



Administration and Operations Committee Minutes

Date: April 21, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillors Kyle, MacAlpine, Howes, Bell, Chambers, Miller, Coleman, and Haley

Regrets: Councillors Oakley, and Peirce

Staff: Newton, Boyd, Crozier, Dyjach, Mellor, Mete, Stevenson, Bazzard, Demers, Eby, Gable, Katikapalli, Maxwell, Mifflin, Bailey, vanEngen, D'Hondt, Murphy, Tweedle, and Pluck

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Councillor Howes in the Chair.

1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

2. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Coleman noted an addition under Other Business.

Item 4.2 was moved to be heard ahead of item 4.1.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT the Administration and Operations Committee agenda for April 21, 2026 be approved, as amended.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

4. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

4.2 Travis Welch & Mark Dremak - Brant Civic Accountability Association - City Request for Boundary Negotiations

Travis Welch, Brant Civic Accountability Association (BCAA), appeared before the Committee and delegated on the City of Brantford request for boundary negotiations of the Airport lands, and the proposed West Brant Access Route. He provided an overview of the BCAA, standard municipal governance, and the resolution introduced at the Brantford Airport Board meeting. He expressed concerns regarding the boundary negotiations, noting procedural fairness, transparency, a lack of public consultation, and timing ahead of the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election. T. Welch concluded with requesting that County of Brant Council defer decisions on the negotiations until after the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election.

In response to questions, T. Welch advised that the BCAA is in the process of communicating with the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the provincial facilitator appointee.

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

THAT the delegation from Travis Welch and Mark Dremak be received as information;

AND THAT the delegation be referred to staff.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

4.1 Andrea Berestovenko - Oakhill Community - Oakhill Annexation

Andrea Berestovenko appeared before the Committee and expressed her objections to the boundary negotiations with the City of Brantford for the Airport lands. She advised of her petition with over 600 signatures which objects to the Oakhill community becoming a part of the City of Brantford, and noted concerns regarding the impact on rural character of the Oakhill community, a lack of consultation with residents, a change in taxation, and a potential impact on property value.

In response to questions, A. Berestovenko advised she encountered no residents who supported the boundary adjustment when seeking signatures for their petition. She further advised that she has been in contact with the local MPP and intends to present at City of Brantford Council. In response to further questions, A.

Berestovenko spoke to the change in services from the County of Brant to the City of Brantford and advised of what the anticipated property tax increase would be.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT the delegation from Andrea Berestovenko be received as information;

AND THAT the delegation be referred to staff.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

4.3 Alexis Keresturi, Lisa Lane, Don Lane - Surface/Paving Fifth Concession Rd, Brant County

Alexis Keresturi and Lisa Lane appeared before the Committee and advocated for the hard surfacing of Fifth Concession Road. L. Lane advised of the traffic on Fifth Concession Road, noting agricultural and transport vehicles, and further spoke to the current road condition. She concluded with advising of a petition that was previously submitted to County of Brant Council in 2025.

In response to questions, David Mellor, General Manager of Operations, spoke to the Annual Average Daily Traffic measurements of Fifth Concession Road, and advised of a two-phased plan, with a short section of Fifth Concession Road being hard surfaced in phase one, and the rest of the road included in phase two.

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Miller

THAT the delegation from Alexis Keresturi, Lisa Lane, and Don Lane, be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

5.1 Administration and Operations Committee Minutes of March 17, 2026

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the Administration and Operations Committee minutes of March 17, 2026, be approved.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Consent Items

7.1 Consent Items to be Approved

The following items were separated for discussion:

- 7.1.2 - RPT-0155-26 - 2026 Tax Rates
- 7.1.3 - RPT-0176-26 - 2026 Debenture Issue Application
- 7.1.5 - RPT-0037-26 - Onondaga Park Retrofit Tender Award
- 7.1.10 - RPT-0121-26 - Award of OPS-RFT-26-01 East Paris Flats Reconstruction - Phase 1
- 7.1.12 - RPT-0130-26 - Award of OPS-RFT-26-10 - Low Volume Roads Tender

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT the following consent items be approved:

1. 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.

2. 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 (exempt)	\$10.00 (taxes exempt)
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National Lifeguard Recertification Fee (included)	\$95.00 (taxes included)
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3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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).
7. 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).

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.1.2 RPT-0155-26 - 2026 Tax Rates

In response to questions, Dustin vanEngen, Manager of Taxation & Revenue, confirmed that the percentage rate for farmland and the education levy has remained unchanged. In response to further questions, D. vanEngen advised that the special levy is for the new hospital project.

Moved by Councillor Kyle
 Seconded by Mayor Bailey

THAT the following tax rates be approved;

Property Class	Tax Class	Municipal Tax Rate	Special Levy Tax Rate
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, FFPF, 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 New Multi-residential	MTEP, MTES, MTFP, MTFSNTEP, NTES, NTFP, NTFS	0.0183360 0.0118645	0.0003394 0.0002196
Pipeline	PTN	0.0191450	0.0003543
Residential	RPEP, RPES, RPFS, RFPF, 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.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.1.3 RPT-0176-26 - 2026 Debenture Issue Application

In response to questions, Heather Bailey, Manager of Budgets & Long-term Financial Planning, spoke to the use of long-term debt funding as a financial tool used by municipalities and further noted when the capital projects were approved. In response to further questions, H. Bailey provided the reasoning for using a twenty year debenture term versus a twenty-five year term, based on the anticipated lifespan of the asset.

Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

WHEREAS Council approved the completion of the following capital projects:

Capital Number	Description of Capital Work	Debenture Requirement
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
	Total Projects	27,098,123

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.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.1.5 RPT-0037-26 - Onondaga Park Retrofit Tender Award

Councillor Haley spoke to the social component of pickleball and requested that additional pickleball courts be considered.

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

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.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.1.10 RPT-0121-26 - Award of OPS-RFT-26-01 East Paris Flats Reconstruction – Phase 1

In response to questions, Mark Maxwell, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure Planning, advised that the anticipated starting time of the construction would be early June and that the majority of work being done is off of the main roads. He further provided a brief overview of the tender process.

Moved by Councillor Miller
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

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).

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.1.12 RPT-0130-26 - Award of OPS-RFT-26-10 – Low Volume Roads Tender

In response to questions, Mark Eby, Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, advised that \$815,000 has been allocated for 2026 in the gravel to hard top conversion program and further advised that \$200,000 reallocation is a result of being underbudget.

In response to questions, D. Mellor provided an update on communications with the City of Hamilton with regards to work on the boundary roads in Ward 5.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Miller

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)

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.2 Consent Items to be Received

7.2.1 RPT-0164-26 - 2025 Economic Development Year End Report

In response to questions, Zach Gable, Director of Economic Development & Tourism, provided an overview on the Building Permit Data and Top Industries by Number of Jobs statistics presented within the report.

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT RPT-0164-26 - 2025 Economic Development Year End Report be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.2.2 RPT-0165-26 - Medium to Large Scale Ticketed Events on Municipal Property

In response to questions, Z. Gable advised that the cost to rent the Syl Apps Community Centre is \$1,500.00 a day and further spoke to Special Event Application Team (SEAT) applications.

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

THAT RPT-0165-26- be received as information;

AND THAT staff continue to investigate avenues to support special events in the County of Brant while balancing the concerns of residents.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.2.3 Fire Services Activity Report - March 2026

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT the Fire Services Activity Report - March 2026 be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8. Staff Reports

8.1 RPT-0022-26 - 2025 Annual Performance Report – Stormwater Management System

Andrea Bazzard, Director of Environmental Services, appeared before the Committee and presented the 2025 Stormwater Management System Annual Performance Report. She provided an overview of the stormwater management system, stormwater management programs developed in 2025, and highlighted various maintenance and repair projects conducted throughout the year.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Bell

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;

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

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.2 RPT-0023-26 - 2025 Annual Report – Municipal Drains

A. Bazzard further presented the 2025 Municipal Drains Year in Review, providing an overview of the number of municipal drains within the County of Brant. She noted the implementation of a proactive drain maintenance program in 2021 and highlighted drainage works completed in 2025. A. Bazzard concluded with a review of the 10-year proactive drain maintenance program and capital drain projects, noting that there were 15 active capital projects in 2025.

In response to questions, Shannon Tweedle, Environmental Services Technologist & Drainage Superintendent, advised that municipal drains are not registered on title and have an implied easement under the Drainage Act. In response to further questions, she advised that a map of municipal drains is available on the County of Brant website.

The Committee held discussion regarding the success of the proactive drain maintenance program and commended staff for their work.

Moved by Councillor Miller
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT RPT-0023-26 “2025 Annual Report – Municipal Drains” be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.3 RPT-0021-26 - 2025 Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Collection System Annual Reports

In response to questions, Matt D'Hondt, Solid Waste/Wastewater Operations Manager, advised that the decrease in annual day flows from 2024 to 2025 was attributed to the drier summer season. He further spoke to future capacity for Cainsville, noting a new sanitary pump station with anticipated construction to begin in 2027. In response to further questions, M. D'Hondt advised that there is no notification requirement for the discharging of the Cainsville Lagoon System.

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor Bell

WHEREAS annual performance reports on the County of Brant's (the County's) 4 Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Collection Systems are submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (the Ministry) by March 31, annually;

AND WHEREAS, the annual performance reports are posted on the County Website at <https://www.brant.ca/en/water-services/operational-reports.aspx>

THAT, RPT-0021-26 2025 Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Collection System Annual Reports be received for information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.4 RPT-0082-26 - Whiting Bridge Repair Funding Allocation

In response to questions, Joe Murphy, Capital Project Manager, advised that the damage to the expansion joint is an isolated issue. He further advised of the estimated timelines for the projection completion using a full closure or a staged closure.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Haley

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.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.5 RPT-0156-26 - Victor Boulevard – Proposed Temporary Parking Restrictions

In response to questions, Greg Demers, Director of Roads, advised that a notification will be hand-delivered to properties bordering the entrance to the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant to inform residents of the changes.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

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.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.6 RPT-0124-26 - Highway 2 (Oxford Road 2) – Proposed Speed Limit Reduction

Moved by Councillor Haley
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

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.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.7 RPT-0173-26 - Council Appointment to the Biggars Lane Landfill Liaison Committee

Councillor Miller nominated Councillor Haley to be appointed to the Biggars Lane Landfill Liaison Committee.

Councillor Haley accepted the nomination.

Moved by Councillor Miller
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

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.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.8 RPT-0182-26 - 2026 Alternative Forms of Voting By-Law

In response to questions, Sunayana Katikapalli, Director of Council Services/ Clerk, confirmed that in-person voter assistance locations will be available on election day and during advanced polls. She advised that each ward will have at least two voter assistance locations and that votes may also be cast online or by telephone. In response to further questions, she advised that a scrutineer guide will be made available, and further noted the ability of a scrutineer to review who has and has not voted on the voter's list.

In response to questions, H. Boyd advised that under the Municipal Elections Act, recounts are conducted in the same manner as the voting was.

Moved by Councillor Chambers
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT Staff Report RPT-0182-26 "2026 Alternative Forms of Voting By-law" be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

9. Committee Reports & Minutes

9.1 Brant Heritage Committee Minutes of April 2, 2026

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT the Brant Heritage Committee Minutes of April 2, 2026 be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

10. Communications

None.

11. Other Business

Brant Church Road and Oxbow Road - Councillor Coleman

Councillor Coleman spoke to the need of maintenance on Brant Church Road and Oxbow Road.

12. In Camera

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Haley

THAT the Administration and Operations Committee convene In Camera to discuss S. 239(k) - A position to be applied to negotiations carried by or on behalf of the municipality - Verbal Update - Brant/Brantford Boundary Negotiations - A. Newton.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

Committee convened In Camera at 11:25 a.m. to discuss S.239(2)(k) A position to be applied to negotiations carried by or on behalf of the municipality - Verbal Update - Brant/Brantford Boundary Negotiations. This portion of the meeting is recorded in the Confidential – In Camera minutes of April 21, 2026. Committee reconvened in Open Session at 12:26 p.m. on a motion of Councillors Coleman and Kyle.

13. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 12:27 pm. to meet again on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary