

Minutes

Committee of Council

The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Members Present: Mayor Patrick Brown (ex officio) Regional Councillor R. Santos Regional Councillor P. Vicente Regional Councillor N. Brar Regional Councillor M. Palleschi Regional Councillor D. Keenan Regional Councillor M. Medeiros Regional Councillor P. Fortini City Councillor R. Power Regional Councillor G. Toor Deputy Mayor H. Singh Staff Present: Marlon Kallideen, Chief Administrative Officer Bill Boyes, Commissioner, Community Services Steve Ganesh, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Growth Management Laura Johnston, Commissioner, Legislative Services Alex Milojevic, Commissioner, Corporate Support Services Peter Pilateris, Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering Heidi Dempster, General Manager, Brampton Transit Colleen Grant, Acting City Solicitor Genevieve Scharback, City Clerk Charlotte Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk

1. <u>Call to Order</u>

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m., recessed at 12:17 p.m., reconvened at 12:57 p.m. and recessed again at 1:35 p.m. At 1:47 p.m., Committee moved into Closed Session, recessed at 2:09 p.m., reconvened in Open Session at 2:23 p.m. and adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

2. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>

Committee discussion took place with respect to proposed amendments to the agenda.

The following motion was considered.

CW406-2024

That the agenda for the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024 be approved, as amended, as follows:

To Add:

- 5.2 Announcement New Executive Director of Downtown Brampton BIA
- 15.2 Discussion re: Procedure By-law

Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Nil

4. Consent

The following items listed with a caret (^) were considered to be routine and noncontroversial by the Committee and were approved at one time.

(8.2.2, 8.3.1, 8.4.1, 9.2.2, 9.3.1, 9.4.1, 9.4.2, 10.2.1, 11.2.1, 13.1)

The following motion was considered.

CW407-2024

That the following items to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024 be approved as part of Consent:

8.2.2, 8.3.1, 8.4.1, 9.2.2, 9.3.1, 9.4.1, 9.4.2, 10.2.1, 11.2.1, 13.1

Carried

5. <u>Announcements</u>

5.1 Announcement - City-Wide Hackathon Post-Event Update

Regional Councillor Toor provided an overview of the City-Wide Hackathon event and thanked staff, local businesses and other partners for their support.

5.2 Announcement - Introduction of the new Executive Director of the Downtown Brampton BIA - Louroz Mercader

Regional Councillor Vicente introduced Louroz Mercader, the new Executive Director of the Downtown Brampton BIA, and congratulated Louroz on his recent appointment.

Louroz provided background information on his experience, and provided an overview of the Downtown BIA 2025 action plan and the launch of their holiday shopping campaign.

6. <u>Public Delegations</u>

6.1 Delegation from Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Library, Radha Tailor, Library Board Chair, and Anand Desai, Monteith Brown Planning Consultants, re: Brampton Library Facilities Master Plan Update

Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Library, Radha Tailor, Library Board Chair, and Anand Desai, Monteith Brown Planning Consultants, provided a presentation titled "Addendum to the Library Facilities Master Plan".

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Southwest Library branch size and use
- Potential library facility at Embleton
- Co-location with schools

- Significant use and success of the South Fletchers Library temporary location at Shopper's World
- Benefits of libraries for the community
- The need for community space

The following motion was considered.

CW408-2024

That the delegation from Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Library, Radha Tailor, Library Board Chair, and Anand Desai, Monteith Brown Planning Consultants, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: **Brampton Library Facilities Master Plan Update**, be received.

Carried

6.2 Delegation from Munisha Manocha and Vikas Sharma, Festival Director, Trimurti Events, re: Request to Waive Charges related to a Public Religious Festival

The delegation was not in attendance at the time the item was called.

The following motion was considered.

CW409-2024

That the delegation from Munisha Manocha and Vikas Sharma, Festival Director, Trimurti Events, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: **Request to Waive Charges related to a Public Religious Festival**, be received.

Carried

6.3 Delegation from Susan Eagles, Member of the Village of Green Co-Op (Non-Profit) and Brampton resident, re: Request for Noise Wall/Sound Barrier on Steeles Avenue at McMurchy Avenue - Ward 3

Susan Eagles, Member of the Village of Green Co-Op (Non-Profit) and Brampton resident, provided background information regarding the Village of Green Co-Op, outlined the impact of noise from Steeles Avenue on the quality of life of area residents, and referenced the petition submitted. The delegation sought Committee's support for a solution to address the noise concerns.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Indication that Steeles Avenue is a regional road and this matter should be referred to the Region of Peel for review
- Process for installing sound barriers on regional roads

The following motion was considered.

CW410-2024

That the delegation from Susan Eagles, Member of the Village of Green Co-Op (Non-Profit) and Brampton resident, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: **Request for Noise Wall/Sound Barrier on Steeles Avenue at McMurchy Avenue - Ward 3**, be **referred** to staff for discussion with the Region of Peel.

Carried

6.4 Delegation from Emmanuel Adebola, Executive Director, ANE Global, re: ANE Global and Black Empowerment Summit and Gala - October 19, 2024

Emmanuel Adebola, Executive Director, ANE Global, provided an overview of the ANE Global and Black Empowerment Summit and Gala held on October 19, 2024, and thanked the City of Brampton for its support. The delegation presented certificates of recognition to various individuals for their support and contributions to the Black community.

The following motion was considered.

CW411-2024

That the delegation from Emmanuel Adebola, Executive Director, ANE Global, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: **ANE Global and Black Empowerment Summit and Gala - October 19, 2024**, be received.

Carried

6.5 Delegation from Andrew Mirabella, Associate Partner, Hemson Consulting Ltd. re: 2023 State of the Local Infrastructure Report

Item 8.2.1 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Andrew Mirabella, Associate Partner, Hemson Consulting Ltd. provided a presentation titled "2023 State of the Local Infrastructure Report".

The following motion was considered.

CW412-2024

- That the delegation from Andrew Mirabella, Associate Partner, Hemson Consulting Ltd., to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: 2023 State of the Local Infrastructure Report, be received;
- That the report from Amit Gupta, Manager, Corporate Asset Management, Corporate Support Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: State of Local Infrastructure Report – 2023, be received;
- 3. That the State of Local Infrastructure Report 2023, attached as Appendix A, be approved; and
- 4. That the 2023 State of the Local Infrastructure Report be posted on the City's website to comply with the City of Brampton Asset Management Policy.

Carried

6.6 Delegations re: Active Transportation Master Plan - Bicycle Lane Implementation in the City and Bill 212 Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024

The following delegations addressed Committee regarding Item 9.2.1 - Active Transportation Master Plan - Bicycle Lane Implementation in the City and Bill 212 Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024, and expressed support for the implementation of safe bicycle lanes and complete streets:

- 1. David Laing, President, Brampton Environmental Alliance
- 2. Dayle Laing, Secretary, BikeBrampton
- 3. Donna Laevens-Van West, Brampton Resident
- 4. Jasdeep Singh Bhattal, Retired Superintendent Engineer Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board
- 5. Sasi Kumar, International Student Algoma University and Brampton Resident
- 6. Lisa Stokes, Member, BikeBrampton
- 7. Gunjan Sharda, Brampton Resident
- 8. Leonard D Souza, Brampton Resident
- 9. Jessica Spieker, Chair and Spokesperson, Friends and Families for Safe Streets
- 10. Alina Grzejszczak, Brampton Resident

Moaz Ahmad, Co-Founder and Chief Community Officer, Scooty, provided a presentation regarding the micromobility program and use of the active transportation infrastructure.

Committee thanked the delegations for their submissions, and discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Use of bike lanes
- Complaints from residents regarding bike lanes and e-scooters
- Urban shoulders
- Provincial direction regarding bike lanes
- Installation of bike lanes on major roads
- Maximum speed of e-scooters and the possibility of reducing speed on pathways and trails
- E-scooter service to the Bramalea GO Station

The following motion was considered.

CW413-2024

That the following delegations to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: Active Transportation Master Plan - Bicycle Lane Implementation in the City and Bill 212 Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024, be referred to staff for consideration in conjunction with development of the Brampton Mobility Plan:

- 1. David Laing, President, Brampton Environmental Alliance
- 2. Dayle Laing, Secretary, BikeBrampton
- 3. Donna Laevens-Van West, Brampton Resident
- 4. Jasdeep Singh Bhattal, Retired Superintendent Engineer Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board
- 5. Sasi Kumar, International Student Algoma University and Brampton Resident
- 6. Lisa Stokes, Member, BikeBrampton
- 7. Gunjan Sharda, Brampton Resident
- 8. Leonard D Souza, Brampton Resident
- 9. Jessica Spieker, Chair and Spokesperson, Friends and Families for Safe Streets

10. Alina Grzejszczak, Brampton Resident

11. Moaz Ahmad, Co-Founder and Chief Community Officer, Scooty

Carried

(See Item 9.1.1 - Recommendation CW418-2024)

7. <u>Government Relations Matters</u>

7.1 Staff Update re: Government Relations Matters

Committee discussion took place regarding the expansion of the Salvation Army Family Resource Centre Shelter, and advocacy for provincial government support for this expansion.

The following motion was considered.

CW414-2024

- 1. That the presentation by Andrzej Hoffmann, Manager, Government Relations and Public Liaison, Office of the CAO, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: **Government Relations Matters**, be received; and
- 2. That a letter of advocacy be sent to Minister Michael Parsa and Associate Minister Charmaine Williams (Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services) to support the Salvation Army Resource Centre request for capital and operating support to expand the shelter.

Carried

8. <u>Corporate Services Section</u>

8.1 Staff Presentations

Nil

- 8.2 Reports
- 8.2.1 Staff Report re: 2023 State of the Local Infrastructure Report

Dealt with under Item 6.5 - Recommendation CW412-2024

8.2.2 ^ Staff Report re: Land Tax Apportionments Pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001

CW415-2024

- That the report from Jennifer Anderson, Property Tax Account Analyst, Finance, Corporate Support Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting November 13, 2024, re: Land Tax Apportionments Pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, be received; and
- 2. That the unpaid taxes for the lands encompassed by the assessment roll numbers listed in Schedule A to this report be apportioned according to their relative value for each year as indicated in Schedule A.

Carried

8.3 Other/New Business

8.3.1 ^ Minutes - Brampton Women's Advisory Committee - October 9, 2024

CW416-2024

That the **Minutes of the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee Meeting of October 9, 2024**, Recommendations BWAC001-2024 to BWAC005-2024, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, be approved.

Carried

The recommendations were approved as follows:

BWAC001-2024

That the agenda for the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee meeting of October 9, 2024, be approved as amended to vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 7.1, following Approval of Agenda.

BWAC002-2024

- That the presentation by Genevieve Scharback, City Clerk, to the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee meeting of October 9, 2024, re: Brampton Women's Advisory Committee Orientation, be received.
- 2. That the presentation by Lucy Nyarwai and Cindy-Ann Williams, Equity Office, Corporate Services, to the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee meeting of October 9, 2024, re: **Brampton Women's Advisory Committee Orientation**, be received.

BWAC003-2024

That Kathleen Douglass and Angel Massey-Singh be appointed as Co-chairs of the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee for the term ending November 14, 2025, or until successors are appointed.

BWAC004-2024

That the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2025 shall be as follows:

- Thursday, January 16, 2025
- Thursday, April 17, 2025
- Thursday, July 17, 2025
- Thursday, October 16, 2025

BWAC005-2024

That the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on January 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

- 8.4 Correspondence
- 8.4.1 ^ Correspondence from Patrick McMahon, Technical Manager, Regulatory Research and Records, Enbridge Gas Inc. dated October 29, 2024, re: Application for New Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

CW417-2024

That the correspondence from Patrick McMahon, Technical Manager, Regulatory Research and Records, Enbridge Gas Inc., dated October 29, 2024, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: **Application for New Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**, be received.

Carried

8.5 Councillors Question Period

Nil

8.6 Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made under this section of the agenda. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

9. Public Works and Engineering Section

- 9.1 Staff Presentations
- 9.1.1 Bicycle Lane Implementation in the City and Bill 212 Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024

Item 9.2.1 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Nelson Cadete, Manager, Transportation Planning, Integrated City Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management, provided a presentation titled "Bike Lane Implementation in the City and Bill 212".

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Safety of bike lanes
- Rate of ridership and access to ridership data
- Process for painting bike lanes
- Clarification of costs associated with bike lanes, including maintenance and snow clearing costs
- Request for data related to the protected bike lane and policing at the intersection of Howden Boulevard and Dixie Road

The following motion was considered.

CW418-2024

- That the presentation from Nelson Cadete, Manager, Transportation Planning, Integrated City Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: Bicycle Lane Implementation in the City and Bill 212 Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024, be received;
- That the report from Nelson Cadete, Manager, Transportation Planning, Integrated City Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: Active Transportation Master Plan, be received; and

3. That until the time in which the Active Transportation Master Plan is updated, the interim strategy outlined within this report with respect to bicycle lane implementation, be endorsed.

Carried

(See Item 6.6 - Recommendation CW413-2024)

- 9.2 Reports
- 9.2.1 Staff Report re: Active Transportation Master Plan: Bicycle Lane Implementation in the City and Bill 212 Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024

Dealt with under Item 9.1.1 - Recommendation CW418-2024

9.2.2 ^ Staff Report re: Parking Related Concerns - Forestgrove Circle – Ward 2

CW419-2024

- That the report from Binita Poudyal, Traffic Operations Technologist, Road Maintenance, Operations and Fleet, Public Works and Engineering, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: Parking Related Concerns - Forestgrove Circle – Ward 2, be received; and
- 2. That a by-law be passed to amend Traffic By-law 93-93, as amended, to implement "No Parking, Anytime" restrictions on the inner portion of Forestgrove Circle.

Carried

9.2.3 Staff Report re: Engagement Campaign Snow Survey Results for Winter Maintenance Contract

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Lack of clarity in the survey results due to the low number of responses
- Request that staff continue surveying residents throughout the winter months
- Consideration of these services by the City of Mississauga
- Associated costs for these services

The following motion was considered.

CW420-2024

- That the report from Sam Mattina, Manager, Contracts, Operations Planning and Projects, Road Maintenance, Operations and Fleet, Public Works and Engineering, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: Engagement Campaign Snow Survey Results for Winter Maintenance Contract – All Wards, be received; and
- 2. That staff be requested to continue surveying throughout the winter months and provide a further update to Council in the Spring.

Carried

9.3 Other/New Business

9.3.1 ^ Minutes - Brampton School Traffic Safety Council - October 10, 2024

CW421-2024

That the **Minutes of the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting of October 10, 2024**, Recommendations SC049-2024 to SC059-2024, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, be approved.

Carried

The recommendations were approved as follows:

SC049-2024

That the agenda for the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of October 10, 2024, be approved, as published and circulated.

SC050-2024

- That the correspondence from Andrew D'Souza, Principal, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of October 10, 2024, re: Request to review Traffic Congestion on School Property and Park and Ride, St. John Bosco Catholic School, 1025 North Park Drive - Ward 8 be received; and,
- 2. That a site inspection be undertaken.

SC051-2024

1. That the correspondence from Palweet Parmar, Council Office, on behalf of area residents, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of October 10, 2024, re: **Request to Review Parking Issues and Traffic**

Congestion on School Street, Burnt Elm Public School, 85 Burnt Elm Drive, Ward 2, be received; and,

2. That a site inspection be undertaken.

SC052-2024

- That the correspondence from Kristen Bynoe, Vice-Principal, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of October 10, 2024, re: Request to review Traffic Congestion on School Street and Crossing Guard Inquiry, Sunny View Middle School, 30 Chapparal Drive, Ward 9, be received; and,
- 2. That a site inspection be undertaken.

SC053-2024

- That the correspondence from Stacy Vaz, resident, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of October 10, 2024, re: Request for a Crossing Guard at intersection of Harold Street and Brenda Avenue, Ridgeview Public School, 25 Brenda Avenue, Ward 3, be received; and,
- 2. That a site inspection be undertaken.

SC054-2024

That the update by Enforcement and By-law Services, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of October 10, 2024, re: **School Patrol Statistics** - **September 2024**, be received.

SC055-2024

- 1. That the Site Inspection report for **Malala Yousafzai Public School** be received;
- 2. That the Manager of Traffic Operations and Parking arrange for the implementation of "No stopping, Monday to Friday" signage on the east side of Queen Mary Drive for the entire length of the school;
- 3. That the school principal arrange for the installation of additional bike racks; and,
- 4. That the Manager of Parking Enforcement arrange for enforcement of "No stopping" signage once implemented.

SC056-2024

1. That the Site Inspection report for **Rowntree Public School** be received; and,

2. That no further action is required.

SC057-2024

- 1. That the Site Inspection report for Fernforest Public School be received;
- 2. That the Manager of Traffic Services arrange for:
 - Enhanced pavement markings to be installed at the intersection of Black Forest Drive and Willow Park Drive
 - Implementation of "No Stopping Anytime" signage on the south side of Black Forest from Willow Park Drive to a point across from house number 75 Black Forest Drive; and,
- 3. That the Manager of Transportation, Right of Way and Safety, arrange for a Crossing Guard to be placed at the intersection of Black Forest and Willow Park Drive.

SC058-2024

- 1. That the Site Inspection report **Beryl Ford Public School** be received;
- 2. That to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the principal contact their designated Peel Health Nurse to participate in the School Travel Plan Program in Peel;
- 3. That the Manager of Parks Operations arrange for the trees that were obstructing the signage on the west side of Ironshield Drive to be trimmed;
- 4. That the Manager of Traffic Operations review the intersection to determine if pedestrian lines can be implemented on Franktown Drive at Ironshield Drive;
- 5. That the principal of Beryl Ford Public School be requested:
 - to advise the school community to cross at the controlled intersections and not at the driveway across from Franktown Drive
 - to remind school staff that they should not be on the City roadway; and,
- 6. That a crossing guard is not warranted at the intersection of Ironshield Drive and Franktown Drive.

SC059-2024

That Brampton School Traffic Safety Council do now adjourn to meet again on November 7, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

9.3.2 Notice of Motion - Endorsement of Plant-Based Treaty

Regional Councillor Brar outlined the importance of having plant-based food and drink options in Brampton and endorsing the plant-based treaty.

The following motion was considered.

CW422-2024

WHEREAS, scientists have warned that Canada's unprecedented fire season, linked to climate change, will become the new normal and will intensify as climate change makes hotter, drier weather and longer fire seasons more common ; and

WHEREAS, animal agriculture is responsible for 30% of Canada's total methane emissions, the United Nations 2021 Methane Assessment reveals that methane cuts of 45% by 2030 are required to prevent a 0.3C temperature rise by 2045, buying us time for carbon dioxide, a longer-lived gas, to dissipate; and

WHEREAS, the IPCC (2019) Special Report on Land Use, shows that a plantbased food system would save almost 8 Gigatons Equivalent in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 ; and

WHEREAS, cattle ranching is the largest driver of deforestation in every Amazon country, accounting for 80% of current deforestation rates , and the most extensive food system analysis to date found that globally 83% of agricultural land is used to farm animals, yet supplies just 18% of calories ; and

WHEREAS, extreme temperature rises, droughts and floods are a risk to food security, and according to the Animal Nutrition Association of Canada, 80% of Canada's supply of barley, 60% of Canada's available corn supply, and 30% of Canada's wheat supply are used to feed farmed animals rather than humans; and

WHEREAS, a global initiative is underway calling for a Plant Based Treaty that, through its three R's - Relinquish, Redirect and Restore – aims to halt the accelerating expansion of animal agriculture, incentivise and promote a plant-based food system, rewild critical ecosystems in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5C and work to mitigate the climate crisis with fair equitable transition plans; and

WHEREAS, action to improve accessibility and promote the consumption of plant-based foods in Brampton will help to mitigate and adapt Brampton to the impacts of climate change, improve social justice and economic wellbeing, and support the Brampton in reducing its consumption-based emissions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. With the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Brampton formally endorses a plant based treaty and makes a plant based approach as a part of the city's climate plan.
- 2. Use Brampton civic events including meeting and events hosted by city council to promote and showcase appropriately environmentally friendly plant-based food and drink options, alongside displayed information about the climate and health benefits and relative cost of different protein/food sources and informing people about how to achieve a balanced plant-based diet.
- 3. When events occur on Brampton open spaces, and where catering is provided, ensure that environmentally friendly plant-based options are included and available (i.e., minimum from at fifty per cent of caterers), secured through the use of terms and conditions of hire (where reasonably and appropriately possible).
- 4. Evaluate the potential for increasing plant-based food options and introducing plant-based defaults in City of Brampton facilities and during regional events, with the aim of increasing healthy eating options for staff and visitors while contributing to the reduction of negative climate impacts.
- 5. Promote a plant-based awareness week and use municipal communication channels to promote sustainable and affordable food and drink practices throughout the City of Brampton.
- 6. Create an action plan and time scale for implementing changes to City of Brampton activities following the endorsement of the treaty and report back on progress is 6 months.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be circulated to the Region of Peel.

Carried

9.4 Correspondence

9.4.1 ^ Correspondence from Tamara Chipperfield, Corporate Secretariat, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), dated October 28, 2024, re: 2025 Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

CW423-2024

That the correspondence from Tamara Chipperfield, Corporate Secretariat, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), dated October 28, 2024, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: **2025 Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**, be received.

Carried

9.4.2 ^ Correspondence from Peter Bolton, Brampton resident, dated November 12, 2024, re: Brampton Bike Lanes and Infrastructure

(See Items 9.1.1 and 9.2.1)

CW424-2024

That the correspondence from Peter Bolton, Brampton resident, dated November 12, 2024, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: **Brampton Bike Lanes and Infrastructure**, be received.

Carried

9.5 Councillors Question Period

Nil

9.6 Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made under this section of the agenda. G Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

10. <u>Community Services Section</u>

10.1 Staff Presentations

Nil

10.2 Reports

10.2.1 ^ Staff Report re: Request to Begin Procurement - Watering Services for Hanging Baskets, Planters and Planting Beds at Various Citywide Locations for a Three (3) Year Period

CW425-2024

 That the report from Brian Macklin, Manager, Parks Operations, Parks Maintenance and Forestry, Community Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024 re: Request to Begin Procurement -Watering Services for Hanging Baskets, Planters and Planting Beds at Various Citywide Locations for a Three (3) Year Period, be received; and 2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement for watering services for hanging baskets, planters and planting beds at various citywide locations on an as needed basis for a three (3) year period.

Carried

- 10.3 Other/New Business
- 10.3.1 Notice of Motion Jays Care Foundation

The following motion was considered.

CW426-2024

That the facility usage fees in relation to Jays Care Foundation events be waived for the three dates required in 2025 and 2026.

Carried

10.3.2 Notice of Motion - Pregnancy Support Systems and Assistance for the Adoption Process

Regional Councillor Brar advised that November is Adoption Awareness Month, and highlighted the challenges in the adoption process and the need to advocate for additional supports.

The following motion was considered.

CW427-2024

WHEREAS 40% of adoptions completed at JFJ Hope Centre were South Asian birth mothers; and

WHEREAS all the South Asian birth mothers all were International Students; and

WHEREAS in the case of 55% of the birth mother completed had no OHIP coverage; and

WHEREAS of the birth mothers with no OHIP, none of them received prenatal care; and

WHEREAS University health insurance programs do not cover pregnancies (prenatal and postnatal care); and

WHEREAS there is a lack of understanding around Canada's privacy laws. Canada's international students do not understand that adoption agencies cannot disclose their information, specifically about pregnancy to the Canadian ministry of Refugees and citizenship; and WHEREAS there is a culture of shame withing many racialized communities. Many of the birth mothers do not seek out aid or care due to this; and

WHEREAS the international students who are birth mothers may be living in shared accommodation and may have to find alternate accommodations or may experience homelessness due to keeping the pregnancy a secret; and

WHEREAS there are currently no pregnancy care centres in Brampton, which would included services that include safe sexual relationships, prenatal care, information about pregnancy options and postnatal care; and

WHEREAS 60% of the birth mothers that JFJ Hope Centre has worked with have resided in Brampton; and

WHEREAS the major issue facing potential adoptive parents is a lack of financial support; and

WHERAS there is no financial assistance from the provincial or federal government; and

WHEREAS the average cost to adopt is between \$25 thousand - \$30 thousand. The cost has increased due to inflation; and

WHEREAS some workplace insurance programs due cover IVF and egg freezing but adoption is not considered when it comes to family planning; and

WHEREAS there are post adoption support programs that are developed by private adoption agencies but there are no support programs that exist throughout Ontario;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:

- Mayor Brown, on behalf of Council, send a letter of advocacy to The Honourable Jenna Sudds, Minister of families, children and social development and to The Honourable Michael Parsa, The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Servies. To advocate for a more robust pregnancy support system in The City of Brampton.
- 2. The letter of advocacy should also call for the provincial and federal governments to consider for financial assistance for adoptive parents to encourage parents to look into the adoption process.
- 3. The letter of advocacy should also call for government funding of pregnancy care centres that include services, including information on healthy relationships, pregnancy care options, prenatal care and post natal care.

- 4. The letter of advocacy should also include a call for funding for post adoption support programs, that included training of metal health professionals in adoption competency in the adoption process.
- 5. The provincial government to advocate to post secondary institutions to included prenatal care, pregnancy, delivery and post natal care as a part of their University/College Health care Insurance Plans.
- 6. The City to work with government and post secondary institutions to develop orientation or programming for international students that focusses on healthy relationships, sex education, pregnancy options including adoption in matter that is culturally informed and sensitive.
- 7. The City of Brampton to use their communication channels to increase awareness about adoption in an effort to break down stigma and to normalize adoption.
- 8. The letter of advocacy to be forwarded as correspondence to the Region of Peel.
- 9. The letter of advocacy to be sent to all Brampton Members of Parliament and all Brampton Members of Provincial Parliament to request their support in this matter.

Carried

10.3.3 Discussion Item - Potential Agreement with Province Re: Respond to 311 Calls

Regional Councillor Medeiros addressed Committee regarding safety concerns relating to digging without locates and asked staff to provide a progress update on this matter.

Staff provided an update on the status of a memorandum of understanding or service level agreement with Ontario One Call and the Ministry of Labour to transfer/direct resident inquiries regarding locates, and advised that a standard operating procedure (SOP) is being developed to deal with unqualified contractors. Staff indicated that further progress updates would be provided to Members of Council.

10.4 Correspondence

Nil

10.5 Councillors Question Period

Nil

10.6 Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made under this section of the agenda. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

11. Legislative Services Section

11.1 Staff Presentations

Nil

- 11.2 Reports
- 11.2.1 ^ Staff Report re: Information Report Enforcement Operational Review Implementation Plan

CW428-2024

That the report from Robert Higgs, Director, Enforcement and By-law Services, Legislative Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: **Enforcement Operational Review Implementation Plan**, be received.

Carried

- 11.3 Other/New Business
- 11.3.1 Notice of Motion Protests at Places of Worship

Mayor Brown addressed Committee with respect to recent protests at places of worship and outlined the need to prohibit protests at these locations.

Committee Members expressed support for the motion.

The following motion was considered.

CW429-2024

That the draft by-law to prohibit Nuisance Demonstrations within one hundred metres of Places of Worship, be presented for consideration to the November 20, 2024, meeting of City Council.

Carried

(See Item 11.4.1 - Recommendation CW432-2024)

11.3.2 Notice of Motion - Parking and Property Standards Violations

Regional Councillor Medeiros addressed Committee regarding the possibility of introducing more punitive measures for parking and property standards violations, in light of complaints from residents.

Committee discussion on this matter included potential increases to Committee of Adjustment fees due to the associated costs to the City.

The following motion was considered.

CW430-2024

That staff are hereby directed to report back to Council with consideration of waiving warnings for parking and property standards violations, and/or reduce timeframe for compliance, increasing fines for violations.

Carried

11.3.3 Notice of Motion - Reporting RRL Units to CRA

Regional Councillor Medeiros addressed Committee with respect to the feasibility of reporting Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) units to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), and asked staff to report back in this regard.

The following motion was considered

CW431-2024

That staff be directed to report back to Council respecting the feasibility of reporting Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) units to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Carried

11.4 Correspondence

11.4.1 Correspondence from the Chief of Police, Peel Regional Police, dated November 13, 2024, re: Support for Notice of Motion – Protests at Places of Worship

The following motion was considered.

CW432-2024

That the correspondence from the Chief of Police, Peel Regional Police, dated November 13, 2024, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 13, 2024, re: **Support for Notice of Motion – Protests at Places of Worship**, be received.

Carried

(See Item 11.3.1 - Recommendation CW429-2024)

11.5 Councillors Question Period

Nil

11.6 Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made under this section of the agenda. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

12. <u>Economic Development Section</u>

12.1 Staff Presentations

Nil

12.2 Reports

Nil

- 12.3 Other/New Business
- 12.3.1 Notice of Motion Changes to Canadian Immigration Levels: Impacts to local Brampton Businesses

Regional Councillor Toor provided an overview of the motion.

The motion was considered as follows.

CW433-2024

Whereas the Federal government has announced the 2025–2027 Immigration Levels Plan, a plan that will reduce immigration levels and pause population growth in the short term;

Whereas the City of Brampton Economic Development Office is committed to supporting local businesses in navigating challenges that impact growth and sustainability;

Whereas the reduction of Immigration Levels in Canada will have notable impacts on the labour market in Brampton;

Whereas immigration plays a crucial role in the economic vitality of Brampton, contributing to a diverse workforce and entrepreneurial landscape;

Whereas many local businesses are facing challenges related to immigration, including recruitment difficulties, regulatory complexities, talent attraction and retention, worker immigration challenges, integration of new employees and opportunities and clarity for permanent residency/immigration pathways; and

Whereas the Brampton Board of Trade serves as a vital resource for local businesses and has established relationships with various stakeholders in the community.

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Brampton's Economic Development Office be instructed to partner with the Brampton Board of Trade to host an industry roundtable discussion with local businesses and government officials which aims to:

- Discuss and identify the specific immigration challenges faced by Brampton businesses;
- Explore potential solutions and best practices for addressing these challenges; and
- Foster collaboration between local businesses, community organizations, and government representatives.

And be it further resolved that a report summarizing the findings and recommendations from the roundtable discussion be shared with Council in Q1 2025.

Carried

12.4 Correspondence

Nil

12.5 Councillors Question Period

Nil

12.6 Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made under this section of the agenda. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

13. <u>Referred Matters List</u>

Nil

14. Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made during this meeting. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

15. <u>Closed Session</u>

15.1 Brampton Transit – Update

Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

*15.2 Discussion re: Procedure By-law

Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

The following motion was considered.

CW434-2024

That Committee proceed into Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to the following:

15.1 Brampton Transit – Update

Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

15.2 Discussion re: Procedure Bylaw

Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

In Open Session, G. Scharback, City Clerk, reported on the status of matters considered in Closed Session, as follows:

15.1 – This item was considered in closed session and direction was given to staff.

15.2 – This item was considered in closed session and no direction was given.

16. Adjournment

The following motion was considered.

CW435-2024

That the Committee of Council do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Regional Councillor Brar, Chair Corporate Services Section

Regional Councillor Vicente, Chair Public Works & Engineering Section

Regional Councillor Santos, Chair Community Services Section

Regional Councillor Santos, Chair Legislative Services Section

Regional Councillor Santos, Chair Economic Development Section