Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Members Present in Chambers:
Mayor P. Brown

Members Present via Electronic Meeting Participation:
Regional Councillor P. Vicente – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor R. Santos – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4
Regional Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10
City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6
City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4 (arrived at 1:11 p.m.
   – personal – connectivity issue)
City Councillor C. Williams – Wards 7 and 8
City Councillor H. Singh – Wards 9 and 10

Members Absent:    nil

Staff Present:     D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer
                  R. Forward, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services
                  J. Pittari, Commissioner, Legislative Services
                  J. Raina, Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering
                  D. Boyce, Acting Commissioner, Community Services
                  C. Barnett, Director, Economic Development and Culture
                  B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services
                  A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit
                  D. Soos, Acting City Solicitor, Legislative Services
                  P. Morrison, Director, Enforcement and By-law Services,
                     Legislative Services
                  A. Normand, Manager, Emergency Measures, Fire and
                     Emergency Services
                  P. Fay, City Clerk
                  C. Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk
                  T. Brenton, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk’s Office
Note: In consideration of the current COVID-19 public health orders prohibiting public gatherings of more than 5 people and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Council meeting was limited to Members of Council and essential City staff only. Physical distancing was maintained in Council Chambers at all times during the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. and adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

As this meeting of Brampton City Council was conducted with electronic participation by Members of Council, the meeting started with the City Clerk calling the roll for attendance at the meeting, as follows:

Members present during roll call: Councillor Santos, Councillor Vicente, Councillor Whillans, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Williams, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Singh, Councillor Dhillon, Mayor Brown

Members absent during roll call: Councillor Bowman

Mayor Brown outlined the purpose of the meeting to consider statutorily-required and/or time-sensitive matters related to the City’s response to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency and other City business as deemed necessary by the Mayor, Council or the Chief Administrative Officer.

Council discussion took place with respect to proposed amendments to the agenda.

The following motion was considered.

C115-2020 Moved by Regional Councillor Santos
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vicente

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of April 15, 2020, be approved as amended, as follows:

**To add:**

8.2. Discussion Item at the Request of Regional Councillor Palleschi re: Government Relations.

8.3. Discussion Item at the Request of Regional Councillor Dhillon, re: Technology for Electronic Meetings.

Carried
2. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act – nil

3. Adoption of the Minutes – nil

4. Consent Motion – nil

5. Announcements – nil

6. Government Relations Matters

See Item 8.2 below.

7. Delegations – nil

8. Reports from the Head of Council


Mayor Brown provided an update on the City’s response to the COVID-19 emergency, which included results to date for enforcement of physical distancing, cancellation of events up to and including July 1, 2020, outreach to the Province of Ontario requesting that Transit employees be added to the list of priority groups for proactive testing, and response from the Federal Government regarding credit card interest rates.

Council discussion took place with respect to the following matters.

- Task Forces:
  - request that invitations for meetings of the task forces be sent to all Members of Council and their assistants
  - reminder about quorum requirements as they relate to participation in meetings by Members
  - clarification that the purpose for this request is to provide Members with the opportunity to listen to the meetings, and not for their direct participation
  - availability and publication of minutes
  - varying opinions about publication of the minutes on the task force web pages
  - request that the minutes be sent to all Members for their reference

- Enforcement of Physical Distancing:
o possibility of releasing the names of citizens who received tickets for violations of the physical distancing order
o details from staff regarding Freedom of Information and prosecutorial requirements
o advisory that staff will provide aggregate information to Council regarding the numbers and types of violations issued
o examples from Members of Council regarding violations in their Wards

- **Technology for Electronic Meetings:**
o request that staff explore alternate technologies for electronic Council meetings
o indication that staff is conducting research on alternate meeting technologies and will report back to Council in this regard

- **Community Gardens:**
o request for information on this initiative
o confirmation from Mayor Brown that information will be provided to Members by April 17, 2020

- **Service Brampton (311) Inquiries:**
o 311 messaging as it relates to complaints about non-essential businesses operating illegally
o questions about jurisdiction for enforcement of these complaints and information from staff in response
o details from staff with respect to the City’s partnerships with the Region of Peel and Peel Regional Police for enforcement of violations
o request that 311 staff log and redirect calls on matters not within the City’s jurisdiction, and advise the caller accordingly in an effort to assist them with their enquiry

- **Advance Brampton Fund:**
o advisory and details from Regional Councillor Vicente regarding the deferral of the Advance Brampton Fund, including the monthly Micro Projects Stream, for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency
o indication that any questions received from the community should be directed to staff in Economic Development

The following motion was considered.

C116-2020 Moved by City Councillor Whillans
Seconded by Regional Councillor Palleschi

That the update from Mayor Brown re: **COVID-19 Emergency**, to the Council Meeting of April 15, 2020, be received.

Carried
8.2. Discussion Item at the Request of Regional Councillor Palleschi re: *Government Relations*.

Regional Councillor Palleschi outlined his position with respect to the need for Council to receive regular updates on Government relations matters, and introduced a motion for this purpose.

The motion was considered as follows.

C117-2020 Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi 
Seconded by City Councillor Bowman

WHEREAS an effective government relations strategy is key to the City of Brampton;

WHEREAS it is important for Council to be informed on matters relating to all levels of Government to be able to make informed decisions;

THEREFORE be it resolved that moving forward staff present a report on Government Relations Matters at each Council meeting.

A recorded vote was requested, with the results as follows.

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Carried
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8.3. Discussion Item at the Request of Regional Councillor Dhillon, re: *Technology for Electronic Meetings*.

Note: Discussion on this matter took place under Item 8.1.
9. **Reports of Corporate Officials** – nil

10. **Reports of Accountability Officers** – nil

11. **Committee Reports** – nil

12. **Unfinished Business** – nil

13. **Correspondence** – nil

14. **Resolutions** – nil

15. **Notices of Motion** – nil

16. **Petitions** – nil

17. **Other Business/New Business** – nil

18. **Procurement Matters** – nil

19. **Public Question Period**

   The public was given the opportunity to submit questions via e-mail to the City Clerk’s Office regarding any decisions made at this meeting.

   Peter Fay, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted regarding decisions made at this meeting.

20. **By-laws** – nil

21. **Closed Session** – nil

22. **Confirming By-law**
Minutes
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The following motion was considered.

C118-2020  Moved by City Councillor Bowman
Seconded by Regional Councillor Medeiros

That the following by-law before Council at its Regular Meeting of April 15, 2020, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, and signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto:

61-2020  To confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2020

Carried

24.  Adjournment

The following motion was considered.

C119-2020  Moved by Regional Councillor Fortini
Seconded by City Councillor Williams

That Council do now adjourn to meet again for a Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

_______________________________  P. Brown, Mayor

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