

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION
AGENDA**

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
WHICH COMMENCES AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

Mayor Friel in the Chair

ROLL CALL

1. DELEGATIONS (list, if any, available at meeting)

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. CONGRATULATORY/CONDOLATORY RESOLUTIONS

4. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 General Manager, Corporate Services

5.1.1 [Agreement between the City of Brantford and Rogers TV for Robotic Camera Systems Installation in the Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall \(CS2012-011\)](#)

- A. THAT Report CS2012-011, regarding an agreement between the City of Brantford and Rogers TV for Robotic Camera Systems Installation in the Council Chambers, Brantford City Hall BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the agreement BE PLACED on the Signing By-law for presentation to Council to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute said agreement.

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5.2 General Manager, Engineering and Operational Services

5.2.1 [Traffic Report - Catharine Avenue - Restricted Parking Time Limit; Prince Charles School Area – Traffic Control Review; and, Lawren S. Harris Drive at Deerpark Avenue/Carmichael Crescent – All-Way Stop Control Review \(EN2012-002\)](#)

A. [Catharine Avenue – Restricted Parking Time Limit](#)

1. THAT the currently by-lawed one (1) hour time limit from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday REMAIN on Catharine Avenue between Winniett Street and Colborne Street West; and
2. THAT a 2-hour “Pick-Up” Zone BE BY-LAWED on the north side of Catharine Avenue adjacent to 119 Colborne Street West; and
3. THAT the existing corner “no parking” zone on the south side of Catharine Avenue BE EXTENDED to a distance of 43 metres west of the centre line of Colborne Street West; and
4. THAT Schedules “7” and “16” of Parking By-law 144-88 which pertain to “Parking Prohibited Anytime” and “Pick-Up Zones” respectively BE AMENDED as outlined in Appendix “A” of Traffic Report No. EN2012-002 dated January 16, 2012.

B. [Prince Charles School Area – Traffic Control Review](#)

1. THAT a 40 km/h speed limit BE BY-LAWED on Herbert Street between Morton Avenue and a point 85 metres south of the intersection of Wood Street;
2. THAT a “no stopping” zone BE BY-LAWED for the period 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday on:
 - the north side of Morton Avenue at the school crossing;
 - the south side of Morton Avenue in front of Prince Charles School.
3. THAT a “School Bus Loading Zone” BE BY-LAWED on the south side of Morton Avenue in front of Prince Charles School.

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4. THAT a "15-minute Pick-Up Zone" BE BY-LAWED for the period 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday on the south side of Morton Avenue in front of Prince Charles School.
5. THAT the following schedules of Parking By-law 144-88:
 - i. Schedule "8" which pertains to "Stopping Prohibited During Certain Time"
 - ii. Schedule "16" which pertains to "Pick-Up Zones"
 - iii. Schedule "19" which pertains to "School Bus Loading Zone", and
 - iv. Schedule "8" of Traffic By-law 37-83 which pertains to "Speed Regulations"

BE AMENDED as outlined in Appendix "B" of Traffic Report No. EN2012-002 dated January 16, 2012.

C. Lawren S. Harris Drive at Deerpark Avenue/Carmichael Crescent – All-Way Stop Control Review

THAT the existing traffic control REMAIN at the intersection of Lawren S. Harris Drive with Deerpark Avenue and Carmichael Crescent.

5.2.2 Cancellation of the Environmental Assessment of the Veterans Memorial Parkway, Clarence Street South and Clarence Street from Mount Pleasant Street to West Street (EN2012-003)

- A. THAT the General Manager of Engineering & Operational Services BE AUTHORIZED to cancel the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the Environmental Assessment portion for the Veterans Memorial Parkway, Clarence Street South and Clarence Street, Traffic Corridor Widenings and Improvements; and
- B. THAT Capital Projects A/C SP1002 - Veteran's Memorial Parkway and RD1112 - Clarence Street BE CLOSED; and
- C. THAT the funding provided to these projects BE RETURNED to the Transportation Development Charges Reserve Fund RF0302.

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5.2.3 [Award of Engineering Consulting project for the Environmental Assessment of Shellard Lane from Colborne Street West to the west City limit \(EN2012-004\)](#)

THAT the General Manager of Engineering & Operational Services BE AUTHORIZED to award the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the Environmental Assessment for Shellard Lane.

5.3 Joint City-County Committee to Examine Shared Services

5.3.1 [Next Steps for the Joint City-County Committee to Examine Shared Services](#)

- A. THAT staff provide the following information on each service that is identified in Schedule "C" (current shared services) of the Report:
- The results of any measurement, evaluation or benchmarking of current shared services
 - Any identifiable costs for these services
- B. THAT staff BE REQUESTED to provide information and recommendations on opportunities to enhance the following services identified in Schedule "C":
- Mutual Aid;
 - Joint Purchasing and Tendering;
 - Joint Training (fire services);
 - IT and GIS Mapping
 - Emergency Services
- C. THAT Staff BE REQUESTED to report back at the next meeting of the Committee with a short list of approximately (5) additional services that could be considered for service sharing between the City and the County; and
- D. THAT the following services be examined at future meetings of the Committee:
- Emergency Measures
 - Emergency Services (Police, Fire and Ambulance)
 - Municipal Utility Corporations

6. CONSENT ITEMS

6.1 Proclamations

6.1.1 [Proclamation - Boys and Girls Club of Brantford - "Pink Shirt Day" – February 29, 2012](#)

WHEREAS acts of bullying, harassment and intimidation are unacceptable in a safe, caring and orderly society; and

WHEREAS communities, workplaces, families, schools and individuals all have critical roles to play in modeling, teaching and promoting socially responsible behaviour; and

WHEREAS the Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Campaign takes place world-wide on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 and recognizes the efforts to build communities fostering respect, inclusion, fairness, equity and compassion; and

WHEREAS every day at the Boys and Girls Club of Brantford, children and youth get the help they need to learn to develop positive relationships with peers, family, teachers and the community at large; and

WHEREAS the Boys and Girls Club programs foster self-esteem, social engagement, academic success, inclusion, acceptance, respect for self and others, and connection to community – all of which are key elements of bullying prevention; and

WHEREAS members of the community are encouraged to participate in Pink Shirt Day to promote awareness, understanding and openness about the problem of bullying as well as a shared commitment to a solution; and

WHEREAS together, we can take a stand that bullying is simply not acceptable in our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford does hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 29, 2012 as "Pink Shirt Day" in the City of Brantford and encourages the community to drop by the Boys and Girls Club of Brantford at 2 Edge Street, Brantford or to contact them at (519) 752-2964 to order their Pink Shirt Day t-shirts in support of this worthy cause.

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6.1.2 Proclamation - Youth Homelessness Week – January 30 to February 3, 2012

WHEREAS youth homelessness is a social problem in the City of Brantford; and

WHEREAS youth homelessness is a barrier to the health, education, employment, safety and wellbeing of youth in our city, contributing to problems of drug abuse, teen pregnancy and crime rates; and

WHEREAS St. Leonard's Community Services wishes to raise awareness of this problem in the city and to ensure that all youth have an opportunity for education, employment, good mental health and personal safety and that the services offered to homeless and at-risk youth are promoted and accessible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Brantford does hereby proclaim the week of January 30 to February 3, 2012 to be "Youth Homelessness Week" in the City of Brantford.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1 Collective Agreement Bargaining Mandates to be Considered by City Council – Mayor Friel

WHEREAS in 2012 a number of collective agreements and contracts will be up for negotiation; and

WHEREAS it will be necessary for City Council to provide an appropriate bargaining mandate and direction to Staff to enter into seven separate negotiations with different bargaining units in 2012; and

WHEREAS in prior years, this bargaining mandate and direction to staff, have been initially established by the City's Finance Committee at In-Camera meeting, before moving forward for Council ratification at an In-Camera meeting of Council; and

WHEREAS it is necessary for any direction with regard to bargaining mandates to ultimately be provided by Council;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council DIRECT that all reports and recommendations with regard to 2012 collective agreement bargaining mandates proceed directly to an In-Camera meeting of City Council without proceeding to the City's Finance Committee initially.

7.2 Review of 2012 Budget Process – Councillor Vanderstelt

THAT, prior to the consideration of the 2012 Operating Budget by the Estimates Committee in January 2012, Staff report back with a review of the 2012 Budget Process to determine:

- what went well
- what can be improved
- what methods can be employed to reduce staff time at Estimates Meetings
- How the Workbook could be improved; and
- Any other ideas for improvement.

7.3 Future Council Retreats to be Convened as Committee of the Whole Meetings – Councillor Carpenter

THAT all future Retreats planned for Members of City Council BE SCHEDULED as Special Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration meetings, thereby requiring all items approved thereat to be presented to City Council for final approval.

7.4 All-Way Stop Control – Intersection of St. George Street & Orchard Avenue – Councillor Bucci

WHEREAS the intersection of St. George Street with Orchard Avenue does not meet the statistical warrants for an all-way stop control; and

WHEREAS the neighbourhood residents have submitted a petition requesting an all-way stop control on St. George Street at Orchard Avenue for the protection of their children crossing St. George Street to attend James Hillier School; and

WHEREAS the Principal of James Hillier School will place student safety patrollers at the intersection of St. George Street and Orchard Avenue with an all-way stop control in place; and

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WHEREAS the Youth and Community Services Division of the Brantford Police Service will provide training for the students and teachers at James Hillier School regarding the duties and responsibilities of student safety patrollers at an all-way stop controlled intersection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Manager of Engineering and Operational Services BE DIRECTED to prepare the necessary Traffic By-law to install an all-way stop control at the intersection of St. George Street and Orchard Avenue for presentation to City Council at its meeting on January 23, 2012.

7.5 Intersection of Blackburn Drive and English Lane – All Way Stop Control – Councillor Kings

WHEREAS the children who walk to the new twin schools, Walter Gretzky Elementary School and St. Basil Elementary School, on Blackburn Drive are required to cross Blackburn Drive to access the school; and

WHEREAS no crossing protection currently exists to assist elementary school students across Blackburn Drive;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Manager of Engineering and Operational Services BE DIRECTED to prepare the necessary Traffic By-law to install an all-way stop control at the intersection of Blackburn Drive and English Lane for presentation to City Council at its meeting on January 23, 2012.

7.6 Earth Hour 2012 – Councillor Carpenter

WHEREAS climate change is the biggest environmental threat to our planet and the number one concern for Canadians; and

WHEREAS at exactly 8:30 p.m. on March 31, 2012, major cities around the world will turn off their lights for one hour to raise awareness about climate change and to symbolize that, working together, the people of the world can make a difference in the fight against global warming; and

WHEREAS the event, called “Earth Hour”, a World Wildlife Fund (WWF) initiative that was officially announced in December 2007 at the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, has grown from a single event in Sydney, Australia to a global phenomenon where over 4,000 cities and towns and 88 countries made “Earth Hour” 2009 the largest climate awareness campaign in history; and

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WHEREAS Earth Hour 2010 became the biggest Earth Hour ever reaching 1.3 billion people. On March 27, 2010, a record 128 countries and territories united across the globe making it the largest voluntary action ever witnessed. Iconic buildings and landmarks from Asia Pacific to Europe and Africa to the Americas switched off. Once again, over 10 million Canadians took part in all provinces and territories, turning out the lights in over 300 cities and towns.

WHEREAS participating in this historic event sends a powerful message to every citizen and business around the world that it's possible to take action on climate change and that switching off our lights is just one simple action we can take to help make a difference; and

WHEREAS the goal is to educate the community on the threat of climate change and what each individual and business can do to make a difference every day; and to get as many individuals, households, and businesses as possible to turn off their lights as a symbolic statement that now is the time to take action on climate change; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has participated in the Earth Hour initiative for the past four years as its residents are very energy conscious and would be up to the challenge of decreasing energy consumption;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford:

- A. THAT at 8:30 p.m. on March 31, 2012, the City of Brantford, in conjunction with Brantford Power, JOIN other cities around the world in literally "turning out the lights" by shutting off all non-essential lighting in all of its facilities, where feasible, and without jeopardizing safety, for one full hour; and
- B. THAT, to be formally recognized around the world as an Earth Hour participant, the appropriate staff REGISTER at www.earthhour.org, the official website for this initiative; and
- C. THAT the City of Brantford's participation in Earth Hour BE WIDELY PROMOTED AND PUBLICIZED, including notice in the Civic News, in order to raise awareness about this important issue and in order to encourage every individual, household and business in Brantford, and beyond, to join in by turning off their lights, and all other non-essential power, for one hour at 8:30 p.m. on March 31, 2012; and

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- D. THAT the residents and business owners of Brantford CELEBRATE together in Harmony Square as we Turn Out the Lights at 8:30 p.m. on March 31, 2012; and
- E. THAT the City provide free transit service between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on March 31, 2012 to the Harmony Square Earth Hour Community Event, with the total amount of lost transit fare revenue in the approximate amount of \$600 being transferred from the Corporate Contingency Fund to the Transit Department's revenue line so as not to impact their Departmental budget; and
- F. THAT a By-law to Fix Fees and Charges to be Collected by the Corporation of the City of Brantford, to provide free transit service for the 2012 Earth Hour Community Event, BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption; and
- G. THAT Brantford participate in other green initiatives in support of Climate Change; and
- H. THAT the Mayor of Brantford personally present an official challenge to other municipalities, AMO and FCM by forwarding a copy of this resolution and asking that it be adopted, and that the municipalities willing to take on the official challenge notify The Branlyn Neighbourhood Association so that measurements can be tracked; and
- I. THAT the Branlyn Neighbourhood Youth Association invites all youth groups in Brantford to join their efforts and be part of a movement that engages as many youths in our city as possible; and
- J. THAT the Branlyn Neighbourhood Youth Association BE RECOGNIZED for their leadership efforts in continuing to bring Earth Hour, a global event to Brantford.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

9. ADJOURNMENT
