial and federal oversight on municipal purchasing and procurement and bring forward any recommendations to amend the City's Purchasing Policy, such as the incorporation of a defined Buy Canadian strategy, to Council for consideration; and
- D. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to pause all non-essential conferences and trips to the US until further notice; and
- E. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to continue engaging with local industries and businesses to determine what municipal supports will be needed to alleviate or mitigate the adverse impacts of US tariffs on these local businesses and industries; and

- F. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to review and adjust the 2024-2031 Economic Development strategy with a further goal of increasing the resiliency of Brantford's economy from the impact of external influences such as international trade conflicts; and
- G. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to undertake the following actions in response to the current situation regarding potential US tariffs:
 - i. Foreign Direct Investment Marketing Initiatives
 - ii. US Export Webinars
 - iii. US Tariff Resources Webpage
 - iv. Regional Collaboration on US Tariff Response
 - v. Buy Local and Buy Canadian Promotions
 - vi. Continued Development of Local Tourism Products; and
- H. THAT the Municipal Working Group on Trade Procurement BE DIRECTED to continue to meet and bring forward a monthly report to Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration until such a time that the US tariff situation eases or is resolved, in consultation with the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer.

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)

5. Resolutions

5.1 Reduction of Transaction Price for Colborne Point Disposition [Financial Impact:\$200,000] (2024-661) (Special City Council November 12, 2024)

Moved by Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by Councillor Caputo

- A. THAT the sale of lands known as 'Colborne Point' BE APPROVED; and
- B. THAT the proceeds of this disposition BE DEPOSITED to Capital Funding Envelope Reserve; and

C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to place the Agreement of Purchase and Sale by-law between The Corporation of The City of Brantford and 1000156678 Ontario Inc. on the Signing By-law

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

Carried (10 to 0)

6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7. By-laws

Moved by Councillor McCreary

Seconded by Councillor Martin

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

BY-LAW READINGS PREAMBLE

22-2025 THREE Being a By-law to repeal and replace by-law 151-2023 being a by-law to approve the sale of lands municipally known as 23 - 29 Colborne Street, Brantford, ON and being commonly referred to as Colborne Point Lands (2024-661) (Special City Council November 12, 2024)

23-2025 THREE By-law to authorize the execution of AGREEMENTS individually dated and listed on Schedule 'A' attached hereto:

1. Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the City of Brantford and 1000160995 Ontario Inc. (23 - 29 Colborne Street, Brantford, ON) (2024-661) (Special City Council – November 12, 2024)

24-2025 THREE 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 March 4, 2025.

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 Martin
Seconded by Councillor Caputo

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.

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)

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Mayor Kevin Davis, Chair

C. Gauthier, City Clerk