

## Administration and Operations Committee Report

The Administration and Operations Committee makes the following recommendations from its meeting on April 21, 2026:

1. THAT the delegation from Travis Welch and Mark Dremak be received as information; AND THAT the delegation be referred to staff.
2. THAT the delegation from Andrea Berestovenko be received as information; AND THAT the delegation be referred to staff.
3. THAT RPT-0160-26 “2026 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee” be received as information;

THAT the County of Brant support the establishment of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee between the County of Brant, the City of Brantford, Haldimand County, and Norfolk County for the 2026-2030 term of office, to serve in the role as outlined in Sections 88.33 to 88.37 of The Municipal Elections Act;

AND THAT the Delegation of Authority By-law be amended to delegate authority to the Clerk to select and appoint members to the Compliance Audit Committee, in consultation with the other participating municipalities.

4. 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, be it recommended that the following additions to the 2026 Municipal Fees and Charges By-Law be approved:

Swim to Survive Program Participant Fee	\$10.00 (taxes exempt)
National Lifeguard Recertification Fee	\$95.00 (taxes included)

5. THAT Council approve the construction of a batting cage in Burford Optimist and Lions Park at the estimated amount of \$35,000.00, to be fully recovered from the Burford Optimist Club.
6. THAT Community Improvement Plan (CIP) application STG-26-01 from the owner of 9 Main Street North, St. George, for façade improvements be approved to a maximum of \$4,000.
7. THAT Community Improvement Plan (CIP) application CIP-26-03 from the owner of 1 Grand River Street North, Paris, for internal renovations and façade improvements to be approved to a maximum of \$40,000.
8. THAT OPS-RFT-26-05 Scott Culvert Rehabilitation tender be awarded to Decew Construction Inc. for the bid price of \$449,955.00 (excluding HST).

9. THAT OPS-RFT-26-06 – Maple Grove Road Resurfacing be awarded to GIP Paving Inc. for the bid price of \$1,688,400.00 (excluding HST).

10. THAT the following tax rates be approved;

<b>Property Class</b>	<b>Tax Class</b>	<b>Municipal Tax Rate</b>	<b>Special Levy Tax Rate</b>
Commercial Small Scale on Farm	C0N, C7N	0.0051233	0.0000948
Commercial	CTN, GTN, STN, CHN, DTN, GFN, CFN, CGN	0.0204932	0.0003793
Commercial Vacant/Excess Land	CUN, CWN, CXN, GUN, SUN, CJN, CZN	0.0133206	0.0002465
Farmland	FTEP, FTES, FTFP, FTFS, FPEP, FPES, FPPF, FPFS	0.0025886	0.0000479
Landfill	HFN	0.0118645	0.0002196
Industrial AWD 1	I1N	0.0070108	0.0001298
Industrial Small Scale on Farm	I7N	0.0068760	0.0001273
Industrial	ITN, IHN, LTN	0.0275041	0.0005091
Industrial Vacant/Excess Land	IUN, IXN, IJN, IKN, IZN, LUN	0.0178776	0.0003309
Residential AWD 1	R1EP, R1ES, R1FP, RFFS	0.0070108	0.0001298
Multi-Residential	MTEP, MTES, MTFP, MTFS	0.0183360	0.0003394
New Multi-residential	NTEP, NTES, NTFP, NTFS	0.0118645	0.0002196
Pipeline	PTN	0.0191450	0.0003543
Residential	RPEP, RPES, RPFS, RPPF, RHES, RHEP, RHFP, RHFS, RTEP, RTFP, RTFS, RTES, RFEP, RFES, RFFP, RFFS, RGN	0.0107859	0.0001996
Managed Forest	TTEP, TTES, TTFP, TTFS	0.0026965	0.0000499
Aggregate Extraction	VT	0.0223802	0.0004142

AND THAT the Bylaw to implement these recommendations be forwarded to Council for consideration.

11. WHEREAS Council approved the completion of the following capital projects:

<b>Capital Number</b>	<b>Description of Capital Work</b>	<b>Debenture Requirement</b>
733135	Rest Acres Road Widening Phase 2 - from Powerline Road to King Edward Street	7,173,341
733200	King Edward Street Improvements at Falkland	2,394,090
722360, 735250, 733335	Dundas Street West & Chapel Street - Watermain, Storm Sewers and Road Reconstruction	1,375,000
711925, 733410	Race Street Sanitary Sewer Upgrades and Road Reconstruction	3,737,064
722395	Zone 3 Elevated Water Tank (Paris)	6,068,129
700805	Burford Administration Office Exterior & Roof	1,970,313
752290	Cainsville Community Centre Rebuild	4,380,186
	<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>27,098,123</b>

AND WHEREAS Council approved complete and/or partial funding of these capital projects by long-term debt, and these capital projects are now complete, or substantially complete;

THAT staff be authorized to proceed with the application to Infrastructure Ontario for the purpose of issuing debentures for the indicated projects.

12. THAT COM-RFT-26-01 – Onondaga Park Retrofit be awarded to Vista Contracting Ltd. to reconstruct Onondaga Ball Park, 21 Brantford Street, Onondaga, at a cost of \$314,031.61 plus HST.

13. THAT OPS-RFT-26-01 East Paris Flats Reconstruction – Phase 1 be awarded to L82 (EAST) Construction Incorporated for the bid price of \$1,455,516.42 (excluding HST).

14. THAT OPS-RFT-26-10 – Low Volume Roads be awarded to Cornell Construction Limited for the bid price of \$2,051,290.07 (excluding HST);

AND THAT \$200,000 in capital levy funding be reallocated from the Low Volume Roads project (RDS323) to the Middleport Street Rehabilitations project (RDS406)

15. WHEREAS the Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Environmental Compliance Approval issued under the Environmental Protection Act to fulfill requirements in section 53 of the Ontario Water Resources Act requires the Owner of the Stormwater Management System to prepare an Annual Performance Report summarizing operational activities and issues, monitoring data, system maintenance, abnormal conditions and system alterations.

AND WHEREAS the Annual Performance Report is to be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Ministry) by April 30, 2025.

THAT, RPT-0022-26 2025 Annual Performance Report – Stormwater Management System be received as information, and;

THAT, the 2025 Annual Performance Report - Stormwater Management System be made available to the public no later than June 1, 2026.

16. WHEREAS 1 of the expansion joints of Whiting Bridge has been damaged and requires replacement within the 2026 construction season;

AND WHEREAS the required expansion joint replacement at the Whiting Bridge was unforeseen prior to approval of the 2026 Capital Budget;

AND WHEREAS the Weir Bridge project (BRD084) and the Peddie Bridge project (BRD074), both have been awarded and have surplus funding;

THAT \$181,000 in capital levy funding be reallocated from the Weir Bridge Project (BRD084) to a new project for expansion joint replacement at the Whiting Bridge.

AND THAT \$74,000 in capital levy funding be reallocated from the Peddie Bridge Project (BRD074) to a new project for expansion joint replacement at the Whiting Bridge.

17. WHEREAS upgrades to the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant have begun and are expected to have a duration of approximately 9 months;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised regarding ingress and egress of construction vehicles to the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant, predominantly when cars are parked near the entrance/exit laneway to the treatment plant;

THAT a Bylaw be prepared for Council's consideration to amend Parking Bylaw 004-19, Schedule 3, Parking Prohibited Anytime - to restrict parking temporarily on Victor Boulevard until the construction at the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant has concluded;

- To implement into Schedule 3, Parking Prohibited Anytime, east of Austin Crescent, on the north and west sides from civic address, 38 Victor Boulevard to civic address 48 Victor Boulevard;
- To implement into Schedule 3, Parking Prohibited Anytime, east of Austin Crescent, on the south and east sides from civic address 37 Victor Boulevard to civic address 49 Victor Boulevard

AND THAT the necessary Bylaws shall come into force and take effect upon the third reading and passage of the amended Bylaws and when the field modifications have been completed.

18. WHEREAS Highway 2 (Oxford Road 2) is a shared boundary road with Oxford County;

AND WHEREAS staff from both municipalities are in support of implementing a speed limit reduction;

AND WHEREAS these recommendations follow the guidelines of the May 23, 2019, approved Council report CD-19-63 - Brant Safe Streets Speed Control and Road Safety Strategy;

THAT a By-law be prepared for Council's consideration to amend Traffic Bylaw 182-05, (Schedule J - to reduce the speed limit from 80 km/hr to 70 km/hr on Highway 2 from 350 metres west of the west limit of Gobles Road to 30 metres east of the east limit of West Quarter Townline Road;

AND THAT the Brant County Ontario Provincial Police Department be advised of the proposed revisions.

AND THAT the necessary Bylaws shall come into force and take effect upon the third reading and passage of the amended Bylaws and when the field modifications have been completed.

19. THAT RPT-0173-26 "Council Appointment to the Biggars Lane Landfill Liaison Committee" be received as information;

AND THAT Councillor Haley be appointed to the Biggars Lane Landfill Liaison Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Councillor Howes  
Vice Chair