

Administration and Operations Committee Report

The Administration and Operations Committee makes the following recommendations from its meeting on April 15, 2025:

1. That the following 2025 tax rates be approved:

Property Class	Tax Class	Municipal Tax Rate	Special Levy Tax Rate
Commercial Small Scale on Farm	C0N, C7N	0.0049210	0.0000466
Commercial	CTN, GTN, STN, CHN, DTN, GFN, CFN, CGN	0.0196840	0.0001862
Commercial Vacant/Excess Land	CUN, CWN, CXN, GUN, SUN, CJN, CZN	0.0127946	0.0001210
Farmland	FTEP, FTES, FTFP, FTFS, FPEP, FPES, FPFP, FPFS	0.0024864	0.0000235
Landfill	HFN	0.0113960	0.0001078
Industrial AWD 1	I1N	0.0067340	0.0000637
Industrial Small Scale on Farm	I7N	0.0066045	0.0000625
Industrial	ITN, IHN, LTN	0.0264180	0.0002499
Industrial Vacant/Excess Land	IUN, IXN, IJN, IKN, IZN, LUN	0.0171717	0.0001624
Residential AWD 1	R1EP, R1ES, R1FP, RFFS	0.0067340	0.0000637
Multi-Residential	MTEP, MTES, MTFP, MTFS	0.0176120	0.0001666
Pipeline	PTN	0.0183890	0.0001740
Residential	RPEP, RPES, RPFES, RPFSP, RHES, RHEP, RHFP, RHFS, RTEP, RTFP, RTFS, RTES, RFEP, RFES, RFFP, RFFS, RGN	0.0103600	0.0000980
Managed Forest	TTEP, TTES, TTFP, TTFS	0.0025900	0.0000245
Aggregate Extraction	VT	0.0214965	0.0002033

And that a by-law to implement the 2025 tax rates be prepared and presented to Council for their consideration.

2. That RPT-0156-25 Naming of the Columbarium Outdoor Service Area at Paris Cemetery, be received as information;

And that the columbarium outdoor service area at the Paris Cemetery, named as the Crystal Brenneman Memorial Service Area, be approved.

3. That RPT-0153-25 Paris Lions Park Batting Cage Construction and Naming, be received as information;

That Council approve the construction of a batting cage in Lions Park Paris at an estimated cost of \$26,000.00;

And that the batting cage be named the Brenda Bishop and Family Batting Cage, in recognition of her donorship.

4. That Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Application CIP-25-05 from the owners of 71 Grand River Street North, Paris, for façade improvements, signage, and interior renovations, be approved to a maximum of \$43,000;

And that Application CIP-25-02 be amended to a maximum of \$63,000 to include signage and exterior façade improvements;

And that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Community Improvement Plan Agreement for CIP-25-05 and CIP-25-02.

5. Whereas fees and charges for all Municipal services including applications, licenses and permits are established through the Municipal Fees and Charges By-Law;

And whereas additional recreational programs, facilities and services are offered to meet the needs of the Community;

Therefore, that the following addition to the 2025 Municipal Fees & charges By-Law be approved:

- Community Tree - \$10.00

And that the amending by-law be prepared and presented to Council for their consideration.

6. Whereas subsection 2.2 of Schedule 2 of the County of Brant Vehicle for Hire By-law No. 58-22 requires that no motor vehicle more than (10) years old may be plated as a vehicle for hire under this By-law; and

Whereas Easy Ride Taxi provided communication at the Administration and Operations Committee meeting on March 18, 2025, requesting an increase to the current 10-year maximum vehicle age to be changed to 15-20 years; and

Whereas Grand River Cab provided communication to Council at the March 25, 2025, meeting regarding the Vehicle for Hire By-law prohibition for vehicles that are more than 10 years old;

Therefore, that RPT-160-25 "Vehicle for Hire By-law, Vehicle Age Requirement" be received as information; and

That Committee provide approval of the vehicle age requirement, based on option B, as recommended in the report;

And THAT staff prepare an amending By-law for Council presentation on April 22, 2025, should the Committee choose Option B or provide an alternate recommendation.

7. That RPT-0175-25 Housing Needs Assessment – Preliminary Findings and Next Steps, be received as information; and

That the preliminary findings of the housing needs assessment, as outlined in RPT-0175-25 and its attachments, be endorsed;

And that staff be directed to, upon completion of the engagement phase of the project, prepare a draft of the public facing Housing Needs Assessment report for presentation to Council.

8. That the Brant Heritage Committee Report and Minutes of April 3, 2025 be approved, including the following recommendation:

- That the Brant Heritage Committee endorses community efforts to bring historical story elements into the Burford King Street Parkette.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councillor Peirce
Chair