



Highlights from the Council Chamber

Council Meeting – June 24, 2019

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, June 24, 2019.

The following includes changes or recorded votes to recommendations from the June 17, 2019 Council Committee meeting. The wording below does not represent the exact wording of the motion and is meant as highlights of what was adopted.

- The constitution for the City of Orillia Affordable Housing Committee was adopted as set out in Schedule "A" of the report. Staff was directed to prepare a by-law to adopt Chapter 99 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Affordable Housing Committee. The Committee was requested to initially focus on the creation of an incentive policy/program and report back to Council by December 2019.
- **Postponed until July 18, 2019:**
A four per cent Municipal Accommodation Tax on all Orillia transient accommodations was approved with an implementation date of April 6, 2020, with the exclusions set out in the report. Ontario's Lake Country, as the City's 'tourism entity' defined in Regulation 435/17, will receive 50 per cent of the net Municipal Accommodation Tax as outlined in the conditions of the legislation, with staff authorized to negotiate an agreement regarding the parameters of use of the Municipal Accommodation Tax funds. Staff was authorized to negotiate an agreement with Ontario's Lake Country for the collection of the Municipal Accommodation Tax on behalf of the City as set out in the report. Staff will report back to Council Committee bi-annually, including prior to the expiration of the agreement, to review the success of the Municipal Accommodation Tax with Ontario's Lake Country and future application and collection of the Municipal Accommodation Tax. Staff was directed to prepare a policy which defines and guides how the municipally-retained Municipal Accommodation Tax funds will be spent by the City and report back to Council as part of the 2020 Budget. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute all agreements regarding the Municipal Accommodation Tax.
- **Postponed until July 18, 2019:**
The report regarding an overview of the annual Cross-Connection and Backflow Prevention Program was received as information.
- **A recorded vote was requested for the following:**
The Forest Avenue Working Group was dissolved. Staff was directed to collect feedback from the Grape Island residents and the neighbours of the road allowance regarding the core issues regarding the use of the Forest Avenue

South road allowance and municipally-owned water lot. Staff was directed to prepare a report outlining options for a solution which takes into account feedback obtained. \$7,500 was approved and allocated from Operating Contingency for legal fees.

(Carried: Yes: Clarke, Cipolla, Campbell, Kloostra, Ainsworth, Emond, Hehn. No: Lauer)

- The following general grants were approved:
 - Born to Read Committee: \$750
 - Orillia Jazz Festival: \$1,000
 - Orillia Terry Fox Run Committee: \$706.87
 - Orillia Vocal Ensemble: \$1,500

• **A recorded vote was requested on the following:**

WHEREAS the Samuel de Champlain Monument is a public art installation located within the City of Orillia's Couchiching Beach Park on a parcel of land owned and maintained by the federal government;

AND WHEREAS it was erected to commemorate the advent into Ontario of European settlers under Champlain's leadership, and as a symbol of goodwill between the French and English;

AND WHEREAS concerns over the monument's representation of Indigenous Peoples have been raised by members of the public and Indigenous communities with Parks Canada and the City of Orillia;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the concerns expressed, at the request of Parks Canada, the creation of the Samuel de Champlain Monument Working Group was established with the following voting members:

- Parks Canada (Co-Chair) (2 representatives)
- City of Orillia (Co-Chair) (2 representatives)
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation (2 representatives)
- Huron-Wendat Nation (2 representatives)
- Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (2 representatives)
- Citizen at Large - City of Orillia resident
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AND WHEREAS the primary mandate of the Samuel de Champlain Monument Working Group was to pursue inclusive public consultations and report back to Council and Parks Canada on an appropriate path forward for the Champlain Monument that is respectful and representative of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives;

AND WHEREAS the final decision regarding the future of the monument resides with Parks Canada.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved:

THAT based on the outcome of the recently completed Parks Canada/City of Orillia consultation process, the City of Orillia supports the reinstallation of the Champlain Monument in its original form;

AND THAT Mayor Clarke and Councillor Tim Lauer work with representatives from The Chippewas of Rama First Nation and Huron-Wendat Nation to create an accompanying narrative that would more accurately reflect the complete history and context of the Champlain Monument;

AND THAT Mayor Clarke, Councillor Tim Lauer, and Councillor Jay Fallis work with representatives from The Chippewas of Rama First Nation and Huron-Wendat Nation to explore additional strategies that would assist the community in helping move the national issue of reconciliation forward in a meaningful way

AND THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Parks Canada to assist in their decision-making process related to the future of the Samuel de Champlain Monument.

(Carried: Yes: Hehn, Emond, Ainsworth, Cipolla, Campbell, Kloostra, Lauer. No: Fallis)

The following are recommendations from Council Committee on June 17, 2019 that were adopted by Council with no changes on June 24, 2019:

- Athletica Sport Systems was contracted to replace both ice resurfer doors at Rotary Place. A budget of \$80,000 was allocated from the Major Capital Facility Maintenance Reserve for the replacement.
- Chapter 373 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Site Alteration was adopted as set out in Schedule "A" of the report. Chapter 452 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Environmental Services and Operations/Development Services and Engineering was amended as set out in the report. Chapter 170 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer was amended to appoint staff within the Development Services and Engineering Department as Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of Chapter 373. Chapter 251 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Delegated Authority was amended to designate the Director of Development Services and Engineering, or designate, with the authority to enter into Site Alteration Agreements, as set out in Chapter 373.
- The report regarding an overview of Bill 108, the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019 was received as information.
- Policy 2.9.1.1. - Guidelines and Procedures for On-Street Parking Change Requests was adopted as set out in Schedule "A" of the report.
- The report regarding the 2018 Annual Status Report for the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan was received as information.
- Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the following:
The feasibility and cost associated with implementing closed captioning for Orillia City Council meetings.
- Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the following:
The feasibility of reciting a traditional land acknowledgement statement at the beginning of Council Committee and Council meetings as a practice of reconciliation aimed at recognizing the traditional or treaty territories of Indigenous peoples.

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