

**PUBLIC FORUM COMMITTEE
MINUTES**
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009, 5:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BRANTFORD CITY HALL

Councillor Bradford in the Chair

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councillor Bradford, Councillor Sless, Councillor McCreary, Mayor Hancock, Councillor Ceschi-Smith, Councillor Carpenter (5:02), Councillor Bucci, Councillor Littell, Councillor Calnan

REGRETS: Councillor Kinneman, Councillor Martin

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
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None.

3. PRESENTATIONS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS ANNUAL REPORT

3.1 Brant County Board of Health

JoAnn Tober, Executive Director and County Councillor Helen Mulligan presented the Brant County Board of Health's Annual Report. A copy of the Report is in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.2 Brantford Community Advisory Committee for Disability Issues

Lisa Tara Hooper, Chair and Jenny Sawicki, Municipal Accessibility Plan Coordinator presented the Brantford Community Advisory Committee for Disability Issues (CACDI) Annual Report. A copy of the Report is in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.3 Transit Liaison Advisory Committee

Darcy Clark, Chair and Lisa Tara Hooper, Vice-Chair presented the Transit Liaison Advisory Committee's Annual Report. A copy of the Report is in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.4 Golf Board

John Utley, Chair and Bill Austin, Vice-Chair presented the Golf Board's Annual Report. A copy of the Report is in the original Meeting File. They spoke to the benefits of ensuring the Members of the Golf Board have the necessary skill-sets needed to manage a \$2 million golf operation. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.5 Brantford Police Services Board – Larry Kings, Chair

Larry Kings, Chair, Chief McElveny and Deputy Chief Kellner presented the Brantford Police Services Board's Annual Report. A copy of the Report and the Powerpoint presentation are in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.6 Economic Development Advisory Committee

Michael St. Amant, Chair and James Chowhan, Vice-Chair presented the Economic Development Advisory Committee's Annual Report. A copy of the Report is in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.7 Brantford Public Library Board

Geoff Wilson, Chair, Penny Mackenzie, Vice-Chair and Rose Vespa, Chief Executive Officer presented the Brantford Public Library Board's Annual Report. A copy of the Report and Powerpoint presentation are in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.8 Multi Use Trails and Bikeway Advisory Committee

Angela Palaisy, Chair and Ed Narejko, Vice-Chair presented the Multi Use Trails and Bikeway Advisory Committee's Annual Report. A copy of the Report is in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.9 Environmental Policy Advisory Committee

Art Meens, Vice-Chair presented the Environmental Policy Advisory Committee's Annual Report. A copy of the Report is in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.10 Downtown Business Performance Grant Program Advisory Committee

Dave Prang, Chair presented the Downtown Business Performance Grant Program Advisory Committee's Annual Report. A copy of the Report is in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

Councillor Littell requested information on the return on investment the City receives respecting new property taxes from the investment and redevelopment in the downtown.

3.11 Brownfields Community Advisory Committee – Tom Oldham, Chair

Tom Oldham, Chair previously contacted the Committee to advise that he was unable to make the presentation on behalf of the Brownfields Community Advisory Committee. A copy of the email is in the original Meeting File.

3.12 Brantford Heritage Committee

Bradley Emsley, Vice-Chair presented the Brantford Heritage Committee's Annual Report. A copy of the Report is in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.13 Town and Gown Advisory Committee

Dave Prang presented the Town and Gown Advisory Committee's Annual Report. A copy of the Report is in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.14 Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Advisory Committee

Bob McGeein, Chair and Wendy Prowse, Vice-Chair presented the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Advisory Committee's Annual Report. A copy of the Report and the Powerpoint presentation are in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

Councillor Littell requested information on the number of kilometers of trails per capital in the municipality compared to other municipalities.

3.15 Brantford Cultural Advisory Committee

Margaret Glass, Chair presented the Brantford Cultural Advisory Committee's Annual Report. A copy of the Report and the Powerpoint presentation are in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

3.16 Tourism Advisory Committee

Beverly Scott, Chair presented the Tourism Advisory Committee's Annual Report. A copy of the Report and Powerpoint presentation are in the original Meeting File. Questions of clarification from Members of Council were answered.

4. 2008 ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

Moved by Mayor Hancock
Seconded by Councillor Sless

THAT the following Annual Reports BE RECEIVED:

- 4.1 Brant County Board of Health
- 4.2 Brantford Community Advisory Committee for Disability Issues
- 4.3 Transit Liaison Advisory Committee
- 4.4 Golf Board
- 4.5 Brantford Police Services Board
- 4.6 Economic Development Advisory Committee
- 4.7 Brantford Public Library Board
- 4.8 Multi Use Trails and Bikeway Advisory Committee
- 4.9 Environmental Policy Advisory Committee
- 4.10 Downtown Business Performance Grant Program Advisory Committee
- 4.11 Brownfields Community Advisory Committee
- 4.12 Brantford Heritage Committee
- 4.13 Town and Gown Advisory Committee
- 4.14 Sanderson Centre Board

- 4.15 Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Advisory Committee
- 4.16 Brantford Cultural Advisory Committee
- 4.17 Committee of Adjustment
- 4.18 Tourism Advisory Committee
- 4.19 Property Standards Committee
- 4.20 Brant-Brantford Impaired Driving Advisory Committee
- 4.21 Brantford Airport Board
- 4.22 Control of Vicious Dogs

Councillor Carpenter requested that all Advisory Committees and Boards understand that Council is interested in receiving any of their ideas and suggestions on how to facilitate and support them. The Committee agreed to amend the motion to include:

AND THAT all Advisory Committee and Boards BE ENCOURAGED to submit their ideas and any suggestions to Council on how Council may be better able to facilitate and support their endeavors.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

It was agreed that the concept to enhance the reporting process of the Advisory Committees and Boards be referred to the Task Force to Review the Council Procedures.

The motion, as amended, was voted and approved.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Councillor Bradford, Chair

L. Schunk, Council and Committee
Services Assistant