

Administration and Operations Committee Report

The Administration and Operations Committee makes the following recommendations from its meeting on December 5, 2023:

1. That Councillor Peirce be declared Chair of the Administration and Operations Committee.
2. That Councillor Howes be declared Vice Chair of the Administration and Operations Committee.
3. Whereas the County of Brant recognizes the benefits and values of recreation and community engagement;

And Whereas the County of Brant continues to offer inclusive programs, services, facilities, opportunities, and events to enhance every resident's quality of life; Therefore, be it recommended that in an effort for the County of Brant to continue to bring awareness to the community, that the following proclamations, flag raisings, and events in collaboration with the Community Services Department, Strategic Initiatives Department and Emergency & Protective Services Department for 2024 be approved;

January 27	Family Literacy Day
February	Black History Month
February	Winter Active Month
February 13	Canadian Agriculture Day
February 13	Wear Red Canada Day
February 3 rd week	Nonprofit Week of Appreciation
February 17	Random Act of Kindness Day
February 24	Rec Expo
March 8	International Women's Day
March 3 rd week	Canadian Agricultural Safety Week
March 27	World Theatre Day
April	Poetry Month
April	Sikh Heritage Month
April 10	International Day of Pink
April 22	Earth Day
April 20	National Canadian Film Day
April 15-19	Tourism Week in Canada
April 25	Parent Alienation Awareness Day
April 28	National Day of Mourning
May	Asian Heritage Month
May	Museum Month
May	Mental Health Month
May 1	First Responders Day
May 1-7	National Youth Week
May 4	International Firefighters' Day
May 5-11	Emergency Preparedness Week
May 5-11	National Tourism Week
May 09	Provincial Day of Litter
May 21	Ontario Flag Day

May 22-28	Paramedic Services Week
May 26-June 1	National Access Ability Week * Flag Raising
June	Deafblind Awareness Month
June	June is Recreation and Parks Month
June	National Indigenous History Month
June	Pride Month * Flag Raising
June	Seniors Month
June 5	National World Health & Fitness Day
June 6-10	Local Food Week
June 17-23	Pollinator week
June 19	United Empire Loyalist Day
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 27	PTSD Awareness Day
June 27	Canada Multiculturalism Day
July 1	Canada Day Events
July Third Week	Drowning Prevention Week
July 25	Culinary Day
September 10	Suicide Prevention Day
September 16-20	National Forest Week
September 18	National Tree Day
September 18-24	Rail Safety Week
September 20-October 13	Culture Days
September 27	World Tourism Day
September 30	Orange Shirt Day-National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October	Canadian Islamic History Month
October	Child Abuse Prevention Month
October	Manufacturers Month
October	Women's History Month
October 1	International Music Day
October 1	National Seniors Day
October 2	International Walk to School Day
October 3-9	Ontario Agriculture Week
October 6-12	Fire Prevention Week
October 4th	Manufacturing Day
October 18	Persons Day
October 20-26	Small Business Week
October 27	Dress Purple Day
November 1-7	Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week
November 1-7	Crime Prevention Week
November 16-22	Global Entrepreneurship Week
November 20	Trans Day of Remembrance
November 18-23	Canada History Week
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
December 5	International Volunteer Day
December 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence
Against Women	

4. That the Interim Tax Levy By-law be presented to Council for consideration.
5. Whereas the County of Brant hired R.J. Burnside as Drainage Superintendent in April 2021 and staff reported on the progress of this program in 2022 as outlined in Attachment five (5) to this report;

And whereas there have been numerous requests for Municipal Drain maintenance throughout the County since the last Committee update;

And whereas this report is intended to report the progress being made on the Drain Maintenance program;

And whereas there are completed maintenance projects to be billed out to the residents;

Be it resolved that RPT-0479-23 be received as information and that the attached By-Law be raised to bill out completed drain maintenance costs to all affected properties.

6. That RPT-0483-23 be received as information;

That the minutes of the May 24, 2023 and September 21, 2023 meetings of the Community Safety and Well-Being Committee be approved;

That staff be authorized to revise Schedule A of By-law 62-21 and return to Council with annual updates;

That this delegation to staff be included on the next amendment to By-law 73-22 the Delegation of Authority By-law;

And that the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee, having achieved its mandate, be discontinued and the members thanked for their contributions.

7. That RPT-0501-23 be received;

And that the County of Brant Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be approved.

8. Whereas on November 28, 2023, County of Brant Council declared Intimate Partner Violence and Gender-Based Violence an epidemic in the County of Brant;
And whereas County of Brant Council directed staff to bring back a report, before the end of 2023, to assess the requirements to complete an Intimate Partner Violence and Gender-Based Violence Community Action Plan;

Be it hereby resolved that in support of the creation of an Intimate Partner Violence and Gender-Based Violence Action Plan, ensuring that all victims of intimate partner violence are included, regardless of gender, sex, identity, family status, social economic status, and other barriers to accessing traditional intimate partner violence support services, staff undertake the following actions;

Collaborate with community partners to launch an awareness campaign in April 2024, utilizing no-cost County of Brant channels;

Prepare a decision package, to be presented to Council during 2024 budget deliberations, utilizing paid advertising space to further augment the reach of an Intimate Partner Violence and Gender-Based Violence awareness campaign;

Engage with at-risk youth by undertaking actions outlined in the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

Collaborate with community organizations to identify additional opportunities for County of Brant Council to support their organizations' mission, including assistance to access public transportation, grant writing, new partnership development, resource development and hosting training, forums and events, as required;

Collaborate with community organizations to identify additional opportunities for County of Brant Council to support their organizations' mission, including financial and non-financial requests; and

Prepare a decision package for funding for a dedicated rural outreach worker through Nova Vita, for consideration during 2024 budget deliberations.

9. That a proposed additional Subdivision Registration Clearance Package Submission fee of \$5,000 be included within the County of Brant 2024 Fees and Charges;

And That the County of Brant 2024 Fees and Charges By-law be updated to include the Subdivision Registration Clearance Package Submission fee of \$5,000;

And That the Subdivision Registration Clearance Package Submission fee of \$5,000 be implemented January 1, 2024 unless otherwise noted in the By-law.

10. That the following Committee reports and minutes be approved:
 - 10.1 Brant Connects Committee Minutes of November 1, 2023 (no report)
 - 10.2 Tourism Advisory Committee Minutes of November 2, 2023 (no report)

Respectfully Submitted,

Councillor Pierce, Chair