SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019
4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

Mayor Davis in the Chair

1. ROLL CALL – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor Martin, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Wall, Councillor Van Tilborg, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Utley, Councillor Weaver, Mayor Davis

Regrets: Councillor Sless, Councillor Vanderstelt

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (Item 3 only)

None

3. EDUCATION SESSION

3.1 Corporate Governance Education Session – Role of Council when meeting as Shareholder of Brantford Energy Corporation

J. Pineda, Legal Counsel; H. de Vries, City Solicitor/Director of Legal & Real Estate Services; and C. Touzel, City Clerk/Director of Clerk’s Services led Council through an Education Session regarding the Role of City Council as Shareholder of the Brantford Energy Corporation.

A PowerPoint presentation was made, highlights of which included the following:

- What is a Shareholder
- Brantford Energy Corporation (BEC)
- What can a Shareholder do?
- How does a Shareholder act?
- Procedure on Shareholder Meetings
- Quorum
- Special Meetings of the Shareholder
- Recommendation

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be placed in the Special Council meeting file.

Staff responded to various questions from Members of Council.
Moved by Councillor Carpenter  
Seconded by Councillor Weaver  

THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to place the necessary by-law to amend Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code and Corporate Policy-028 (Appointments Policy) to amend the definition of “Council” in Chapter 15 and to remove reference in the Appointments Policy to the appointment of members to the Board of Directors for the Brantford Energy Corporation Board of Directors and its subsidiaries.  

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
ON A RECORDED VOTE  

Recorded vote on Recommendation in Item 3.1:  

YES: Councillor Martin, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Wall, Councillor Van Tilborg, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Utley, Councillor Weaver, Mayor Davis – 9  

NO: None – 0  

Item 3.1 carried unanimously on a Recorded Vote.  

3.2 Discussion regarding options to address volume of Reports/Public Hearings/Recognition of Achievements at Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings (no copy)  

General discussion ensued on options that could be considered to address heavy Committee of the Whole and Council agendas.  

The following comments were received:  
• Consider meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, only if the agenda for meetings held on the 1st or 2nd Tuesday of the month could not be completed by 10:00 p.m., provided that those meetings not commence earlier than 6:00 p.m.;  
• Holding Planning Hearings/Presentations on a designated night;  
• Review Procedure By-law and other procedures/policies that affect meetings;  
• Deferring Items directly to City Council does not work;  
• Should meetings be held in July?;  
• A review of the Execution of Routine Documents By-law is currently underway and could include more opportunities for delegated authority to staff;  
• There are a large number of Boards, Advisory Committees and Task Forces that require additional time and resources by Members of Council and Staff;  
• Not in favour of any changes that would shorten debate on matters;  
• Consideration should be given to a four week meeting cycle;
• Proclamations/Recognition of Achievements should be scheduled on a different night and not form part of the monthly meeting agenda so that Members of Council have an opportunity to meet with recipients afterwards;
• Meetings of City Council should focus on required business of Council;
• Confusion by the public when meetings aren’t broadcast every Tuesday;
• Need more opportunities to ask questions and get answers from the public;
• Hold In-Camera Meetings once during the month, starting at 4:00 p.m. prior to Regular City Council Meetings, noting that Special Meetings could be called for urgent items only;
• Committee of the Whole meetings could start at 4:00 p.m.; and
• City Council meetings should remain at 6:00 p.m., to accommodate In-Camera Meetings at 4:00 p.m. those days.

Mayor Davis will meet with staff and Members of Council to discuss next steps.

4. RECESS AND RECONVENE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:00 P.M.

The meeting recessed at 5:34 p.m. and will reconvene in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

5. ROLL CALL

Present: Councillor Martin, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Wall, Councillor Van Tilborg, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Utley, Councillor Weaver, Councillor Vanderstelt, Mayor Davis

Regrets: Councillor Sless

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

7. DELEGATIONS (list, if any, available at meeting)

None.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Committee of the Whole - Community Development Report #2019-06-04A

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Antoski

THAT the Committee of the Whole – Community Development Report #2019-06-04A BE ADOPTED, as follows:
1. Brant Historical Society – One Year Funding Agreement

WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Brantford ("City") Community Cultural Investment Program (CCIP) provides support to local not-for-profit cultural organizations by providing operating grants; and

WHEREAS the CCIP program is administered by the Economic Development & Tourism Department and grant allocation recommendations are made by the Grants Committee of the Brant Community Foundation annually ("Grants Committee"); and

WHEREAS since 2010 the Brant Historical Society has received approximately 20% of its annual operating funding through a 3-year Museum Funding Agreement as part of the CCIP’s core funding stream; and

WHEREAS the Brant Historical Society submitted an incomplete application for funding in 2019, which resulted in the recommendation of the Grants Committee that no operating funding grant be awarded to the Brant Historical Society in 2019; and

WHEREAS the operating funding provided through the CCIP is critical to the successful operation of the Brant Historical Society; and

WHEREAS the Brant Historical Society is currently in receipt of a Cultural and Built Heritage Funding Program capital project grant to upgrade the electrical and roof of the Brant Museum and Archives building by November 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS there is a surplus of $49,050 in the budget for the CCIP due to the fact that the Grants Committee did not allocate all of the funds available; and

WHEREAS the annual costs of the CCIP is supported from the Casino funded Community Groups Reserve;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the City of Brantford enter into a 1-year funding agreement in the amount of up to $51,510 ($49,050 to be funded from the approved Community Cultural Investment Program budget and $2,460 to be funded from the Community Groups Reserve) to support the
operating funding requirements of the Brant Historical Society until they are eligible to reapply in 2020, subject to such agreement:
(a) containing audit clauses;
(b) including insurance and reporting requirements; and
(c) being satisfactory in content to the Director of Economic Development and Tourism, or designate, and in form to the City Solicitor, or designate.

Recorded Vote on Item #1 of the Committee of the Whole – Community Development Report #2019-06-04A:

YES: Councillor Martin, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Wall, Councillor Van Tilborg, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Utley, Councillor Weaver, Councillor Vanderstelt, Mayor Davis – 10

NO: None – 0

Item #1 of the Committee of the Whole – Community Development Report #2019-06-04A carried unanimously on a recorded vote.

9. BY-LAWS

1st and 2nd Reading

Moved by Councillor McCreary
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT LEAVE BE GIVEN to the Mover and Seconder to introduce the following By-Law for the First and Second Reading:

97-2019 By-law to authorize the execution of AGREEMENTS individually dated and listed on Schedule 'A' attached hereto:

1. One Year Funding Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Brantford and the Brant Historical Society (Committee of the Whole – Community Development Report #2019-06-04A)

98-2019 By-law to amend Chapter 15 – Procedure of the City of Brantford Municipal Code; and to amend By-law 70-2010, being a By-law to adopt various City of Brantford Polices and to create a Corporate Policy Manual; and to repeal portions of By-law 88-2012, being a By-law to amend Corporate-028 Policy respecting the Appointment of Citizen Members to City of Brantford Boards, Advisory
Committees and Other Committees to which Council makes Appointments (Corporate Governance Education Session – Special City Council – June 11, 2019)

99-2019 By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford with respect to the Special Meeting held on June 11, 2019

Recorded Vote on 1st and 2nd Reading of By-laws:

YES: Councillor Martin, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Wall, Councillor Van Tilborg, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Utley, Councillor Weaver, Councillor Vanderstelt, Mayor Davis – 10

NO: None – 0

The 1st and 2nd Reading of the By-laws carried unanimously on a recorded vote.

3rd Reading

Moved by Councillor Wall
Seconded by Councillor Antoski

THAT By-law 97-2019, 98-2019, and 99-2019 BE TAKEN as read a third time, be finally passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Recorded Vote on 3rd Reading of By-laws:

YES: Councillor Martin, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Wall, Councillor Van Tilborg, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Utley, Councillor Weaver, Councillor Vanderstelt, Mayor Davis – 10

NO: None – 0

The 3rd Reading of the By-laws carried unanimously on a recorded vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Mayor K. Davis                            C. Gauthier
Chair                                     Deputy City Clerk

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C. Touzel
City Clerk