

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE -  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES**

**MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BRANTFORD CITY HALL**

Mayor Friel in the Chair

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Bucci, Councillor Dignan-Rumble, Councillor Wrobel, Councillor Neumann, Councillor Ceschi-Smith, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Utley, Councillor Kings, Mayor Friel

**1. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None

**2. CONGRATULATORY/CONDOLATORY RESOLUTIONS**

None

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PLANNING MATTERS**

**3.1 Rezoning Application PZ-21-07 and Official Plan Amendment Application OP-11-07 – 111 Sherwood Drive (CD2011-042)**

To allow additional uses to the existing permitted uses.

The procedure to be followed during the Public Hearing on Planning Matters was explained by Mayor Friel. Proper notification of the application had been given.

K.C. Pongracz, Current Development Planner addressed the Committee and reviewed the application under consideration.

In response to questioning from Councillor Ceschi-Smith, K. C. Pongracz indicated that there are currently no provisions within the Official Plan to limit the types of businesses permitted at this location. Staff advised that the Official Plan requires that the industrial use to be fully contained within the building. Councillor Carpenter requested that Planning Staff review this limitation during the next Official Plan Review process.

H. Rotberg, proponent addressed the Committee and reviewed the rezoning request for 111 Sherwood Drive now that the lands have been remediated.

There were no members of the public in attendance to speak to this application.

Moved by Councillor Kings

Seconded by Councillor Vanderstelt

- A. THAT Official Plan Amendment Application OP-11-07 submitted by Brantcord Leasing Ltd., for lands located at 111 Sherwood Drive BE APPROVED by designating the lands to “Mixed Industrial Commercial Area” to permit limited uses on lands identified as Part 1 (Appendix A), and to permit a parking lot on the lands identified as Part 2 (Appendix A); and
- B. THAT Zoning By-law Amendment Application PZ-21-07 submitted by Brantcord Leasing Ltd. for lands located at 111 Sherwood Drive BE APPROVED by rezoning the lands to “Floodplain –Industrial Commercial Zone – Exception (F-M1-Exception)” to permit limited uses on lands identified as Part 1 (Appendix A), and to permit a parking lot on the lands identified as Part 2 (Appendix A) in accordance with the applicable uses and provisions as noted in Section 8.5, Development Considerations of Report CD2011-042”; and
- C. THAT the lands be designated as a “Site Plan Control Area”; and
- D. THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign an agreement to ensure that parking spaces on Part 2 of Appendix A are dedicated for the use of the lands on Part 1 of Appendix A of this report; and
- E. THAT the Ward 1 Councillors be consulted during the Site Plan process.

CARRIED

<b>4. DELEGATIONS</b> (list available at meeting)
---

4.1 Brant Historical Society (Joan Kanigan)  
Re. Update on Historical Society activities

Ms. J. Kanigan addressed the Committee and reviewed the powerpoint presentation made on the activities of the Historical Society. A copy of the presentation is included in the original minute file folder.

Ms. Kanigan answered questions of clarification on the operation of the Historical Society, space needs of Museum, sharing of services with Myrtleville House and fundraising initiatives.

<b>5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION</b>
-----------------------------------

**5.1 RFP Downtown Streetscape Design Plan (CD2011-002)**

City Council at its meeting held January 24, 2011 DEFERRED the following until after the public consultation process occurs on the South Side of Colborne Street redevelopment (within 3 months):

Moved by Councillor Carpenter  
Seconded by Councillor Vanderstelt

- A. THAT a Request for Proposals for consultant services to complete the Downtown Brantford Streetscape Design Plan as described in Planning Staff Report CD2011-002 BE APPROVED; and
- B. THAT once the Streetscape Design Plan is completed that staff BE DIRECTED to apply for funding through the RED Program offered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), in coordination with the BIA and downtown post-secondary institutions.

It was noted that after the motion is passed, the Streetscape Design Plan will receive additional public input prior to coming back to Council for final approval. M. Gladysz advised that the Steering Committee can be expanded to provide for representation of seniors and/or physically challenged persons. It was noted that the Request for Proposals would be updated to remove outdated references such as two-way traffic conversion of Colborne and Dalhousie Streets. Concerns with having to hire an outside consultant to provide for the Design Plan were discussed.

Staff advised that the Plan would include a comprehensive materials palette which will identify such things as benches, trash receptacles, bus shelters, pavers, trees and bollards. Staff had brought forward a similar motion to the last Council however they were not able to implement this project as directed by Council, thus the reason this is before Committee tonight. It was noted that there is a definite need to ensure that any features – whether they be currently in place or future projects – be taken into consideration to address the needs of all community members.

Moved by Councillor McCreary  
Seconded by Councillor Bucci

THAT the Steering Committee Membership BE AMENDED to include Councillor Dignan-Rumble.

**CARRIED**

Councillor McCreary indicated that Councillor Dignan-Rumble has extensive knowledge of universal design and can provide this perspective.

Moved by Councillor McCreary  
Seconded by Councillor Dignan-Rumble

THAT the Terms of Reference – Downtown Brantford Streetscape Design Plan document contained in Report CD2011-002 BE AMENDED as follows:

5.0 Report Content:

The Design Plan should incorporate the findings of:

- The Colborne and Dalhousie Streets Class EA (other than reference to two-way traffic conversion), and

THAT the Waterfront Master Plan BE ADDED to the Report Content Section.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor McCreary  
Seconded by Councillor Wrobel

THAT the Terms of Reference – Downtown Brantford Streetscape Design Plan document contained in Report CD2011-002 BE AMENDED as follows:

General Review of Streetscape Topics bullet point #2 to read:

- Priorities and annual budgets-prioritize by area or furniture type. Identify Year 1 Program within a five year plan period.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor McCreary  
Seconded by Councillor Dignan-Rumble

THAT the Terms of Reference – Downtown Brantford Streetscape Design Plan document contained in Report CD2011-002 BE AMENDED as follows:

6.0 General Review of Streetscape Topics add new bullet point:

- Universal Design

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Neumann  
Seconded by Councillor Dignan-Rumble

THAT the Terms of Reference – Downtown Brantford Streetscape Design Plan document contained in Report CD2011-002 BE AMENDED as follows:

6.0 General Review of Streetscape Topics add new bullet point:

- Historical Markers

CARRIED

<b>6. CONSENT ITEMS</b>
-------------------------

**6.1 Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Carpenter  
Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT the following minutes BE APPROVED:

**6.1.1 Committee of the Whole – Community Development – March 21, 2011**

THAT the following minutes BE RECEIVED:

**6.1.2 Downtown Business Improvement Area Board of Management – February 10, 2011**

**6.1.3 Town and Gown Committee – December 1, 2010**

**6.1.4 Brantford Heritage Committee – February 15, 2011**

**6.1.5 Tourism Advisory Committee – February 22, 2011**

**6.1.6 Downtown Business Performance Grant Advisory Committee – February 24, 2011**

CARRIED

**6.2 Community Cultural Investment Program Allocations-2011 (CD2011-043)**

Moved by Councillor Carpenter  
Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT Report No. CD2011-043 regarding the Community Cultural Investment Program Allocation BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

**6.3 South Side of Colborne Street Design Workshop Number 2 – March 1, 2011 (CD2011-044)**

Moved by Councillor Carpenter  
Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT the Summary of the Design Workshop held March 1, 2011 BE RECEIVED for information.

CARRIED

## **7. RESOLUTIONS**

### **7.1 FestCaribbean Festival – August 20, 2011 – Declared a Community Event for the Purposes of Obtaining a Liquor License Permit – Councillor Carpenter**

Moved by Councillor Carpenter  
Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FestCaribbean Festival to be held at the Branlyn Community Centre on Saturday, August 20, 2011 BE DECLARED a Community Event for the purposes of obtaining a liquor license permit but that no financial commitment or liability be undertaken by the City.

CARRIED

## **8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **8.1 Levy in lieu of Property Taxes for Provincial Institutions – “Heads and Beds Levy” – Mayor Friel**

Mayor Friel provided the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities with post-secondary institutions and hospitals receive transfer payments from the Provincial Government in lieu of property taxes; and

WHEREAS the payments are transferred to municipalities based on the number of heads (students) on post-secondary institution campuses and the number of beds in their local hospitals, (also known as the Heads and Beds payment in lieu of taxes); and

WHEREAS the current amount of \$75 per head/bed has not been increased since 1987 when it was adjusted from \$50; and

WHEREAS it is our position that the current Heads and Beds rate does not reflect a fair compensation for providing the local resources necessary to support these provincial services; and

WHEREAS this rate, if indexed to inflation, would now be approximately \$135 per head/bed; and

WHEREAS in 2010 the City of Brantford received a total of \$311,715 from this program in contrast to potential revenue of \$561,195 had these payments in lieu of taxes been levied at the rate of \$ 135 per head/bed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Brantford request that the Provincial Government of Ontario INCREASE the Heads and Beds levy to at least the current rate of inflation and build in an automatic annual adjustment for inflation for future years, and further;

THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, Mr. Dave Levac, M.P.P., the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the City of Kingston.

## **8.2 Walkability in the Downtown – Mayor Friel**

Mayor Friel advised that he would be bringing forward a resolution on the need for a review for walkability in the downtown with community partners to ensure walkability and accessibility.

## **8.3 Mayor's Task Force – Mayor Friel**

Mayor Friel indicated that he would be bringing forward a resolution to strike a new Mayors Task Force on dangerous play in sport.

## **8.4 Users Agreements – Mayor Friel**

Mayor Friel advised that he would be bringing forward a resolution for City Staff to review and renew all user agreements with sports organizations using our facilities, starting with the groups that will be utilizing the new Gretkzy Centre.

## **8.5 National Accessibility Awareness Week – Councillor Dignan-Rumble**

Councillor Dignan-Rumble indicated that she would be bringing forward a resolution to proclaim National Accessibility Awareness Week.

## **8.6 Man in Motion World Tour – Councillor Dignan-Rumble**

Councillor Dignan-Rumble advised that she would be bringing forward a motion regarding the Rick Hanson - 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Man in Motion World Tour.

## **8.7 Project Empathy – Councillor Dignan-Rumble**

Councillor Dignan-Rumble indicated that she would be bringing forward a motion relating to “Project Empathy”.

**8.8 St. Johns Ambulance Service – Councillor Wrobel**

Councillor Wrobel indicated that he would be bringing forward a motion for additional support of St. Johns Ambulance Service.

**8.9 Lighting – Silver Bridge Park – Councillor Wrobel**

Councillor Wrobel noted he would be bringing forward a motion to provide for lighting on the pathways in Silver Bridge Park.

**8.10 Council Meeting Date Change – Councillor Kings**

Councillor Kings noted that he would be bringing forward a motion to change the City Council meeting date from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in light of the Federal Election being held.

**8.11 Construction Noise Exemption – Councillor McCreary**

Councillor McCreary advised that he would be bringing forward a motion to request staff to reconsider their decision to exempt Highway 403 construction noise.

**8.12 Greenwich Mohawk Brownfields Redevelopment – Councillor McCreary**

Councillor McCreary indicated he would be bringing forward a recommendation to direct staff to place recommendations deferred at the February 14, 2011 In Camera meeting regarding Greenwich Mohawk Brownfields Redevelopment on the City Council meeting (open agenda) on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

<b>9. ADJOURNMENT</b>
-----------------------

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.