

# COUNCIL Highlights

## Council Meeting – March 24, 2025

**Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended at its meeting held on Monday, March 24, 2025. These are subject to ratification by Council at its next meeting on April 7, 2025, unless pulled for ratification on the same day.**

- \$500,000 originally allocated as part of the 2025 Budget deliberations to the City-Operated Medical Clinic Working Group was re-allocated on a one-time basis to Orillia and Lake Country Physician Recruitment. Orillia and Lake Country Physician Recruitment was directed to provide a comprehensive business plan to Council, outlining the intended use of the allocated \$500,000. The first installment of funding will be disbursed upon submission of the business plan. Orillia and Lake Country Physician Recruitment was directed to provide quarterly updates to Council detailing progress, expenditures, and measurable outcomes until such time as the allocation of funding is fully expended.
- The confidential CIP from Lakehead University regarding the Development Agreement was received as information at this time.
- Option 1 was adopted as set out in the confidential Report MC-25-09 regarding an employee compensation request.
- Confidential Report CS-25-25 regarding an update to the access to information request under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* was received as information at this time.
- Further to the confidential CIP received by Mayor McIsaac regarding a grievance, the confidential direction provided to the Director of Council Services/City Clerk was adopted.
- The following was postponed until June 23, 2025: Mayor McIsaac was directed to correspond with the Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as set out in Schedule "A" to Report MC-25-08 to seek the inclusion of the City of Orillia in the Building Faster Fund.
- The City of Orillia supports the Federal and Provincial Governments in their efforts to protect Canadians from unjustified tariffs imposed by the Trump Administration. The Federal and Provincial Governments will be requested to work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses. A copy of the resolution from Orillia Council will be forwarded to the Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Adam Chambers, Member of Parliament for Simcoe-North; and the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response and Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-North.
- The report regarding the feasibility and costs of creating and implementing signage for tree and plant species identification in Couchiching Beach Park was received as information at this time. The matter was referred to the Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Working Group to consider potential partnerships with local high schools.

- The report regarding the cost and potential revenue associated with establishing waterfront parking fees was received as information at this time.
- The recommendations of Council Committee will be referred to the next regular meeting of Council to be held Monday, April 7, 2025, with the exception of the following items which shall be referred to the Consent Agenda for March 24, 2025:
  - Closed Session Report Number 1 - Lakehead University - re Development Agreement with the City of Orillia
  - Closed Session Report Number 2 - Mayor Mclsaac - re Employee Compensation Request
  - Closed Session Report Number 3 - Corporate Services Department - re Update to the access to information request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
  - Closed Session Report Number 4 - Mayor Mclsaac - re Grievance
  - Council Report Number 2 - Mayor Mclsaac - re Supporting Federal and Provincial Action on Unjustified Tariffs
  - Board and Committee Report Number 1 - City-Operated Medical Clinic Working Group - re Update
  - Council Referral Report Number 1 - Development Services and Engineering Department - re Final Downtown Tomorrow Plan Update

**Council reconvened at 4:41 p.m. Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025:**

- Council adopted the recommendations as set out on the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, March 24, 2025 with the following changes:
- **A recorded vote took place on the following:**
- Chapter 700 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Business Licensing was amended to permit ice cream cycles to operate on City streets, provided a business licence is obtained and the cycles are operated in compliance with the restrictions set out in the schedule. Chapter 700 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Business Licensing will be amended to implement a licence fee of \$293 for an ice cream cycle, to implement a fee of \$40 to replace any vehicle licensed as a mobile catering truck or ice cream cycle and to implement various housekeeping related amendments.  
Carried:  
Yes – Dumford, Czetwerzuk, Leatherdale, Campbell, Mclsaac, Fallis  
No – Cipolla, Lauer
- The Downtown Tomorrow Plan Update was endorsed in principle as set out in Schedule “A” of report DSE-24-58. Staff was directed to prepare a report on the establishment of a working group to advance the delivery of the Streetscape Project. The report is to identify the working group’s mandate/terms of reference and composition.
- Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the feasibility of waiving boat trailer parking fees for Indigenous persons.
- The Mayor’s Office was directed to coordinate a Canada Flag flying competition, whereby the street displaying the highest number of Canada Flags is awarded a prize or other form of recognition to celebrate their enthusiasm and participation.

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