



Highlights from the Council Chamber

Council Meeting – July 18, 2019

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meetings on Thursday, July 18, 2019.

The following includes changes or recorded votes to recommendations from the July 15, 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.

Council Meeting:

- Councillors Hehn and Fallis were appointed as the Council representatives on the SCATEH 2020 Homeless Enumeration Planning Committee.
- **Postponed until Aug. 15, 2019**
The report regarding the feasibility of installing solar panels at the Orillia Recreation Centre was received as information.
- The report from the Common Elements Condominium Working Group regarding a request for mandate expansion was referred to the Development Services and Engineering Department for a report back to Council on the options contained therein.
- The report from Councillor Fallis regarding the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference held from May 30 to June 2, 2019 was received as information.
- The report regarding the funding request from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to support public health strategies related to cannabis legalization was received as information.
- 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, 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 with the agreement to include a termination clause of 3 to 6 months. 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 will 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.

- The report regarding an overview of the annual Cross-Connection and Backflow Prevention Program was received as information.
- Further to Report TREAS-2019-B02 dated January 10, 2019 from the Treasury Department, Council approved Issue 145 of Schedule I-01 (2019 Operating Budget) regarding grant funding - Information Orillia in the amount of a \$35,000 increase to the tax levy requirement. The funding will be released semi-annually following a report to Council in March and September. The funding is contingent on Information Orillia continuing to provide administrative support to the Situation Table and the Sunshine Initiative for the remainder of 2019.
- The semi-annual payment instalment of \$10,000 as released to Information Orillia.

The following are recommendations from Council Committee on July 15, 2019 that were adopted by Council with no changes July 18, 2019:

- Option 1 was adopted as set out in the report regarding the 2 Hunter Valley Road – Nordia Lease. The interior design brief for the property, as set out in Schedule “A” of the report, was received as information.
- The suspension of Sunday morning Orillia Transit service to the Laclie Route was authorized on August 18, 2019 from 8:45 a.m. through to 1:15 p.m. for the Subaru Triathlon Series road race.
- An expenditure of \$15,000 was approved for the replacement of a heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) rooftop unit located at 2 Hunter Valley Road (Nordia). Funding was appropriated from the 2 Hunter Valley Road Reserve.
- The report regarding strategies to reduce the rate of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer was received as information.
- Revisions to the Sesquicentennial Tree Projects to authorize the Environmental Advisory Committee to host a 2019 "Plant A Tree" Program in place of the Tree Rebates portion of the project was approved. The Environmental Advisory Committee was authorized to commence work on building a draft program for a community tree planting program and report back to Council Committee in early 2020.
- The report regarding an overview of regulations and options for short-term property rentals was received as information at this time.
- The report regarding the feasibility of installing an all-way stop at Peter Street and Tecumseth Street, as well as an analysis of the all-way stop located at Peter Street and Neywash Street was received as information.
- The report regarding the 2018 Financial Statements and Audit Report was received as information.
- The Ministry of Transportation's preferred Alternative Number 3 cross section of at-grade bike lanes on both sides with one sidewalk across the West Street bridge was endorsed, in principle. Council asked the Ministry of Transportation to consider the addition of a barrier to separate the dedicated pedestrian walkway

from the bike lane. Staff was directed to report back to Council once the Ministry of Transportation has completed the detailed design.

- The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to enter into the Fare Integration Agreement with the Corporation of the County of Simcoe for the provision of the Simcoe LINX bus service as set out in Schedule "A" of the report. Chapter 458 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Transit was amended as set out in Schedule "B" of the report.
- Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the following:
The logistics of working with the Simcoe County Archives to address the archival needs of City departments and agencies.
- Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the following:
The scope, scale and costs of commissioning an economic impact study (assessment) of Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on the City of Orillia, and potentially the surrounding area, with a focus on the impact of the hospital on businesses located in the downtown core.
- Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the following:
An overview of the operation, efficiency and reliability of the stormwater pumping station located at Cedar Island Road and Davey Drive. The report will include potential solutions to improve the stormwater pumping station's functionality.
- Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the following:
The feasibility of amending Chapter 834 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Clean and Clear to remove the appeal process.

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