



The Corporation of the Township of Brock

Council Minutes

March 4, 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
Ward 4 Councillor Cria Pettingill
Ward 5 Councillor Lynn Campbell

Staff Present: CAO Michelle Willson
Clerk/Deputy CAO Fernando Lamanna
Deputy Clerk Maralee Drake
Clerk's Assistant Deena Hunt
Director of Finance/Treasurer Trena DeBruijn
Director of Public Works Paul Lagrandeur
Manager Facilities and IT, R. Wayne Ward
Director Development Services Robin Prentice
Fire Chief Rick Harrison

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- 1. Meeting Details (Agenda only)**
 - 2. Call to Order & Moment of Silence - 10:00 a.m.**

Mayor Schummer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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

Council advised that the First Cannington Scout Group toured the Council Chambers at the Municipal Administration Office last week.

6. Public Meeting

None.

7. Presentations

None.

8. Ratification of COW Recommendations

None.

9. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

None.

10. Reports

10.1 Report 2024-FI-007, 2024 Operating and Capital Budget

Director of Finance and Treasurer

Resolution: C-2024-038

Moved by Councillor Canavan

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report 2024-FI-007, 2024 Operating and Capital Budget be received; and

THAT Council approve the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget with a net tax levy increase of 3.97% for 2024.

CARRIED

10.2 Report 2024-GG-005, Beaverton Harbour Permitted Parking Update

Clerk/Deputy CAO
Manager of Parks, Facilities, Recreation and IT

Resolution: C-2024-039

Moved by Councillor Doble
Seconded by Councillor Pettingill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report 2024-GG-005 Beaverton Harbour Permitted Parking Update, be received; and
THAT Council endorses the parking restrictions for Lot A at the Beaverton Harbour and directs staff to update the signage within Lot A prior to the start of the 2024 season.

CARRIED

11. Delegations / Petitions

Members of Council requested that the agenda be amended to hear the delegation by Nicholas Gall at this time.

11.1 Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

See also 13.3 Notice of Motion Battery Energy Storage System

Nicholas Gall, Ontario Project Manager, ABO Wind Canada Ltd. provided a delegation which included:

- location: adjacent to Hydro One Beaverton Transmission Station north of Thorah Concession Road 3 and west of Highway 12
- municipal benefits of BESS
 - property tax revenue
 - employment opportunities
 - community benefit payments
- estimated value of the benefits (based on nearby gas plants) would be in the tens of millions over 20 years

- Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) assessment for BESS is not yet finalized
- aware of agricultural land concerns
- undertaken noise modelling and wildlife impact
- would further refine the proposal in consultation with the community
- no current BESS proposal before Council

Council provided the following comments and questions:

- Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC), and Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) oppose BESS on prime agricultural lands
- not in support of the location
- clarify the criteria to identify suitable lands

Resolution: C-2024-040

Moved by Councillor Pettingill

Seconded by Councillor Canavan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the presentation by Nicholas Gall of ABO Wind Canada Ltd. with respect to Battery Energy Storage Systems be received for information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence

Resolution: C-2024-041

Moved by Councillor Doble

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jubb

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the items listed in Section 12 Correspondence be received.

CARRIED

12.1 Beaverton BESS (Battery Electric Storage System) Considerations

Jonathan Clifford, WDP Canada Corporation
Communication #156/24
Related to item 13.3 Notice of Motion Battery Energy Storage System

12.2 BESS Battery Energy Storage System

Julie Lindsay
Communication # 157/24
Related to item 13.3 Notice of Motion Battery Energy Storage System

12.3 Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) IESO Resource Adequacy and Long-Term 2 Request for Proposals

Drew Spoelstra President, OFA
Communication #158/24
Related to item 13.3 Notice of Motion Battery Energy Storage System

13. Notice of Motions

13.1 Increased Provincial Contribution to Public Libraries (Deferred from February 26, 2024 Council meeting)

Deferred from February 26, 2024

Resolution: C-2024-042

Moved by Councillor Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Pettingill

WHEREAS public libraries are vibrant community hubs where residents of all ages and backgrounds can learn, work, train, innovate, explore and connect; and,

WHEREAS the Brock Township Public Libraries provide community members with equitable, reliable access to broadband internet; and,

WHEREAS the Brock Township Public Libraries use technology to make resources more accessible and responsive to people's changing needs; and,

WHEREAS the Brock Township Public Libraries support local economic development through the provision of important business development and job skills programming for adults and youth; and,

WHEREAS the Brock Township Public Libraries works closely with local residents to deliver valued programs and services and shares knowledge and resources; and,

WHEREAS the Township of Brock Public Libraries continue to responsibly manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the

sustainability of its services; and,
WHEREAS the Township of Brock Public Libraries recognize the opportunity that targeted provincial investment can provide to secure more equitable access to increasingly significant digital resources and library-based services across Ontario;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock encourages the Province of Ontario to continue to recognize and support the contribution of local libraries within their communities; and
THAT the Township of Brock requests the Province of Ontario to increase its existing funding by at least the rate of inflation for Ontario's public libraries, and
THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries, to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPPs, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association, to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, and to Durham Region area municipalities for endorsement.

CARRIED

- 13.2 All Way Stop Sign - Regional Road 10 and Sunderland Meadows Drive, Sunderland (Deferred from February 26, 2024 Council meeting)

Deferred from February 26, 2024

Resolution: C-2024-043

Moved by Councillor Campbell

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jubb

WHEREAS the Sunderland downtown corridor is approximately from Maple Street South to Highway 7/12; and
WHEREAS a significant number of traffic, including truck traffic uses River Street (Regional Road 10), easterly, to access Highway 7/12; and
WHEREAS there are pedestrian sidewalks on both north and south sides of Regional Road 12 from Sunderland Meadows Drive leading to the downtown corridor.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock request that the Region of Durham install an all way stop sign at the intersection of River Street (Regional Road 10) and Sunderland Meadows Drive in Sunderland for the purpose of slowing down vehicular traffic entering the downtown corridor.

CARRIED

13.3 Battery Energy Storage System

Moved by: Councillor Frank

Seconded by: Regional Councillor Jubb

Resolution: C-2024-044

Moved by Councillor Frank

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jubb

WHEREAS Battery Energy Storage Solutions (BESS) is an emerging technology that is new to Canada, and the Province of Ontario, with many concerns that are not yet fully understood.

AND, WHEREAS the Ontario Federation of Agriculture opposes Battery Energy Storage Solutions on Prime Agricultural Land, especially Class 1-4 agricultural land, and the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) does not support Battery Energy Storage Solutions on agricultural land within Durham Region.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock, will not endorse Battery Energy Storage Solutions on Prime Agricultural Land, within the Greenbelt, most specifically on class 1-4 farmland, for the remainder of the term of Council 2022-2026. Others will be considered for endorsement on a case by case basis.

THAT staff send this motion to MPP Laurie Scott, the Ontario Minister of Energy MPP Todd Smith and the IESO.

Amending Motion

Resolution: C-2024-045

Moved by Councillor Doble

Seconded by Councillor Pettingill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Notice of Motion resolution C2024-044 be amended to reflect that the Township of Brock '**strongly discourages**' Battery Energy Storage Solutions on Prime Agricultural Land within the Greenbelt, most specifically on Class 1-4 farmland, for the remainder of the term of council 2022-2026. Others will be considered for endorsement on a case by case basis.

Yes (3): Mayor Schummer, Councillor Doble, and Councillor Pettingill

No (4): Regional Councillor Jubb, Councillor Frank, Councillor Canavan, and Councillor Campbell

DEFEATED (3 to 4)

Resolution: C-2024-044

Moved by Councillor Frank

Seconded by Regional Councillor Jubb

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Yes (5): Regional Councillor Jubb, Councillor Frank, Councillor Doble, Councillor Canavan, and Councillor Campbell

No (2): Mayor Schummer, and Councillor Pettingill

CARRIED (5 to 2)

14. By-Laws

None.

Resolution: C-2024-046

Moved by Councillor Doble

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to bring forward Public Questions and Clarification at this time.

CARRIED

15. Public Questions and Clarification

Nicholas Gall, ABO Wind Canada Ltd. provided the following comments:

- solar energy plants are not comparable to battery energy storage systems
- Council would determine the community benefit payouts
- the Beaverton location is 4 acres of marginal land within an 85 acre parcel
- this would be a temporary land use and the land would be restored to prior conditions
- municipalities Province-wide are challenged with adjudicating proposals on BESS without appropriate resources
- hope to revisit this in the future in collaboration with Brock Township

There were no additional public questions for clarification received at this time.

16. Closed Session

Resolution: C-2024-047

Moved by Councillor Pettingill

Seconded by Councillor Canavan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into a Closed Meeting at 11:29 a.m. to discuss the following matters:

- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board pursuant to Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act

CARRIED

16.1 Beaverton Thorah Public Works Yard

17. Rise from Closed Session

Resolution: C-2024-048

Moved by Councillor Frank
Seconded by Councillor Campbell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise & report from the Closed meeting at 11:45 a.m.; and
THAT Council endorse all direction provided to staff at the Closed meeting held on March 4, 2024.

CARRIED

18. Other Business

None.

19. Regional Councillor Update

- Mayor Schummer and Regional Councillor Jubb to meet with General Manager of Durham Region Transit (DRT) to review transit issues in Brock
- the upcoming Regional Council agenda will consider DRT data for Brock Township

20. Confirmation By-law

By-law Number 3248-2024 to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock at its meeting held on March 4, 2024.

Resolution: C-2024-049

Moved by Councillor Pettingill
Seconded by Councillor Canavan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 3248-2024, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock at its meeting held on March 4, 2024 be taken as read, enacted and signed by the Mayor and Clerk/Deputy CAO.

CARRIED

21. Adjournment

Resolution: C-2024-050

Moved by Councillor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Canavan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council adjourn at 11:47 a.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk