

The Corporation of the Township of Brock Council Minutes

February 26, 2024 Council Chambers - 1 Cameron St. E. Cannington and Electronically

Members Present: Mayor Walter Schummer

Regional Councillor Michael Jubb Ward 1 Councillor Peter Frank Ward 2 Councillor Claire Doble Ward 3 Councillor Angela Canavan

Members Absent: Ward 4 Councillor Cria Pettingill

Ward 5 Councillor Lynn Campbell

Staff Present: CAO Michelle Willson

Clerk/Deputy CAO Fernando Lamanna

Clerk's Assistant Deena Hunt

Clerk's Assistant Stefanie Stickwood

Manager Facilities and IT, R. Wayne Ward Director Development Services Robin Prentice

Fire Chief Rick Harrison

1. Meeting Details (Agenda only)

2. Call to Order & Moment of Silence - 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Schummer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was present.

3. Land Acknowledgement

It is important to begin each public gathering with a Land and Territorial Acknowledgement, to recognize the Indigenous people for being good stewards of the land and environment, here where we are meeting today. The Township of Brock has traditionally been a hunting and fishing ground for First Nations people. We reside on and benefit from the Williams Treaty Territories, on the land of the Mississaugas and Chippewas. May we share the land as long as the sun rises, the grass grows and river flows.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof

None.

5. Community Announcements

None.

6. Public Meeting

None.

7. Presentations

None.

8. Delegations / Petitions

None.

9. Ratification of COW Recommendations

Resolution: C-2024-020

Moved by Councillor Canavan **Seconded by** Councillor Frank

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee of the Whole recommendations from the February 5, 8, 12, 15, 21 and February 26, 2024 meetings be adopted.

CARRIED

10. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolution: C-2024-021

Moved by Councillor Doble

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jubb

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts all minutes of previous Council meetings as listed in Section 10.1:

- Committee of the Whole January 29, 2024
- Committee of the Whole Closed January 29, 2024
- Council January 29, 2024
- Committee of the Whole February 5, 2024
- Committee of the Whole February 8, 2024
- Committee of the Whole February 12, 2024
- Committee of the Whole February 15, 2024
- Committee of the Whole February 21, 2024

CARRIED

- 10.1 Minutes of previous Council Meetings
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 - 10.1.7 Committee of the Whole February 15, 2024
 - 10.1.8 Committee of the Whole February 21, 2024

11. Reports

11.1 Memorandum 2024-GG-004, Expropriation of lands required by the Township of Brock for Economic Development Purposes

Adnan Naeem, Solicitor, Regional Municipality of Durham and Fernando Lamanna, Clerk & Deputy CAO

Resolution: C-2024-022

Moved by Councillor Doble Seconded by Councillor Frank

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Memorandum 2024-GG-004, Expropriation of lands required by the Township of Brock for Economic Development Purposes be received for information.

CARRIED

11.1.1 Public Square - Morrison Avenue, Thorah

Resolution: C-2024-023

Moved by Councillor Canavan
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jubb

Whereas in the matter of the proposed expropriation by The Township of Brock being All estate, right, title and interest in Part of Public Square, Registered Plan 112, in the Geographic Township of Thorah, in the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham identified with PIN 72045-0055(LT); described further as Part 1 on 40R-32274, for the purposes of economic development and all activities ancillary thereto (the "proposed expropriation");

And Whereas more than 30 days have passed after service and first publication of the notice of application for approval to expropriate the lands herein and the owner, having notified the approving authority of its desire to have a hearing, and having withdrawn that request, and since no other party having interest in the lands has notified the approving authority of its desire to have a hearing, therefore, the Council of The Township of Brock approves the proposed expropriation and grants a certificate of approval;

Be It Resolved That

- A. Township Council, as approving authority under the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26, approve the property requirements for the expropriation of the property as described in the registered reference plan as Part 1 on Reference Plan 40R-32274; and
- B. That Township Council, as expropriating authority under the Expropriations Act, authorize all steps necessary to comply with the Expropriations Act, including, but not limited to, the preparation and registration of expropriation plans and the service of notices of expropriation, notice of election as to a date for compensation and notices of possession; and

- C. That Township grant authority to the Township Mayor and Clerk to execute any notices and forms as may be statutorily mandated by the Expropriations Act to give effect to recommendation B), including the notices of expropriation, notices of election as to a date for compensation and notices of possession, including the certificate of approval to be affixed to the expropriation plan; and
- D. That Expropriation By-law 3244-2024 be presented to Township Council for adoption.

CARRIED

11.1.2 Shier Avenue, Thorah

Resolution: C-2024-024

Moved by Councillor Doble Seconded by Councillor Frank

Whereas in the matter of the proposed expropriation by The Township of Brock being All estate, right, title and interest in Lot 10, Registered Plan 706 and Part of the East Half of Lot 5, Concession 11, in the Geographic Township of Thorah, in the Township of Brock, in The Regional Municipality of Durham identified with PINS 72050-0057(LT) and 72050-0135(LT); described further as Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 on 40R-32275, for the purposes of economic development and all activities ancillary thereto (the "proposed expropriation");

And Whereas more than 30 days have passed after service and first publication of the notice of application for approval to expropriate the lands herein and the owner, having notified the approving authority of its desire to have a hearing, and having withdrawn that request, and since no other party having interest in the lands has notified the approving authority of its desire to have a hearing, therefore, the Council of The Township of Brock approves the proposed expropriation and grants a certificate of approval.

Be It Resolved That

A. Township Council, as approving authority under the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26, approve the property requirements for the expropriation of the property

- as described in the registered reference plan as Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 40R-32275;
- B. That Township Council, as expropriating authority under the Expropriations Act, authorize all steps necessary to comply with the Expropriations Act, including, but not limited to, the preparation and registration of expropriation plans and the service of notices of expropriation, notice of election as to a date for compensation and notices of possession; and
- C. That Township grant authority to the Township Mayor and Clerk to execute any notices and forms as may be statutorily mandated by the Expropriations Act to give effect to recommendation B), including the notices of expropriation, notices of election as to a date for compensation and notices of possession, including the certificate of approval to be affixed to the expropriation plan.
- D. That Expropriation By-law 3245-2024 be presented to Township Council for adoption.

CARRIED

11.1.3 Public Promenade Easements, Thorah

Resolution: C-2024-025

Moved by Councillor Doble Seconded by Councillor Frank

Whereas in the matter of the proposed expropriation by The Township of Brock being All estate, right, title and interest in the form of an access easement in Part of Public Promenade and Beach, Registered Plan 112 in the Geographic Township of Thorah, in the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham identified with PIN 72045-0230(R); described further as Part 1 on 40R-32285 and Part 1 on 40R-32286, for the purposes of economic development and all activities ancillary thereto (the "proposed expropriation");

And Whereas more than 30 days have passed after service and first publication of the notice of application for approval to expropriate the lands herein and the owner, having notified the approving authority of its desire to have a hearing, and having

withdrawn that request, and since no other party having interest in the lands has notified the approving authority of its desire to have a hearing, therefore, the Council of The Township of Brock approves the proposed expropriation and grants a certificate of approval;

Be It Resolved That

- A. Township Council, as approving authority under the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26, approve the property requirements for the expropriation of the property as described in the registered reference plan as Part 1 on 40R-32285 and Part 1 on 40R-32286.
- B. That Township Council, as expropriating authority under the Expropriations Act, authorize all steps necessary to comply with the Expropriations Act, including, but not limited to, the preparation and registration of expropriation plans and the service of notices of expropriation, notice of election as to a date for compensation and notices of possession.
- C. That Township grant authority to the Township Mayor and Clerk to execute any notices and forms as may be statutorily mandated by the Expropriations Act to give effect to recommendation B), including the notices of expropriation, notices of election as to a date for compensation and notices of possession, including the certificate of approval to be affixed to the expropriation plan.
- D. That Expropriation By-law 3246-2024 be presented to Township Council for adoption.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence

12.1 2024 Youth Pride Durham and Drag Queen Storytime Events Contribution Request

Durham Children's Aid Society Communication Number 53/24

Resolution: C-2024-026

Moved by Councillor Doble

Seconded by Councillor Canavan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Communication Number 53/24, 2024 Youth Pride Durham and Drag Queen Storytime Events Contribution Request be received for information.

CARRIED

12.2 Annual Horseman's Dance - Sunderland Fall Fair

Sunderland Agricultural Society Communication Number 73/24

Resolution: C-2024-027

Moved by Councillor Canavan **Seconded by** Councillor Frank

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Communication Number 73/24 as submitted by the Sunderland Agricultural Society with respect to a Special Occasion Permit for the Horseman's Dance be received; and THAT Council has no objection to the free use of the Sunderland Memorial Arena Auditorium as per the lease agreement between the Sunderland Agricultural Society and the Township of Brock on Friday,

March 22, 2024 from 8:00 p.m. to March 23, 2024 at 1:00 a.m.; and THAT staff provide access to the Sunderland Memorial Arena at 9:00 a.m. on March 22, 2024 for set up; and

THAT approval is subject to the Sunderland Agricultural Society providing the Township with proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000 with the Township of Brock named as an additional insured; that the Township receives of a copy of the Special Occasion Permit for the event, and that the event is in compliance with all regulations of the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario and the Municipal Alcohol Policy; and THAT Council declares this event as 'municipally significant' for the purpose of obtaining the required liquor licence.

CARRIED

12.3 2024 Durham Region Mayor's Gala Endorsement

Ontario Philharmonic
Communication Number 95/24

Resolution: C-2024-028

Moved by Councillor Canavan
Seconded by Regional Councillor Jubb

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Communication Number 95/24, 2024 Durham Region Mayor's Gala Endorsement, submitted by the Ontario Philharmonic be received for information; and THAT Council endorse the 2024 Durham Region Mayor's Gala supporting Ontario Philharmonic and approve the use of the corporate logo on gala material.

CARRIED

12.4 Dog Licensing Review Request

Ken Scruton
Communication Number 98/24

Resolution: C-2024-029

Moved by Councillor Frank **Seconded by** Councillor Doble

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Communication Number 98/24, Dog Licensing, submitted by Ken Scruton be received for information, and THAT Communication Number 98/24 be forwarded to staff for future consideration.

CARRIED

12.5 Permission to access Public Access - Maple Beach Road

R&S Construction
Communication Number 109/24

Resolution: C-2024-030

Moved by Regional Councillor Jubb **Seconded by** Councillor Doble

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Communication Number 109/24, Permission to Access Public Access - Maple Beach Road submitted by R&S Construction be received; and THAT Council grant permission for R&S Construction to access 25020

Maple Beach Road through the Public Access roadway to complete their

work, subject to R&S Construction repairing any damages to municipal property and indemnifying the Township of Brock from any liability.

CARRIED

12.6 Sunderland Fall Fair Parade

Sunderland Agricultural Society Communication Number 121/24

Resolution: C-2024-031

Moved by Councillor Canavan Seconded by Councillor Doble

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Communication Number 121/24, Sunderland Fall Fair Parade submitted by Sunderland Agricultural Society to be held on September 11, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. be received for information; and THAT Council has no objections to the request to hold the Sunderland Fall Fair Parade on September 11, 2024 subject to the organizers obtaining a road occupancy permit from the Durham Region Works Department; and THAT the organizers obtain traffic control assistance from the Durham Regional Police Services; and

THAT proof of liability insurance be provided in the amount of \$2,000,000 (two million) naming the Township of Brock as additional insured.

CARRIED

12.7 Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Town of Whitby
Communication Number 75/24

Resolution: C-2024-032

Moved by Councillor Doble

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jubb

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and, WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and, WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with

the economy or inflation; and,

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and,

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and,

WHEREAS property taxpayers, including people on fixed incomes and small businesses, can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need; and,

WHEREAS the Province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and,

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- That the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking, with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and
- 2. That a copy of this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Durham area MPPs, Durham area municipalities, the Region of Durham, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED

12.8 Volunteer Firefighters Tax Credit - Support Bill C-310, An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Volunteer firefighter/search & rescue tax credit)

Requested from CII by Councillor Canavan Communication Number 41/24, 45/24, 49/24, 99/24 and 107/24

Resolution: C-2024-033

Moved by Councillor Canavan Seconded by Councillor Doble

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to

thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and;

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders:

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer service is completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their income from their regular job, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;
- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

THAT the tax credit be amended annually by the rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and

FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Jamie Schmale, MP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, and Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

13. Notice of Motions

Resolution: C-2024-034

Moved by Councillor Doble Seconded by Councillor Frank

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council defer Notice of Motions 13.1 Increased Provincial Contribution to Public Libraries, and 13.2 All Way Stop Sign for Regional Road 10 and Sunderland Meadows Drive, Sunderland, to the Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2024.

CARRIED

13.1 Increased Provincial Contribution to Public Libraries (deferred to March 4/24)

Moved by: Councillor Campbell Seconded by: Councillor Pettingill

13.2 All Way Stop Sign - Regional Road 10 and Sunderland Meadows Drive, Sunderland (deferred to March 4/24)

Moved by: Councillor Campbell

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Jubb

14. By-Laws

Resolution: C-2024-035

Moved by Regional Councillor Jubb **Seconded by** Councillor Frank

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-laws 3240-2024, 3241-2024, 3242-2024, 3243-2024, 3244-2024, 3245-2024 and 3246-2024 be taken as read, enacted and signed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk.

CARRIED

14.1 By-Law Number 3240-2024

Being a by-law to appoint members to the Non Profit Sector Advisory Committee

14.2 By-law Number 3241-2024

Being a By-law to appoint members to Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee

14.3 By-Law Number 3242-2024

Being a by-law to amend By-Law Number 786-85-PP, Fence Construction in the Township of Brock

14.4 By-law Number 3243-2024

Being a By-law to appoint members to the Township of Brock Public Library Board.

14.5 By-law Number 3244-2024

Being a by-law to expropriate all estate, right, title and interest in Part of Public Square, Registered Plan 112, in the Geographic Township of Thorah, in the Township of Brock, in the Regional Municipality of Durham identified with PIN 72045-0055(LT); described further as Part 1 on 40R-32274.

14.6 By-law Number 3245-2024

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14.7 By-law Number 3246-2024

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15. Closed Session

None.

16. Rise from Closed Session

17. Other Business

None.

18. Regional Councillor Update

- Regional budget currently sits at 7.5%
- Durham Region Transit is expanding the bus fleet which should free up resources for On Demand Transit for Brock
- One Fare Program Durham Region Transit riders can get free transfers to TTC, YRT, and GO transit
- Durham Region held a day long education session on housing and homelessness
- Regional Finance and Administration Committee have no policy on CAO review
- MTO representative to meet with Mayor and Regional Councillor with respect to the bridge work at Highway 12 and Regional Road 15

19. Public Questions and Clarification

There were no public questions for clarification.

20. Confirmation By-law

By-law Number 3247-2024 to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock at its meeting held on February 26, 2024.

Resolution: C-2024-036

Moved by Councillor Doble
Seconded by Councillor Frank

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 3247-2024, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock at its meeting held on February 26, 2024 be taken as read, enacted and signed by the Mayor and Clerk/Deputy CAO.

CARRIED

21. Adjournment

Resolution: C-2024-037

Moved by Councillor Canavan **Seconded by** Councillor Doble

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

CARRIED
 Mayor
Clerk