



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION
MINUTES**

October 10, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall
58 Dalhousie Street, Brantford

Present:

- Mayor Davis
- Councillor Sicoli
- Councillor Sullivan
- Councillor Caputo
- Councillor Sless
- Councillor McCreary
- Councillor Martin
- Councillor Hunt
- Councillor Carpenter
- Councillor Samwell
- Councillor VanTilborg

1. INVOCATION

Chair Sicoli called the meeting to order and read the invocation.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was confirmed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor McCreary - Wall of Recognition Task Force Report #2023-09-18

One of the candidates to be recognized is a relative (great uncle)

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

Moved by Councillor VanTilborg

Seconded by Councillor Samwell

THAT all Items for consideration/consent (7.1 and 7.2) not separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

Recorded vote on items not separated:

YES: (10): Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (10 to 0)

The following items were subject to the vote:

7.1.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting – Alternate Dates for Bid to Host [Financial Impact: None], 2023-606

- A. THAT Report No 2023-606 regarding the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting – Alternate Dates for Bid to Host BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford formally INVITES the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors to hold their meeting within the City of Brantford; and
- C. THAT staff SUBMIT the alternate dates (September 21-24, 2027 and September 19-22, 2028) to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on or before November 10, 2023; and
- D. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to provide a certified copy of the final resolution of Council offering to host the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting event on the stated alternate dates before October 31, 2023; and
- E. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Council in the event that the bid is successful.

7.1.4 Downtown Brantford Priority Plan: 2023 Update, 2023-584

- A. THAT Report 2023-584 Downtown Brantford Priority Plan: 2023 Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Councillor Mandy Samwell BE APPOINTED as the Downtown Revitalization Champion for the duration of the Downtown Brantford Infrastructure Renewal project; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to continue to work with community stakeholders to implement the Downtown Brantford Priority Plan and provide annual progress reports to Brantford City Council.

7.1.5 Updates to the City of Brantford Customer Service Standard and Customer Complaints Handling Policy [Financial Impact – None], 2023-577

- A. THAT Report No. 2023-577 entitled “Updates to the City of Brantford Customer Service Standard and Customer Complaints Handling Policy” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City of Brantford “Customer Service Standard Update” as amended outlined in Appendices “A & B” BE ADOPTED; and that the necessary bylaw BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption; and
- C. THAT the City of Brantford “Customer Complaints Handling Policy Update” BE ADOPTED; and that the necessary bylaw BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption; and
- D. THAT the City Clerk BE REQUESTED to update the Corporate Policy Manual to include the amended City of Brantford Customer Service Standard Update Corporate-018 and Complaints Handling Policy Corporate-043.

7.2 CONSENT ITEMS

7.2.1 MINUTES

7.2.1.1 Committee of the Whole - Planning Administration - September 12, 2023

7.2.1.2 Brantford Accessibility Advisory Committee - March 2, 2023

7.2.1.3 Committee of Adjustment - September 6, 2023

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

6.2 PRESENTATIONS

6.2.1 Todd Binkley, Fire Chief

Re: Item 7.1.1 Fire Department Staffing impact due to employees who are on Presumptive Leaves through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)

Todd Binkley, Fire Chief, appeared before the Committee and provided presentation. A copy of the presentation was placed in the meeting folder.

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ CONSENT

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Carpenter

THAT all Items for consideration/ Consent Items (7.1 and 7.2) separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

All remaining items were then voted on individually:

7.1 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1.1 Fire Department Staffing impact due to employees who are on Presumptive Leaves through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) [Financial Impact: Estimated (\$108,450)], 2023-620

- A. THAT report 2023-572 titled Fire Department Staffing impact due to employees who are on Presumptive Leaves through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Fire Chief BE DIRECTED to hire probationary firefighters/communications dispatchers to replace current fire department employees who are off on WSIB presumptive leaves in excess of six (6) months plus one day.

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

Amendment:

That the following BE ADDED as Clause C:

That the minimum staffing for the fire department be reduced to 19.

YES: (1): Councillor Martin

NO: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

LOST (1 to 10)

Recorded vote on Main Motion of item 7.1.1:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

7.1.2 Concurrent Non-Routine Demolition Applications for 187-203 Market Street, 11 Grey Street, and 168 & 168½ George Street [Financial Impact – Unknown], 2023-582

- A. THAT Report 2023-582, titled “Concurrent Non-Routine Demolition Applications for 187-203 Market Street, 11 Grey Street, and 168 & 168½ George Street” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Non-Routine Demolition Applications for 187-203 Market Street, 11 Grey Street, and 168 & 168½ George Street BE APPROVED.

Recorded vote on item 7.1.2:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

7.1.6 Wall of Recognition Task Force Report #2023-09-18

Councillor McCreary declared a conflict on this item. (One of the candidates to be recognized is a relative (great uncle) ;)

- A. THAT Report 2023-501 titled Historical Inductees BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the following nominees BE INDUCTED into the Wall of Recognition as a Historical Candidates:
 - i. 2023: Walter J. Bragg
 - ii. 2024: John Wedgewood Bowlby
 - iii. 2025: Charles H. Hartman
 - iv. 2026: John H. Matthews; and
- C. THAT John Utley BE INDUCTED into the Wall of Recognition as a Modern-day Candidate for the year of 2022.

Clauses from item 7.1.6 were voted on separately due to a declared conflict of interest.

Recoded vote on Clause B i. of item 7.1.6:

- i. 2023: Walter J. Bragg

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

Conflict (1): Councillor McCreary

CARRIED (10 to 0)

Recorded vote on Clauses A and C of item 7.1.6:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

Recorded vote on Clause B of item 7.1.6:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

8. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 Recognizing Brantford-born Phil Hartman - Councillor Sicoli

Moved by Councillor Sicoli

Seconded by Councillor Sullivan

WHEREAS Phillip (Phil) Edward Hartman (nee Hartmann) was born in Brantford on September 24, 1948; and

WHEREAS Phil Hartman was a renowned and tremendously gifted screen and voice actor, comedian, screenwriter and graphic designer; and

WHEREAS Hartman is known for many accomplishments, including but not limited to his work in co-developing the character, Pee-wee Herman; performing for eight seasons of NBC's Saturday Night Live (1986-1994) and voicing multiple characters in the Fox animated series, The Simpsons; and

WHEREAS Hartman was inducted into the Canada and Hollywood Walks of Fame in 2012 and 2014 respectively; and

WHEREAS Hartman was inducted into the City of Brantford's Walk of Fame, now known as Prominence Point, in 1997 where he attended the ceremony in-person, returning to Brantford for the first time since leaving the City at 10 years old; and

WHEREAS the untimely death of Hartman on May 28, 1998 shocked the entertainment community with statements from colleagues and friends remembering Hartman as warm, professional, loyal and a "decidedly regular guy"; and

WHEREAS Public Art celebrates the culture, history, people, events and locations that make our community unique; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford recognizes the value of art in public places that reflects the diversity of our community, provides unique attractions for citizens and visitors, and strengthens community pride; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has recognized significant Brantford-born citizens, such as Wayne Gretzky, Walter Gretzky and Lawren S. Harris, in its Public Art Collection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to issue a Call for Artists, in collaboration with Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, for a piece of Public Art to commemorate and celebrate the life and work of Phil Hartman, and installed in a location to be determined by the Public Art Staff Technical Committee with the Public Art Subcommittee; and
- B. THAT a jury for the Phil Hartman Public Art Project BE STRUCK to include:
 - i. Two (2) Councillors, including Councillor Sicoli and Councillor _____;
 - ii. Two (2) representatives of the Public Art Subcommittee;
 - iii. One (1) representative of the Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant Board of Directors; and
 - iv. Two (2) members of the public who self-identify as Phil Hartman fans; and
- C. THAT up to \$20,000 BE FUNDED by the Public Art Reserve (RF0507) for the Phil Hartman Public Art Project; and
- D. THAT up to \$20,000 BE FUNDED by Council Priorities Reserve (RF0558) for the Phil Hartman Public Art Project; and
- E. THAT this funding BE REFERRED to the 2024 Estimates process to be considered with the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget.

9.2 Resolution of Municipal Significance - Birthday Party and Networking Event

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT Sections 15.11.5 and 15.11.6 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 to deem the item urgent in order to be considered outside the budget process:

WHEREAS Maygan Myrie's Birthday Party and Networking event will be taking place in the City of Brantford on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at the Brant Masonic Lodge, 117 Charing Cross Street, Brantford; and

WHEREAS the event will be advertised to the public and is being held in an effort to celebrate life and provide a networking opportunity for the community; and

WHEREAS the event is intended to inform the community of Maygan Myrie's expertise in balloon decor for parties, weddings, baby showers, and more;

WHEREAS the event organizer has applied for a Special Occasion Permit-Public through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO); and

WHEREAS a request was received by the City of Brantford to support an application for the purposes of obtaining a Special Occasion Permit – Public for the event; and

WHEREAS a Special Occasion Permit-Public requires the event be deemed municipally significant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Brantford DECLARE Maygan Myrie's Birthday Party and Networking Event as a Municipally Significant Event in order for the organizer to obtain a liquor licence through the AGCO.

Recorded vote on item 9.2:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

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Seconded by Councillor McCreary

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Recorded vote on item 9.2:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

9.3 City Council Resolution in Support of the State of Israel

Moved by Councillor McCreary

Seconded by Mayor Davis

THAT Sections 15.11.5 and 15.11.6 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 to deem the item urgent in order to be considered outside the budget process:

WHEREAS the nation of Israel has been the subject of cowardly terrorist actions on a scale unseen since 9/11/2001; and

WHEREAS thousands of Israelis and citizens of other countries including Canada have been victimized by this cowardly terrorist assault; and

WHEREAS 900 victims are confirmed dead including Montrealer Alexandre Look, 2,000 victims are wounded and more than 100 are believed to have been abducted into Gaza;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford offers its condolences to the victims of this cowardly terrorist action on both sides of that border; and
- B. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford condemns the actions of these cowardly terrorists and their state and non state sponsors; and
- C. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford condemns the actions of Canadian residents who publicly celebrated the cowardly terrorist attacks on the state of Israel; and
- D. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford requests that the Government of Canada should consider financial aid to the

nation of Israel to replenish depleted stocks of defensive anti missile systems; and

- E. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford urges the return of Israelis held hostage in Gaza; and
- F. THAT as a display of solidarity with the nation of Israel Brantford City Hall will be illuminated with the colours of the Israeli flag until the cessation of hostilities.

Recorded vote on motion to waive rules:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor McCreary
Seconded by Mayor Davis

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- B. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford condemns the actions of these cowardly terrorists and their state and non state sponsors; and
- C. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford condemns the actions of Canadian residents who publicly celebrated the cowardly terrorist attacks on the state of Israel; and

- D. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford requests that the Government of Canada should consider financial aid to the nation of Israel to replenish depleted stocks of defensive anti missile systems; and
- E. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford urges the return of all individuals held hostage in Gaza; and
- F. THAT as a display of solidarity with the nation of Israel Brantford City Hall will be illuminated with the colours of the Israeli flag until the cessation of hostilities, if the lighting is not available then staff BE DIRECTED to fly the Israeli flag at half mast.

Clauses on item 9.3 were voted on separately and carried accordingly.

- A. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford offers its condolences to the victims of this cowardly terrorist action on both sides of that border; and

Recorded vote on Clause A, item 9.3:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

- B. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford condemns the actions of these cowardly terrorists and their state and non state sponsors; and

Recorded vote on Clause B, item 9.3:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

C. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford condemns the actions of Canadian residents who publicly celebrated the cowardly terrorist attacks on the state of Israel; and

Recorded vote on Clause C, item 9.3:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

D. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford requests that the Government of Canada should consider financial aid to the nation of Israel to replenish depleted stocks of defensive anti-missile systems; and

Recorded vote on Clause D, item 9.3:

YES: (8): Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, and Councillor Samwell

NO: (3): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (8 to 3)

E. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford urges the return of all individuals held hostage in Gaza; and

Recorded vote on Clause E, item 9.3:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

F. THAT as a display of solidarity with the nation of Israel Brantford City Hall will be illuminated with the colours of the Israeli flag until the cessation of hostilities, if the lighting is not available then staff BE DIRECTED to fly the Israeli flag at half mast.

Recorded vote on Clause F, item 9.3:

YES: (10): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Martin, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor VanTilborg

NO: (1): Councillor Sicoli

CARRIED (10 to 1)

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Councillor Sicoli, Chair

Chris Gauthier, City Clerk