

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

COUNCIL MINUTES

2023 CITY OF BELLEVILLE BUDGET MEETING

APRIL 5th & 6th, 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBER

A Special Council Meeting was held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 5th and 6th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the 2023 Budget.

It is noted that there was a City Council In Camera (closed session) Meeting. City Council was requested to consider approval of the following resolution in Open session immediately prior to entering into In Camera session.

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

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

- In Camera Report No. ADHR-2023-01, regarding labour relations or employee negotiations (Pursuant to Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act)
- In Camera Report No. FES-2023-01, regarding labour relations or employee negotiations (Pursuant to Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act).

- CARRIED -

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1.1. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT	His Worship Mayor Ellis
Councillor Allsopp	Councillor Enright-Miller
Councillor Brown	Councillor Kelly
Councillor Carr	Councillor Malette
Councillor Chatten	Councillor Thompson

(Matt MacDonald, City Clerk)

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Malette declared an interest in Correspondence Item 7.2 (2023 Belleville Police Services Board Budget) as he has a relative employed (contract) by the Belleville Police Service. He will therefore be refraining from discussion and voting on matters dealing with the Belleville Police Services in view of the possibility that a Pecuniary Interest may be involved.

Councillor Chatten declared an interest in Reports Item 8.a.4 (Municipal Property Tax Relief for the Navy League of Canada) as her son is a Sea Cadet. Councillor Chatten also declared an interest in Reports Item 8.a.12 (Operating Issue D6-19 University Hospitals Kingston Foundation) as her family member is the treasurer of the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation. She will therefore be refraining from discussion and voting on these matters in view of the possibility that a Pecuniary Interest may be involved.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE DEALT WITH AT THIS MEETING:

2. MOMENT OF PRAYER/MEDITATION
4. PUBLIC MEETINGS
5. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
8. b. CONSENT ITEMS
8. c. COUNCIL INFORMATION MATTERS
9. BY-LAWS
11. MOTIONS
12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS
13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. DEPUTATIONS

- 6.1 Trevor Pross, CEO, Belleville Public Library made a presentation to Council with respect to the 2023 Belleville Public Library Budget.
Correspondence Item 7.1 refers
Operating Issue No. D1-1 refers

Moved by Councillor Malette
Seconded by Councillor Brown

THAT the presentation by Trevor Pross, CEO, Belleville Public Library, regarding the 2023 Budget be received and referred to Correspondence Item 7.1 and Operating Issue No. D1-1.

- CARRIED -

Councillor Malette left the Council Chamber due to his previously declared pecuniary interest.

- 6.2 Board Chair Councillor Tyler Allsopp on behalf of the Belleville Police Services Board made a presentation to Council with respect to the 2023 Police Budget.
Correspondence Item 7.2 refers
Operating Issue No. D1-2 refers

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the presentation by Board Chair Councillor Tyler Allsopp, regarding the 2023 Police Budget be received and referred to Correspondence Item 7.2 and Operating Issue No. D1-2.

- CARRIED -

Councillor Malette returned to the Council Chamber.

- 6.3 Dug Stevenson, Executive Director of the Bay of Quinte Regional Marketing Board (BQRMB) made a presentation to Council with respect to the 2023 BQRMB Budget.
Correspondence Item 7.11 refers
Operating Issue No. D2-2 refers

Moved by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

THAT the presentation by Dug Stevenson, Executive Director of the Bay of Quinte Regional Marketing Board, regarding the 2023 Budget be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-2.

- CARRIED -

- 6.4 Jim Pine, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Hastings County made a presentation to Council with respect to the 2023 Hastings County Budget.
Correspondence Item 7.8 refers
Operating Issues No. D2-6, D3-1 to D3-6 refers

Moved by Councillor Malette
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

THAT the presentation by Jim Pine, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Hastings County, regarding the 2023 Budget be received and referred to Operating Issues No. D2-6, D3-1 to D3-6.

- CARRIED -

Council recessed from 10:52 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

THAT Correspondence Items 7.1 to 7.12 be received and referred.

- CARRIED -

7.1 **2023 BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD BUDGET**

Belleville Public Library 2023 Operating Budget
Deputations Item 6.1 refers
Operating Issue No. D1-1 refers

THAT the Belleville Public Library 2023 Budget be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D1-1.

- CARRIED -

7.2 **2023 BELLEVILLE POLICE SERVICES BOARD BUDGET**

Belleville Police Services Board 2023 Operating Budget
Deputations Item 6.2 refers
Operating Issue No. D1-2 refers

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

- CARRIED -

7.3 **2023 BAY OF QUINTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BUDGET**

April 11, 2023 letter from Bay of Quinte Economic Development Commission
Operating Issue No. D2-1 refers

THAT the April 11, 2023 letter from Bay of Quinte Economic Development Commission be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-1.

- CARRIED -

7.4 **SMALL BUSINESS CENTRE**

January 4, 2023 letter from Small Business Centre
Operating Issue No. D6-6 refers

THAT the January 4, 2023 letter from Small Business Centre be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D6-6.

- CARRIED -

7.5 **QUINTE ARTS COUNCIL**

February 28, 2023 letter from Quinte Arts Council
Operating Issue No. D2-7 refers

THAT the February 28, 2023 letter from Quinte Arts Council be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-7.

- CARRIED -

7.6 **2023 QUINTE CONSERVATION BUDGET**

October 26, 2022 letter from Bradley McNevin, Chief Administrative Officer, Quinte Conservation
Operating Issue No. D2-4 refers

THAT the letter dated February 17, 2023 from Bradley McNevin, Chief Administrative Officer, Quinte Conservation be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-4.

- CARRIED -

7.7 **2023 STIRLING-RAWDON & DISTRICT RECREATION CENTRE BUDGET**

Stirling-Rawdon and District Recreation Centre (Arena Board) Proposed 2023 Budget
Operating Issue No. D2-5 refers

THAT the Stirling-Rawdon and District Recreation Centre (Arena Board) Proposed 2023 Budget be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-5.

- CARRIED -

7.8 **2023 HASTINGS COUNTY JOINT SERVICES BUDGETS**

- a) Issue D2-6 Hastings/Quinte 911
- b) Issue D3-1 Provincial Offences
- c) Issue D3-2 Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- d) Issues D3-3 and D3-4 Community & Human Services
(includes Social Housing)
Long Term Care
- e) Issues D3-5 and D3-6 Long Term Care – Hastings Manor
and Centennial Manor

THAT the Hastings County Joint Services Budgets be received and referred as follows: Hastings/Quinte 911 to Operating Issue No. D2-6; Provincial Offences to Operating Issue No. D3-1; Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to Operating Issue No. D3-2; Community & Human Services to Operating Issues No. D3-3 and D3-4; Hastings Manor to Operating Issue No. D3-5; Centennial Manor to Operating Issue No. D3-6.

- CARRIED -

7.9 **2023 MPAC FUNDING REQUEST**

December 14, 2022 email from Alan Spacek, Chair, MPAC Board of Directors
Operating Issue No. D3-7 refers

THAT the December 14, 2022 email from, Alan Spacek, Chair, MPAC Board of Directors be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D3-7.

- CARRIED -

7.10 **2023 HASTINGS PRINCE EDWARD PUBLIC HEALTH**

November 2, 2022, 2023 Budget Package, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health
Operating Issue No. D3-8 refers

THAT the November 2, 2022, 2023 Budget Package, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D3-8.

- CARRIED -

7.11 **BAY OF QUINTE REGIONAL MARKETING BOARD (BQRMB)**

March 14, 2023 letter from Dug Stevenson, Executive Director, Bay of Quinte Regional Marketing Board (BQRMB) Deputation Item 6.3 refers
Operating Issue No. D2-2 refers

THAT the March 14, 2023 letter from Dug Stevenson, Executive Director, Bay of Quinte Regional Marketing Board (BQRMB) be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-2.

- CARRIED -

7.12 **QUINTE WASTE SOLUTIONS**

October 20, 2022, letter from Madonna Howell, Chief Financial Officer, Quinte Waste Solutions
Operating Issue No. D2-3 refers

THAT the October 20, 2022 letter from Madonna Howell, Chief Financial Officer, Quinte Waste Solutions be received and referred to Operating Issue No. D2-3.

- CARRIED -

8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION TO GO INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO HEAR AND CONSIDER REPORTS, PASSING OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

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 **2023 OPERATING BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Moved by Councillor Enright-Miller
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

REC. NO. 126/2023 THAT the Director of Finance/Treasurer's 2023
Operating Budget Presentation, be received.

- CARRIED -

8.a.2 **2023 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ANALYSIS**

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Allsopp

127/2023 THAT Report No. MTF-2023-03, dated April
5, 2023 regarding 2023 Property Assessment
Analysis, be received.

- CARRIED -

8.a.3 **PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAMS FOR LOW
INCOME SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Moved by Councillor Carr
Seconded by Councillor Brown

128/2023 THAT pursuant to the Manager of Taxation's
Report No. MTF-2023-04, Property Tax Rebate
Programs for Low Income Seniors and Persons
with Disabilities, be received and referred to Issue
No. D6-1.

- CARRIED -

Councillor Chatten left the Council Chamber due to her previously declared pecuniary interest.

8.a.4 **MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA**

Moved by Councillor Allsopp
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

REC. NO. 129-2023 THAT a by-law to establish a Property Tax Relief Program equal to 100% of the City's share of the municipal taxes for the Navy League of Canada, in the City of Belleville for the term of Council (2023-2026), be prepared for Council's consideration.

- CARRIED -

Councillor Chatten returned to the Council Chamber.

8.a.5 **EXCLUDED EXPENSES AS REQUIRED BY ONTARIO REGULATION 284/09**

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

130-2023 THAT Report No. DF-2023-07 dated April 5, 2023 regarding Excluded Expenses as required by the Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Regulation 284/09, be received.

- CARRIED -

8.a.6 **2023 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**

Moved by Councillor Enright-Miller
Seconded by Councillor Kelly

131-2023 THAT a by-law to set the final 2023 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.7 **ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Moved by Councillor Enright-Miller
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

REC. NO. 132-2023 THAT pursuant to the Accounting Coordinator's Report No. AC-2023-02; Asset Management Plan Update be received and referred to Issue No. D4-1.

- CARRIED -

8.a.8 **ASSET MANAGEMENT CONTRIBUTION**

Moved by Councillor Enright-Miller
Seconded by Councillor Brown

133-2023 THAT pursuant to the Accounting Coordinator's Report No. AC-2023-03; Asset Management Contribution be received and referred to Issue No. D4-2.

- CARRIED -

8.a.9 **MOBILITY SERVICE OPTION FOR WARD 2**

General Manager, Transportation and Operations Services' Report No. GMTOS-2023-06
Operating Issue No. D6-15 refers

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

134-2023 THAT pursuant to the General Manager Transportation and Operations Services' Report No. GMTOS-2023-06; Mobility Service Options for Ward 2, be received and referred to Issue No. D6-15.

- CARRIED -

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

Moved into In Camera Session pursuant to previous In Camera Motion.

8.a.11 **2023 DRAFT BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - TAX SUPPORTED**

2023 Draft Base Budget Adjustments - Tax Supported

Moved by Councillor Allsopp
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

REC. NO. 135-2023 THAT the 2023 Draft Base Budget Adjustments - Tax Supported be approved.

- CARRIED -

8.a.12 **2023 DRAFT OPERATING ISSUES SUMMARY – TAX SUPPORTED**

2023 Draft Operating Issues Summary – Tax Supported

Moved by Councillor Enright-Miller
Seconded by Councillor Malette

136-2023 THAT the 2023 Draft Operating Issues D1-1 to D6-19 be approved as amended.

- CARRIED -

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

THAT Operating Issue D2-3 (QuinteWaste Solutions) use \$350,500 out of Tax Rate Stabilization.

- CARRIED -

Moved by His Worship Mayor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

REC. NO. 137-2023 THAT Operating Issue D2-2 (Bay of Quinte Regional Marketing Board) \$86,900 be funded by Municipal Accommodation Tax (M.A.T.).

- CARRIED -

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

138-2023 THAT Operating Issue D4-4 (Refrigeration Operators [QSWC]) be reduced to one (1); add a Full Time Equivalent Supervisor.

- CARRIED -

Moved by Councillor Carr
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

139-2023 THAT Operating Issue D4-2 (GG Asset Management Contribution) be reduced by \$350,000.

- CARRIED -

Moved by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor Carr

140-2023 THAT Operating Issue D6-3 (Quintelicious) be reduced to \$10,000.

- FAILED -

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

141-2023 THAT Operating Issue D6-8 (EDS Blasting Policy) **be deleted.**

- CARRIED -

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Malette

REC. NO. 142-2023 THAT Operating Issue D6-7 (ESI – BDIA Special Events Requests – additional funding) **be deleted.**

- CARRIED -

Councillor Chatten left the Council Chamber due to her previously declared pecuniary interest.

Moved by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor Carr

143-2023 THAT Operating Issue D6-19 (University Hospitals Kingston Foundation) be **deferred** to the 2024 Operating Budget.

- FAILED -

Moved by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor Carr

144-2023 THAT Operating Issue D6-19 (University Hospitals Kingston Foundation) be approved at \$50,000 for 2023, \$100,000 for 2024, \$150,000 for 2025, \$200,000 for 2026, \$250,000 for 2027 and \$250,000 for 2028 for a 6 year commitment of \$1,000,000.

- CARRIED -

Councillor Chatten returned to the Council Chamber.

Moved by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

145-2023 THAT Operating Issue D6-15 (TOS – Core Mobility Bus Service) be funded by Provincial Gas Tax as a pilot project until 2024 Operating Budget.

- CARRIED -

Moved by His Worship Mayor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

REC. NO. 146-2023 THAT Operating Issue D6-13 (TOS Inventory Control Clerk [CUPE]) be **deferred** to the 2024 Operating Budget.

- CARRIED -

Moved by His Worship Mayor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

147-2023 THAT Operating Issue D7-1 (Increase in Solar Revenue) be approved at \$45,000.

- CARRIED -

Moved by His Worship Mayor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Allsopp

148-2023 THAT Operating Issue D7-2 (Community Improvement Program Reduction) be approved at \$300,000.

- CARRIED -

Moved by His Worship Mayor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Brown

149-2023 THAT Operating Issue D7-3 (Façade Improvement Program Reduction) be approved at \$50,000.

- CARRIED -

Moved by His Worship Mayor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

150-2023 THAT Operating Issue D7-4 (Engineering Allocation to Capital Reduction) be approved at \$100,000.

- CARRIED -

Moved by His Worship Mayor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

REC. NO. 151-2023 THAT Operating Issue D7-5 (Tax Adjustments Reduction) be approved at \$325,000.

- CARRIED -

At the conclusion of budget deliberations on April 5, 2023, the following resolution was approved:

Moved by Councillor Carr
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

152-2023 THAT Council request a 1 – 2% budget reduction per department.

- CARRIED -

Council recessed until Thursday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting was Called to Order on Thursday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. All Council was in attendance.

Moved by Councillor Allsopp
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

153-2023 THAT Council review efficiencies and/or savings as proposed.

- CARRIED -

Council recessed from 1:36 p.m. to 1:43 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

154-2023 THAT Operating Issue D7-23 (Road Patching Removal - \$25,000) be deleted.

- CARRIED -

Moved by Councillor Allsopp
Seconded by Councillor Kelly

REC. NO. 155-2023 THAT Operating Issue D2-7(Quinte Arts Council) deferral be deleted at \$5,000.

- FAILED -

Moved by Councillor Carr
Seconded by Councillor Thompson

156-2023 THAT Operating Issue D7-27 (Service Reduction – Stop Leaf & Yard – Saturday - \$10,000) be deleted.

- CARRIED -

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Allsopp

157-2023 THAT Operating Issue D7-29 (Waste Bag Tag Fee Increase - \$3.00 to \$3.50 May 1st) be deleted.

- CARRIED -

Moved by Councillor Carr
Seconded by Councillor Malette

158-2023 THAT staff be directed to apply \$650,000 from the Tax Rate Stabilization Fund to the 2023 Operating Budget.

- CARRIED -

8.a.13 **2023 DRAFT BUDGET DETAIL –TAX SUPPORTED**

Moved by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

159-2023 THAT the 2023 Draft Budget Detail – Tax Supported be approved.

- CARRIED -

8.a.14 **2023 DRAFT BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – PARKING SERVICES**

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Brown

REC. NO. 160-2023 THAT the draft 2023 Parking Services Base Budget be approved.

- CARRIED -

8.a.15 **PARKING ISSUES**

Moved by Councillor Allsopp
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

161-2023 THAT the Parking Issues be **approved**.

- CARRIED -

8.a.16 **2023 DRAFT BUDGET DETAIL – PARKING SERVICES**

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Brown

162-2023 THAT the 2023 Draft Budget Detail Parking Services be approved.

- CARRIED -

8.a.17 **2023 DRAFT BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - WATER**

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

163-2023 THAT the 2023 Draft Base Budget Adjustments – Water be approved.

- CARRIED -

8.a.18 **WATER ISSUES**

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

REC. NO. 164-2023 THAT the Water Issues be **approved**.

- CARRIED -

8.a.19 **2023 DRAFT BUDGET DETAIL - WATER**

Moved by Councillor Enright-Miller
Seconded by Councillor Malette

165-2023 THAT the 2023 Draft Budget Detail – Water be approved.

- CARRIED -

8.a.20 **2023 DRAFT BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - WASTEWATER**

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

166-2023 THAT the 2023 Draft Base Budget Adjustments - Wastewater be approved.

- CARRIED -

8.a.21 **WASTEWATER ISSUES**

Moved by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor Malette

167-2023 THAT the Wastewater Issues be **approved**.

- CARRIED -

8.a.22 **2023 DRAFT BUDGET DETAIL - WASTEWATER**

Moved by Councillor Malette
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

REC. NO. 168-2023 THAT the 2023 Draft Budget Detail –
Wastewater be approved.

- CARRIED -

8. d. RISE AND REPORT

Moved by Councillor Allsopp
Seconded by Councillor Chatten

THAT Council rise and report.

- CARRIED -

10. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Thompson requested an explanation regarding water bills and fire hydrant fees.

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Chatten
Seconded by Councillor Enright-Miller

169-2023 THAT By-law Number 2023-48, a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on April 5 and 6, 2023, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6th day of April, 2023.

- CARRIED -

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Malette
Seconded by Councillor Brown

THAT this session of Council be adjourned.

- CARRIED -

MAYOR

CLERK