



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 6, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Kevin Davis, Councillor Martin, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sless, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, County Councillor Bell, County Councillor Miller, County Councillor Oakley, County Councillor Howes, County Councillor Garneau

Regrets Mayor Bailey

Nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair

The clerk called for nominations of the Chair. County Councillor Bell was nominated and acclaimed as Chair.

The clerk called for nominations of the Vice-Chair. Councillor Samwell was nominated and acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest noted.

3. SEPARATION OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONSENT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES

Moved by Councillor Miller

Seconded by Councillor Samwell

THAT all items for Consideration and Consent BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

Items 6.2, 5.1, 6.1 and 6.4 were separated for discussion purposes.

Items that were subject to the vote were as follows:

6.3 Community and Affordable Housing Overview [Financial Impact: None], 2023-687

- A. THAT Report 2023-687 Community and Affordable Housing Overview 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.

6.5 MINUTES

6.5.1 Social Services Committee Meeting - November 8, 2023

THAT the Social Services Committee minutes from November 8, 2023 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS /PRESENTATIONS

4.1 DELEGATIONS [list, if any, available at the meeting]

4.1.1 Dr. Somaiah Ahmed and Lisa Webster, Brantford Community Healthcare System

Re: 6.2 Housing Stability Services Update [Financial Impact: None], 2023-336

Dr. Somaiah Ahmed and Lisa Webster, Brantford Community Healthcare System appeared before the Committee and spoke regarding the need for housing shelter resources for our most vulnerable community members and responded to questions.

4.2 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 2023 Annual Update on Housing Development [Financial Impact: None], 2023-706

- A. THAT Report 2023-706, 2023 Annual Update on Housing Development BE RECEIVED; and

- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to create a pilot program for funding affordable housing development by non-profit organizations; and
- C. THAT the pilot program BE FUNDED from the future taxes at 282 Stanley Street and savings from mortgage subsidies as outlined in Table 5 of this report; and
- D. THAT the Chief Administrative Officer or Delegate BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to execute a Letter of Intent between the City of Brantford and Jaycees Non-Profit Housing Corporation; and
- E. THAT the Chief Administrative Officer or Delegate BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to enter into a 10-year funding agreement totaling \$1,500,000 between the City of Brantford and Jaycees Non-Profit Housing Corporation upon the completion of the affordable housing development at 32 Bridge Street, Brantford; and
- F. THAT the Housing Financing Plan as detailed in this report BE APPROVED; and
- G. THAT the Chief Administrative Officer BE DIRECTED to implement the Housing Financing Plan as detailed in this report; and
- H. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

Amendment adding Clause I.

Moved by: Councillor Carpenter

Seconded by: Councillor Miller

- I. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the staff report to the Member of Provincial Parliament Will Bouma and Member of Parliament Larry Brock and invite them to the next Social Services Committee meeting to speak to it.

CARRIED

Amendment to the Amendment

Moved by: Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by: Councillor Martin

THAT the wording "speak to it" be removed.

LOSTAmendment to Clause F

Moved by: Councillor Howes

Seconded by: Councillor Miller

F. THAT the Housing Financing Plan as detailed in this report BE APPROVED subject to both municipalities' budget processes.

CARRIEDVote on item 5.1 as amended**CARRIED****6. CONSENT ITEMS****6.1 2023 Brantford-Brant Point-in-Time Count Report [Financial Impact: None], 2023-550**

- A. THAT Report No. 2023-550 2023 Brantford-Brant Point-in-Time Count Report 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

CARRIED**6.2 Housing Stability Services Update [Financial Impact: None], 2023-336**

- A. THAT Report 2023-336 Housing Stability Services 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.

CARRIED**6.4 Housing Development Mapping [Financial Impact: None], 2023-719**

- A. THAT Report 2023-719, Housing Development Mapping 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.

Amendment

Moved by: Councillor Samwell

Seconded by: Councillor Oakley

THAT for Community Housing in the City of Brantford, STAFF BE DIRECTED to develop future (after units completed or identified in table 3 of 2023-719) Community Housing developed in the ten year Affordable Housing Action Plan in a manner that will prioritize where possible the progress to balanced amount of Community Housing across City Wards at the conclusion of the Affordable Housing Action Plan (2030).

LOST

The item was then voted on omitting the amendment.

CARRIED

7. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

County Councillor Oakley read the title of the following Notice of Motion:

8.1 Resolution on Maximizing the Usage of Publicly Owned Lands for Social Housing - Councillor Oakley

WHEREAS there is the strong urgent need to improve the availability of affordable housing in the City of Brantford and County of Brant; and WHEREAS publicly owned lands appropriate for housing development within the City of Brantford and County of Brant are limited; and WHEREAS acquiring additional, development-ready lands is unduly costly; and

WHEREAS infill development and urban intensification are desirable to reduce infrastructure costs and promote walkable communities; and WHEREAS maximizing the building heights and density of municipally-led affordable housing developments to increase the number of units

constructed, can assist both municipalities in meeting their housing goals;
and

WHEREAS our strategy for large scale affordable housing builds to ensure complete communities is to fill out builds with units that are across the spectrum of fully subsidized to market rate rental house, and that this strategy has been effective;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the City of Brantford and County of Brant commit to fully EXPLORE opportunities to increase height and density of municipally–led residential affordable housing projects, where appropriate; and

THAT the City of Brantford and County of Brant DIRECT staff to require future municipally–led affordable housing developments that sit on sufficient lands, meet traffic study requirements, and have sufficient servicing to have an initial build design presented that is a minimum of 10 stories in height, and surpass that height where possible; and

THAT the City of Brantford and County of Brant DIRECT staff to require these aforementioned taller builds have units across the affordability and attainability spectrum, to ensure a complete internal community, in addition to their addition to the larger community of the neighbourhood that they reside in; and

THAT the City of Brantford and County of Brant look for opportunities to implement the housing goals contained in the City of Brantford and County of Brant Official Plans, the Brantford-Brant Housing Stability Plan and any other relevant plans and policies regarding land use, intensification, and residential development

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:56am.

Councillor Bell, Chair

K. Demeulemeester, Committee
Coordinator

