



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 10, 2020
2:00 p.m.
Brantford City Hall, 100 Wellington Square
Video Conference Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Mayor Davis
- Councillor Weaver
- Councillor Vanderstelt
- Councillor Sless
- Councillor McCreary
- Councillor Martin
- Councillor Carpenter
- Councillor Antoski
- Councillor VanTilborg
- Councillor Wall

Regrets: Councillor Utley

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

None.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Funding Request to Undertake a Development Charges Background Study [Financial Impact – up to \$125,000], 2020-511

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

Recommendation:

- A. THAT report 2020-511 requesting funds to undertake a Development Charges Background Study BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Council APPROVE the non-competitive procurement of services to complete a development charges background study pursuant to Section 4.02(e) of the Purchasing Policy to Hemson Consulting Ltd. for the upset limit of \$125,000 (plus HST); and THAT the cost of the Development Charges Background Study BE FUNDED as follows:
 - i. \$48,800 from Development Charges – Capital Growth Studies Reserve Fund (RF0404)
 - ii. Remaining amount up to \$76,200 to be borrowed from Development Charges - Parking Reserve Fund (RF0411) and repaid through future DC receipts for capital studies; and
- C. THAT City Council DIRECT the City Treasurer and the Manager of Purchasing to execute the required agreement.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT Clause D of Item 4.1 BE ADDED as follows:

D. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to *draft options, including a plan to phase out the exemption, for* development charges in the downtown area and present to Council for consideration with inclusion of examples of other municipalities that have done a phased approach to elimination of the development charge exemption.

Recorded Vote on Amendment:

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Weaver, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

Recorded Vote on Item 4.1, As Amended:

YES: (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Weaver, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (9 to 0)

Councillor Vanderstelt left the meeting at 2:47 pm and returned at 2:55 pm.

4.2 Home for Good Support Services Staffing Proposal [Financial Impact: None], 2020-530

Moved by Councillor McCreary
Seconded by Councillor Weaver

Recommendation:

- A. THAT Report 2020-530 Home for Good Support Services Staffing Proposal BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to proceed with the staffing and support model described in this report; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to proceed with hiring four (4) new staff positions, for up to a 12 month contract, for the staffing and support model, funded through the Provincial Home for Good program; and
- D. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to provide 24 hours of Level 3 Security officers at Marlene Avenue Apartments seven (7) days a week and further investigate the potential integration of this service into a Corporate Security Model; and
- E. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to investigate additional partners to assist and support the Live Well – Home for Good Support model; and
- F. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to conduct a review of City-operated staffing model, on or before September 30 2021, after one year to evaluate program effectiveness; and

- G. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to provide a report to Social Services Committee by September 30 2021, with results and recommendations for the ongoing operations of the Marlene Avenue site; and
- H. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to bring quarterly reports to the Social Services Committee on the ongoing operation of the Marlene Site; and
- I. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to present a legal report regarding options with the current contract to Council.

Recorded Vote on Item 4.2 (inclusive of friendly amendments):

YES: (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Weaver, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

NO: (1): Councillor Martin

CARRIED (9 to 1)

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Bill 218 - Ranked Ballots for Municipal Elections - Councillor Antoski

Moved by Councillor Antoski

Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

Motion to Waive the Rules

THAT sections 15.3.11 and 15.11.5 of Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford municipal code be waived in order to permit the consideration of the following resolution without prior notice of motion and without first having been considered by a Standing Committee or Committee of the Whole:

WHEREAS Bill 218 – “Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020” removes the option for municipalities to choose the ranked ballot system for an election; and

WHEREAS in 2016 the Ontario Provincial Government gave municipalities the tools to use Ranked Balloting in Municipal elections commencing in 2018, which was deployed in the City of London thereby becoming the first Municipality in Canada to make the switch, while Cambridge and Kingston both passed referendums in favour of reform and Burlington, Barrie, Guelph, Medford and others are now exploring a change as well; and

WHEREAS the change of election method process does not impact the Provincial election models but greatly impacts a Municipalities execution options; and

WHEREAS the only explanation given for this is that we should not be 'experimenting' with the electoral process during a pandemic mindful that ranked ballot voting is not an experiment but widely used throughout the world and should be a local option that Municipalities can look to utilize in the next election which is just under two years away; and

WHEREAS Bill 218 also moves up the Municipal nomination date from the end of July to mid September for no apparent reason thereby reinforcing the power of incumbency and potentially discouraging broader participation in municipal elections; and

WHEREAS these changes are being proposed without any consultation with AMO, Municipalities or the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to submit the following comments on behalf of the City of Brantford (the "City") to the Province of Ontario with respect to the proposed changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996:
 - i. the City does not support the proposed changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, specifically related to the removal of the option for a municipality to hold a ranked ballot election;
 - ii. the City does support the principle that each Municipality should be able to choose whether or not to use first-past-the-post or a ranked ballot election; and
 - iii. the City encourages the provincial government to meaningfully consult with Municipalities on municipal issues before introducing legislative changes of this magnitude; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to MPP Will Bouma, Premier Doug Ford, and listing of other Municipalities.

YES: (8): Mayor Davis, Councillor Weaver, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Sless, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

NO: (2): Councillor McCreary, and Councillor Martin

**CARRIED (8 to 2)
2/3rd Required**

Council then moved to the resolution.

Moved by Councillor Antoski

Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

Resolution

WHEREAS Bill 218 – “Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020” removes the option for municipalities to choose the ranked ballot system for an election; and

WHEREAS in 2016 the Ontario Provincial Government gave municipalities the tools to use Ranked Balloting in Municipal elections commencing in 2018, which was deployed in the City of London thereby becoming the first Municipality in Canada to make the switch, while Cambridge and Kingston both passed referendums in favour of reform and Burlington, Barrie, Guelph, Medford and others are now exploring a change as well; and

WHEREAS the change of election method process does not impact the Provincial election models but greatly impacts a Municipalities execution options; and

WHEREAS the only explanation given for this is that we should not be ‘experimenting’ with the electoral process during a pandemic mindful that ranked ballot voting is not an experiment but widely used throughout the world and should be a local option that Municipalities can look to utilize in the next election which is just under two years away

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WHEREAS these changes are being proposed without any consultation with AMO, Municipalities or the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

A. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to submit the following comments on behalf of the City Council for the City of Brantford to the Province of

Ontario with respect to the proposed changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996:

- i. Council does not support the proposed changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, specifically related to the removal of the option for a municipality to hold a ranked ballot election;
- ii. Council does support the principle that each Municipality should be able to choose whether or not to use first-past-the-post or a ranked ballot election; and
- iii. Council encourages the provincial government to meaningfully consult with Municipalities on municipal issues before introducing legislative changes of this magnitude; and

B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to MPP Will Bouma, Premier Doug Ford, and listing of other Municipalities and include a request to delay the decision until such a time that AMO, LUMCO, FCM and comments from Municipalities have been collected and submitted to the Province.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor McCreary

Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the Clause " WHEREAS the only explanation given for this is that we should not be 'experimenting' with the electoral process during a pandemic mindful that ranked ballot voting is not an experiment but widely used throughout the world and should be a local option that Municipalities can look to utilize in the next election which is just under two years away" BE REMOVED

Recorded Vote on Amendment:

YES: (4): Mayor Davis, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, and Councillor Wall

NO: (6): Councillor Weaver, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Sless, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, and Councillor VanTilborg

LOST (4 to 6)

Recorded Vote on Item 5.1 (inclusive of friendly amendments):

YES: (8): Mayor Davis, Councillor Weaver, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Sless, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

NO: (2): Councillor McCreary, and Councillor Martin

CARRIED (8 to 2)

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

7. BY-LAWS

1st and 2nd Reading:

Moved by Councillor Weaver
Seconded by Councillor Antoski

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

187-2020 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 November 10, 2020

Recorded Vote on 1st and 2nd Reading:

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Weaver, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

3rd Reading

Moved by Councillor Sless
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT By-law 187-2020 BE TAKEN as read a third time, be finally passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Recorded Vote on 3rd Reading:

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Weaver, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor VanTilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Mayor K. Davis, Chair

T. Daniels, City Clerk