



# Highlights from the Council Chamber

## Council Meeting – Sept. 20, 2021

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 20, 2021.

**The following includes changes or recorded votes to recommendations from the Sept. 20, 2021 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 approved Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. D14-903 (James Ward - 177 Parkview Avenue), in accordance with the by-law available for Council's consideration at the September 20, 2021 meeting.
- **A recorded vote was requested for the following:**  
The report regarding voting method options for the 2022 Municipal Election was received as information.  
**Carried (Yes: Ainsworth, Fallis, Hehn, Cipolla, Lauer. No: Emond, Campbell, Kloostra, Clarke)**
- WHEREAS the City of Orillia and its surrounding communities are experiencing population growth and an aging demographic;  
AND WHEREAS evolving clinical practices, acute hospital facility needs realized during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the current deteriorating hospital infrastructure are putting extreme pressure on the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH) to modernize Orillia's acute hospital care;  
AND WHEREAS the City of Orillia has a history of capital financial support for the OSMH, including a contribution towards a new CT Scanner, as well as ongoing support for the Couchiching Ontario Health Team;  
AND WHEREAS the City of Orillia recognizes and supports a community centered health care model as the most effective means of addressing local health care challenges, such as responding to mental health issues among the Orillia and Area youth and homeless populations;  
AND WHEREAS the OSMH plays a critical role in the life and economy of the City of Orillia and its surrounding communities and its modernization is critical to the needs of the residents of Orillia and its surrounding areas.  
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia supports in principle the OSMH's Stage 1 submission to the Ministry of Health and the need for a modernized acute care hospital in Orillia;  
AND THAT the Mayor be requested to meet with local Members of Parliament, the Minister of Health, and the Premier of Ontario to express Council's support

for a modernized OSMH;  
AND THAT consideration of an initial contribution to the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Reserve for a modernized OSMH be referred to the 2022 Budget deliberations.

**The following are recommendations from Council Committee on Sept. 13, 2021 that were adopted by Council with no changes on Sept. 20, 2021:**

- As recommended in confidential Report WWG-21-04 from the Waterfront Development Team, registration of the revised Restrictive Covenant for 70 Front Street North as set out in Schedule "A" of the report was approved. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute all transactional documents required to affect registration of the Restrictive Covenant.
- Confidential Report CAO-21-04 from the Chief Administrative Office regarding the proposed COVID-19 Prevention Policy was received as information.
- Policy 5.7.1.4. - COVID-19 Prevention Policy was adopted.
- Chapter 251 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Delegated Authority was amended to provide delegated authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to amend the policy as required due to new information or changing provincial or federal requirements.
- The report regarding an overview of the optional small business property tax subclass, as announced as part of the Province of Ontario's 2020/2021 Budget and May 2021 regulations, was received as information. Staff were directed to report back on this matter as part of 2023 budget deliberations.
- Due to the cancellation of the 2021 Mariposa Folk Festival, staff were directed to redirect the 2021 Mariposa Folk Foundation Grant as follows:
  - \$20,000 of the 2021 Operating Budget be transferred to the approved 2021 J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park Improvement Project to account for the Mariposa Folk Foundation's 2021 financial contribution; and
  - \$30,000 of the 2021 Operating Budget be transferred at year-end to City reserves, as per City practice, with \$10,000 earmarked to support the City's one-time anniversary funding commitment.

Staff were directed to include \$50,000 within the 2022 Operating Budget to the Mariposa Folk Foundation for the 2022 Mariposa Folk Festival. Staff were directed to include \$10,000 in approved funding to the Mariposa Folk Festival's 60th anniversary within the 2022 Operating Budget for a post-pandemic festival celebration. All of the terms, provisions and conditions set out within the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Orillia and the Mariposa Folk Foundation related to 2021 and the 2021 Mariposa Folk Festival will be amended to reflect 2022 and the 2022 Mariposa Folk Festival.

- The installation of five secondary non-digital gateway signs and two primary non-digital gateway signs for Phase 3A and 3B of the Tourism/Visitor Wayfinding Signage Program was supported as set out in Schedule "A" of the report. Staff will continue to evaluate and research potential opportunities for digital messaging and advertising outside of the provincially controlled corridor.
- Policy 1.10.5.1. - Strategic Asset Management was amended as set out in Schedule "B" to the report.
- The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute all documentation necessary to provide consent to the Loan and Security Amending Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Simcoe and the Orillia Christian Centre for the Building Hope project.

Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the following:

- The feasibility of implementing an all-way stop at Westmount Drive South and Rose Avenue.

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