



ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 22, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

Present: Mayor Davis
Councillor Sicoli
Councillor Sullivan
Councillor Caputo
Councillor Sless
Councillor Martin
Councillor McCreary
Councillor Carpenter
Councillor Samwell

Regrets: Councillor Hunt
Councillor Van Tilborg

1. Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order and roll call was confirmed.

2. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

2.1 Councillor Samwell - Brant County Health Unit

Councillor Samwell declared a conflict of interest on the Brant County Health Unit portion of the meeting as Councillor Samwell is employed by this institution.

2.2 Councillor Sless - John Noble Home

Councillor Sless declared a conflict of interest on the John Noble Home portion of the meeting as a family member is employed by this institution.

3. Presentations/Delegations

3.1 Delegations on Local Boards Budget

There were no delegation requests.

3.2 Presentations on Local Boards Budget

3.2.1 Downtown Brantford Business Improvement Area

Barbara Sutherland, Chair of the Downtown Brantford Business Improvement Area, appeared before the Estimates Committee and provided an overview of the Downtown Brantford Business Improvement Area budget. A PowerPoint Presentation was made and a copy was placed in the meeting folder.

3.2.2 Brant County Health Unit

Councillor Samwell left the meeting due to a declared conflict of pecuniary interest.

Brent Richardson, Chief Executive Officer, and Susan Brown, Chair of the Brant County Health Unit, appeared before the Estimates Committee and provided an overview of the Brant County Health Unit 2024-2027 Operating Budget. A PowerPoint Presentation was made and a copy was placed in the meeting folder.

3.2.3 Brantford Public Library

Councillor Samwell rejoined the meeting.

Rae-Lynne Aramburo, Chief Executive Officer, and Ken Symons, Corporate Services Administrator, appeared before the Estimates Committee and provided an overview of the Brantford Public Library 2024-2027 Operating and Capital Budget. A PowerPoint Presentation was made and a copy was placed in the meeting folder.

3.2.4 John Noble Home

Councillor Sless left the meeting due to a conflict of pecuniary interest.

Michael Bastian, Administrator for John Noble Home, and Raquel Diez, Finance Director, appeared before the Estimates Committee and provided an overview of the John Noble Home 2024-2027 Operating and Capital Budget. A PowerPoint Presentation was made and a copy was placed in the meeting folder.

3.2.5 Brantford Police Service

Councillor Sless rejoined the meeting.

Police Chief Davis, Tareq El-Ahmed, Chief Financial Officer, Vice-Chair Samwell, and Deputy Police Chief Saunders, appeared before the Estimates Committee and provided an overview of the Police Services 2024-2027 Budget. A PowerPoint Presentation was made and a copy was placed in the meeting folder.

The Estimates Committee recessed at 5:58 p.m. and resumed at 6:18 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Davis

Seconded by Councillor Sless

THAT acting in accordance with the powers from the Police Services Act, the overall 2024 Brantford Police Services budget BE SET at \$49.33 million.

Yes: (7): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, and Councillor McCreary

No: (2): Councillor Carpenter, and Councillor Samwell

Carried (7 to 2)

4. Items for Consideration

4.1 Continuation of the 2024-2027 Budget Worksheet

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor McCreary

Seconded by Councillor Sless

THAT a budget of \$70,000 for 2024 and \$70,000 for 2025 BE ADDED replace the sauna, signage and lockers at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre.

Friendly Amendment:

THAT the project BE FUNDED from the Capital Funding Envelope (RF0556)

Recorded Vote on the Amendment:

Yes: (9): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Carpenter, and Councillor Samwell

Carried (9 to 0)

Amendment to Step 9B.16:

Moved by Councillor McCreary
Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

THAT the contracted cyclical grid Pruning and stump grinding BE REDUCED by 25%.

Amendment to the Amendment to Step 9B.16:

Moved by Mayor Davis
Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

THAT the percentage amount BE AMENDED to 50%.

Recorded Vote on the Amendment to the Amendment:

Yes: (4): Mayor Davis, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, and Councillor Carpenter

No: (5): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, and Councillor Samwell

Lost (4 to 5)

Recorded vote on the Amendment to Step 9B.16:

Yes: (5): Mayor Davis, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, and Councillor McCreary

No: (4): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Carpenter, and Councillor Samwell

Carried (5 to 4)

Moved by Councillor Caputo
Seconded by Councillor Samwell

Recorded Vote on the Main Motion, as Amended:

Yes: (5): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, and Councillor Samwell

No: (4): Mayor Davis, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, and Councillor Carpenter

Carried (5 to 4)

5. Recess to Reconvene on January 24, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Councillor Martin, Chair

J. da Silva, Supervisor of Legislative Services