



Highlights from the Council Chamber

Council Meeting – September 16, 2019

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 16, 2019.

The following includes changes or recorded votes to recommendations from the Sept. 9, 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 West Orillia Park Capital Project Budget was increased by \$338,190, to include the following provisional items:
 - a Splash Pad
 - an Upgraded Shade StructureThe increase was funded as \$57,110 from the Capital Contingency Reserve and \$281,080 from the Development Charges Reserve. Pine Valley Corporation was awarded the contract for the West Orillia Park for the sum of \$3,133,190. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute the agreement. The naming of the park was referred to the Recreation Advisory Committee for review and report back to Council.
- Council approved free parking in Municipal Parking Lots 6 and 9 between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 for the Opioids and Other Drugs in Our Community Forum taking place in the Council Chamber of the Orillia City Centre.
- WHEREAS the proliferation of gun-related crime in the Province of Ontario has dominated recent media coverage;
AND WHEREAS guns and gun violence has become a growing concern for Ontarians and Canadians;
AND WHEREAS gangs are targeting and enticing youth to perform criminal acts;
AND WHEREAS guns are the weapon of choice for youth gangs to exude power and resort to brazen criminal acts;
AND WHEREAS drug market participation also facilitates firearm involvement;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Premier of Ontario was requested to call on all levels of government to collaborate with police services to reintroduce and withstand efforts to effectively address the issues associated with gun violence and gangs;
The Premier of Ontario was encouraged to consider intervention efforts such as support for children and families at risk for gun violence, as well as programs to assist children to succeed in school, recreational opportunities, drug rehabilitation

programs, and training/work opportunities to counter the culture of gun-related violence;

The Premier of Ontario was requested to call for a ban of assault weapons and handguns;

The federal government was requested to investigate options under the Criminal Code to address gun-related crime;

A copy of this resolution was forwarded to:

- Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada;
- Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- Ms. Andrea Horwath, MPP, Leader of the Official Opposition;
- Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
- Honourable Jill Dunlop, MPP, Simcoe North;
- All Ontario Association of Police Services Board members and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement;
- Mr. Bruce Stanton, MP, Simcoe North
- Mr. John Tory, Mayor of Toronto;
- Mr. John Fraser, MPP, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- Mr. Mike Schreiner, MPP, Leader of the Ontario Green Party

The Ontario Provincial Police, the Ontario Provincial Police Association and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police were requested to support the resolution.

- Staff was authorized to work with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Canadian National Railway to obtain a Quitclaim deed for the bridge abutment on the City side of the Atherley Narrows. Staff will offer to assist Ramara Township to obtain a Quitclaim deed for the bridge abutment on Ramara's side of the Atherley Narrows. Staff was directed to prepare a Capital Budget request for the swing bridge historical documentation and swing bridge removal for consideration as part of the 2020 Budget process.
- The Parking Advisory Committee was re-established with the following composition:
 - Councillor Tim Lauer;
 - One citizen at large that is not part of the Business Improvement Area;
 - Three members of the Downtown Orillia Management Board or the Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) with emphasis placed on achieving representation from different downtown blocks as nominated by the Downtown Orillia Management Board.
- Further to the deputation from Sustainable Orillia regarding its 2020 Budget request, Mayor Clarke was authorized to provide a letter of support, in principle, for Sustainable Orillia's grant applications.

The following are recommendations from Council Committee on Sept. 9, 2019 that were adopted by Council with no changes on Aug. 15, 2019:

- The appeal process set out in Chapter 834 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Clean and Clear was repealed.
- Staff was directed to work with a consultant to prepare an economic impact study of the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on the Orillia area, with a focus on the economic impact on the downtown core. \$40,000 was appropriated from the Operating Contingency Budget to prepare the economic impact study.

- An additional \$6,500 was approved and funded from the Land Acquisition Reserve for reference plans and survey work related to the Waterfront Redevelopment Project.
- The Semi-Annual Statement of Expenses for Members of Council from January 1 to June 30, 2019 was received as information.
- The report regarding a summary of the proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement directing land use planning in Ontario was received as information.
- Policy 4.1.10.1. - Municipal Accommodation Tax - City Use was adopted as set out in Schedule "A" of the report. A Tourism Reserve Fund will be established as per Policy 4.1.10.1. - Municipal Accommodation Tax - City Use. Staff will report back during the 2020 Budget deliberations regarding the use of the Municipal Accommodation Tax funds in accordance with Policy 4.1.10.1. - Municipal Accommodation Tax - City Use.
- Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the following: Staff, in consultation with the Environmental Advisory Committee and Bee City Working Group, was directed to prepare a report regarding the options, logistics and potential costs associated with building additional pollinator gardens. The report will explore educational opportunities to promote the creation and preservation of pollinator habitats.

The full agenda packages are available on the City's website at orillia.ca.