



## Brockville City Council - First 90 Days



Tuesday March 12, 2019

# Our First 90 Days





# Our First 90 Days What have we accomplished

- City Council completed a full day of municipal training in conjunction with all elected members throughout the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.
- Council also completed a new form of familiarization training with members of all city departments to learn the challenges faced and successes achieved to date first hand.





- Created a new standing committee structure that includes direct input from community members.
- Created an additional committee where the three chairs of the standing committee help facilitate council driven priorities at committee level.
- Committed to record every vote of standing committee and council
- Budgeted to implement streaming of every meeting of these same groups

Change and New Ideas

# What have we done in 60 days?

- Passed a Code of Conduct Policy for Staff, City Council and Committees
- Passed a conflict of Interest by-law and hired an Integrity Commissioner
- Moved to implement tighter controls on oversight and committee spending by implementing KPMG findings
- Established an annual Community Appreciation Award where each member of council had the opportunity to present an award of appreciation based on their own criteria.



# Better in Brockville

- Continued to support Economic Development through a regional effort.
- Continued to work with the Eastern Ontario Mayor's group which combines all separated municipalities from Peterborough to Cornwall.
- Councillor Wales was elected Zone 7 representative for Rural Ontario Municipalities Association.
- Began meeting with the Young Professional's Network to form a partnership to help keep our talent home.



# What have we done in 60 days?

- Struck a Transit Review Committee
- Scheduled a Citizen's Fair to coincide with local government week in October
- Reached out to our immediate neighbours to foster better relations
- Supported regional improvements to ambulance service to our rural partners
- Committed to review Emergency Services Bldg.
- Received Youth Friendly Community designation
- Began reviewing our winter control by-law



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done in 60  
days?

- Passed in affect a 0% increase on our water budget





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done in 60  
days?

Passed a City Budget increase of 1.99%

Which includes:

- The full amount of the Aquatarium requirement for 2019
- \$500,000 contribution to community recreation development reserve
- Contributes an additional \$300,000 to capital spending
- Fully funds the operating needs of the city
- Maintains the city's infrastructure



# Tourism

- Established the criteria for and approved the 2019 Tourism implementation plan for The Municipal Accommodation Tax. Council developed a plan for how the MAT fund can help provide transitional funding needed by the Aquatarium while reducing the requirement that it be sourced from reserves and or taxation alone.
- Tourism program will continue to see more money from the MAT fund to help advance tourism marketing and development.



## Tourism

- The City through the Mayor's office and in conjunction with the Tourism office are finalizing details with a production company. This could have the city hosting an episode of a television program to be shot in Brockville this coming August.
- The Tall Ships Festival also scheduled for August has presented an update stating they are on schedule and on budget.
- Proposal for a new illuminated letter box sign for the water front coming to EDRTC.





# Tourism

- Established a working group to create a new Light Up Downtown Christmas event.
- Blockhouse Island to be a seasonal music and light display to attract citizens and visitors downtown during December Christmas shopping season. Potential to expand it to Courthouse Square and King Street as well.



# *Economic Development*

- 1 Hotel under construction in North End
- 1 Hotel under construction in South End
- 1 Hotel seeking building permission with City Planning Dept.



# Economic Development – Senior Living

- Wall Street Village working on full occupancy soon. Project on budget. The \$500k contingency the city provided will not be required.
- Royal Brock Expansion well underway





# Economic Development – Commercial

- StarBucks, Popeye's Chicken, Wendy's,
- Planet Fitness, Exit Realty, RM Fitness, Micro Brewery and more all either open or under construction.



# City Manager Recruitment

- City Council formed a selection committee and hired a professional recruitment firm to help facilitate a search for our next City Manager
- That selection committee reviewed numerous applications and conducted first round interviews with a short list of applicants.
- Full council then was involved in the process and unanimously supported one person and we now have a signed employment contract with our selected candidate.
- An official announcement will be made Friday, March 15th



*The  
bandwagon is  
rolling*

- *We know where we want to go.*
- *We recognize what we have to improve.*
- *We are all on the same page.*
- *and we invite all of you to hop on board.*

