



Special Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 9:00 AM
Council Chambers

A Special Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Belleville was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in the Council Chambers at the hour of 9:00 AM to discuss the 2024 Budget.

It is noted that there was a City Council In Camera (closed session) Meeting. In view of this, City Council met very briefly in open session to consider approval of the following resolution.

Moved by Councillor Malette

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

THAT City Council enter into In Camera session to consider the following items (as amended), pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act.

- In Camera Report No. DHR-2024-02, regarding labour relations or employee negotiations (Pursuant to Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act).

- CARRIED -

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Attendance:

Councillor Tyler Allsopp
Councillor Kathryn Brown
Councillor Paul Carr
Councillor Lisa Anne Chatten
Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller
Councillor Chris Malette
Councillor Garnet Thompson
Mayor Neil Ellis

(Matt MacDonald, City Clerk)

Absent:

Councillor Sean Kelly

2. ITEM DISPENSED WITH - Moment of Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Councillor Chatten declared an interest in operating budget issues related to Integrity Investigative Solutions as she is employed by this company. She will therefore be refraining from discussion and voting on this matter in view of the possibility that a Pecuniary Interest may be involved.

4. ITEM DISPENSED WITH - Public Meetings

There were no items brought forward under this section of today's agenda.

5. ITEM DISPENSED WITH - Reading and Confirmation of Minutes

There were no items brought forward under this section of today's agenda.

6. Deputations

- 6.1 Trevor Pross, CEO, Belleville Public Library made a presentation to Council with respect to the 2024 Belleville Public Library Budget.
Correspondence Item 7.1 refers
Operating Issue No. D1-1 refers

**Moved by Councillor Chris Malette
Seconded by Councillor Lisa Anne Chatten**

THAT the presentation by Trevor Pross, CEO, Belleville Public Library, regarding the 2024 Budget be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D1-1.

Carried

- 6.2 Board Chair Councillor Tyler Allsopp on behalf of the Belleville Police Services Board made a presentation to Council with respect to the 2024 Police Budget
Correspondence Item 7-2 refers
Operating Issue No. D1-2 refers

**Moved by Councillor Chris Malette
Seconded by Councillor Kathryn Brown**

THAT the presentation by Board Chair Councillor Tyler Allsopp, regarding the 2024 Police Budget be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D1-2.

Carried

- 6.3 Dug Stevenson, Executive Director of the Bay of Quinte Regional Marketing Board (BQRMB) made a presentation to Council with respect to the 2024

BQRMB Budget
Operating Issue No. D2-2 refers

**Moved by Councillor Lisa Anne Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller**

THAT the presentation by Dug Stevenson, Executive Director of the Bay of Quinte Regional Marketing Board (BQRMB) regarding the 2024 Budget be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-2.

Carried

Council recessed from 10:13 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.

7. Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Malette
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

THAT the Correspondence Items be received except Item 7.4.

CARRIED

7.1 2024 BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD BUDGET

Belleville Public Library 2024 Operating Budget
Deputations Item 6.1 refers
Operating Issue No. D1-1 refers

THAT the Belleville Public Library 2024 Budget be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D1-1.

Carried

7.2 2024 BELLEVILLE POLICE SERVICES BOARD BUDGET

Belleville Police Services Board 2024 Operating Budget
Deputations Item 6.2 refers
Operating Issue No. D1-2 refers

THAT the Belleville Police Services Board 2024 Budget be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D1-2.

Carried

7.3 **2024 BAY OF QUINTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BUDGET**

December 1, 2023 letter from Bay of Quinte Economic Development Commission
Operating Issue No. D2-1 refers

THAT the December 1, 2023 letter from Bay of Quinte Economic Development Commission be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-1.

Carried

7.4 **QUINTE WASTE SOLUTIONS**

November 27, 2023 letter from Madonna Howell, Chief Financial Officer, Quinte Waste Solutions
Operating Issue No. D2-3 refers

**Moved by Councillor Chris Malette
Seconded by Councillor Paul Carr**

THAT the November 27, 2023 letter from Madonna Howell, Chief Financial Officer, Quinte Waste Solutions be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-3.

Carried

7.5 **2024 QUINTE CONSERVATION BUDGET**

October 25, 2023 letter from Bradley McNevin, Chief Administrative Officer, Quinte Conservation
Operating Issue No. D2-4 refers

THAT the letter dated October 25, 2023 from Bradley McNevin, Chief Administrative Officer, Quinte Conservation be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-4.

Carried

7.6 **2024 STIRLING-RAWDON & DISTRICT RECREATION CENTRE BUDGET**

Stirling-Rawdon and District Recreation Centre (Arena Board) 2024 Budget
Operating Issue No. D2-5 refers

THAT the Stirling-Rawdon and District Recreation Centre (Arena Board) 2024 Budget be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-5.

Carried

7.7 QUINTE ARTS COUNCIL

Letter from Quinte Arts Council
Operating Issue No. D2-7 refers

THAT the letter from Quinte Arts Council be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-7.

Carried

7.8 2024 HASTINGS COUNTY JOINT SERVICES BUDGETS not yet complete. Report to be provided upon approval of 2024 Hastings County Joint Services Budgets

7.9 2024 MPAC FUNDING REQUEST

MPAC 2024 Property Assessment Services and Support Costs-Belleville
Operation Issue No. D3-7 refers

THAT the MPAC Supporting Information for the Calculation of 2024 Property Assessment Services and Support Costs be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D3-7.

Carried

7.10 2024 HASTINGS PRINCE EDWARD PUBLIC HEALTH

November 22, 2023, 2024 Budget Package, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health
Operating Issue No. D3-8 refers

THAT the November 22, 2023, 2024 Budget Package - Hastings Prince Edward Public Health be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D3-8.

Carried

8. Committee of the Whole

**Moved by Councillor Paul Carr
Seconded by Councillor Tyler Allsopp**

THAT Council rise and go into Committee of the Whole to hear and consider reports, passing of recommendations and resolutions with His Worship Mayor Ellis in the Chair.

Carried

8.a. Reports

8.a.1 2024 Operating Budget Presentation

Director of Finance/Treasurer's Presentation

REC. NO. 68-2024

**Moved by Councillor Lisa Anne Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Tyler Allsopp**

THAT the Director of Finance/Treasurer's 2024 Operating Budget Presentation, be received.

Carried

**Moved by Councillor Allsopp
Seconded by Councillor Chatten**

THAT the Reports Items be received with the exception of 8.a.2, 8.a.3, 8.a.8, 8.a.9, 8.a.11, 8.a.12, 8.a.13, 8.a.14 and 8.a.15.

CARRIED

8.a.2 2024 Operating Budget - Strong Mayor's Timeline

REC. NO. 69-2024

**Moved by Councillor Paul Carr
Seconded by Councillor Tyler Allsopp**

THAT the Director of Finance/ Treasurer's Report No. DF-2024-03, 2024 Operating Budget - Strong Mayor's Timeline be received by Council.

Carried

8.a.3 2024 Property Assessment Analysis

REC. NO. 70-2024

**Moved by Councillor Paul Carr
Seconded by Councillor Tyler Allsopp**

THAT Report No. MTF-2024-01 regarding 2024 Property Assessment Analysis, be received.

Carried

Council recessed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:16 p.m.

8.a.4 Excluded Expenses as Required by Ontario Regulation 284/09

REC. NO. 71-2024

THAT Report No. DDF-2024-01 regarding Excluded Expenses as required by the Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Regulation 284/09, be received.

Carried

8.a.5 2024 Final Tax Billing Due Dates and Pre-Authorized Payment Dates for Residential, Multi-Residential, Commercial, Landfills, Industrial, Pipeline, Farm, Managed Forest, and all related Subclasses

REC. NO. 72-2024

THAT a by-law to set the final 2024 due dates for the collection of taxes and the payment of taxes by installment and pre-authorized payment plan dates for properties in the Residential, Multi-Residential, Commercial, Landfills, Industrial, Pipeline, Farm, Managed Forest and all related Subclasses, be prepared for Council's consideration.

Carried

8.a.6 Asset Management Contribution

REC. NO. 73-2024

THAT pursuant to the Accounting Coordinator's Report No. AC-2024-01; Asset Management Contribution be received and

referred to Issue No. D4-1.

Carried

- 8.a.7 Proposed Amendments to 2024 Parks, Recreation, and Culture User Fees

REC. NO. 74-2024

THAT pursuant to the Director of Community Services' Report No. DCSD-2024-01; Proposed Amendments to 2024 Parks, Recreation, and Culture User Fees be received and referred to Issue No. D7-2.

Carried

- 8.a.8 Summary of 2024 Operating Budget Staffing Issues

REC. NO. 75-2024

**Moved by Councillor Garnet Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Tyler Allsopp**

THAT pursuant to the Director of Human Resources Report No. DHR-2024-01, Summary of 2024 Operating Budget Staffing Issues, management be directed to proceed with those positions identified in the report and included in the Operating Budget as presented to Council for consideration.

Carried

- 8.a.9 Humane Society – 2024 Funding Request

Main motion before Council:

REC. NO. 76-2024

**Moved by Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller
Seconded by Councillor Tyler Allsopp**

THAT Council approve the Humane Society Hastings Prince Edward loan agreement be amended from a term of 10 years to 20 years and;

THAT a bylaw be prepared for Council's consideration.

Amended Motion was before Council:

REC. NO. 77-2024

**Moved by Councillor Tyler Allsopp
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller**

THAT Council pause the Humane Society Hastings Prince Edward monthly loan repayment until such time as the Humane Society Hastings Prince Edward contract is renegotiated.

FAILED

The main motion was approved as amended:

REC. NO. 78-2024

**Moved by Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller
Seconded by Councillor Tyler Allsopp**

THAT Council approve the Humane Society Hastings Prince Edward loan agreement be amended from a term of 10 years to 20 years and;

THAT a bylaw be prepared for Council's consideration; and,

THAT staff review the Humane Society contract as the level of service needs to be revisited and renegotiated.

Carried

8.a.10 *MOVE INTO IN CAMERA SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 239 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT*

Motion to enter into In Camera listed at beginning of minutes.

8.a.11 **2024 DRAFT DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING PLANS**

2024 Draft Departmental Operating Plans (*Section 1 in Binder*)

REC. NO. 79-2024

Moved by Councillor Tyler Allsopp

Seconded by Councillor Paul Carr

THAT the 2024 Draft Departmental Operating Plans be approved.

Carried

8.a.12 2024 PROPOSED BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - TAX SUPPORTED

2024 Proposed Base Budget Adjustments - Tax Supported (Section 2 in Binder)

REC. NO. 80-2024

**Moved by Councillor Tyler Allsopp
Seconded by Councillor Kathryn Brown**

THAT the 2024 Proposed Base Budget Adjustments - Tax Supported be approved.

Carried

8.a.13 2024 PROPOSED OPERATING ISSUES - TAX SUPPORTED

2024 Proposed Operating Issues - Tax Supported (Section 3 in Binder)

REC. NO. 81-2024

**Moved by Councillor Lisa Anne Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller**

THAT the Bay of Quinte Regional Marketing Board (BQRMB) 2024 allocation be amended to include the \$25,000 request for the 2024 Quinte International Airshow (funded from City of Belleville Municipal Accommodation Tax).

Carried

Councillor Chatten refrained from discussion and voting on this matter in view of the possibility that a Pecuniary Interest may be involved.

REC. NO. 82-2024

Moved by Councillor Garnet Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Chris Malette

THAT the Welcoming Streets Program expenditure be amended to remove \$140,000 funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund; and,

THAT one-time overnight security be funded in 2024 Operating Budget in the amount of \$33,000 funded by the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund.

Carried

REC. NO. 83-2024

**Moved by Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller
Seconded by Councillor Tyler Allsopp**

THAT 2024 Operating Budget Item #D2-13, "The Bridge" funding be increased by \$1,300,000 to be funded by the Building Faster Funding in 2024 and 2025, and the shortfall in funding be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve fund; and,

THAT any funding required in 2024 to be levied in 2025 is temporarily drawn from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve fund; and,

THAT staff prepare a report for Council's consideration outlining costs, risks and contractual obligations that will be included in the contractual agreement required to be executed by the service provider; and

THAT the 2024 Capital Budget Item #1.001 Avonlough Sewage Pumping Station and Conveyance System - Phase 1 be amended to remove BFF funding in the amount of \$826,700, and add tax funded long-term debt of \$826,700.

Councillor Tyler Allsopp	Against
Councillor Kathryn Brown	Against
Councillor Paul Carr	Against
Councillor Lisa Anne Chatten	Against

Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller	Against
Councillor Chris Malette	Against
Councillor Garnet Thompson	Against
Mayor Neil Ellis	Against

Failed 0-8 on a recorded vote

REC. NO. 84-2024

Moved by Councillor Garnet Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Tyler Allsopp

THAT 2024 Operating Budget item #D2-13, “The Bridge” funding be increased by \$2,000,000, for an amended total of \$3,000,000 to be funded by a 1% Tax Levy in 2024 and 2025, and the shortfall in funding be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve fund: and

THAT any funding required in 2024 to be levied in 2025 is temporarily drawn from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve fund; and

THAT staff prepare a report for Council’s consideration outlining costs, risks and contractual obligations that will be included in the contractual agreement required to be executed by the service provider.

Councillor Tyler Allsopp	For
Councillor Lisa Anne Chatten	For
Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller	For
Councillor Chris Malette	For
Councillor Garnet Thompson	For
Mayor Neil Ellis	For
Councillor Kathryn Brown	Against
Councillor Paul Carr	Against

Carried 6-2 on a recorded vote

REC. NO. 85-2024

Moved by Councillor Garnet Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller

THAT the 2024 Proposed Operating Issues D1-1 to D7-2 be approved as amended.

Carried

Council recessed from 3:19 p.m. to 3:28 p.m.

8.a.14 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET DETAIL - TAX SUPPORTED

2024 Proposed Budget Detail - Tax Supported (Section 4 in Binder)

REC. NO. 86-2024

Moved by Councillor Garnet Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Chris Malette

THAT the 2024 Proposed Budget Detail – Tax Supported be approved.

Carried

8.a.15 2024 PROPOSED BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - PARKING SERVICES

2024 Proposed Base Budget Adjustments - Parking Services (Section 5 in Binder)

REC. NO. 87-2024

Moved by Mayor Neil Ellis

Seconded by Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller

THAT Parking Ticket Offence #2 "Park- Ticket not Properly Displayed" be increased from \$8.00 (early payment) and \$12.00 (set fine) to \$15.00 (early payment) and \$20.00 (set fine); and,

THAT Parking Ticket Offence #3 "Park- Expired Meter" be increased from \$8.00 (early payment) and \$12.00 (set fine) to \$15.00 (early payment) and \$20.00 (set fine).

Carried

REC. NO. 88-2024

Moved by Mayor Neil Ellis

Seconded by Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller

THAT the 2024 Proposed Base Budget Adjustments - Parking

be approved.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Allsop
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

THAT Reports Items 8.a.16 to 8.a.21 be approved.

CARRIED

8.a.16 **2024 OPERATING BUDGET DETAIL - PARKING SERVICES**

2024 Operating Budget Detail - Parking Services (*Section 5 in Binder*)

REC. NO. 89-2024

THAT the 2024 Operating Budget Detail Parking Services be approved.

Carried

8.a.17 **2024 PROPOSED BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - WATER**

2024 Proposed Base Budget Adjustments - Water (*Section 5 in Binder*)

REC. NO. 90-2024

THAT the 2024 Proposed Base Budget Adjustments - Water be approved.

Carried

8.a.18 **2024 PROPOSED WATER ISSUES**

REC. NO. 91-2024

THAT the 2024 Proposed Water Issues be approved as amended.

Carried

8.a.19 **2024 PROPOSED BUDGET DETAIL - WATER**

2024 Proposed Budget Detail - Water (*Section 5 in Binder*)

REC. NO. 92-2024

THAT the 2024 Proposed Budget Detail - Water be approved.

Carried

8.a.20 2024 PROPOSED BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - WASTEWATER

2024 Proposed Base Budget Adjustments - Wastewater (*Section 5 in Binder*)

REC. NO. 93-2024

THAT the 2024 Proposed Base Budget Adjustments - Wastewater be approved.

Carried

8.a.21 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET DETAIL - WASTEWATER

2024 Proposed Budget Detail - Wastewater (*Section 5 in Binder*)

REC. NO. 94-2024

THAT the 2024 Proposed Budget Detail - Wastewater be approved.

Carried

8.b. ITEM DISPENSED WITH - Consent Items

8.c. ITEM DISPENSED WITH - Council Information Matters

8.d. Rise and Report

9. ITEM DISPENSED WITH - By-Laws

10. New Business

10.1 Children's Safety Village Request for Financial Assistance

REC. NO. 95-2024

**Moved by Councillor Lisa Anne Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Tyler Allsopp**

THAT a staff report be prepared for Council's consideration regarding the request for financial assistance from the Executive Director and Board Chair of the Children's Safety Village.

Carried

- 11. ITEM DISPENSED WITH - Motions**
- 12. ITEM DISPENSED WITH - Notice of Motions**
- 13. ITEM DISPENSED WITH - Announcements**
- 14. Confirmatory By-Law**

REC. NO. 96-2024

**Moved by Councillor Barbara Enright-Miller
Seconded by Councillor Lisa Anne Chatten**

THAT By-law Number 2024-09, a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th day of February, 2024.

Carried

- 15. Adjournment**

THAT this session of Council be adjourned.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk