



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 2, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Brantford City Hall, 100 Wellington Square

Councillor McCreary in the Chair

1. ROLL CALL

Present: City of Brantford

Mayor Davis
Councillor Weaver
Councillor Sless
Councillor Antoski
Councillor McCreary
Councillor Wall

County of Brant

Mayor David Bailey
Councillor Laferriere
Councillor Bell
Councillor Miller

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Antoski declared a Conflict on Items 4.3 and 5.2.

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS [list, if any, available at the meeting]

Moved by Councillor Weaver

Seconded by Councillor Antoski

Motion to Waive the Rules:

THAT section 15.6.2 (e) (i) 1 of Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code BE WAIVED in order to allow the delegate to address Committee without providing written notice by 9:00 a.m. the day prior to the meeting:

3.3 Dwayne Budgell, Budgell Funeral Home Ltd.

Re: Item 4.3 Assisted Funerals and Burials Services Update [Financial Impact – \$60, 560], 2020-544

CARRIED WITH REQUIRED 2/3

Committee then moved on to Delegations:

3.1 Todd Graves, Brant/Brantford Funeral Homes

Re: Item 4.3 Assisted Funerals and Burials Services Update [Financial Impact – \$60, 560], 2020-544

Todd Graves appeared before Committee and spoke to Item 4.3 Assisted Funeral and Burials Services Update.

3.2 Jason Vanerooy, WM Kipp Funeral Home

Re: Item 4.3 Assisted Funerals and Burials Services Update [Financial Impact – \$60, 560], 2020-544

Jason Vanerooy appeared before Committee and spoke to Item 4.3 Assisted Funeral and Burials Services Update.

3.3 Dwayne Budgell, Budgell Funeral Home Ltd.

Re: Item 4.3 Assisted Funerals and Burials Services Update [Financial Impact – \$60, 560], 2020-544

Dwayne Budgell appeared before Committee and spoke to Item 4.3 Assisted Funeral and Burials Services Update.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Moved by Councillor Weaver
Seconded by Councillor Antoski

THAT all Items not separated for discussion purposes contained within Items for Consideration and Consent Items BE APPROVED.

Item 4.3 was automatically separated as there was a delegation on the matter.

Items 4.1, 4.2, 5.1 and 5.2 were separated for discussion purposes.

The following Items were subject to the vote:

5.3 Homeward Bound Brantford-Brant Program Update [Financial Impact: None], 2020-478

THAT Report 2020-478 Homeward Bound Brantford-Brant Program Update BE RECEIVED.

5.4 Minutes

5.4.1 Social Services Committee - November 4, 2020

CARRIED

The Committee then carried on with the following items that were separated starting with Item 4.3:

4.3 Assisted Funerals and Burial Services Update [Financial Impact: \$60,560], 2020-544

- A. THAT Report No. 2020-544 Assisted Funerals and Burial Services Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Indigent Funeral By-Law #93-2010, amended Indigent Funeral By-Law #41-2013 and Schedule "A" BE REPEALED in their entirety; and
- C. THAT the Brantford-Brant Assisted Funeral Rates, as determined by a competitive procurement process BE RECEIVED.

Amendment

Moved By Mayor Davis

Seconded By Councillor Weaver

THAT the following BE REFERRED to seek legal advice and direct staff and the Chair, Vice-Chair to consider available options in order to arrive at a better balance with all stakeholders; and

- A. THAT Report No. 2020-544 Assisted Funerals and Burial Services Update BE RECEIVED;
- B. THAT the Indigent Funeral By-Law #93-2010, amended Indigent Funeral By-Law #41-2013 and Schedule "A" BE REPEALED in their entirety;
- C. THAT the Brantford-Brant Assisted Funeral Rates, as determined by a competitive procurement process BE RECEIVED.

Amendment to Amendment

Moved by Councillor Laferriere

Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT Mayor Bailey be included with the Chair and Vice-Chair regarding obtaining legal advice.

CARRIED

Amendment to Amendment

Moved by Councillor Sless

Seconded by Councillor Laferriere

THAT after legal advice is received members consult with service providers;

CARRIED

Item 4.3, as amended

CARRIED

4.1 Homelessness Shelter Diversion Strategy Pilot [Financial Impact: None], 2020-576

- A. THAT Report 2020-576 Homelessness Shelter Diversion Strategy Pilot BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to develop a shelter diversion pilot program for implementation in April 2021 until March 2022; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to refer to Estimates Committee as part of the budget process, the cost of implementing a shelter diversion pilot program in the gross amount of \$100,000 as an increase to the homelessness base budget as follows:
 - i. 2021 - \$75,000
 - ii. 2022 - \$25,000;
- D. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to incorporate the homelessness shelter diversion strategy into a Mid to Long Term Sheltering System Plan; and
- E. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to bring the Mid to Long Term Sheltering System Plan report to Council in February 2021.

CARRIED

4.2 Housing Site Safety (Financial Impact – None), 2020-476

- A. THAT Report 2020-476 Housing Site Safety BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to implement the safety options outlined in this report with any expenses not included in current budgets subject to 2021 and 2022 budget approvals; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to include affordable housing sites in the review and development of the corporate security program; and
- D. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to conduct a review of the Keyholder position, with a potential to incorporate the current security requirements into the corporate security program.

CARRIED

5. CONSENT ITEMS**5.1 2020 Annual Update on Brantford-Brant Municipal Housing Master Plan 2020-2030, 2020-422**

THAT the 2020 Annual Update on Brantford-Brant Municipal Housing Master Plan 2020-422 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

5.2 Discretionary Benefits [Financial Impact - None], 2020-496

THAT Report 2020-496 Discretionary Benefits Update BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

6. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

8. QUESTIONS

Councillor Bell questioned Staff if COVID is delaying other Social Services Projects.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Councillor McCreary, Chair

Emma Vokes, Committee
Coordinator