



CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 22, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Brantford City Hall, 100 Wellington Square
Video / Teleconference Meeting

1. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

2. INVOCATION

The Mayor read in the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Mayor Davis
- Councillor Vanderstelt
- Councillor Utley
- Councillor Sless
- Councillor McCreary
- Councillor Martin
- Councillor Carpenter
- Councillor Antoski
- Councillor Van Tilborg
- Councillor Wall

Regrets: Councillor Weaver (Leave)

4. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4.1 Councillor Wall – Mohawk Institute, Save the Evidence

Councillor Wall declared a conflict of pecuniary interest on Item 12.3.6 as his wife is an employee of the Woodland Cultural Centre.

4.2 Mayor Davis – Gypsy Moth Mitigation - Wyndham Hills

Mayor Davis declared a conflict on Item 14.2 during the discussion of the item, as an amendment was placed on the floor that extended action outlined in the resolution to the neighbourhood in which Mayor Davis resides.

5. SEPARATION OF ITEMS IN COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT all Items contained within the Committee Reports (Items 12.1 to 12.4) not separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

Recorded Vote on all Items Not Separated:

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

The following Items subject to the vote were approved unanimously on a recorded vote:

12.1 Committee of the Whole - Operations and Administration Report #2021-06-01

12.1.2 Community Safety and Well-being Plan: Final Approval [Financial Impact: None], 2021-389

- A. THAT Report 2021-389 Community Safety and Well-being Plan: Final Approval BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Appendix A – City of Brantford’s Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2021-2025 BE ADOPTED; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to inform the Ministry of the Solicitor General that the Plan has been adopted in accordance with the Safer Ontario Act, 2018; and

D. THAT the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee BE DISBANDED having completed its mandate and that a By-law to amend Chapter 26 (Boards - Advisory Committees Duties – Functions) of the City of Brantford Municipal Code by repealing Schedule '25' BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

12.1.3 Cumberland Street 0.3m Reserve Dedication [Financial Impact – None], 2021-278

A. THAT Report 2021-278 titled Cumberland Street 0.3m Reserve Dedication BE RECEIVED; and

B. THAT dedication of the 0.3m reserves, described as Lots 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 of Plan 1558, as public highway to be known as Cumberland Street prior to the assumption of the Echo Park Phase 1 subdivision BE APPROVED; and

C. THAT the By-law being a by-law to dedicate the 0.3m reserves, described as Lots 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 of Plan 1558, as public highway to be known as Cumberland Street, BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

12.1.4 Wyndfield West Phase 8A Subdivision Agreement and Road Dedication Bylaw - Bellhouse Avenue [Financial Impact – None], 2021-174

A. THAT Report 2021-174, “Wyndfield West Phase 8A Subdivision Agreement” BE RECEIVED; and

B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to place the Wyndfield West Phase 8A Subdivision Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Brantford, Brantford Power Incorporated, Empire Communities Limited and the Mortgagee on a signing by-law to BE EXECUTED by the Mayor and Clerk; and

C. THAT the by-law to declare and dedicate Block 302, Registered Plan 2M-1964, City of Brantford, as part of the Public Highway, to be known as Bellhouse Avenue, BE PRESENTED to City Council for ADOPTION.

12.1.5 Customer Experience Update [Financial Impact: None], 2021-408

- A. THAT Report 2021-408 Customer Experience Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to update to the Corporate Contact Center telephone channel service level from 65/30 to 80/30.

12.1.7 Cultural and Historical Chattels Inventory, Protection and Reward Program, 2021-292

- A. THAT Report 2021-292 regarding the City of Brantford's Cultural and Historical Chattels Inventory, Protection and Reward Program BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Reward Program established by Brantford City Council in March 2019 BE REPLACED with the existing Crimestoppers program through Brantford Police Services at no additional cost to the City.

12.1.8 Employee Service and Recognition Awards Policy to include Part-Time Staff [Financial Impact – \$2,500], 2021-241

- A. THAT Report 2021-241 regarding Employee Service and Recognition Awards Policy to include Part-Time Staff BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the amendments to Corporate Policy-008 (Employee Service and Recognition Awards Policy) BE APPROVED; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to prepare the necessary By-law to amend Corporate Policy-008 (Employee Service and Recognition Awards Policy), as outlined in Appendix "A" of Report 2021-241.

12.1.9 Neighbourhood Association Community Safety Toolkits: Program Plan [Financial Impact: None], 2021-385

- A. THAT Report 2021-385 Neighbourhood Association Community Safety Toolkits: Program Plan BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to implement the Community Safety Toolkit Program Plan as outlined in the Analysis Section of this Report.

12.1.10 Walter Gretzky Lord Mayor Tribute Bust and Branch 90 Legion Cairn Public Art Proposals

- A. THAT Report 2021-388 regarding the Walter Gretzky Lord Mayor Tribute Bust and Branch 90 Legion Cairn Public Art Proposals BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Walter Gretzky Lord Mayor Tribute Bust project BE ACCEPTED AS PROPOSED by Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant as a donation to the City's Public Art Collection in accordance with the required City policies and procedures; and
- C. THAT the City of Brantford NEGOTIATE a donation agreement with Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant to accept the Walter Gretzky Lord Mayor Tribute Bust as a donation to the Public Art Collection; and
- D. THAT the Walter Gretzky Lord Mayor Tribute Bust BE INCORPORATED into the new City Hall Renovation Project; and
- E. THAT the Branch 90 Legion Cairn proposal BE ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE contingent on receiving approval for 50% of the project through the Community War Memorials funding program; 25% of the project BE ALLOCATED from the Public Art Reserve to an upset limit of up to \$3,777; and 25% of the project from the Legion.

12.1.11 Service Review Opportunities Update [Financial Impact: none], 2021-373

- A. THAT Report 2021-373 Service Review Opportunities Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the adjusted timelines in Appendix A: Service Review Opportunities be APPROVED.

12.1.12 Community Programs Update: Healthy Aging Passport Program and ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge [Financial Impact: None], 2021-410

THAT Report 2021-410 Community Programs Update: Healthy Aging Passport Program and ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge BE RECEIVED.

12.1.13 Francis Street Traffic Control

WHEREAS Francis Street is by-lawed as a through street at the Strong Court, Kensington Avenue and Consol Road intersections; and

WHEREAS requests have been made for traffic control at the above mentioned intersections; and

WHEREAS citizens find it difficult to access the sidewalk along Francis Street and White Oaks Avenue from Brier Crescent without an accessible sidewalk ramp;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to INSTALL a Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) Type "D" at the intersection of Strong Court and Francis Street; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to INSTALL an all-way stop control at the intersection of Kensington Avenue and Francis Street; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to INSTALL an all-way stop control at the intersection of Consol Road and Francis Street; and
- D. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to INSTALL an accessible sidewalk ramp at the corner of Francis Street, Brier Crescent and White Oaks Avenue (east side of White Oaks Avenue); and
- E. THAT the implementation cost for the PXO, all-way stop control signage and pavement markings, and accessible sidewalk ramp, not to exceed \$8,500, BE FUNDED from Operational Services Operating Budget; and
- F. THAT any necessary by-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption; and
- G. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to investigate the use of School Zones in Greenbrier School Area.

12.1.14 Project Noisemaker

WHEREAS unnecessary and excessive vehicle noise prohibited by the Highway Traffic Act is enforceable by Brantford Police Service and

WHEREAS unnecessary and excessive vehicle noise is often accompanied by other illegal vehicle modifications, unsafe vehicle conditions and aggressive driving and

WHEREAS unnecessary and excessive vehicle noise has an adverse impact on quality of life for many people and

WHEREAS vehicle noise complaints from constituents have dramatically increased in number since COVID lockdowns and work from home restrictions have been in place and,

WHEREAS police blitzes referred to as Project Noisemaker, carried out in other municipalities such as Halton, Peel and Hamilton are very successful in reducing unnecessary vehicle noise levels and simultaneously raising awareness of this Highway Traffic Act offence now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. City Council requests that a targeted campaign to enforce unnecessary and excessive vehicle noise be undertaken by Brantford Police Services during the Summer/Fall of 2021;
- B. This resolution be introduced at the next meeting of the Brantford Police Services Board by City representatives Councillor Martin and Mayor Davis for consideration as an additional community policing priority; and
- C. That City of Brantford By-law Services enforcement staff work in consultation with Brantford Police Services to explore a possible partnership between both agencies to work together in conducting an enforcement blitz targeting excessive vehicle noise due to absence of or modification of vehicle mufflers and other illegal vehicle modifications during the Summer/Fall of 2021.

12.2 Social Services Committee Report #2021-06-02

12.2.1 2020 Annual Progress Report of the Provincially Legislated Brantford- Brant Ten Year Housing Stability Plan 2014-2024 [Financial Impact – None], 2021-382

- A. THAT the 2020 Annual Progress Report 2021-382 of the provincially legislated Brantford-Brant Ten Year Housing Stability Plan 2014-2024 BE RECEIVED; and

- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant Clerk.

12.3 Committee of the Whole - Community Development Report #2021-06-08

12.3.3 Digital Communications AODA Compliance Action Plan [Financial Impact \$67,000 - \$87,000 to be funded from Capital Project PM1703], 2021-431

- A. THAT Report 2021-431 regarding the Digital Communications AODA Compliance Action Plan BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to utilize funding in an amount up to \$87,000 from Capital Project PM1703 – Unspecified Barrier Free Design to implement the AODA Compliance Action Plan.

12.3.5 Noise By-law Amendment

WHEREAS excessive noise has the effect of interfering with the use and enjoyment of an individual's property; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Act allows municipalities to pass by-laws to regulate with respect to noise, vibration, odour, dust and outdoor illumination, including indoor lighting that can be seen outdoors; and (b) prohibit the matters described in clause (a) unless a permit is obtained from the municipality for those matters and may impose conditions for obtaining, continuing to hold and renewing the permit, including requiring the submission of plans; and

WHEREAS Section 10(2) of the Municipal Act permits a municipality to pass by-laws respecting the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the municipality, the health, safety and well-being of persons, and the protection of persons and property; and

WHEREAS the City wishes to ensure that the use of lands within the City has a minimal adverse impact on the quiet enjoyment of surrounding lands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to amend the noise by-law to include the prohibition of the noise or sound made or created by any radio, phonograph, public address system, sound equipment, loud speaker, musical instrument or other sound-producing equipment, when the equipment is played or operated in such a manner that the sound or noise made or created thereby unreasonably disturbs the peace, comfort or repose of any person in a dwelling house, or a police officer acting in accordance with their duties under the Police Services Act, or successor and that same be prohibited at all times; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to place the amended by-law on the by-law listing for consideration by Council; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to report back in the first quarter of 2022 with details on the number of complaints received including warnings and fines issued since the implementation of the amended by-law.

12.4 Finance Committee Report #2021-06-09

12.4.1 2020 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements [Financial Impact – None], 2021-420

- A. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford expresses its' full support for Chief Mark Hill's letter to the Right Honorable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sent on May 31, 2021 in its' entirety; and
- B. THAT the Federal Government BE REQUESTED to fully fund the 'Save the Evidence' Campaign as a part of reconciliation rather than relying on donations; and
- C. THAT the Federal Government BE REQUESTED to increase funding to the First Nations and Inuit Cultural Education Centres Program offered through Federal Indigenous Services Canada to provide stable, ongoing operating funding to Woodland Cultural Centre and other cultural centres across Canada to protect and revitalize Indigenous language and culture; and
- D. THAT the Federal Government BE REQUESTED to provide support for survivors and their families during this time as many

have been re-traumatized after the remains of 215 children were uncovered at the Kamloops Residential School; and

- E. THAT The Corporation of the City of Brantford BUILD AND MAINTAIN partnership with Woodland Cultural Centre to address the ongoing intergenerational impact of the residential school system on survivors and their families; and
- F. THAT Clauses B through E BE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED to the Office of Chief Mark Hill for comment and discussion within the Elected Council's consultation process with the People of Six Nations and beyond.

12.4.3 Update on Capital Projects [Financial Impact - \$726,715 returned to reserves], 2021-396

- A. THAT report 2021-396 regarding an update on capital projects BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT funding in the amount of \$50,000 for staffing costs associated with the Downtown Infrastructure Revitalization and Renewal Program (RD1702) BE FUNDED from the Roads and Related Reserve (RF0537); and
- C. THAT the following projects BE CLOSED and the surplus funds BE RETURNED to the appropriate reserve as identified in section 9.2:
 - i. 124 Ontario Street – Roof Replacement (SS1801)
 - ii. Brant Towers – Automated Heat Management System (SS1901)
 - iii. Accounts Payable Automation Software (FN1902).

12.4.4 2020 Yearend Operating Budget Surplus [Financial Impact - \$1,189,376 Operating Surplus], 2021-422

- A. THAT Report 2021-422 regarding the 2020 Operating Budget Surplus BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the 2020 Operating Surplus in the amount of \$1,189,376 BE TRANSFERRED to the Corporate Contingency Reserve (RF0554).

12.4.5 Treasurer's Annual Report on Lease Financing Agreements for 2020 [Financial Impact – None], 2021-425

THAT Report 2021-425, entitled Treasurer's Annual Report on Lease Financing Agreements for 2020, BE RECEIVED.

12.4.6 Treasurer's Investment Report for 2020 [Financial Impact – None], 2021-406

THAT Report No. 2021-406 regarding the Treasurer's Investment Report for 2020 BE RECEIVED.

6. STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETINGS

There were no statutory public hearings held at the meeting.

7. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS

There were no recognitions of achievement made at the meeting.

8. PROCLAMATIONS

Councillors read the proclamations aloud.

Moved by Councillor Utley

Seconded by Councillor Sless

THAT the following Proclamations BE APPROVED:

8.1 Canadian Multiculturalism Day - June 27, 2021

WHEREAS Multiculturalism is a fundamental part of our Canadian heritage and identity; and

WHEREAS residents of all backgrounds have made and continue to make valuable contributions to Canadian society; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate to celebrate those contributions and recognize the importance of Canadian diversity; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to enhance awareness of cultural diversity throughout Canada and strive to foster mutual respect among Canadians of diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS the Brantford Immigration Partnership helps to foster a welcoming community and support the successful integration of new Canadians to Brantford; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford Healthy Kids program launched *Healthy Kids Celebrate Culture!* to help children and families understand, explore, and celebrate cultures within the community; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford acknowledges the valued contributions that our multicultural community in Brantford strengthens our society socially, culturally, and economically; and

WHEREAS every year on June 27, all Canadians are invited to celebrate Canadian Multiculturalism Day;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford PROCLAIMS June 27, 2021 as “Canadian Multiculturalism Day” in the City of Brantford.

8.2 Year of the Garden - 2022 and Garden Day - June 18, 2022

WHEREAS the Year of the Garden celebrates the Centennial of Canada’s horticulture sector; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford is proud to have a rich tradition of horticultural excellence with more than 180 floral gardens plus many other floral works of art and, Equal Grounds Community Gardens which supports and maintains numerous vegetable and pollinator gardens throughout the City; and

WHEREAS the Year of the Garden will highlight and celebrate the important contributions of our local gardening organizations and horticulture professionals and businesses; and

WHEREAS Communities in Bloom, in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The City of Brantford hereby PROCLAIMS 2022 as the "Year of the Garden" in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and

THAT the Saturday before Father's Day, June 18 in 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in The City of Brantford as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022.

Recorded Vote on all Proclamations:

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

9. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations made at the meeting.

10. CLERK'S REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS, 2021-457

Moved by Councillor Carpenter
Seconded by Councillor Antoski

THAT the Clerk's Report on Communication for June 2021 BE RECEIVED.

Recorded Vote on the Clerk's Report on Communications:

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

11. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Sless
Seconded by Councillor Utley

THAT the following Minutes BE ADOPTED:

11.1. City Council – April 27, 2021

11.2. Special City Council – May 25, 2021

11.3. Special City Council – June 1, 2021

11.4. Special City Council – June 3, 2021

11.5. Special City Council – June 8, 2021

11.6. Special City Council - Private and Confidential – May 25, 2021

11.7. Special City Council - Private and Confidential – June 3, 2021

11.8. Special City Council - Private and Confidential – June 8 2021;
and

THAT the following Minutes BE RECEIVED:

11.9 John Noble Home Committee of Management – June 9, 2021

Recorded Vote on Items 11.6 to 11.8

YES: (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

NO: (1): Councillor Carpenter

CARRIED (9 to 1)

Recorded Vote on all remaining Minutes

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Moved by Councillor Vanderstelt

Seconded by Councillor Van Tilborg

THAT all Items in the Committee Reports (Items 12.1 to 12.4) separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

Separated items were taken up in the order in which they appeared on the Agenda.

**12.1 Committee of the Whole - Operations and Administration Report
#2021-06-01**

**12.1.1 Three Grand River Crossings Environmental Assessment
[Financial Impact: None], 2021-362**

- A. THAT Report 2021-362 Three Grand River Crossings Environmental Assessment BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to proceed with preliminary design alternatives as detailed in Section 9.6 as the Recommended Crossing Solution for the Three Grand River Crossings, which includes all of the following:
 - i. Rehabilitate Lorne Bridge
 - ii. Replace and Raise Brant's Crossing Bridge
 - iii. Perform Minor Rehabilitation to TH&B Crossing Bridge with Eventual Removal; and
- C. THAT funding in the amount of \$150,000 BE TRANSFERRED from the Rehabilitation of Lorne Bridge Capital Project (BR1801) to the EA for TH&B and Brant's Crossing Capital Project (PK1902) to perform the necessary repairs required to reopen Brant's Crossing Bridge.

Recorded Vote on Item 12.1.1

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

12.1.6 Joint Use Agreement Update- 2021-301

- A. THAT Report 2021-301 titled "Joint Use Agreement Update" BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT a letter dated November 3rd, 2020 from the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (BHNCD SB), notifying the City of Brantford of the intent to terminate the current Joint Use of Facilities Agreement and pursue separate agreements BE RECEIVED; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to initiate the negotiations of a Joint Use Agreement with the Grand Erie District School Board (GEDSB); and
- D. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to initiate the negotiations of a separate Joint Use Agreement with the BHNCD SB; and

- E. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to provide an update on the Joint Use of Space Agreement negotiations prior to December 31, 2021.

Recorded Vote on Item 12.1.6

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

12.1.15 Community Safety Zones

WHEREAS the City of Brantford is a Vision Zero community with the goal of reducing traffic fatalities to zero; and

WHEREAS City Council adopted the Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan on April 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS staff have initiated a study to complete a high-level analysis of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE), including the implementation of Community Safety Zones; and

WHEREAS Community Safety Zones are a strategy used by municipalities to encourage safer driver behaviour through increased fines for speeding; and

WHEREAS municipalities are required to first establish Community Safety Zones or School Zones prior to introducing ASE; and

WHEREAS public consultation is required to establish the community's desire for Community Safety Zones and to determine the capacity for them to be enforced;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to engage the public through a Let's Talk Brantford campaign, and with Ward Councillors to determine potential locations for Community Safety Zones and implementing a 40km per hour speed limit in areas identified as Community Safety Zones; and

- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to engage with community partners including the Brantford Police Service and Provincial Offences Court to determine the community capacity to enforce penalties related to Community Safety Zones; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to investigate the requirements for implementing Community Safety Zones and report to the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee in Q3 2022 with an implementation plan for Community Safety Zones, including public engagement results, timelines, cost, communication plan and locations for consideration.

Recorded Vote on Item 12.1.15

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

12.1.16 Oak Park Road Extension

WHEREAS The Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford, in a unanimous decision in 2019 through the recommendations of report 2019-543 (Feasibility Study for the Oak Park Road Extension) voted to exclude the use of the Glebe Lands in the transportation alternatives being developed for the City as part of the Transportation Master Plan update that is currently underway, unless otherwise requested by the Elected Council of the Six Nations of the Grand River; and

WHEREAS The Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford approved an amendment to develop a disposition strategy for the properties acquired for the Veterans Memorial Parkway that are no longer required for that project, and options on how to direct funds from the sale of any properties; and

WHEREAS, upon the sale of these properties, aforementioned funds are to be diverted to the Oak Park Road Extension Environmental Assessment including the identification of mitigation measures for the residents affected by the new roadway including, but not limited, to noise mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, a Feasibility Study was completed and an Environmental Assessment, with extensive public consultation as mandated by the Province of Ontario, is now underway; and

WHEREAS in person public consultation has not been possible under the current restrictions on public gathering; however many who participated to date have expressed concerns about or opposition to the project by way of letter writing, email campaigns, a sign campaign, a social media campaign, and multiple individual email messages sent to the Mayor's Office and individual Councillors; and

WHEREAS the City's Transportation Master Plan recommends that future adjustments be made to existing travel modes are necessary to offset impacts of high traffic routes throughout the City by using transit and active transportation; and

WHEREAS the City is currently working with the County of Brant on a Joint City/County Strategic Transportation Plan; however there has been little to no discussion pertaining to a Regional Transportation Masterplan including both the present and future road infrastructure necessary to safely accommodate the needs of the broader area such as Haldimand County, Brant County, Brantford, and Waterloo Region amongst others; and

WHEREAS the world wide COVID-19 Pandemic has temporarily modified travel behavior in the City, reducing transit and vehicle use while increasing active transportation, the longer term impacts of these trends on the City's 2051 transportation network have still to be determined

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to complete investigative studies currently underway in order to finalize Phase 2 of the Environmental Assessment and then to place the Oak Park Road Extension Environmental Assessment on hold in order to fully explore and investigate alternatives as follows and REPORT BACK in Q4 2023
 - i. Developing a Joint City/County Strategic Transportation Plan or Regional Transportation Master Plan, subject to participation by appropriate neighbouring municipalities and Regions; and

- ii. Implementing localized intersection improvements, realignment and improvements to alternate roadways, and improving transit and active transportation options per the Transportation Master Plan; and
 - iii. Assessing post-pandemic impacts on City and Regional travel behaviour and any effects on the timing of the recommendations within the Transportation Master Plan; and
 - iv. Preliminary design of traffic improvements and noise attenuation along Colborne Street West from Fire Station 4 to 400m west of D'Aubigny
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to rename the Veterans Memorial Parkway Reserve (RF0536) to City and Regional Transportation Reserve and use this reserve to fund the investigations detailed in Recommendation A; and
- C. THAT, with the exception of funds necessary to complete Phase 2 of the Environmental Assessment, staff BE DIRECTED to return \$850,000 in account RD1603 Oak Park Road Extension to the Development Charges Reserve (RF406); and
- D. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to Brantford-Brant MPP Will Bouma and the County of Brant.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Carpenter
 Seconded by Councillor Antoski

THAT Item 12.1.16 Clause A BE STRUCK AND REPLACED with the following:

THAT staff BE DIRECTED to complete investigative studies currently underway in order to finalize Phase 2 of the Environmental Assessment and that the Oak Park Road Extension BE REMOVED AS AN OPTION when staff investigate alternatives as follows and REPORT BACK in Q4 2023:

- i. Developing a Joint City/County Strategic Transportation Plan or Regional Transportation

- Master Plan, subject to participation by appropriate neighbouring municipalities and Regions; and
- ii. Implementing localized intersection improvements, realignment and improvements to alternate roadways, and improving transit and active transportation options per the Transportation Master Plan; and
 - iii. Assessing post-pandemic impacts on City and Regional travel behaviour and any effects on the timing of the recommendations within the Transportation Master Plan; and
 - iv. Preliminary design of traffic improvements and noise attenuation along Colborne Street West from Fire Station 4 to 400m west of D'Aubigny

Amendment to the Amendment

Moved by Councillor Vanderstelt

Seconded by Councillor Wall

THAT The Oak Park Road Extension review BE CONDUCTED after discussion on the Regional Transportation Master Plan with the County of Brant has been exhausted.

Recorded Vote on Amendment to the Amendment

YES: (2): Councillor Vanderstelt, and Councillor Wall

NO: (8): Mayor Davis, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, and Councillor Van Tilborg

LOST (2 to 8)

Recorded Vote on Amendment to Clause A

YES: (4): Councillor Sless, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, and Councillor Van Tilborg

NO: (6): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, and Councillor Wall

LOST (4 to 6)

Recorded Vote on Item 12.1.16

YES: (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

NO: (1): Councillor Antoski

CARRIED (9 to 1)

12.2 Social Services Committee Report #2021-06-02**12.2.2 New Affordable Housing Development at 177 Colborne St. W. Brantford Update [Financial Impact- \$5,545,920], 2021-395**

- A. THAT Report 2021-395 New Affordable Housing Development at 177 Colborne St. W. Brantford Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant Clerk.

Recorded Vote on Item 12.2.2

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

12.3 Committee of the Whole - Community Development Report #2021-06-08**12.3.1 Downtown Community Improvement Plan [Financial Impact – None], 2021-369**

- A. THAT Report 2021-369 titled, “Downtown Community Improvement Plan”, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Downtown Brantford Urban Growth Centre delineated in the new City of Brantford Official Plan – Envisioning Our City: 2051, as shown in Figure 1 of Report 2021-369, BE DESIGNATED as a Community Improvement Project Area; and

- C. THAT the necessary implementing By-law to designate a Community Improvement Project Area BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption; and
- D. THAT the Downtown Community Improvement Plan, attached as Appendix A to Report 2021-369 BE ADOPTED; and
- E. THAT the necessary implementing By-law to adopt the Downtown Community Improvement Plan BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption; and
- F. THAT Pursuant to Section 17(23) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13., the following statement SHALL BE INCLUDED in the Notice of Decision:“Regard has been had for all written and oral submissions received from the public before the decision was made in relation to this planning matter”; and
- G. THAT the Downtown CIP Implementation Plan, attached as Appendix B to Report 2021-369, to guide the administration of the Downtown Community Improvement Plan, including ongoing monitoring, BE RECEIVED; and
- H. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Council by early 2024 with an assessment of the uptake and related impacts of the Property Tax Increment-Based Grant program following the initial two years of program administration.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Vanderstelt
 Seconded by Councillor Utley

THAT Clause H of Item 12.3.1 Downtown Community Improvement Plan [Financial Impact – None], 2021-369), BE STRUCK AND REPLACED with the following:

THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Council by early 2024 with an assessment of the uptake and related impacts of the three streams of the Property Tax Increment-Based Grant program, including the proportion of new housing units created that are affordable, with potential program modifications to be recommended if needed to facilitate all program objectives, including the provision of affordable

housing units, following the initial two years of program administration.

Recorded Vote on the Amendment to Clause H

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

Recorded Vote on Item 12.3.1 as Amended

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

12.3.2 Greyfields Community Improvement Plan [Financial Impact – None], 2021-370

- A. THAT Report 2021-370 titled, “Greyfields Community Improvement Plan”, BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Built-Up Area with the exclusion of the Downtown Brantford Urban Growth Centre delineated in the new City of Brantford Official Plan – Envisioning Our City: 2051, as shown in Appendix E of Report 2021-61 presented to Committee on February 9, 2021, BE DESIGNATED as the Greyfields Community Improvement Project Area; and
- C. THAT the necessary implementing By-law to designate a Community Improvement Project Area BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption; and
- D. THAT the Greyfields Community Improvement Plan, attached as Appendix A to Report 2021-370, as amended to reflect that the Property Tax Increment-Based Grant program applies to the entire Community Improvement Project Area, and that the Commercial Façade, Landscaping and Connectivity Improvement Grant and the Mixed Use Building Improvement

Grant apply to the Target Greyfields Revitalization Areas, BE ADOPTED; and

- E. THAT the necessary implementing By-law to adopt the Greyfields Community Improvement Plan, as amended BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption; and
- F. THAT Pursuant to Section 17(23) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13., the following statement SHALL BE INCLUDED in the Notice of Decision:“Regard has been had for all written and oral submissions received from the public before the decision was made in relation to this planning matter”; and
- G. THAT the Greyfields CIP Implementation Plan, attached as Appendix B to Report 2021-370, to guide the administration of the Greyfields Community Improvement Plan as amended, including ongoing monitoring, BE RECEIVED; and
- H. THAT, in accordance with the Implementation Plan, Staff BE DIRECTED to offer the Property Tax Increment-Based Grant beginning in 2021 after the CIP is adopted; and
- I. THAT, in accordance with the Implementation Plan, Staff BE DIRECTED to report to Council in 2022 to present a budget for the administration of the Commercial Façade, Landscaping and Connectivity Improvement Grant and the Mixed Use Building Improvement Grant for Council’s consideration; and
- J. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Council by early 2024 with an assessment of the uptake and related impacts of the Property Tax Increment-Based Grant program following the initial two years of program administration.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Vanderstelt

Seconded by Councillor Van Tilborg

THAT Clause J of Item 13.3.2 Greyfields Community Improvement Plan [Financial Impact – None], 2021-370, BE STRUCK and REPLACED with the following:

THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Council by early 2024 with an assessment of the uptake and related impacts of the three streams of the Property

Tax Increment-Based Grant program, including the proportion of new housing units created that are affordable, with potential program modifications to be recommended if needed to facilitate all program objectives, including the provision of affordable housing units, following the initial two years of program administration.

Recorded Vote on the Amendment to Clause J

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

Recorded Vote on Item 12.3.2 as Amended

YES: (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (9 to 0)

12.3.4 Development Application Process Review Update [Financial Impact – None], 2021-421

- A. THAT report 2021-421 entitled Development Application Process Review Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT, having completed its mandate and received its final report, the Building Construction Review Task Force BE DISBANDED.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor McCreary
Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

THAT Item 12.3.4 BE AMENDED to include the following as Clause B:

THAT staff BE DIRECTED to investigate the mandate of the Task Force with respect to the KPMG recommendations

outlined in the final Development Review Process Assessment report, and to make a recommendation for a revised mandate.

Recorded Vote on the Amendment to Clause B

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

Recorded Vote on Item 12.3.4 as Amended

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

12.3.6 Mohawk Institute, Save the Evidence

WHEREAS the recent use of ground penetrating radar at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School uncovered the remains of 215 children; and

WHEREAS Six Nations of the Grand River Chief Mark Hill has written an open letter to the government requesting to immediately be supplied with the technology to conduct the same search at and around the grounds at the former Mohawk Institute Residential School in Brantford, Ontario; and

WHEREAS the “Save the Evidence Campaign” is a campaign to raise awareness and support for the restoration of the former Mohawk Institute Residential School, and to develop the building into an Interpreted Historic Site and Educational Resource; and

WHEREAS Woodland Cultural Centre’s operating funding provided through Federal Indigenous Services Canada’s First Nations and Inuit Cultural Education Centres Program was reduced in 2018 due to limited availability, providing additional pressure on Woodland Cultural Centre to express, preserve, develop, revitalize and

promote their culture, language and heritage for future generations;
and

WHEREAS the “Save the Evidence Campaign” relies solely on donations to achieve their goal of a fully-realized Interpretive Centre that will be the definitive destination for information about the history and ongoing legacy of Residential Schools in Canada;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford expresses its’ full support for Chief Mark Hill’s letter to the Right Honorable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sent on May 31, 2021 in its’ entirety; and
- B. THAT the Federal Government BE REQUESTED to fully fund the ‘Save the Evidence’ Campaign as a part of reconciliation rather than relying on donations; and
- C. THAT the Federal Government BE REQUESTED to increase funding to the First Nations and Inuit Cultural Education Centres Program offered through Federal Indigenous Services Canada to provide stable, ongoing operating funding to Woodland Cultural Centre and other cultural centres across Canada to protect and revitalize Indigenous language and culture; and
- D. THAT the Federal Government BE REQUESTED to provide support for survivors and their families during this time as many have been re-traumatized after the remains of 215 children were uncovered at the Kamloops Residential School; and
- E. THAT The Corporation of the City of Brantford BUILD AND MAINTAIN partnership with Woodland Cultural Centre to address the ongoing intergenerational impact of the residential school system on survivors and their families; and
- F. THAT Clauses B through E BE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED to the Office of Chief Mark Hill for comment and discussion within the Elected Council’s consultation process with the People of Six Nations and beyond.

Recorded Vote on Item 12.3.6

YES: (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, and Councillor Van Tilborg

CARRIED (9 to 0)

As Councillor Wall declared a conflict on this item, he refrained from all discussion and did not vote on the item.

12.4 Finance Committee Report #2021-06-09

12.4.2 High Water Bill Reduction Program [Financial Impact- \$167,500 annually for three years], 2021-427

- A. THAT Report 2021-427 High Water Bill Reduction Program BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the revised Finance Policy 012 - High Water Bill Adjustment Policy contained in Appendix B to this report BE APPROVED; and
- C. THAT the following High Water Bill Reduction Program measures to allow a more proactive approach to communicating high water consumption to customers BE APPROVED:

Increasing the frequency of meter reading to monthly for all customers

Hiring of a contract Customer Service Representative for a three year term, to assist in analyzing meter reading data and proactively contacting customers with high and estimated bills

Investigating the ability to enable text messaging to customers with the implementation of the Customer Information System upgrade in 2021; and

- D. THAT the estimated cost of \$42,750 to implement the High Water Bill Reduction Program in 2021 BE FUNDED from the Water/Wastewater operating budgets; and
- E. THAT the annual cost of the High Water Bill Reduction Program cost BE INCLUDED as a Previously Approved City Council Initiative in the 2022 Water/Wastewater operating budgets; and

F. THAT the Director of Finance/City Treasurer and the Manager of Purchasing BE AUTHORIZED to execute the required amending agreement to the meter reading contract in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and

G. THAT the necessary By-law to amend Finance Policy 012 – High Water Bill Adjustment Policy BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

Recorded Vote on Item 12.4.2

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

13. RESOLUTIONS

13.1 CAO COVID-19 Emergency Update 06.22.21 [Financial Impact: NONE], 2021-443

Moved by Councillor Sless
Seconded by Councillor Utley

THAT report 2021-443, titled CAO COVID-19 Emergency update 06.22.21 BE RECEIVED.

Recorded Vote on Item 13.1

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Downtown Brantford Improvement Task Force

Prior to the reading of the Notices of Motions, Council considered a motion to waive the rules to present item 14.1 as a Resolution.

Moved by Councillor Wall
 Seconded by Councillor Van Tilborg

THAT Section 15.11.5 and 15.3.12 of Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code BE WAIVED in order to introduce the following Resolution without prior Notice of Motion and without having been considered at a Committee of the Whole or Standing Committee:

WHEREAS Downtown Brantford is facing serious economic and societal issues, stigma, and challenges due in part to escalating poverty, homelessness, substance use, vandalism, social misbehaviours, crime, and the fallout of the Covid-19 Global Pandemic and;

WHEREAS public outcry for a program to address these issues is at an all-time high and;

WHEREAS without deliberate and intentional support and focus Downtown Brantford could face irreparable decline, and;

WHEREAS improving the health, vitality and resiliency of the Downtown is critical for achieving our vision of the Downtown to be a place that:

- i. Signals our city's economic vibrancy and attraction.
- ii. Tells a story of who we are as a City.
- iii. Be a centre for culture, arts, music and entertainment for our City.
- iv. Be a centre for academia
- v. Is safe, secure, inclusive and welcoming for a broad diversity of people.
- vi. Offers strong local and tourist attractions.
- vii. Provides opportunity for businesses to succeed.
- viii. Offers compassionate care for those who need it; and,
- ix. Is a safe and attractive neighborhood that people chose as their home.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Corporation of the City of Brantford ESTABLISHES the Downtown Brantford Improvement Task Force;

B. The composition of the Task Force is comprised of the following:

- i. the Mayor of the City of Brantford
- ii. the following four members of Brantford City Council:

- iii. The Brantford-Brant Member of Provincial Parliament, or their designate
- iv. The Brantford-Brant Member of Parliament, or their designate
- v. A representative from the following organizations and institutions, to be selected at the discretion of their membership as well as an identified alternate:
 - 1. The Downtown Brantford BIA
 - 2. The Brantford-Brant Chamber of Commerce
 - 3. The Downtown Central Neighbourhood Association
 - 4. The Brantford Public Library
 - 5. Wilfrid Laurier University
 - 6. Conestoga College
 - 7. Brantford Police Services
 - 8. The Brant County Health Unit
- vi. The Task Force can at any time submit a recommendation for Council's consideration that other stakeholders be invited to join the Task Force.

C. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to facilitate the development of a safer and desirable Downtown by collectively working together to prepare an action plan and/or strategies for that purpose including:

- i. Short and long term steps to address the undesirable behaviours and activities that are occurring in the downtown;
 - ii. More effectively supporting vulnerable populations collectively including but not limited to the homeless, those with substance use disorders, mental health and addictions, and;
 - iii. Enhancing tourism, arts, culture, music, entertainment and community events to attract people to the downtown to visit and live.
- D. To achieve the completion of their mandate as outlined in Clause C, the Task Force will:
- i. Provide a forum for conducting a series of public meetings to receive and hear deputations and briefs regarding ideas and strategies to achieve the primary purpose of the task force as set out in Clause C.
 - ii. Invite written submissions from municipal departments, groups and individuals and other community stakeholders interested in developing a safer and desirable downtown.
 - iii. Thereafter assess all ideas and strategies and prepare a recommended program for Council's consideration of concerted action to achieve the objectives above setting out priorities, targets, timing, staging, and implementation teams.
- E. The administrative support for the Task Force shall be provided by the Community Services and Social Development Commission;
- F. The Task Force shall report back directly to City Council with a final report in Q1, 2022. However, the Task Force may, at any time prior to Q1 2022, bring forward any recommendations for short-term solutions to be considered for immediate implementation.

Recorded Vote on Motion to Waive Rules:

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

As the motion to waive the rules carried, Council immediately considered the resolution.

Moved by Councillor Wall

Seconded by Councillor Van Tilborg

WHEREAS Downtown Brantford is facing serious economic and societal issues, stigma, and challenges due in part to escalating poverty, homelessness, substance use, vandalism, social misbehaviours, crime, and the fallout of the Covid-19 Global Pandemic and;

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WHEREAS without deliberate and intentional support and focus Downtown Brantford could face irreparable decline, and;

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- ix. Is a safe and attractive neighborhood that people chose as their home.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Corporation of the City of Brantford ESTABLISHES the Downtown Brantford Improvement Task Force;
- B. The composition of the Task Force is comprised of the following:
 - i. the Mayor of the City of Brantford
 - ii. the following four members of Brantford City Council:
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 - iii. The Brantford-Brant Member of Provincial Parliament, or their designate
 - iv. The Brantford-Brant Member of Parliament, or their designate
 - v. A representative from the following organizations and institutions, to be selected at the discretion of their membership as well as an identified alternate:
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 - vi. The Task Force can at any time submit a recommendation for Council's consideration that other stakeholders be invited to join the Task Force.

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- i. Short and long term steps to address the undesirable behaviours and activities that are occurring in the downtown;
 - ii. More effectively supporting vulnerable populations collectively including but not limited to the homeless, those with substance use disorders, mental health and addictions, and;
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- D. To achieve the completion of their mandate as outlined in Clause C, the Task Force will:
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 - ii. Invite written submissions from municipal departments, groups and individuals and other community stakeholders interested in developing a safer and desirable downtown.
 - iii. Thereafter assess all ideas and strategies and prepare a recommended program for Council's consideration of concerted action to achieve the objectives above setting out priorities, targets, timing, staging, and implementation teams.
- E. The administrative support for the Task Force shall be provided by the Community Services and Social Development Commission;
- F. The Task Force shall report back directly to City Council with a final report in Q1, 2022. However, the Task Force may, at any time prior to Q1 2022, bring forward any recommendations for short-term solutions to be considered for immediate implementation.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor Antoski

Seconded by Councillor Van Tilborg

THAT Clause B ii BE AMENDED as follows:

ii. the following members of Brantford City Council:

1. Councillor Wall
2. Councillor Van Tilborg
3. Councillor McCreary
4. Councillor Utley
5. Councillor Vanderstelt

Recorded Vote on Amendment to Item 14.1:

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

Recorded Vote on Item 14.1 as Amended

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

14.2 Gypsy Moth Mitigation - Wyndham Hills

Prior to the reading of the Notices of Motions, Council considered a motion to waive the rules to present item 14.2 as a Resolution.

Moved by Councillor Sless

Seconded by Councillor Utley

THAT Section 15.11.5 and 15.3.12 of Chapter 15 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code BE WAIVED in order to introduce the following Resolution without prior Notice of Motion and without

having been considered at a Committee of the Whole or Standing Committee:

WHEREAS the European Gypsy Moth is presenting concerns to Brantford residents as a result of tree defoliation, property and health concerns; and

WHEREAS the Gypsy Moth life cycle exhibits large populations every 7-10 years; and

WHEREAS The City of Brantford is currently experiencing this 7-10 year period; and

WHEREAS The Gypsy Moth is currently in the caterpillar stage of the life cycle, consuming trees across the city and litter the grounds with debris and will begin the transformation to moths over the next few weeks; and

WHEREAS the problem is particularly prevalent in the Wyndham Hills Estate due to the large hardwood tree population; and

WHEREAS the Gypsy moth infestation this year has area residents concerned about the ability to control the caterpillars as they invade properties and parks; and

WHEREAS the preferred control method is at this time is burlap wrapping of tree trunks and the installation of pheromone traps during the next stage of the life cycle;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to provide residents of Wyndham Hills Estate materials for burlap wrapping of trees and installation instructions to an upset limit of 5 trees per household for trees located on private property; and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to provide one pheromone trap per residence in the Wyndham Hills Estate; and
- C. THAT The City BE DIRECTED to cover all associated costs of materials up to an upset limit of \$5,000.00 from the Forestry operational budget.

Recorded Vote on Motion to Waive Rules:

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

As the motion to waive the rules carried, Council immediately considered the resolution.

Moved by Councillor Sless
Seconded by Councillor Utley

WHEREAS the European Gypsy Moth is presenting concerns to Brantford residents as a result of tree defoliation, property and health concerns; and

WHEREAS the Gypsy Moth life cycle exhibits large populations every 7-10 years; and

WHEREAS The City of Brantford is currently experiencing this 7-10 year period; and

WHEREAS The Gypsy Moth is currently in the caterpillar stage of the life cycle, consuming trees across the city and litter the grounds with debris and will begin the transformation to moths over the next few weeks; and

WHEREAS the problem is particularly prevalent in the Wyndham Hills Estate due to the large hardwood tree population; and

WHEREAS the Gypsy moth infestation this year has area residents concerned about the ability to control the caterpillars as they invade properties and parks; and

WHEREAS the preferred control method is at this time is burlap wrapping of tree trunks and the installation of pheromone traps during the next stage of the life cycle;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to provide residents of Wyndham Hills Estate and Mohawk Park area residents materials for burlap wrapping of trees and installation instructions to an upset limit of 5 trees per household for trees located on private property; and

- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to provide one pheromone trap per residence in the Wyndham Hills Estate and Mohawk Park area residents; and
- C. THAT The City BE DIRECTED to cover all associated costs of materials up to an upset limit of \$10,000.00 from the Corporate Contingency Reserve; and
- D. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to review areas where staff have seen an increase or pockets of heavy infestation.

During the debate, Council agreed to friendly amendments to Clauses A through C, and to add Clause D. Further, Mayor Davis declared a conflict during debate when the area of Mohawk Park was added a portion of the area included within the Resolution.

Recorded Vote on Item 14.2:

YES: (9): Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (9 to 0)

Councillor Vanderstelt read the title of the following Notice of Motion:

14.3 Development Incentives for Affordable Housing Developers - Councillor Vanderstelt

WHEREAS the Council approved Housing Stability Plan 2014-2024 identifies targets for creating both 506 municipally-owned new affordable housing units and 337 new affordable housing units created by non-profit and private sectors partners by 2030 to address population growth while maintaining current service level standards; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Housing Master Plan approved in October 2019 set a target of 506 municipally owned and operated new affordable housing units to be developed between 2020-2030; and

WHEREAS significant outcomes of the Mayors' Housing Partnerships Task Force Task Force that took place during 2020 were to identify municipally-owned sites that would be potentially suitable for affordable housing development, to identify possible municipal financial resources,

and to establish a mentorship program to encourage affordable housing development; and

WHEREAS the Mayors' Housing Partnerships Task Force Affordable Housing Action Plan approved in January 2021 is to encourage municipal, non-profit and private sector partners to development more affordable housing, and to find ways to accelerate this process; and

WHEREAS the City provides some incentives for the development of affordable housing development through the Housing and Homelessness Services Department such as development charge relief through the Municipal Housing Facilities By-law; and

WHEREAS the City also provides some incentives for all types of housing development through the Planning Department, and recently proposed a Downtown and Greyfields Community Improvement Plans with incentives for the development of affordable housing units;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Council by Fall 2021 with a summary of current City incentives for affordable housing development which could be shared with potential developers; and
- B. THAT Staff CONDUCT further research regarding other incentive options that may be considered.

Councillor Antoski read the title of the following Notice of Motion:

14.4 Year of the Garden 2022 – Councillor Antoski

WHEREAS the City of Brantford is committed to being a Garden Friendly City, supporting the development of its garden culture; and

WHEREAS the City has a rich tradition of horticultural excellence with more than 180 floral gardens in municipal parks and along City streets, unique mosaic and carpet bed displays as well as annual plantings that enhance public art and historic monuments throughout the community and within the Downtown; and

WHEREAS Equal Grounds Community Gardens coordinates and supports more than 20 active community gardens throughout the City- an initiative that is maintained fully by community residents and volunteers, to provide

places for growing local, healthy and nutritious fruits and vegetables in urban neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS the City is proud to be home to landscapes that demonstrate a growing commitment to environmental sustainability and climate action including an emphasis on water conservation, and the use of native plants and species providing food and habitat for bees and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together, and the entire Country is being asked to proclaim 2022 as the "Year of the Garden";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT, the City of Brantford actively PARTICIPATE in the "Year of the Garden" by promoting beautification initiatives, enhancing plantings city wide, encouraging resident engagement and creating a supporting media campaign, and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to prepare a plan for 2022 that highlights Brantford's gardening excellence and commitment to environmental sustainability, along with the required budget to be submitted to the Estimates Committee for consideration through the 2022 budget process, and
- C. THAT this resolution BE SHARED with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, the County of Brant, and all Ontario municipalities.

Councillor Utley read the title of the following Notice of Motion:

14.5 Waterfront Park - Councillor Utley

WHEREAS there is a desire to increase the number of public parks in the City that overlook the beautiful Grand River where citizens and visitors can enjoy the beauty of Brantford's natural heritage; and

WHEREAS for many years there have been numerous meetings regarding the enhancement of our waterfront, primarily through the Waterfront Master Plan; and

WHEREAS The City trail system meanders along both sides of the Grand River that runs through our City; and

WHEREAS Improving the access to the Grand River through a series of parks that overlook the Grand River would be ideal resting spots for hikers, bicycle riders and families; and

WHEREAS there would be connections to the Mohawk Lake District, Brant's Crossing and Wilkes Dam areas; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford acquired lands along Grand River Ave. between Scarfe/Church and Waterloo east of the Grand River and adjacent to the dike trail as an initiative of the Waterfront Master Plan; and

WHEREAS this property consists of approximately 1.25 acres; and

WHEREAS Environmental Site Assessment studies have been completed and \$650,000 in potential funding has been allocated in the City's ten year Capital Budget to begin the Environmental Risk management Plan in 2022 and design in 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to retain a consultant to develop a park design concept and complete any investigative studies required for lands along Grand River Avenue between Scarfe/Church and Waterloo east of the Grand River as an initiative of the Waterfront Master Plan that includes:
 - i. A Vision and concept of the waterfront park project,
 - ii. Public Information Centre(s) to share the vision and concepts with residents and stakeholders and request input to be incorporated into the design,
 - iii. To maximize the view of the Grand River from the potential waterfront park,
 - iv. Parking plan during construction phase and a permanent parking plan for visitors to the waterfront park,
 - v. Provide an estimated construction, implementation and operating and maintenance cost for the waterfront park; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to provide a funding source in the 2022 Capital Budget for the consulting services and REPORT BACK to City Council to present the final vision and concept plan in Q4 2022.

Councillor Carpenter read the title of the following Notice of Motion:

14.6 Covid-19 Pandemic Property Tax Late Payment Relief – Councillor Carpenter

WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect many property owners; and

WHEREAS many property owners have lost a portion of their income due to the continuation of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS the property tax due dates for 2021 have already been established as June 30 and September 8; and

WHEREAS late payment charges of penalty and interest can cause significant financial hardship for property owners who do not pay their property taxes on time; and

WHEREAS By-law 117-2021 (2021 Collection of Taxes) was passed on May 25, 2021 and establishes the rate for penalty and interest on unpaid 2021 taxes as 1.25%;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford APPROVE late payment relief on unpaid 2021 taxes from September 1st, 2021 to December 31st, 2021; and
- B. THAT a By-Law to amend section 6a) of By-law 117-2021 BE ADOPTED by Council replacing section 6a) in its entirety with the following:
 - a. In default of any instalment after the same has become due and payable, there will be charged a penalty not to exceed zero percent (0.00%) of the principal amount of such instalment, and further interest of zero percent (0.00%) of the principal amount of such instalment will be charged on the first day of each subsequent calendar month that the instalment remains unpaid or until December 31, 2021, as provided for under subsections 345(2) and 345(3) of the *Municipal Act*.

Councillor Carpenter read the title of the following Notice of Motion:

14.7 Recording of In-Camera Meetings – Councillor Carpenter

WHEREAS the City of Brantford desires to be open and transparent; and

WHEREAS democracy is best served when open and honest discussion occurs in public; and

WHEREAS it is sometimes necessary to hold meetings behind closed doors to protect the Municipality; and

WHEREAS the technology of today makes it efficient and correct to keep accurate records for the Municipality; and

WHEREAS if a dispute about the in-camera requirements occurs a third party review would be possible if the said meetings were recorded for accuracy;

NOW THEREFORE NOW BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the City of Brantford IMPLEMENT recording all in-camera meetings; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to present a by-law to amend Municipal Code Chapter 15 - Procedure being the City's Procedure By-law to include the direction for recording of Closed Session meetings for Council's consideration.

Councillor Carpenter read the title of the following Notice of Motion:

14.8 Proctor Avenue Maintenance - Councillor Carpenter

WHEREAS Proctor Ave was reconstructed a few years ago; and

WHEREAS the frontage of the reconstructed lawns of the homes on Proctor Avenue are full of weeds from said reconstruction turf; and

WHEREAS the city owned cul-de-sac at the North East corner of Proctor Avenue is full of weeds and rarely cut; and

WHEREAS the neighbouring residents of the street have been trying to pull out the weeds to beautify the unkept city property; and

WHEREAS Councillor Carpenter asked for something to be done to rectify the concerns on April 19, 2021 and again on April 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS Councillor Carpenter spoke with Engineering in early June; and

WHEREAS the response that over seeding will be done in the fall was given;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the appropriate staff BE DIRECTED to meet with the residents and Ward Councillors to resolve the concerns regarding the City owned property that fronts their homes.

15. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Wall

Seconded by Councillor Van Tilborg

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

BY-LAW PREAMBLE

- 139-2021 By-law to authorize the execution of AGREEMENTS individually dated and listed on Schedule 'A' attached hereto:
1. Subdivision Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Brantford, Brantford Power Incorporated, Empire Communities Limited and the Mortgagee regarding Wyndfield West Phase 8A (2021-174) (Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration Report #2021-06-01)
 2. Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Brantford and Intact Public Entities Inc. regarding procurement of the City's Corporate Insurance Policies for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 (2021-207) (Committee of the Whole – Community Development Report #2021-03-09)
- 140-2021 By-law to amend Chapter 26 (Boards – Advisory Committees) of the City of Brantford Municipal Code by repealing Schedule 25 (Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee) (2021-389) (Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2021-06-01)
- 141-2021 By-law to declare and dedicate Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 on Plan 1558, City of Brantford, as part of the public highway, to be known as Cumberland Street (2021-278) (Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration Report #2021-06-01)

- 142-2021 By-law to declare and dedicate Block 302, Registered Plan 2M-1964, City of Brantford, as part of the public highway, to be known as Bellhouse Avenue (2021-174) (Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration Report #2021-06-01)
- 143-2021 By-law to amend By-law 70-2010, being a By-law to adopt various City of Brantford Policies (Corporate Policy 008 – Employee Service Recognition Awards Policy) (2021-241) (Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration Report #2021-06-01)
- 144-2020 By-law to amend by-law 37-83, being a by-law to regulate Traffic in the City of Brantford (Francis Street – Schedule 1 – Through Highways) (Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration Report #2021-06-01)
- 145-2021 By-law to Designate the Downtown Community Improvement Project Area (2021-369) (Committee of the Whole – Community Development Report #2021-06-08)
- 146-2021 By-law to Adopt the City of Brantford Downtown Community Improvement Plan (2021-369) (Committee of the Whole – Community Development Report #2021-06-08)
- 147-2021 By-law to Designate the Greyfields Community Improvement Project Area (2021-369) (Committee of the Whole – Community Development Report #2021-06-08)
- 148-2021 By-law to Adopt the City of Brantford Greyfields Community Improvement Plan (2021-369) (Committee of the Whole – Community Development Report #2021-06-08)
- 149-2021 By-law to amend Chapter 554 of the Municipal Code (Noise Control) (Committee of the Whole – Community Development Report #2021-06-08)
- 150-2021 By-law 70-2010, being a By-law to adopt various City of Brantford Policies and to create a Corporate Policy Manual by repealing and replacing Finance Policy – 012 High Water Bill Adjustment Policy (2021-427) (Finance Committee Report #2021-06-09)

151-2021 By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford with respect to the Meeting held on June 22, 2021.

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

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor McCreary
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT By-law 139-2021 through to and including By-law 151-2021 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: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Utley, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Antoski, Councillor Van Tilborg, and Councillor Wall

CARRIED (10 to 0)

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

K. Davis, Mayor

Tanya Daniels, City Clerk