



County of Brant Council Minutes

Date: March 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

Staff: Newton, Boyd, Stevenson, Walton, Dyjach, Mete, Crozier, Watson, Mifflin, Gable, Allison, Pluck, and Katikapalli

Mayor Bailey in the Chair.

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1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Chambers read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Garneau advised that they would like to defer their resolution pertaining to the Government Relations Committee.

Moved by Councillor Garneau
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

That item 12.2 Resolution - Government Relations Committee - Councillor Garneau, be deferred until the first Council meeting following the federal election.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Miller

That the County of Brant Council agenda and addendum of March 25, 2025 be approved, as amended.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

5. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

5.1 Steve Jeles & Mike Gatopoulos - Mount Pleasant Firefighters Association - Letter of Designation of Municipal Significance for September 6, 2025

Steve Jeles and Mike Gatopoulos of the Mt. Pleasant Fire Fighters' Association appeared before Council and requested that the Mt. Pleasant Fire Fighters' Association Wing Night be declared a municipally significant event so that they can receive a Special Occasion Permit. They noted that the proceeds from the event will go to local initiatives.

In response to questions, Alison Newton, Chief Administrative Officer advised that an amendment to the Delegated Authority By-law can be made to delegate the ability to declare municipally significant events to staff.

Moved by Councillor Howes
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

Whereas in order to be eligible for a Special Occasion Permit (SOP) from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) the Mt. Pleasant Fire Fighters' Association wing night must be declared a "Municipally Significant Event";

That the delegation from the Mt. Pleasant Fire Fighters' Association be received as information; and

That the Mt. Pleasant Fire Fighters' Association wing night scheduled for September 6, 2025 at the Mt. Pleasant Community Hall be declared a municipally significant event for the purposes of obtaining a Special Occasion Permit.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

5.2 Anna Gora, Raquel Diez, John Noble Home and Kaitlyn Mauracher, Jeff Salmon - HDR Inc., Consultants for the John Noble Home - Bell Court Redevelopment

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor Howes

That section 10(d) of the County of Brant's Procedural By-law be waived to allow the delegation additional time to present.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

Anna Gora, Acting Administrator of the John Noble Home, and Raquel Diez, Finance Director of the John Noble Home appeared before Council, requesting that additional funds be allocated towards the Bell Court Redevelopment and Sprinkler Project in the amount of \$444,800 for the County's share. They further requested that the 2024 surplus budget for the John Noble Home be allocated back to the project.

Kaitlyn Mauracher and Jeff Salmon, HDR appeared before Council and provided an overview of the Bell Court Redevelopment and Sprinkler Project, noting the project stakeholders, funding summary, delay claim activities, and project timelines. J. Salmon outlined seven change orders which arose due to unforeseen conditions which extended the project completion date by approximately twelve months and impacted the project budget.

In response to questions, K. Mauracher spoke to the contract, advising that it is a fixed price construction contract. The total additional funding required to complete this project is \$1,600,000. It is expected that the home will have a 2024 year-end surplus of approximately \$600,000, which can be applied to offset the additional municipal cost in accordance with the approved cost-sharing ratios, but this number

has not yet been confirmed. In response to questions, it was noted that the sprinkler installation is a significant contributor to the cost increase.

Moved by Councillor Howes
Seconded by Councillor Bell

That the delegation from the John Noble Home and HDR Inc. regarding the Bell Court Redevelopment be received as information.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

5.3 Courtney Boyd - David Clement - RPT0029-25

The delegation was withdrawn.

5.4 Nathan Etherington - Continuation of the Government Relations Committee & Improvements to Procedural By-law

Nathan Etherington appeared before Council and spoke to motions to reconsider, suggesting that an amendment to the County of Brant procedural By-law Number 14-20 to add further clarification surrounding motions to reconsider. He further spoke to the Brant Heritage Committee and the Ontario Heritage Act, noting that the purpose of the Committee is to advise Council. He concluded with speaking to the continuation of the Government Relations Committee and provided suggestions for improving the proceedings of the Committee.

Moved by Councillor Oakley
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

That the delegation from Nathan Etherington with regards to the continuation of the government relations committee and suggested improvements to the procedural by-law be received as information.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

5.5 Ed McGuire - Paris Jewellers - Grants Available to Merchants on Behalf of the County of Brant Big Dig Program

Ed McGuire, owner of Paris Jewellers appeared before Council and spoke to the grants that are available to merchants, particularly in light of the downtown Paris redevelopment planned this year. He thanked Council and staff for their support.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the delegation from Ed McGuire of Paris Jewellers with regards to grants available to downtown Paris merchants be received as information.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

6. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

6.1 County of Brant Council Minutes of February 25, 2025

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor Garneau

That the minutes from the County of Brant Council Meeting of February 25, 2025 be approved.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

6.2 County of Brant Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2025

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the minutes from the County of Brant Special Council meetings of March 4, 2025, be approved.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

In response to questions, Heather Mifflin, Director of Finance/ Treasurer advised that they would confirm with the County's auditor's if the County of Brant will receive a tax receipt for the Brant Community Healthcare System 1% surcharge.

8. Consent Items

8.1 Consent Items to be Approved

None.

8.2 Consent Items to be Received

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

That the following items be received as information:

- 8.2.1 RPT-0131-25 - 2024 Year in Review - H. Gilmore
- 8.2.2 Integrity Commissioner 2024 Annual Report
- 8.2.3 Grand River Conservation Authority - Summary of the General Membership Annual General Meeting February 28, 2025
- 8.2.4 Grand River Conservation Authority - Municipal Apportionment & Budget 2025
- 8.2.5 City of Toronto Resolution - Buy Local, Buy Canadian Campaign
- 8.2.6 City of Sarnia Resolution - Carbon Tax
- 8.2.7 City of Richmond Hill Resolution - Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
- 8.2.8 Patrick Brown, Mayor of Brampton - Request for Support - Stand for Canada Campaign
- 8.2.9 Long Point Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - February 5, 2025
- 8.2.10 Municipal Engineers Association Letter - Municipal Engineers Association 2025 Bursary Awards Program
- 8.2.11 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Resolution - Motion to Request Landlord Tenant Reforms
- 8.2.12 Township of Selwyn Resolution - U.S. Tariffs on Canada/Purchasing Policies
- 8.2.13 Township of Limerick Resolution - Ontario Deposit Return Program
- 8.2.14 City of Brantford - Social Services Resolutions - February 25, 2025

- 8.2.15 City of Brantford - John Noble Home Committee of Management Resolution - February 25, 2025
- 8.2.16 County of Brant Public Library Board Minutes - January 22, 2025 & February 6, 2025
- 8.2.17 County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board Minutes - January 28, 2025

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Administration and Operations Committee Report - March 18, 2025

Recommendations # 10 and 15 were pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Howes

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

1. That OPS-RFT-25-02 Muir Culvert Rehabilitation be awarded to UrbanLink Civil Ltd. for the bid price of \$385,740.00 (excluding HST).
2. That CPS-RFT-2407 Grass Cutting and Trimming – Municipal Properties Zone A be awarded to Blue Sky Property Services at a cost of \$195,159.43 plus HST and Zones B-E be awarded to D & D Commercial Property Maintenance Ltd at a cost of \$451,565.50 plus HST for a three (3) year term commencing on April 14, 2025, and ending November 14, 2027.
3. THAT Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Application CIP-25-03 from the owners of 105 Grand River Street North, Paris, for façade improvements be approved to a maximum of \$16,500; AND that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Community Improvement Plan Agreement for CIP-25-03.
4. THAT Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Application CIP-25-02 from the owners of 69 and 71 Grand River Street North, Paris, for façade improvements and interior renovations for both commercial and residential space, be approved to a maximum of \$55,000; AND that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Community Improvement Plan Agreement for CIP-25-02.
5. THAT Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Application CIP-25-04 from the owner of 54 Grand River Street North, Paris, for rear façade improvements be approved to a maximum of \$14,500; AND that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Community Improvement Plan Agreement for CIP-25-04.

6. 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 updates to the delivery of cemetery services are regularly reviewed to ensure appropriate levels of services are provided to the community; and That the following updates to the 2025 Municipal Fees and Charges By-Law be approved:

Re-Inter in Same Cemetery	
Adult Disinterment Casket Only	\$3,055.00
Child Disinterment Casket Only	\$1,855.00
Infant Disinterment Casket Only	\$1,205.00
Cremation Disinterment	\$570.00
Removal Only	
Adult Disinterment Casket Only	\$1,995.00
Child Disinterment Casket Only	\$1,210.00
Infant Disinterment Casket Only	\$860.00
Cremation Disinterment	\$405.00
Burial & Disinterment Additional Charges	
Disinterment Equipment & Safety Supplies	\$300.00
Foundation & Monument Installation	
*Fee based on length & total height of Monument & Base 5'-6'	\$1,025.00

7. Whereas at it's meeting on December 15, 2016, County of Brant Council approved the award of RFP 1-15 "Request for Proposal for Consultant Services for Grand River Source Protection Plan (Risk Management Official / Risk Management Inspector Services) under the Clean Water Act, 2006" to Cambium Inc., and subsequent contract extensions have been approved to May 2026; And whereas Cambium Inc. has had staff changes, making it necessary to revise the By-law authorizing this appointment; That By-law's 101-22 and 122-23, being By-law's to appoint a Risk Management Official and a Risk Management Inspector for the County of Brant be hereby repealed; And that the draft By-law be presented to Council for consideration at the March 25, 2025, Council Meeting.
8. That RPT-0029-25 - Appointment of an Engineer for a new Drain to serve Part of Lot 7, Con 1 and Parts of lots 7 to 10, Con 2, King Edward Street, Cleaver Road and Powerline Road - S. Tweedle, be deferred to the next County of Brant Council Meeting.
9. Whereas Ontario Regulation 170/03, Schedule 11 requires the Owners of the Drinking Water Systems to prepare an Annual Report summarizing the system process, major infrastructure expenses and the results of chemical and bacteriological tests completed from January 1 through December 31, and; Whereas Ontario Regulation 170/03, Schedule 22 requires the Owners of the Drinking Water Systems to provide members of Municipal Council a Drinking Water System Summary Report outlining water takings and system capacity for the previous year January 1 through December 31; That RPT-0034-25 2024 Annual Drinking Water

System Summary Reports for the County of Brant Municipal Drinking Water Systems be received, and; That the 2024 Annual Drinking Water System Summary Reports be made available to the public no later than March 31, 2025.

11. That the Brant Connects Committee Report of March 5, 2025 be approved, noting the following recommendation: That staff be directed to incorporate the received instructions from the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding internet servicing availability into the response to internet-based inquiries.
12. That the Brant Heritage Committee Report of March 6, 2025 be approved, noting the following recommendations: 1. That nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed; And that Councillor Howes be elected as Vice Chair of the Brant Heritage Committee. 2. That the Brant Heritage Committee receives Report RPT-0106-25 for information; And, hereby endorses and submits this report to Council to satisfy the applicable condition(s) of the decision for consent application B23-24-LK, including a scoped site plan control agreement, to protect the existing heritage home during construction, and further discussions about heritage protection options. 3. That staff be requested to arrange for two guest speakers to participate in the Joint Heritage Committee meeting of April 24, 2025; and That the guest speakers be Dan Brown and a representative from the insurance industry; 5. That a Special Meeting of the Brant Heritage Committee be scheduled for March 19, 2025 to review the forthcoming staff report on the Bawcutt Centre Conservation; and That the Brant Heritage Committee provide its recommendation prior to Council's consideration.
13. 4. That staff be requested to incorporate historical elements into the Burford King Street Parkette design, be referred back to the Brant Heritage Committee for further discussion.
14. That the communication, Street Lights in Highland Area, be received as information and referred to staff for further options for street lighting.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

Recommendation #10 - County of Brant Public Library Board Fund Reallocation for the New Library Project Studies

Councillor Oakley expressed concern about the wording of the first clause noting that the interpretation of the Library Act as it relates to planning is unclear.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Howes

Whereas the Library Board has full responsibility for Library operations and planning;

And whereas the Library Board wishes to make the most informed decisions possible;

And whereas the Library Board has decided to conduct updated needs analysis and site selection studies for its future Paris location, be it resolved

That \$40,000 be reallocated from the Library Capital Reserve contribution to the New Library Project to fund these studies.

No Vote- Motion to Amend Follows

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Oakley
Seconded by Councillor Bell

That the first clause of item 10 be stuck.

Yes (4): Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Miller, and Councillor Garneau

No (7): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Chambers, and Councillor Coleman

Defeated (4 to 7)

Original Motion:

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Howes

Whereas the Library Board has full responsibility for Library operations and planning;

And whereas the Library Board wishes to make the most informed decisions possible;

And whereas the Library Board has decided to conduct updated needs analysis and site selection studies for its future Paris location, be it resolved

That \$40,000 be reallocated from the Library Capital Reserve contribution to the New Library Project to fund these studies.

Yes (10): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

No (1): Councillor Bell

Carried (10 to 1)

Recommendation #15 - EasyRide Taxi Communication Referral

Councillor Miller spoke to the recommendation and the communication item from Grand River Cab Inc., and requested that taxis currently in use that exceed the ten-year limit which meet all conditions and regulations be allowed to remain in use, until the forthcoming report is approved at Council.

In response to questions, Cindy Stevenson, General Manager of Emergency and Protective Services advised that the vehicle age limit is related to safety and was added to the County of Brant Taxi By-law 58-22 in May of 2022, with a two-year grace period.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Howes

That the communication, EasyRide Taxi, be referred to staff for a report to County of Brant Council.

No Vote- Motion to Amend Follows

Council held discussion regarding the proposed amendment, noting concerns with risks and liability.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Miller
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

With regards to Recommendation #15, That taxis currently in use, that see the ten year limit between now and when the staff report is approved at council, be allowed to stay in use as a taxi as long as all other conditions and regulations are met

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

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

Defeated (3 to 8)

Original Motion:

Moved by Councillor Oakley
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

15. That the communication, EasyRide Taxi, be referred to staff for a report to County of Brant Council.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

10. Staff Reports

10.1 RPT-0146-25 - Paris Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2025 Board Executive Appointments and Annual Budget

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the recommended appointments to the Paris BIA Executive Board for a term ending February 1, 2027 be approved;

And that the 2025 Paris BIA Budget be approved;

And further that the necessary by-law be prepared and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

10.2 RPT-0029-25 - Appointment of an Engineer for a new Drain to serve Part of Lot 7, Con 1 and Parts of lots 7 to 10, Con 2, King Edward Street, Cleaver Road and Powerline Road

In response to questions, Rob Walton, General Manager of Operations advised that staff have met with the delegate from the March 18, 2025 Administration and Operations Committee meeting regarding the Cleaver Road Drain. R. Walton reaffirmed that it is the position of staff that the project should proceed under the drainage act and that an engineer should be appointed for the drain.

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

Whereas Section 4 of *the Drainage Act* (the Act) outlines the procedures under which a petition for drainage may be filed with the Clerk of the Municipality;

And whereas the County of Brant (the County) has signed a petition under Section 4-1(c) of *the Act* by Robert Walton, P.Eng., General Manager of Operations for the drainage of County roads;

And whereas The County has received petitions under Sections 4-1(a) and (b) of the Act from owners of land in Lots 7 Con 1 and Lots 7 to 10, Con 2 of former Brantford Township;

Be it hereby resolved that in accordance with Section 8 of *the Act*, the County of Brant hereby appoints R.J. Burnside & Associates Ltd. as the engineer to prepare a report with respect to the petitions for Council's consideration in accordance with the requirements of *the Drainage Act*.

And that the new drain be named the Cleaver Road Drain.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

10.3 RPT-0125-25 North Paris Fire Station

Darren Watson, Fire Chief appeared before Council and spoke to the floorplan of the North Paris Fire Station, noting that having six bays will allow for the workload to be balanced between the two Paris fire stations, and will allow for the storage of current and future fire apparatuses.

In response to questions, C. Stevenson advised that the inclusion of a library kiosk within the North Paris Fire Station was a request from the County of Brant Public Library.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Howes

That Council approve an additional \$215,250 in fees payable to Masri O. Architect for the North Paris Fire Station project, to be funded by Development Charges;

That Council direct staff to proceed with Option 2 as outlined in this report for the final design and construction tender of the North Paris Fire Station;

And that the construction tender results for the North Paris Fire Station be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Chambers, and Councillor Garneau

No (2): Councillor Miller, and Councillor Coleman

Carried (9 to 2)

10.4 RPT-0141-25 Request for Additional Funding for John Noble Home Bell Court Redevelopment Project

Discussion was held surrounding the additional funding request and the need to confirm the John Noble Home operating cost surplus. It was noted that decisions for ordering furniture, fixtures and equipment are unable to proceed until the \$1,600,000 funding request is approved and that the surplus is unable to be confirmed until the auditors have finished their report.

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the John Noble Home Bell Court Redevelopment 40 Long Term Care beds, Day and Stay expansion and Sprinkler Projects request for additional funding of \$1,600,000 with the County share being \$444,800, be approved, to be funded through debt to be repaid from development charges and the tax levy;

And that the County share of the 2024 John Noble Home operating surplus be applied to the Bell Court Redevelopment 40 Long Term Care beds, Day and Stay expansion and Sprinkler projects.

No Vote- Motion to Defer Follows

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Chambers

That the motion be deferred until the amount of the John Noble Home operating surplus is confirmed.

Yes (3): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Peirce, and Councillor Chambers

No (8): Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Defeated (3 to 8)

Further discussion was held regarding the County's allocation of the John Noble Home operating surplus being applied to the funding request.

In response to questions, H. Mifflin advised that the surplus is normally divided and is returned to the City of Brantford and the County of Brant on the cost sharing basis. She further advised that the intent of the recommendation was to offset the debt and not be in addition.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the second clause be amended to say that the County share of the 2024 John Noble Home operating surplus be applied to the County's share of the additional funding request for the bell court redevelopment.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

Motion as Amended:

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the John Noble Home Bell Court Redevelopment 40 Long Term Care beds, Day and Stay expansion and Sprinkler Projects request for additional funding of \$1,600,000 with the County share being \$444,800, be approved, to be funded through debt to be repaid from development charges and the tax levy;

And that the County share of the 2024 John Noble Home operating surplus be applied to the County's share of the additional funding request for the Bell Court Redevelopment Project.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

11. Communications

11.1 John Noble Home Committee of Management Resolutions - March 12, 2025

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

That the letter confirming resolutions from the John Noble Home Committee be received as information.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

11.2 Paris Drinks Fest - Request for Event to be Designated as Municipally Significant

Tim Des Islets of Noisemaker appeared before Council and requested that Paris Drinks Fest be declared a municipally significant event so that they can receive a Special Occasion Permit.

In response to questions, T. Des Islets advised that Paris Drinks Fest has received approval for their noise exemption. He further noted that smaller speakers, changing the direction of the stage, and informing residents about the event are further methods being used to address noise concerns.

Zach Gable, Director of Economic Development and Tourism advised that there are clauses within the noise exemption that provide staff with the authority to lower the volume of the music at the event.

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

Whereas in order to be eligible for a Special Occasion Permit (SOP) from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), Paris Drinks Fest must be declared a "Municipally Significant Event";

And Whereas Paris Drinks Fest stands to be a municipally significant event in terms of its tourism contribution to the community;

That the Paris Drinks Fest scheduled for August 15th and 16th, 2025 at Two Rivers Stadium at the Syl Apps Community Centre be declared a municipally significant event for the purposes of obtaining a Special Occasion Permit.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

11.3 Grand River Cab Inc. - Vehicle Age Restriction

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Oakley

That the letter from Grand River Cab Inc., regarding vehicle age restriction be received as information.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

12. Resolutions

12.1 Proclamation Request - Shelley Werk - Prostate Cancer Foundation Canada

Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the request for Penman's Dam lighting be approved, in recognition of Prostate Cancer Awareness.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Garneau

Carried (11 to 0)

12.2 Resolution - Government Relations Committee - Councillor Garneau

This item has been deferred.

13. Other Business

13.1 Council Representatives on the Library Board

Mayor Bailey spoke to his resignation from the Library Board.

Moved by Councillor Coleman

Seconded by Councillor Howes

That Mayor Bailey's resignation from the Library Board be received;

And that staff be directed to return with a report and an amended by-law.

Carried

14. In Camera

Moved by Councillor Peirce

Seconded by Councillor Coleman

That County of Brant Council convene In Camera at 8:19 p.m., to discuss:

- 14.1 RPT-0136-25 - S.239(2)(e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality and (f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (OLT Appeal - Nith Subdivision) - R. Welchman
- 14.2 S.239(2)(c) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, (f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, (k) A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations (Administration and Operations Committee In-Camera Report - March 18, 2025)
- 14.3 RPT-0127-25 - S.239(2)(k) A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (Development Proposal Downtown Paris) - A. Newton
- 14.4 RPT-0142-25 - S.239(2)(f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (Drainage Act Petition) - C. Glassford

Carried

Council convened In Camera at 8:19 p.m. to discuss S.239(2)(e) Litigation or potential litigation and (f) advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege (RPT-0136-25 OLT Appeal - Nith Subdivision - R. Welchman), S.239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land, (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations (Administration and Operations Committee In-Camera Report - March 18, 2025), S.239(2)(k) A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations (RPT-0127-25 Development Proposal Downtown Paris - A. Newton), and S.239(2)(f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (RPT-0142-25 Drainage Act Petition - C. Glassford). This portion of the meeting is recorded in the Confidential – In Camera minutes of March 25, 2025. Council reconvened in Open Session at 9:39 p.m. on a motion of Councillors Peirce and Garneau.

15. By-laws

Moved by Councillor Chambers

Seconded by Councillor Kyle

That the following By-laws be read a first time:

1. By-law Number 31-25, being a By-law to impose the costs of water and wastewater servicing at three locations in Paris (Laurel Street, Cedar Street, and Curtis Avenue North)
2. By-law Number 32-25, being a By-law to appoint a Risk Management Official and a Risk Manager Inspector for the County of Brant Pursuant to the Clean Water Act, 2006.
3. By-law Number 33-25, being a By-law to impose a user fee for 2025 on Businesses in the Paris Downtown Business Improvement Area.
4. By-law Number 34-25, being a By-law to appoint Members to the Board of Management for the Paris Business Improvement Area.
5. By-law Number 35-25, being a By-law to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 (Schedule J - Speed Limits).
6. By-law Number 36-25, being a By-law to amend County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law Number 119-24 (Cemetery Fees and Charges Update).
7. By-law Number 37-25, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Carried

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Bell

That the following By-laws be read a second time and all preambles and clauses be adopted:

1. By-law Number 31-25, being a By-law to impose the costs of water and wastewater servicing at three locations in Paris (Laurel Street, Cedar Street, and Curtis Avenue North)
2. By-law Number 32-25, being a By-law to appoint a Risk Management Official and a Risk Manager Inspector for the County of Brant Pursuant to the Clean Water Act, 2006.
3. By-law Number 33-25, being a By-law to impose a user fee for 2025 on Businesses in the Paris Downtown Business Improvement Area.
4. By-law Number 34-25, being a By-law to appoint Members to the Board of Management for the Paris Business Improvement Area.
5. By-law Number 35-25, being a By-law to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 (Schedule J - Speed Limits).
6. By-law Number 36-25, being a By-law to amend County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law Number 119-24 (Cemetery Fees and Charges Update).

7. By-law Number 37-25, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the following By-laws be read a third time, passed, signed, and executed:

1. By-law Number 31-25, being a By-law to impose the costs of water and wastewater servicing at three locations in Paris (Laurel Street, Cedar Street, and Curtis Avenue North)
2. By-law Number 32-25, being a By-law to appoint a Risk Management Official and a Risk Manager Inspector for the County of Brant Pursuant to the Clean Water Act, 2006.
3. By-law Number 33-25, being a By-law to impose a user fee for 2025 on Businesses in the Paris Downtown Business Improvement Area.
4. By-law Number 34-25, being a By-law to appoint Members to the Board of Management for the Paris Business Improvement Area.
5. By-law Number 35-25, being a By-law to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 (Schedule J - Speed Limits).
6. By-law Number 36-25, being a By-law to amend County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law Number 119-24 (Cemetery Fees and Charges Update).
7. By-law Number 37-25, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Carried

16. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Council adjourned at 9:40 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Moved by Councillor Kyle

That Council adjourn at 9:40 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday April 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Carried

Secretary