

COUNCIL Highlights

Public Meeting re Planning Matter – April 8, 2024

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at the Public Meeting re Planning Matter on April 8, 2024. The wording is meant to highlight the spirit and direction and does not reflect the exact motion:

- The Draft Official Plan Amendment for Application Number D09-210, as set out in the report DSE-24-15 will be presented for consideration at the April 8, 2024 Council meeting. The Draft Zoning By-law Amendments regarding Housekeeping Amendments for Application Number D14-933, as set out in Schedules "B1", "B2" and "B3" to the report were deferred to provide additional time for the public to review all presentation materials and provided informed comments to Council members. Another public meeting will be scheduled.

Regular Council Meeting – April 8, 2024

Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended when it convened on Monday, April 8, 2024. The recommendations are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting scheduled for April 22, 2024, with exception to any items pulled for ratification on April 8, 2024.

- As recommended by the Commemorative Awards Committee, Thomas Gummersall Anderson will be removed from the Orillia Hall of Fame.
- The following applicants were appointed as citizen members for the remainder of the four-year term to expire November 14, 2026:
 - To the Affordable Housing Working Group:
 - Heather Fraser
 - Christine McGowan
 - To the Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Working Group:
 - Dave Dunn
 - Joshua Battison
 - To the Municipal Heritage Committee, to replace Christina Petsinis who is no longer eligible to serve:
 - Heather Bertram
 - To the Transportation and Parking Working Group:
 - Scott Ballon
 - Bob Brown
 - To the Waste Management Advisory Committee:
 - Nolie Johnston
 - To the Orillia Food Access and Sustainability Working Group
 - Sara McIsaac

- The following Council appointments were approved for the Working Group Council liaison representation for the remainder of the first half of the 2022-2026 term of Council to expire November 14, 2024:
 - Affordable Housing Working Group - Councillor Fallis
 - Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Working Group - Councillor Durnford
 - Downtown BIA Parking Working Group - Councillor Lauer
 - Orillia Food Access and Sustainability Working Group - Councillor Czetwerzuk
 - Recreation Working Group - Councillor Cipolla
 - Transportation and Parking Working Group - Councillor Leatherdale
- Staff was directed to replace both "No Exit" signs located at the intersection of Westmount Drive South and Rose Avenue with signage that is larger in size and install customized "No Access to Memorial Avenue or Highway 12" signage at the intersection of Westmount Drive South and Rose Avenue. The cost for the signage in the amount of \$500 was appropriated from the Environment and Infrastructure Services Department's 2024 Operating Budget.
- Staff was authorized to utilize the approved \$75,000 from Capital Project Number 24411 - Climate Change Action Plan - Supporting Studies to explore other initiatives for achieving community greenhouse gas emissions reductions in buildings, such as an energy concierge service, targeted rebate incentives, and/or further developing and executing a communications strategy that promotes available resources to residents, while continuing to actively explore regional financing programs or other partnerships. Staff will report back by way of a Council Information Package memo summarizing the actions that are pursued to further this initiative.
- The recommendations of Council Committee were referred to the next regular meeting of Council to be held Monday, April 22, 2024, with the exception of the following items, which were referred to the Consent Agenda on April 8, 2024:
 - Closed Session Report Number 1 - Selection Panel for Boards and Committees - re Public Appointments
 - Council Referral Report Number 1 - Development Services and Engineering Department - re "No Exit" Signs - Westmount Drive South and Rose Avenue

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024 from the March 25, 2024 meeting with no changes:

- The following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS the Province of Ontario adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 30% below 2005 levels by 2030, and emissions from buildings represented 22% of the Province's 2017 emissions;

AND WHEREAS buildings with better energy performance provide owners and occupants with lower energy bills, improved building comfort, and resilience from power disruptions that are expected to be more common in a changing climate, tackling both inequality and energy poverty;

AND WHEREAS ensuring that all new buildings in the Province of Ontario are built to the highest energy efficiency means that they will not need expensive retrofits in the future and the cost of heating and cooling these buildings will be reduced from the moment they are first occupied;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia has adopted a Climate Change Action Plan (Orillia's Climate Future);

AND WHEREAS this Action Plan targets Net Zero Emissions for corporate operations by 2040;

AND WHEREAS this Action Plan targets Net Zero Emissions for the community by 2050;

AND WHEREAS this Action Plan identifies that Orillia will reach its Net Zero targets by following decarbonization actions grouped under three Big Moves: Local Renewable Energy, Transportation, and Buildings;

AND WHEREAS it has been identified that part of this Action Plan will need to include a Low-Carbon Pathway working towards retrofitting existing buildings, and encouraging high efficiency new builds to reduce energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions; AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario stated in February 2022 that it planned to transition certain green building standards related to building construction (which are currently being implemented through the site plan process) into the Ontario Building Code by the summer of 2023;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has consulted on advancing harmonization of energy efficiency requirements in buildings by aligning Ontario's Building Code with selected National Code tiers as minimum energy efficiency requirements in the next edition of the Code in 2024;

AND WHEREAS the aspects of green standards that are not brought into Ontario's Building Code because they do not involve building construction (including green infrastructure, cool paving, biodiversity, tree plantings, etc.), will continue to be optional standards that can be required through municipal by-laws and implemented through site plan control;

AND WHEREAS during the transition period, until the green standards are authorized in the Ontario Building Code, the Province of Ontario anticipates that municipalities will continue to use site plan control to address green standards to the extent possible;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Building Code has not yet been amended to authorize these green standards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia requests that the Province of Ontario expedite energy performance green building standard amendments to the Ontario Building Code to provide meaningful energy efficient improvements, in a cost-effective manner for all future buildings;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-North and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

- The report regarding the feasibility of placing an infill sidewalk on the south side of Fittons Road East between Jamieson Drive and Fittons Heights, as well as establishing a pedestrian crosswalk across Fittons Road East at Jamieson Drive was received as information.
- Chapter 834 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Clean and Clear was repealed and replaced with an updated Chapter 834 as set out in Schedule "A" to Report DES-24-09 with any reference to "Naturalized Area" replaced with "Natural Area". Chapter 866 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Maintenance - Occupancy Standards was amended to repeal sections 866.2.23, 866.3.1(c) and 866.3.2; Staff was directed to prepare a report, in consultation with the Climate Change and Environmental

Sustainability Working Group, to explore the implementation of a policy for natural boulevards.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024:

- Council adopted the recommendations as set out in the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, April 8, 2024. This includes the following items from the April 8, 2024 Council Committee session:
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- The correspondence regarding tree removal on the Inch Farm Subdivision lands was received as information.
- Further to the Public Meeting of Council held on April 8, 2024, Council approved the Draft Official Plan Amendment for Application Number D09-210, as set out in Report DSE-24-15. The Draft Zoning By-law Amendments regarding Housekeeping Amendments for Application Number D14-933, as set out in Schedules "B1", "B2", and

“B3” to Report DSE-24-15 were deferred for the following reason as determined by Council:

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- Staff was directed to prepare a report for the 2025 Budget deliberations with respect to the feasibility of implementing an annual Parking Permit Program during the City's seasonal overnight parking restrictions from November 15 through to April 15 to allow overnight parking until 7:00 AM at the following parking lots:
 - Walter Henry Park
 - West Ridge Park
 - Clayt French Park (both parking lots)

The report is to provide an estimate for the costs associated with potential enforcement, hiring a contractor to plow the subject lots, and installation of the regulatory signage and an estimate for any potential parking permit fees and fine revenues.

- Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to options, opportunities, costs, potential revenues, and impacts of leasing vacant space within municipally owned properties such as, but not limited to, the Orillia Public Library and the Port of Orillia for commercial purposes.

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