



## County of Brant Council Minutes

**Date:** November 26, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
7 Broadway Street West  
Paris, ON

**Present:** Mayor Bailey, Councillors Kyle, MacAlpine, Howes, Oakley, Bell, Peirce, Miller, Chambers, Coleman, and Garneau

**Staff:** Newton, Katikapalli, Dyjach, Stevenson, Boyd, Maxwell, Gilmore, Connor, Dropko

**Mayor Bailey in the Chair.**

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**1. Attendance**

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

Councillor C. Garneau read the Land Acknowledgement.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Councillor R. Chambers requested the addition of a Notice of Motion under Resolutions.

Councillor B. Coleman requested the addition of one item under New Business.

Mayor D. Bailey requested that item 10.3 be dealt with immediately after item 5.2.

Moved by Councillor Oakley

Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the County of Brant Council agenda and addendum for November 26, 2024, be approved.

**Carried**

**4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

**5. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations**

5.1 Aura Poddar & Shailesh Poddar - Habitat28 LTD

Councillor J. Bell inquired about successes in other areas. A. Poddar responded that they had not approached any other County yet, adding that they were based in the City of Brantford but intent to grow into the County of Brant.

Councillor J. Bell asked why commercial was being pursued before residential. A. Poddar explained that they had many residential ideas and projects currently in progress, however, with the upcoming work in the downtown core, this appeared to be the best approach.

Councillor J. Peirce inquired about the approximate cost. A. Poddar responded that the discounted rate would be \$35,000.

Councillor J. MacAlpine inquired about the location. A. Poddar responded that a few locations in downtown Paris were being considered, but are open to other areas that are within close proximity of downtown.

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor Howes

That the County of Brant Council receive the presentation from Aura Poddar and Shailesh Poddar regarding a proposal for an Artisan Market as information;

And further that the County of Brant Council refer the proposal for an Artisan Market to staff for a report.

**Carried**

5.2 Christine McCallum, Kailie Mitchell & Patti Mitchell - Summer 2025 Special Olympics Games

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the County of Brant Council receive the presentation from Christine McCallum, Kailie Mitchell, and Patti Mitchell regarding the Summer 2025 Special Olympics Games as information.

**Carried**

5.3 Molly Banerjei & Grace Christie - Christian Heritage Month

Grace Christie spoke in support of Christian Heritage Month. Molly Banerjei, of 15 Royal Rouge Trail, Toronto, ON M1V 4T5, spoke in support of the Christian Heritage Month.

Councillor D. Miller spoke to this motion to declare December Christian Heritage Month.

Councillor C. Garneau, Mayor D. Bailey, and Councillor D. Miller sought clarification from staff about the proclamation policy and dates. General Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Melissa Connor, provided an explanation.

Councillor L. Oakley stated that he was not supportive of the request.

Councillor J. Bell remarked that he did not recognize many names on the petition that was submitted.

Councillor R. Chambers explained that this was not a proclamation, and echoed Councillor D. Miller's statements. He stated he was supportive of the resolution.

Councillor D. Miller spoke to the importance of heritage.

Mayor D. Bailey spoke in opposition of the request.

Moved by Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

That the County of Brant Council receive the presentation from Molly Banerjei and Grace Christie regarding a proposal to declare December as Christian Heritage Month as information.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Miller  
Seconded by Councillor Chambers

Whereas Canada was founded on the words of Psalm 72:8, "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea," acknowledging our nation's spiritual foundation; and

Whereas the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms recognizes the supremacy of God, affirming the importance of faith in shaping our values; and

Whereas Christianity, the largest and most ethnically diverse religion in Canada, has deeply influenced the principles of compassion, justice, and service that define our nation; and

Whereas Christians, representing diverse backgrounds from all continents, have contributed significantly to Canada's spiritual and cultural heritage; and

Whereas December is dedicated to celebrating Christmas, a holiday that embodies love, unity, and generosity;

Now therefore be it resolved that December be proclaimed as Christian Heritage Month, honouring the enduring legacy of Christianity and its impact on the growth and values of Canada.

Yes (3): Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, and Councillor Coleman

No (8): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, and Councillor Garneau

**Defeated (3 to 8)**

#### 5.4 Glenn Neate - The Official Plan

General Manager of Development Services, Alysha Dyjach, provided some background information and context. She explained that the process has not progressed along enough for the delegation to have received notice.

Moved by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the County of Brant Council receive the request from Glenn Neate for additional information about the Paris Optimist fence adjoining his property, and for information from the OLT, the Official Plan, land swaps, and property acquisitions relating to 80 Race Street as information.

**Carried**

5.5 Kim Hutten - Support the Climate Action Plan Draft

Kim Hutten, of East River Rd., St. George, spoke in support of the Climate Action Plan and provided some additional feedback for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the County of Brant Council receive the presentation from Kim Hutten regarding her support of the Climate Action Plan Draft as information.

**Carried**

5.6 Chuck Beach - Climate Change Action Plan

Chuck Beach, of Brantford, Ontario, cited a number of concerns with the draft plan and encouraged the County to do more.

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

That the County of Brant Council receive the presentation from Chuck Beach regarding his support for the Climate change Action Plan as information;

And further than an invitation to attend a BME meeting be extended to Chuck Beach.

**Carried**

5.7 Tom Sitak - Climate Action Plan

Tom Sitak spoke in favour of the Climate Action Plan. He also suggested the inclusion of a climate change education piece in the County newsletter.

Moved by Councillor Howes  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That the County of Brant Council receive the presentation from Tom Sitak regarding his support of the Climate Action Plan as information.

**Carried**

5.8 Diana Chan McNally - Statement from a Coalition of Municipal and Regional Councillors

Diana Chan McNally, of Toronto, Ontario, spoke in support of the Statement from a Coalition of Municipal and Regional Councillors.

Moved by Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

That the County of Brant Council receive the presentation from Diana Chan McNally regarding a Statement from a Coalition of Municipal and Regional Councillors as information.

**Carried**

**6. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

6.1 County of Brant Council Minutes of October 22, 2024

Moved by Councillor Howes  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

That the minutes from the County of Brant Council meeting of October 22, 2024 be approved.

**Carried**

**7. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**8. Consent Items**

8.1 Consent Items to be Approved

8.1.1 RPT-0520-24 - 2025 Council and Standing Committee Calendar - S. Katikapalli

Members of Council asked staff to move the Administration and Operations Committee meeting to later in the day on January 14, 2025, if possible.

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That the 2025 Council and Standing Committee meeting schedule be approved as presented, subject to any amendments made by resolution of Council or special meetings at the call of the Mayor and/or Chair, as provided for in the Procedural By-law;

And further that for the 2025 year-end holiday season, the County of Brant Municipal Administration Offices be closed on Wednesday December 24, 2025 at noon and reopen on Thursday January 2, 2026.

**Carried**

8.2 Consent Items to be Received

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the following items be received as information:

- 8.2.1 GRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2024
- 8.2.2 GRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2024
- 8.2.4 Long Point Region Conservation Authority Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2024
- 8.2.5 City of Brantford - Memo to Social Services Committee Regarding Winter Sheltering Plan
- 8.2.6 County of Brant Public Library Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2024
- 8.2.7 JNH Committee of Management Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2024
- 8.2.8 JNH Committee of Management Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2024
- 8.2.9 Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc - Resolution in Support of Southwest Community Transit Services

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Howes

That the following items be received as information:

- 8.2.3

**Carried**

## **9. Committee Reports**

### **9.1 Paramedic Services Committee Report - November 5, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Miller  
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

1. Whereas the 2025 Brantford-Brant Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games will be hosted by the Brantford Police Service, Six Nations Police Service, and Brant Ontario Provincial Police from July 10 to July 13, 2025;

And whereas in accordance with the 2025 Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games sponsorship package, any monetary fees will be recognized as an “in kind” donation from the County of Brant and the City of Brantford;

That RPT-0493-24 Request to Support the 2025 Brantford-Brant Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games be received; and

That the request for EMS support at the Games be approved to include on site EMS services at the opening and closing ceremonies, as an “in kind” donation of \$7,600 from the County of Brant and the City of Brantford; and

That Brant-Brantford Paramedic Services endeavour to provide on site EMS services to the additional requested Game’s events, as resource capacity permits.

**Carried**

9.2 Policy Development Committee Report - November 5, 2024

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

1. That RPT-0458-24 be received as information.

And that the 2024 Accessible Design Standards be approved.

2. Whereas Council approved its Strategic Plan – “Our Future Brant” in September 2019;

And Whereas following the commencement of the 2022-2026 term of County Council, it was resolved to undertake an update process to the existing Strategic Plan owing to the disruptions to business brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and a desire to maintain the priorities and directions contained in “Our Future Brant;”

And Whereas County staff have undertaken an engagement process with the public, Council, and senior staff in support of this refresh process highlighting a slight shift in the importance of certain priorities while maintaining a consistent overall focus;

Therefore, that staff report RPT-422-24 – Draft Strategic Plan Update be received as information;

That staff be directed to incorporate comments received on the draft Strategic Plan, its Strategic Priorities, Objectives and Actions, and revise into a final draft to be presented prior to the end of 2024.

3. That report RPT-0233-024– Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) be received as information;

That staff be directed to share the Climate Action Plan for Council and community feedback and bring forward the final plan for approval at the November 26 County of Brant Council meeting;

And that staff be directed to prepare a decision package for the 2025 budget for an Climate Action Specialist to lead the implementation of the Climate Action Plan, to ensure efficient and effective climate action is taken, as amended.

3. That RPT-0475-24 - Major Project Dashboard – November 2024 be received as information;

And that feedback on the second version of the Major Project Dashboard be reviewed and comments regarding enhancements be directed to staff.

4. Whereas Council directed staff to assess the value of reporting on two additional data series, ISO 37122 Indicators for Smart Cities and ISO 37123 Indicators for Resilient Cities, with the World Council of City Data (WCCD);

And whereas staff have undertaken a comprehensive review of the County's existing data products and how each is being leveraged;

Therefore, that RPT-0232-24 - Review of Corporate Data Collection Program be received as information;

And that the County continue to undertake the certification process for the WCCD ISO 37120 data stream, and not pursue certification for the ISO 37122 and ISO 37123 series at this time.

**Carried**

9.3 Government Relations Committee Minutes - November 14, 2024

Moved by Councillor Kyle  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That the Government Relations Committee Minutes of November 14, 2024, be received as information.

**Carried**

9.4 Administration and Operations Committee Report - November 19, 2024

Councillor B. Coleman requested that number 7.2 in the recommendation be voted upon separately.

Council debated the merits of 4 Way Stop Signs at William Street at West River Street.

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

1. That the delegation Melanie Mears - St. George Children's Center - Funding Request, be received as information; And that the funding request be referred to staff to provide a report on further financial details and grant opportunities regarding the St. George Children's Center, at the subsequent committee meeting.
2. Whereas Section 34 (s. 34) of the Clean Water Act, 2006, allows locally initiated amendments of the Source Protection Plan and Assessment Reports requiring counsel endorsement prior to pre-consultation with effected municipalities, ministries, first nations and other implementing bodies;

That the County of Brant (the County) endorses the proposed amendments to the Grand River Source Protection Plan (GRSSP) and



Assessment Report (AR), as it relates to the City of Brantford, and outlined in the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Report SPC-24-09-04 "S. 34 Amendment to the Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: City of Brantford"

3. Whereas detailed design of the St. George Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) expansion and upgrades is nearing completion;

And whereas, a membrane bioreactor (MBR) system has been selected as the preferred treatment technology;

And whereas, due to the long lead time for the MBR equipment and the need to incorporate design aspects of the MBR system within the overall treatment plant design, it was determined that the MBR system will be pre-selected and pre-purchased during the design phase.

That OPS-RFP-24-05 for the detailed design, supply, delivery and installation of the MBR equipment for the St. George WPCP expansion be awarded to Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions Canada GP (aka GE Water & Process Technologies) for the bid price of \$3,575,400.00 (excluding HST).

4. That lands described as 679 Bishopsgate Road, 24 Falkland Road and 1 Highway 2 be declared surplus;

And that staff be directed to commence the disposition of these lands.

5. Whereas County of Brant (County) Entrance Bylaw 176-99 (as amended by By-Law 45-12) to regulate property entranceways and culverts was enacted on September 7, 1999; and

Whereas the current Entrance By-Law is outdated and references the Municipal Act, 1990 which has been replaced with the Municipal Act 2001; and

Whereas the current Entrance Bylaw requires updating and clear language related to current Federal, Provincial and Municipal regulatory tools;

That Report RPT-0214-24 "Entrance By-Law Repeal and Replace" be received; and

That the County of Brant Entrance By-Law No. 176-99 (as amended by By-Law 45-12) (Entrance By-Law) (Appendix A) be repealed and replaced with draft by-law (Appendix B) for Council enactment on November 26, 2024.

6. Whereas all municipalities are required to accommodate Additional Residential Units (ARUs) as per Ontario Regulation 299/19 and the Planning Act;

And whereas the development of Additional Residential Units has become increasingly popular within the County of Brant (County);

And whereas, the Road-Use By-Law 33-12 deems it necessary and expedient to control the use of municipal highways;

That the Operations Policy - Additional Residential Unit Servicing (Attachment 1) be approved.

7. Whereas the Roads Division has received various requests for traffic modifications for several different locations throughout the County of Brant (the County). Requests were made through the Brant Safe Streets (BSS) program and by various County Departments;

And Whereas the following traffic restrictions are recommended as follows:

That Traffic By-Law Number 182-05 be amended by installing the following proposed stop signs and speed limit regulations:

1. Joseph Brant Street at Mulholland Drive

To implement into Schedule B, Stop Signs, Mulholland Drive – for northbound direction as it intersects with Joseph Brant Street;

To implement into Schedule B, Stop Signs, Mulholland Drive – for southbound direction as it intersects with Joseph Brant Street;

3. White Swan Road

To implement into Schedule J, Speed Limit, a speed reduction from 80km/hr to a 50 km/hr speed limit from Colborne Street East to approximately 250 metres south of Colborne Street East;

That the remainder of White Swan Road from approximately 250 metres south of Colborne Street East to the intersection of Lanford Church Road at McBay Road and Baptist Church Road remains an 80 km/hr speed limit, as amended.

That the appropriate By-Laws be amended to recognize new stop signs and new speed limit signs.

That the Brant County Ontario Provincial Police Department be advised of these proposed revisions and monitor the areas as their resources permit them too.

8. That the proposed 2025 fees and charges for the County of Brant be approved; And that the 2025 Fees and Charges By-law be presented to Council for approval;

And that the fees and charges be implemented January 1, 2025, unless otherwise noted in the by-law.

9. Whereas GrandBridge Energy Inc. (formerly Energy+ and Brant County Power Inc.) has provided a long-standing and acceptable level of service for water meter reading, water and wastewater billing, collections, and customer service;

That the County of Brant (the County) extend their agreement with GrandBridge Energy Inc. to continue to provide services through to December 31, 2027, with an optional one (1) year extension to December 31, 2028.

10. That the Paramedic Services draft 2025 Operating Budget with base expenditures of \$18,892,458 and a base Net Levy of \$10,684,258 be approved;

That the 2025 Paramedic Services Capital Budget, totaling \$1,802,603, with \$1,217,603, to be funded from the Ambulance Equipment and Vehicle Reserves, \$162,630 from Ambulance Development Charges Reserves for the County of Brant, and \$422,370 from the City of Brantford be approved.

11. That staff be directed to start the vehicle and equipment purchase process in advance of the 2025 Budget Deliberations to secure the necessary vehicles and equipment needed to carry out County of Brant (the County) Services. This request includes the purchase of eighteen (18) vehicles and equipment of various sizes;

And that staff report back to Council for approval as required by the County Purchasing Policy.

12. THAT the Committee approve the recruitment and hiring of one (1) full-time Screening Officer and one (1) full-time Provincial Offences Officer to administer the Automated Speed Enforcement Program.

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**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
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**Defeated**

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**Carried**

#### 9.5 Grants Ad Hoc Committee Report - November 21, 2024

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

1. That Staff Report RPT-0527-24 "2025 Community Grants Program" be received as information;  
That \$385,000 be included in the draft 2025 Budget for the 2025 Community Grants Program, subject to budget deliberations;  
That clarification be provided that when an organization receives an ongoing grant from the County, they are ineligible for further grants under the Operating Stream of the County Grants Program;  
That staff be directed to accumulate data on insurance coverage for grant requests for the 2025 Community Grants Program and report back to the Grants Ad Hoc Committee with findings;  
And that staff be directed to deliver the 2025 Community Grants program in cooperation with the Brant Community Foundation under the same criteria and format as 2024.

**Carried**

### 10. **Staff Reports**

#### 10.1 RPT-0531-24 - Main Branch Library Project Update - M. Maxwell

Councillor R. Chambers sought clarification on the parking issue as it relates to things like planning justification. M. Maxwell explained that the site as planned does not meet the current zoning requirements for parking. This requires a zoning by-law



requirement. This necessitated a planning consultant to be retained. The parking justification zoning by-law amendment followed by the tender results will be presented in January 2025. A. Newton and A. Dyjach provided further context.

Councillor R. Chambers spoke to the contradiction of the County approving its own application, and expressed concerns about setting a precedent. A. Dyjach and A. Newton provided additional information.

Councillor J. Peirce noted that the class B estimate came in higher than the class C estimate. The heritage restoration estimate increased by \$750,000 due to continued deterioration of the Bawcutt Centre. He sought clarification on why it had deteriorated to this extent in a short period of time. M. Maxwell responded that while he would need to look into it further, it was probably due to some water damage through the roof and along the walls. Councillor J. Peirce requested that this be looked into and communicated through a future agenda or Friday Files.

Moved by Councillor Howes  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That the County of Brant County receive RPT-0531-24 - Main Branch Library Project Update as information.

**Carried**

10.2 RPT-0459-24 - Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2025-2029 - S. Yarek Snyder

Councillor J. Peirce remarked that the report was well done, but asked if the information in the report could be displayed in a RACI chart. He also expressed an interest in seeing the bigger picture rather than just reconstruction.

Councillor J. Kyle explained that people in the community do not know what is going on. As such, she expressed her desire to see included strategic initiatives and communications to anything that impacts the community.

Councillor J. Miller stated that the plan was well done.

Moved by Councillor Miller  
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the County of Brant County receive RPT-0459-24 - Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2025-2029 as information;

And further that the County of Brant County approve the 2025-2029 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

**Carried**

10.3 RPT-0496-24 - Request to Support the 2025 Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games - P. Mete & M. Connor

Moved by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

Whereas the 2025 Brantford-Brant Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games will be hosted by the Brantford Police Service, Six Nations Police Service, and Brant Ontario Provincial Police from July 10 to July 13, 2025;

And in accordance with the 2025 Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games sponsorship package, any monetary fees be recognized as an in-kind donation from the County of Brant;

And that interested County of Brant staff be permitted to volunteer for the 2025 Special Olympics Ontario Summer Games where operationally feasible during regular working hours;

And that the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) be authorized to approve any supplementary expenses up to a limit of \$15,000, as needed;

And that RPT-0496-24 Request to Support the 2025 Brantford-Brant Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games be received;

And that the request for County of Brant's support at the Games be approved.

**Carried**

10.4 RPT-0518-24 - Climate Action Plan - H. Gilmore

Councillor S. Howes asked how the suggestions from the delegations can be of assistance in the future. H. Gilmore responded that prioritizing education and community outreach is important for buy-in. She pointed to the seventh category in the plan to demonstrate how this can be done.

Councillor L. Oakley spoke in support of the plan and explained that this is the first step in the right direction. That said, he remarked that hard conversations will need to be had in the future with regards to what we are willing to do, what we are willing to give up, and what we are willing to ask of residents if we are going to be serious about fighting the climate crisis.

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

Whereas staff were directed to share the Climate Action Plan for Council and community feedback and bring forward the final plan for approval at the November 26 County of Brant Council meeting;

That the County of Brant Council receive RPT-0518-024 - Climate Action Plan as information;

And that the County of Brant Council approve and adopt the Climate Action Plan.

**Carried**

10.5 RPT-0532-24 - ROMA Delegations - A. Newton

Councillor J. Kyle asked that the Ministry of Education be added to the list.

Moved by Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the County of Brant Council receive RPT-0532-24 - 2025 ROMA Delegations as information;

And that the Ministry of Education be added to the list;

And further that Staff be directed to submit delegation requests on the items outlined in the report.

**Carried**

10.6 RPT-0534-24 Application to the Climate Ready Plans and Processes Grant - H. Gilmore

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has made funding available through the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Initiative; and

Whereas the County of Brant Council has reinforced the importance of climate adaptation and set the goal of fostering resiliency to adapt and cope with the impacts of climate change within the Climate Action Plan (CAP); and

Whereas the County of Brant is undertaking the “Building the Foundations for Climate Resilience” project which involves completing a series of initiatives to identify climate change related hazards and risks within the community, safeguard our buildings and infrastructure, create a data framework to better track the impacts of climate change, and build community and corporate capacity to advance climate change adaptation through collaboration and learning opportunities; and

Whereas FCM will provide a grant of 70 percent of project costs up to a maximum of \$70,000 through the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Initiative and this work will be supported by the County through staff remuneration; and

Whereas staff are required to forward a resolution of the County of Brant Council support towards these initiatives to FCM as part of the application process;

Be it resolved that the County of Brant Council directs staff to apply for funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Initiative to deliver the “Building Foundations for Climate Resilience” project.

**Carried**

10.7 RPT-0529-24 Funding Request from Brantford Police - C. Stevenson

Moved by Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by Councillor Garneau

That the County of Brant Council receive RPT-0529-24 - Funding Request from Brantford Police, as information;

And further that the funding request be referred by Council to 2025 budget deliberations.

**Carried**

**11. Communications**

11.1 Councillor L. Oakley - Statement from a Coalition of Municipal & Regional Councillors on the Use of the Notwithstanding Clause to Clear Encampments

Some members of Council spoke in support of the letter, while some others expressed a desire to have been given more time to consider it.

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the motion be deferred to the next meeting.

**Carried**

**12. Resolutions**

**13. Other Business**

Councillor B. Coleman spoke about the unveiling of the Ron Eddy Way sign and thanked staff for their support.

**14. In Camera**

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

That Brant County Council convene In Camera at 8:59 p.m. to discuss:

14.1 Policy Development Committee In-Camera Report - November 5, 2024

14.2 RPT-0530-24- S.239(2)(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (2024 Market Compensation Survey) - K. Dropko

**Carried**

This portion of the meeting is recorded in the Confidential – In Camera minutes of November 26, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Miller  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the County of Brant Council reconvened in Open Session at 10:26 p.m..

**Carried**

**15. By-laws**

Moved by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Chambers

That By-laws 117-24, 119-24, and 120-24, be read a first time.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Chambers

That By-laws 117-24, 119-24, and 120-24, be read a second time and all preambles and clauses be adopted.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Chambers

That By-laws 117-24, 119-24, and 120-24, be read a third time, passed, signed, and executed.

**Carried**

**16. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Oakley

That the County of Brant Council adjourn at 10:28 p.m..

**Carried**

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Secretary