



## County of Brant Council Minutes

**Date:** February 25, 2025  
**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

Newton, Katikapalli, Boyd, Stevenson, Connor, Dyjach, Walton, Mifflin, Mete, Maxwell, Bailey, Eby

**Mayor Bailey in the Chair.**

**Alternative formats and communication supports are available upon request. For more information, please contact the County of Brant Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator at 519-442-7268 or by email [accessibility@brant.ca](mailto:accessibility@brant.ca)**

---

**1. Attendance**

Taken by the Clerk.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

Councillor J. Bell read the Land Acknowledgement.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the County of Brant Council Agenda and Addendum of February 25, 2025 be approved.

**Carried**

**4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Oakley declared a conflict with item 15.5 - By-law Number 15-25.

Councillor Howes declared a conflict with item 8.2.6 - Peterborough County Council Resolution - Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods

Councillor Garneau declared a conflict with item 8.2.6 - Peterborough County Council Resolution - Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods

## 5. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

### 5.1 John Kemp - Giant Hogweed Mitigation Project - Giant Hogweed Invasion Status of Brant County

John Kemp delegated before Council with regards to an update on the Giant Hogweed Mitigation.

#### Discussion:

Members of Council posed questions. Topics of discussion include spot spray and the GRCA's involvement within their own properties.

Councillor Miller requested an update on the spending through Friday Files.

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the delegation from John Kemp, regarding the status of the Giant Hogweed Invasion of Brant County, be received as information.

**Carried**

### 5.2 Roy Haggart - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29 - Application for Noise Bylaw Exemption

Roy Haggart and Earl MacDonald, from Branch 29 of the Royal Canadian Legion delegated before Council with regards to a noise by-law exemption.

#### Discussion:

Members of Council posed questions. Topics of discussion include decibel levels.

Moved by Councillor Howes  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That the delegation from Roy Haggart and Earl MacDonald, from Branch 29 of the Royal Canadian Legion, regarding an application for a noise by-law exemption, be received as information.

**Carried**

### 5.3 Chantelle A. Campbell - Legal Advocacy Services-RentLaw - Black History Month Proclamation/Flag Raising

Chantelle Campbell, from the Legal Advocacy Services was present to answer any questions of Council.

Moved by Councillor Howes  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the delegation from Chantelle Campbell from Rent Law Legal Advocacy Services, regarding a Black History Month proclamation and flag raising, be received as information.

**Carried**

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

### **6.1 County of Brant Council Minutes of January 28, 2025**

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That the minutes from the County of Brant Council Meeting of January 28, 2025 be approved.

**Carried**

## **7. Business Arising from the Minutes**

## **8. Consent Items**

### **8.1 Consent Items to be Approved**

#### **8.1.1 RPT-0094-25 Oakland Child Care Centre Lease Agreement and Project Update - K. Ballantyne & S. McAfee**

##### Discussion:

A discussion was held where members of Council posed questions and staff provided answers or the necessary context. Topics of discussion include remaining within budget, concerns received from residents, and the market value determined price.

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

That the lease agreement with Oakland Childcare Centre Inc. be approved;

And further that municipal approval is granted for Oakland Childcare Centre Inc., to operate a childcare centre at the Oakland Community Centre, located at 3 King St. N., Oakland, ON.

**Carried**

#### **8.1.1.1 Comment Received - J. Gatward**

### **8.1.2 RPT-0063-25 GRSN Tender Award - J. Murphy**

##### Discussion:

A discussion was held where members of Council posed questions and staff provided answers or the necessary context. Topics of discussion include costs, salary, project phase schedule, contingency planning for unexpected expenses that come up during construction, and funding sources.

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That OPS-RFT-25-03 Grand River Street North Reconstruction (Downtown Dig) be awarded to Navacon Construction Inc. for the bid price of \$6,471,159.50 (excluding HST);

And that the one (1) year contract position of Downtown Construction Liaison be approved at a cost of \$125,000 to be funded 50 percent from the Capital Budget for this project and 50 percent from the Rural Economic Development Program grant funding.

**Carried**

## 8.2 Consent Items to be Received

Councillor Howes declared a conflict on this item.  
Councillor Garneau declared a conflict on this item.

Moved by Councillor Garneau  
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the following consent items be received:

- 8.2.2 Northumberland County Resolution - Deposit Return Program
- 8.2.3 Long Point Region Conservation Authority - Letter to the Minister
- 8.2.4 Long Point Region Conservation Authority - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2025
- 8.2.5 Brantford City Council Decisions
- 8.2.8 John Noble Home Committee of Management Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2025

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Miller  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That 8.2.1 County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board Minutes - December 16, 2024, be received.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That the County of Brant receive 8.2.6 Peterborough County Council Resolution - Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods as information;

And further that the County of Brant send a similar letter to all recipients listed in Peterborough County Council Resolution and the Western Caucus.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That 8.2.7 - Town of Lincoln Resolution - Request for the Redistribution of Provincial Land Tax and GST, be received;

And further that the County of Brant submit a similar letter in an effort to secure infrastructure funding.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That 8.2.9 - John Noble Home Committee of Management Meeting Minutes - February 12, 2025 be received.

**Carried**

## **9. Committee Reports**

### **9.1 Policy Development Committee Report - February 4, 2025**

Moved by Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by Councillor Garneau

That the Policy Development Committee Report of February 4, 2025 be approved.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by Councillor Garneau

That the Policy Development Committee report of February 4, 2025 be approved including the following recommendations, as amended:

1. That Councillor Coleman be nominated as Chair of the Policy Development Committee for 2025;

and that nominations for the role of Chair be closed.

2. That Councillor Garneau be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Policy Development Committee for 2025;

and that nominations for the role of Vice Chair be closed.

3. That Council give two readings to the Rathburn Municipal Drain by-law and adopt the report as a provisional by-law.

4. WHEREAS On September 3, 2024, Council directed County Staff to permit chickens only in non-urban residential areas, and create an implementation framework to be presented to Council for approval;

And Whereas an amendment to the County of Brant Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 61-16 is necessary and the amendment conforms with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) and policies of the County's 2023 Official Plan to facilitate implementation of a new Backyard Hen program;

THEREFORE THAT Committee receive RPT-0002-25 – Chickens in Residential Areas – Implementation and Next Steps, as information;

AND THAT the required County initiated amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 61-16 (ZBA26-24- JK) (Attachment 1) and Animal Control By-Law 174-10 (Attachment 2), and the new 'Backyard Hen By-Law' (Attachment 4) be referred to Council for approval.

AND THAT the program application form (Attachment 5) be endorsed and an amendment to the County's Fees and Charges By-Law be referred to Council for approval.

AND THAT County Staff be directed to work with the County's Communications Team to implement the new Backyard Hen program within the County, as outlined within this report.

AND THAT Enforcement and Regulatory Services and Policy Planning Staff be directed to monitor the program over a three-year period to assess participation and identify opportunities for improvement and report back to Council on the program and any recommended amendments to the by-law in three years from the date of program initiation.

5. That the Parental Leave Policy for Councillors be approved.

6. That the Policy to Prohibit Complimentary Facility Rentals in Recognition of Donations to Capital Fundraising Campaigns be approved.

7. That RPT-0040-25 Volunteer Management Policy be received;

And that the Volunteer Management Policy be approved.

8. Whereas the County of Brant is committed to fostering meaningful community engagement as a cornerstone of good governance;

AND Whereas the County acknowledges the importance of transparency, inclusivity, and respect in its engagement practices;

AND Whereas the Community Engagement Framework and Policy align with Strategic Priority 3: Healthy, Safe, and Engaged Communities, Objective 3.2 Provide effective, inclusive, and meaningful ways for the community to learn and engage with the County of Brant, specifically 3.2.2 Create a Public Engagement Framework and Policy to help staff effectively inform, consult, and engage with the community in decision-making by 2025;

AND Whereas the proposed Community Engagement Framework and Policy provide a structured approach to ensure consistent, transparent, and inclusive public participation;

THAT Council approve the Community Engagement Framework and Policy and direct staff to begin implementation of the Framework and Policy across all County departments.

9. That RPT-0020-25 County of Brant Municipal Accommodation Study - M. Maxwell be received as information;

And That RPT-0020-25 County of Brant Municipal Accommodation Study - M. Maxwell be tabled until March 25, 2025, to allow for further review from staff;

And that County of Brant Council receive any updates on the project as necessary.

**Carried**

9.2 Committee of the Whole Report - January 16, January 22, February 6, 2025

Moved by Councillor Miller

Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the Committee of the Whole Report of January 16, January 22, and February 6, 2025 be approved including the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee receive the Presentation of LTFP Model from B. Tan, Watson & Associates as information.

2. That Staff Report RPT-0025-25 "Long Term Financial Plan – Presentation of Updated Model" be received as information;

That the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) Model presented by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. be received as information and approved as a tool to inform 2025 budget decisions and longer-term capital forecasting directives;

That staff be directed to prepare a LTFP Maintenance and Implementation Plan, including a Financial Policy Review, Financial Health Metrics and a Financial Reporting Program;

That Council direction be given on incorporating into the LTFP and/or 2025 draft budget a model for funding a local contribution to the new hospital project;

And that staff be directed to further investigate all available funding sources for the development of municipally-built affordable housing units.

3. That the following decision packages be recommended for approval at the stated impact to the net levy:

Ref.	Item	Impact to Net Levy
1	Climate Action Specialist	\$88,161
3	Purchasing Clerk	\$68,803
4	Supervisor of Building Enforcement	-
5	Contribution to Downtown Paris BIA	\$30,000
6	Asset Management GIS Analyst	\$83,737
7	Junior Engineering Technologist	\$23,076
8	Facility Construction Inspector	\$20,032
9	Project Engineer	\$27,754
10	Seniors Programmer	\$19,194
11	Arborist	-
12	Forestry and Horticulture Coordinator	-
13	Forestry Supervisor	\$4,246
14	Lions Park Paris Winter Trail Maintenance Pilot	\$10,000
16	Facility Operator-TF Warren Group Cainsville Community Centre & Wilkin Family Community Centre	\$71,601
18	Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System Installation at Scotland, Cainsville, Onondaga Fire Stations	-
19	Request from Brantford Police Services - Contribution to Court Security Costs	\$46,500
20	New Hospital Project - Local Contribution*By adding it as a special levy on tax bill	\$800,000
24	Victim Services of Brant Funding Request*Be considered as a one-time request	\$35,573
25	Nova Vita Funding Request	\$40,000
26	Sexual Assault Centre of Brant Funding Request	\$45,095
27	Willowbridge Community Services Funding Request	\$30,207.50

4. That Decision Package 21 – Lansdowne Children’s Centre Request for Capital Campaign Contribution be deferred to the 2026 Budget for consideration.
5. That Decision Package 22 – Woodland Cultural Centre Request for Capital Campaign Contribution be deferred to the 2026 Budget for consideration.
6. As required by Ontario Regulation 284/09 Council acknowledges that expenses related to post-employment benefits are included in the 2025 budget; And that the estimated amortization expense has been included in the 2025 budget; And further, that expenses related to landfill closure and post-closure costs are excluded from the 2025 budget.
7. That \$1,368,266 be contributed from the Contingency / Rate Stabilization

Reserve and applied to the budget.

8. That the following tax ratios be approved:

Residential	1.0000
Multi-Residential	1.7000
Farmland	0.2400
Managed Forest	0.2500
Commercial	1.9000
Industrial	2.5500
Pipelines	1.7750
Landfill	1.1000
Aggregate Extraction	2.074951

And that a reduction in the Tax Rate of 35% apply to the following:

Farmland Awaiting Development  
Commercial Vacant and Excess Land  
Industrial Vacant and Excess Land

And that a reduction in the Tax Rate of 75% apply to the following:

Commercial small scale on farm subclasses 1 and 2  
Industrial small scale on farm subclasses 1 and 2

9. That the 2025 Budget for the County of Brant, with a property tax levy of \$84,500,700 plus a special levy of \$800,000 as a contribution to the hospital reserve be approved;

That the 2025 Capital Budget for the County of Brant totaling expenditures of \$108,538,294, be funded from the capital tax levy in the amount of \$16,805,663, reserves, grants, and recoveries of \$86,020,026, and debt / debentures of \$5,712,605.

**No Vote**

The following amendments were put forward before a final vote on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Miller  
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

That Decision Package #1 -Climate Action Specialist be removed;

And further that the County of Brant work with the City of Brantford to develop a similar position that can be funded by cost-sharing model.

**Defeated**

Moved by Councillor Kyle  
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

That Decision Package # 17 - Fire Services Communications Specialist, be approved.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Miller  
Seconded by Councillor Garneau

That committee members of the government relations committee have their conference budget reduced to match the budget of other Committees' Council members.

**Defeated**

Moved by Councillor Garneau  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

That Decision Package #1 - Climate Action Specialist, be approved as a 2-year full-time contract position instead of a permanent, full-time position.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

That Decision Packages #25 - Nova Vita Funding Request , #26 - Sexual Assault Centre of Brant Funding Request , and #27 - Willowbridge Community Services Funding Request, be granted in full allotments.

And further that \$115, 302.50 be pulled from the contingency reserve.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by Councillor Miller

That this discussion be tabled until the following Tuesday's Committee of the Whole meeting, followed by a Special Council meeting to finalize the budget.

**Defeated**

Moved by Councillor Howes  
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

The Committee of the Whole makes the following recommendations from its meetings on January 16, January 22, and February 6, 2025, as amended:

1. That the Committee receive the Presentation of LTFP Model from B. Tan, Watson & Associates as information.
2. That Staff Report RPT-0025-25 "Long Term Financial Plan – Presentation of Updated Model" be received as information; That the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) Model presented by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. be received as information and approved as a tool to inform 2025 budget decisions and longer-term capital forecasting directives; That staff be directed to prepare a LTFP Maintenance and Implementation Plan, including a Financial Policy Review, Financial Health Metrics and a Financial Reporting Program; That Council direction

be given on incorporating into the LTFP and/or 2025 draft budget a model for funding a local contribution to the new hospital project; And that staff be directed to further investigate all available funding sources for the development of municipally-built affordable housing units.

3. That the following decision packages be recommended for approval at the stated impact to the net levy:

Ref.	Item	Impact to Net Levy
1	Climate Action Specialist*Approved as a 2-year full-time contract position.	\$88,161
3	Purchasing Clerk	\$68,803
4	Supervisor of Building Enforcement	-
5	Contribution to Downtown Paris BIA	\$30,000
6	Asset Management GIS Analyst	\$83,737
7	Junior Engineering Technologist	\$23,076
8	Facility Construction Inspector	\$20,032
9	Project Engineer	\$27,754
10	Seniors Programmer	\$19,194
11	Arborist	-
12	Forestry and Horticulture Coordinator	-
13	Forestry Supervisor	\$4,246
14	Lions Park Paris Winter Trail Maintenance Pilot	\$10,000
16	Facility Operator-TF Warren Group Cainsville Community Centre & Wilkin Family Community Centre	\$71,601
17	Fire Services Communications Specialist	\$72,629
18	Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System Installation at Scotland, Cainsville, Onondaga Fire Stations	-
19	Request from Brantford Police Services - Contribution to Court Security Costs	\$46,500
20	New Hospital Project - Local Contribution*By adding it as a special levy on tax bill	\$800,000
24	Victim Services of Brant Funding Request*Be considered as a one-time request	\$35,573
25	Nova Vita Funding Request *Be considered as a one-time request.	\$80,000
26	Sexual Assault Centre of Brant Funding Request *Be considered as a one-time request.	\$90,190
27	Willowbridge Community Services Funding Request *Be considered as a one-time request.	\$60,415

4. That Decision Package 21 – Lansdowne Children’s Centre Request for Capital Campaign Contribution be deferred to the 2026 Budget for consideration.

5. That Decision Package 22 – Woodland Cultural Centre Request for Capital Campaign Contribution be deferred to the 2026 Budget for consideration.
6. As required by *Ontario Regulation 284/09* Council acknowledges that expenses related to post-employment benefits are included in the 2025 budget;

And that the estimated amortization expense has been included in the 2025 budget;

And further, that expenses related to landfill closure and post-closure costs are excluded from the 2025 budget.

7. That \$1,368,266 be contributed from the Contingency / Rate Stabilization Reserve and applied to the budget.
8. And further that \$115, 302.50 be pulled from the contingency reserve.
9. That the following tax ratios be approved:

Residential	1.0000
Multi-Residential	1.7000
Farmland	0.2400
Managed Forest	0.2500
Commercial	1.9000
Industrial	2.5500
Pipelines	1.7750
Landfill	1.1000
Aggregate Extraction	2.074951

And that a reduction in the Tax Rate of 35% apply to the following:

Farmland Awaiting Development  
 Commercial Vacant and Excess Land  
 Industrial Vacant and Excess Land

And that a reduction in the Tax Rate of 75% apply to the following:

Commercial small scale on farm subclasses 1 and 2  
 Industrial small scale on farm subclasses 1 and 2

10. That the 2025 Budget for the County of Brant, with a property tax levy of \$84,500,700 plus a special levy of \$800,000 as a contribution to the hospital reserve be approved;

And that the 2025 Capital Budget for the County of Brant totaling expenditures of \$108,538,294, be funded from the capital tax levy in the amount of \$16,805,663, reserves, grants, and recoveries of \$86,020,026, and debt / debentures of \$5,712,605”.

**Carried**

9.3 Government Relations Committee Report - February 10, 2025

Moved by Councillor Kyle  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That the Government Relations Committee Report of February 10, 2025 be approved including the following recommendations, as amended:

1. That nominations for the position of Chair be closed;  
And that Councillor Kyle be declared Chair of the Government Relations Committee.
2. That nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed;  
And that Councillor be declared Vice Chair of the Government Relations Committee.
3. That RPT-0091-25 “Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) 2025 Conference Delegations” be received as information;

And that Committee directs staff to submit delegation requests as follows:

- Ministry of Health – New Hospital
- Ministry of Health – Funding for Family Health Teams
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Consistent Funding for Housing Projects
- Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation – Consultation on future developments in the County of Brant
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – Updating funding formula for Social Services
- Ministry of Transportation – Safety concerns on Highway 24 for Agricultural Operators
- Ministry of Transportation – Bishopsgate Road Interchange
- Ministry of Education – School Capacity
- Ministry of Red Tape Reduction – Rest Acres Road Interchange
- Intimate Partner Violence Advocacy
- Paris Water Treatment Facility

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Kyle  
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That the Government Relations Committee Report of February 10, 2025 be approved.

**Carried**

9.4 Administration and Operations Committee Report - February 18, 2025

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Howes

That the Administration and Operations Committee Report of February 18, 2025 be approved including the following recommendations:

1. THAT Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Application CIP-25-01 from the tenant of 5,7 and 9 Grand River Street North, Paris for façade improvements, signage improvements, and interior renovations be approved to a maximum of \$33,700.

AND that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Community Improvement Plan Agreement for CIP-25-01.

2. That OPS-RFT-24-31 Rehabilitation of Douglass Bridge be awarded to UrbanLink Civil Ltd. for the bid price of \$1,183,500.00 (excluding HST);

And that funding for this project in the amount of \$1,500,000 be approved as part of the 2025 Capital Budget to cover the cost of construction, applicable taxes, engineering inspection and contract administration and contingency.

3. That OPS-RFT-25-01 Patterson Culvert Rehabilitation be awarded to UrbanLink Civil Ltd. for the bid price of \$411,800.00 (excluding HST);

And That funding for this project in the amount of \$450,000 be approved as part of the 2025 Capital Budget.

4. That the Fees and Charges by-law be amended removing the expiration date for the water and wastewater rates, and the bylaw be brought forward for Council's consideration.

5. Whereas RPT-0483-24 Pre-budget approval for Fleet Replacement was approved in advance of the 2025 budget and the approval required that staff report back to Council for approval as per the County of Brant (the County) Purchasing Policy;

And Whereas the itemized list of equipment was direct negotiated through the Canoe Procurement Group of Canada in accordance with Purchasing By-law Number 87-22 and the approval of the General Manger of Corporate Services; That staff be directed to purchase the following equipment;

One (1) Large Frontend Loader, awarded to Brandt Tractor for \$373,375 + HST

One (1) Road Grader, awarded to Brandt Tractor for \$423,500 + HST

One (1) Backhoe, awarded to Brandt Tractor for \$269,450 + HST

One (1) Backhoe, awarded to Brandt Tractor for \$150,000 + HST

6. Whereas Council previously approved Report RPT-0110-24 to complete a Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP) for the communities of Scotland and Oakland;

And Whereas the completion of the MESP be done in two (2) phases to allow for expedient information transfer to the community;

And Whereas Phase One (1) of the MESP was awarded to Stantec and Arcadis and was completed throughout 2024;

And Whereas the findings of Phase One (1) indicate that there are existing quality and quantity issues with the groundwater resource, and that further build-out of the community on private water and wastewater servicing with the current minimum lot size provisions of the Zoning By-Law would not meet the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standard (ODWQS) and may result in further deterioration of the groundwater resource;

And Whereas the recommendations of Phase One (1) include a need to further evaluate and determine the preferred solutions for water and wastewater servicing, stormwater management and transportation infrastructure to ensure sustainable build-out for the community;

And WHEREAS a total budget of \$350,000 was approved through RPT-0110-24, with \$250,000 allocated for 2024 and \$100,000 allocated for 2025;

That Phase Two (2) of the MESP be initiated in 2025 with the remaining pre-approved budget, consisting of an integrated Master Servicing Plan to evaluate all possible servicing options, including consideration for both private (“status quo”) and municipal servicing, for the communities of Scotland and Oakland, completed in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

7. WHEREAS, at the November 21, 2023, Administration and Operations Committee meeting, the Committee approved, in principle, the idea of an expanded residential permit parking system for residents living within the Paris Business Improvement area; and

WHEREAS staff were directed to report back on the implementation measures of the permit system; and

WHEREAS staff consulted with the Downtown Paris Business Improvement Area Committee regarding residential permit parking; and

WHEREAS, at the May 2024 Administration and Operations meeting, the Committee approved, in principle, the recommendations in RPT 283-24 directing staff to develop the framework and prepare the necessary By-law amendments to allow for residential permit parking for (10) spaces in Municipal Lot #3 (cenotaph), 2 Grand River Street North and (10) spaces for Municipal Lot # 11 (former OPP station), 28 Mechanic Street, to conditionally allow approved residents of the Downtown Paris Business Improvement Area (BIA) to park in the designated areas; and

WHEREAS, Staff have since confirmed with Operations that Municipal Lot #3 will not be available for parking in 2025 due to the Downtown Dig;

THAT, staff be directed to implement a one-year pilot project to allow residential permit parking for Paris BIA residents for up to (10) Permit Parking Spaces in Municipal Lot #11, 28 Mechanic Street and up to (10) Permit Parking Spaces in Municipal Lot #2, 10 Broadway Street West; and

THAT the Fees and Charged By-law be amended to include \$120.00 monthly + HST BIA Parking Permits Fee; and

THAT the daily fees in the Fees and Charges By-law associated to the current BIA residential permit parking program be repealed and replaced; and

THAT the attached Paris BIA Residential Permit Parking Application Form and conditions be approved and added to Schedule #14 of the Parking By-law 004-19; and

THAT Parking By-law #004-19, Schedule 14, General Permit Parking application be amended by deleting section 1.5, deleting section 2 conditions, and deleting the reference to section 1.5 in section 4.1 condition and that Schedule 14.1 be deleted; and

THAT Parking By-law # 004-19, Schedule 15, be amended to include “Signed Municipal Permit Only Area” for occupied permit spaces in Municipal Lot #2, 10 Broadway Street West and Municipal Lot #11, 28 Mechanic Street, Paris; and

THAT applications for said parking permits be available to the public when the appropriate signage has been created; and

THAT parking spaces be allocated as permits are acquired should demand be less than 20; and

THAT the proposed permit eligible parking spaces as depicted in attachment #5 be approved and formalized into a Schedule 15 maps for Council approval; and

THAT staff be directed to monitor the demand for residential parking permits and report back to Council at a future date regarding solutions to meet demand in line with ongoing changes in the downtown Paris core.

8. Whereas RPT-21-105 dated April 20, 2021, obtained approval for RJ Burnside and Associates Ltd to provide Drainage Superintendent services to the County of Brant through approval of By-Law 45-21;

And whereas Shannon Tweedle, previously the employee for RJ Burnside that provided these services, is now an employee of the County of Brant;

That By-law 45-21, being the By-law which appoints the Drainage Superintendent for the County of Brant, be repealed and replaced, therefore bringing the Drainage Superintendent services in-house and assigned to Shannon Tweedle.

And that the draft By-law, Attachment 1, be presented to Council for adoption at the February 25, 2025, Council Meeting.

9. Whereas at its session on November 28, 2023, County of Brant Council resolved to enter into a partnership with the Central Ontario Co-Operative Housing Federation (COCHF) to develop a business case and feasibility study to construct 35 seniors co-operative housing units on the remaining portion of the County-owned housing facility at Russell Heights in St. George, including the approval of seed funding in the amount of \$50,000;

And Whereas COCHF prepared a financially viable business case, retained an architect to prepare conceptual drawings, and applied to the Co-Operative Housing Development Program (CHDP) operated by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in support of this development, which was unsuccessful; And Whereas COCHF has identified a further funding source, being the Affordable Housing Fund operated by CMHC which recently revised its eligibility criteria to better suit co-operative housing providers;

And Whereas the Brantford-Brant Housing Master Plan and the Mayors' Housing Partnerships Task Force Affordable Housing Action Plan identifies that 337 additional units operated by non-profits and co-operative housing providers are required by 2031 to meet the demands for housing in the Brantford-Brant area, with the County's proportion of that amount being 94 units;

And Whereas COCHF has requested additional funding up to \$185,000 to complete Class 'B' construction cost estimates, a requirement of application to the Affordable Housing Fund

Therefore, that the request from COCHF for additional funding of up to \$185,000 to complete Class 'B' cost estimates for the proposed project at Russell Heights be approved, to be funded from the County of Brant Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;

And that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute an agreement with COCHF (and/or any successor co-operative housing corporation) to grant back payable property taxes associated with the co-operative housing development at Russell Heights for a period of twenty (20) years

10. That Staff Report RPT-0095-25 "Annual Review of Council Appointments – Brant Heritage Committee and County of Brant License Tribunal" be received as information;

And that Councillor Bell be appointed to the License Tribunal".

11. That the Sports Hall of Fame Ad Hoc Committee Report and Minutes of February 2, 2025 be approved including the following recommendations:

1. That nominations for the position of Chair be closed;

And that Councillor Peirce be declared Chair of the Sports Hall of Fame Ad Hoc Committee.

2. That nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed;

And that Member Leask be declared Vice Chair of the Sports Hall of Fame Ad Hoc Committee.

3. That Walter Andrew (Andy) Stryker - Paris, be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame.

4. That Jack Tolhurst - South Dumfries, be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame.

5. That Bob Coyne - Brant West be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame.

12. That the Brant Heritage Committee Report and Minutes of January 30, 2025 be approved including the following recommendations:

1. That nominations for the position of Chair be closed;

And that Member Telfer Faux be declared Chair of the Brant Heritage Committee.

2. That the election of Vice Chair be deferred until the March 6, 2025, Brant Heritage Committee meeting.

3. That mothball conservation efforts to the Bawcutt Centre structure are a necessary investment in the building, if it is to be realized as an asset;

And that the roof be the primary focus of the conservation efforts at this time;

And that the restoration of the Bawcutt Centre be addressed as soon as possible and further details be reported to the Brant Heritage Committee when available.

4. That the Brant Heritage Committee endorse the design of the St. George Heritage Vinyl Wrap for the electrical box located at 2 Beverly Street West, St. George.

5. That staff be directed to review the attendance of the Brant Heritage Committee and provide an update at the March 6, 2025, meeting

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Howes

That the Administration and Operations Committee report of February 18, 2025 be approved.

**Carried**

## **10. Staff Reports**

### **10.1 RPT-0105-25 Bawcutt Centre Consultant Fees - M. Maxwell**

M. Maxwell spoke to the report.

Moved by Councillor Kyle  
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

That DPAI's request for additional fees totaling \$143,039 be approved to address the budget shortfall for the detailed design and tendering phases of the Bawcutt Centre Main Branch Library project;

And that the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) be authorized to approve other reasonable fees related to the termination of the DPAI design contract and outstanding subconsultant fees.

**Carried**

## **11. Communications**

## **12. Resolutions**

### **12.1 Councillor Chambers - Encampment Resolution Update and Reconsideration**

Moved by Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

Whereas a resolution was passed December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 in Open Council,

And Whereas not all members of Council present to take part in discussion and to vote at that time;

And Whereas it is highly disrespectful and unnecessary to prevent a member of Council from speaking to and voting on a matter when the matter can be reconsidered with all members present;

And Whereas the circumstances that prompted the resolution have changed considerably from when the motion was first voted on;

And Whereas the subsequent change in circumstances have a direct bearing on and are significantly consequential to the motion;

Be it resolved that the motion be reconsidered at a meeting where time allows, where relevant information can be provided, and when all members of Council are present to discuss the matter.

Yes (5): Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

No (6): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Bell

**Defeated (5 to 6)**

12.2 Notice of Motion: Councillor Garneau

12.3 Proclamation Request - Chantelle A. Campbell - Black History Month 2025

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Howes

That the proclamation request from Chantelle Campbell for Black History Month be granted.

**Carried**

12.4 Proclamation Request - Jennifer Smith - Mental Health Week 2025

Moved by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the proclamation request from Jennifer Smith for Mental Health Week 2025 be granted.

**Carried**

12.5 Proclamation Request - Lisa Koekoek - Special Olympics

Moved by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the proclamation request from Lisa Koekoek for the Special Olympics be granted.

**Carried**

12.6 Proclamation Request - Kerizma Bhargava - Lupus Awareness Day

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Councillor Garneau

That the proclamation request from Kerizma Bhargava for Lupus Awareness Day be granted.

**Carried**

12.7 Proclamation Request - Jennifer Enright - Awareness for Amyloidosis Diseases

Moved by Councillor Kyle  
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

That the proclamation request from Jennifer Enright for Amyloidosis Disease Awareness be granted.

**Carried**

12.8 Proclamation Request - Erika Luoma - World Autism Day 2025

Moved by Councillor Peirce  
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

That the proclamation request from Erika Luoma for World Autism Day be granted.

**Carried**

12.9 Proclamation Request - Nicole Wotton - 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day

Moved by Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by Councillor Howes

That the proclamation request from Nicole Wotton for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day be granted.

**Carried**

**13. Other Business**

**14. In Camera**

No in-camera session.

**15. By-laws**

Moved by Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by Councillor Miller

That By-laws 11-25 to 21-25 be read a first time.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by Councillor Miller

That By-laws 11-25 to 21-25 be read a second time and all preambles and clauses be adopted.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by Councillor Miller

That By-laws 11-25 to 21-25 be read a third time, passed, signed, and executed.

**Carried**

**16. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Peirce

That Council adjourn at 8:24 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:00pm in the County of Brant Council Chambers.

**Carried**

---

Secretary