

COUNCIL Highlights

Council Meeting – Dec. 7, 2022

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022.

The following includes changes or recorded votes to recommendations from the Dec. 7, 2022 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 following were authorized to attend the virtual 2022 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) New Councillor training, with expenses:
 - Councillor Durnford
 - Councillor Smith
 - Councillor Leatherdale
 - Councillor Czetwerzuk
- In accordance with Policy 1.5.1.1. - Conferences, Conventions, and Seminars, authorized members of Council will be required to submit a report to Council in written format on the information and knowledge gained by attending this training.
- That the correspondence regarding the 2023 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Annual General Meeting and Conference from January 22-24, 2023 in Toronto was received as information.
- The report regarding the feasibility, logistics, and costs of pursuing a community fridge installation and operation at the Orillia Public Library was received as information. Staff was directed to prepare a report by March 2023, in consultation with Mr. Myles Odlozinski, on opportunities for partnerships, potential locations and funding sources for the Orillia Community Fridge proposal.
- Council authorized the City of Orillia to enter into an agreement with the seven artists identified in Schedule "A" of Report APPC-22-02 to fabricate and install the artwork for each of the seven locations identified therein.
- The following grants were approved:
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orillia and District for \$1,500
 - Born to Read Committee for \$1,000 be approved;
 - Hospice Orillia for \$1,500 be approved;
 - Orillia Concert Band for \$1,500 be approved;
 - Orillia Vocal Ensemble for \$1,500 be approved;
 - March of Dimes Canada for \$750 be approved;
 - Making Change for \$1,500 be approved;
- The grant request from the Simcoe County YouthReach was deemed ineligible in accordance with Policy 4.2.1.1. - Guidelines - Grants Committee which states that applicants may apply only once in a fiscal year, recognizing that an application was previously submitted by the organization in February 2022.

- The appointment of Council members to Agencies, Boards and Committees for a two-year term from December 7, 2022 to November 14, 2024, was approved as set out in Schedule "A" of the report from Mayor McIsaac. The 2022-2026 Council Liaison Schedule was adopted as set out in Schedule "B" to the report.
- Councillor Fallis was appointed to Arts Orillia for a two-year term from December 7, 2022 to November 14, 2024.
- The following resolution was passed by Council regarding Bill 23, the Province's *More Homes Built Faster Act*:
WHEREAS Bill 23, the Province's *More Homes Built Faster Act*, as proposed, will have serious economic, social (or quality of life), democratic, and environmental implications that cannot be ignored, as follows:

1. Fiscal: Changes to the *Development Charges Act* and *Planning Act* challenge the long-standing and fundamental principle that growth should pay for growth and not threaten to shift the burden of costs associated with growth onto existing municipal taxpayers;

2. Environmental: Amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act* signal a move away from environmental protection at a time when municipalities are experiencing real impacts of climate change and are investing in climate change mitigation measures. These changes significantly weaken environmental protections in the province through curtailing the powers given to conservation authorities. Additionally, these measures could render irrelevant the investments of municipalities to address climate change;

3. Quality of Life: Actions to bring new housing to market quickly through amendments to the *Planning Act*, *Heritage Act*, *Ontario Land Tribunal Act*, and the *Conservation Authorities Act* may have the unintended consequence of diminishing the quality, appeal and livability of our communities. Additionally, they may not accomplish the intended goal of making housing more affordable;

4. Democratic: This will remove the requirements for public meetings on certain planning matters and remove the right to appeal planning decisions. This would keep advocacy groups and members of the public in the dark on various planning matters and would lead to an inability for the public to participate and challenge decisions made. Additionally, the powers of elected municipal governments are being undermined in this bill. A municipality's capacity to make planning decisions and collect development charges among other things, will be significantly limited;

AND WHEREAS the speed with which the government intends to advance this bill through the legislature provides scant opportunity for municipalities or the public to fully understand the details and the risks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Orillia City Council petition the Provincial Government to overturn Bill 23: The *More Homes Built Faster Act*;

- This report and resolution will be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Adam Chambers, MP, Simcoe-North the Honourable Jill Dunlop, MPP,

Simcoe-North, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities. The Mayor's Office will invite Jill Dunlop, MPP, to an upcoming meeting of Council to help the City of Orillia to help understand the Provincial Government's logic behind Bill 23.

The following are recommendations from Council Committee on Dec. 7, 2022 that were adopted by Council with no changes on Dec. 7, 2022.

- The following members will be presented with a letter of appreciation from Council for having served the maximum terms with their respective Committees:
 - Harold Dougall who has served on the Accessibility Advisory Committee since September 2015;
 - Richard Bates and Joe Fecht who have served on the Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee since January 2015;
 - Julia Bailey and Fay McFarlane who have served on the Licensing Appeals Tribunal since September 2014;
- The following members be re-appointed for a four-year term to expire November 14, 2026:
 - Affordable Housing Committee:
 - Cam Davidson
 - Environmental Advisory Committee
 - Lee Hanson
 - Brian Peterson
 - Richard Ruegg
 - Lindsay Telfer
 - Jay Veitch
 - Parking Advisory Committee
 - Jamie Mask
 - Michael Knight, as a Downtown Business Improvement Area representative
 - Tony Madden, as a Downtown Business Improvement Area representative
 - Orillia Public Library Board
 - Catherine Allman
 - Meghan Edwards
 - Gail McCorkell
 - Deborah Watson
 - Waste Management Advisory Committee
 - Keith Duncan
 - Zak Gariba
 - Peter Gumbrell
 - Clifford Perry
 - Barbara Shakell-Barkey
 - Kevin Wood
- The following members be re-appointed for a three-year term to expire November 14, 2025:
 - Active Transportation Committee
 - Sara McEwen
 - Commemorative Awards Committee
 - Gilles Depratto
 - Farmers' Market Advisory Committee
 - Luke Hewitt, Vendor Representative

- Municipal Heritage Committee
 - Chris Montgomery
 - Michael Pearson
- Recreation Advisory Committee
 - Dave Mitchell
- Town and Gown Committee
 - Adam Abdullah
- The following new agency representatives were appointed:
 - Louise Cohen, as the Age-Friendly Orillia Advisory Committee representative, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire November 14, 2025;
 - Megan Fenton, as the Georgian College Staff representative, to the Transit Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire November 14, 2025;
 - Brady Zapalski, as the Georgian College Staff representative, to the Town and Gown Committee for the remainder of the term to expire November 14, 2024;
 - Sarah Ortiz, as the Georgian College Student representative, to the Town and Gown Committee for the remainder of the term to expire November 14, 2023.
- In accordance with Schedule "B" of Chapter 493 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Remuneration, the following members were deemed resigned:
 - Mark Casey, appointee to the Commemorative Awards Committee;
 - Maureen Cahill, appointee to the Waste Management Advisory Committee.
- Don Robertson will be appointed to the Orillia Power Generation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2025. Mayor McIsaac send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Tom Hussey to acknowledge his significant contributions to Orillia Power.
- The report regarding the feasibility, logistics, and costs of pursuing a community fridge installation and operation at the Orillia Public Library was received as information.
- Schedule "C" of Chapter 456 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Parks, Recreation and Culture was amended as set out in Schedule "A" of the report BDCT-22-10 from the Business Development, Culture and Tourism Department.
- Schedule "D" of Chapter 456 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Parks, Recreation and Culture be amended as set out in Schedule "B" of the report BDCT-22-10 from the Business Development, Culture and Tourism Department.
- The report regarding the bi-annual update on the City of Orillia Municipal Accommodation Tax was received as information.
- Council authorized the receipt of up to \$867,826 for the Building Safer Communities Fund to establish programming for at-risk youth in order to reduce gun and gang violence within Orillia. The Mayor and Clerk, or designate, were authorized to execute the agreement for the Building Safer Communities Fund and any future amendments to the agreement that may occur throughout the duration of the grant.
- The City's general insurance coverage was pre-approved for the twelve-month term commencing January 1, 2023, for the pre-tax premium of \$925,191, subject to normal year-end adjustments for property and fleet.
- Staff was directed to proceed with Option 2 as outlined in the report regarding the corporate governance review and a consolidated procedural by-law. Staff was directed to prepare a by-law to repeal and replace Chapters 12 and 22 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Council Committee and Council with a consolidated Procedure By-law to facilitate meetings to be held on the same day, with an effective date of January 2023. The City Clerk was authorized to make any necessary revisions to existing City of Orillia policies to achieve conformity with the consolidated Procedure By-law, upon its approval. The 2023 Council Meeting Schedule attached as Schedule "C" to the report was adopted.

The Council meeting start time be set for 2 p.m., subject to agenda volume and the need to incorporate Special and Public meetings of Council. The Governance Review Working Group will be dissolved.

- The Environmental Study Report for the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the Laclie Street Reconstruction Project will be published based on:
 - Constructing/reconstructing City transit bus laybys on Laclie Street between Neywash Street and North Street East only where there is an existing City transit bus stop location;
 - Leaving the angle at which St. Jean Street meets Laclie Street unchanged;
 - Implementing the following for the section of Laclie Street between North Street East and St. Jean Street:
 - A left turn lane for southbound vehicles on Laclie Street approaching North Street East;
 - One through lane in each direction;
 - Bike lanes for each direction;
 - Implementing Low Impact Development measures on the west side of Laclie Street along the golf course frontage.
- Council authorized Option 1 as outlined in the report regarding Rotary Place Refrigeration System. Staff was authorized to execute an agreement with DEI Associates for the design and contract administration work associated with Option 1. Funding required to complete the design, procurement and construction required for Option 1 was approved in the amount of \$1,920,000 and was appropriated from the General Asset Management Reserve Fund.
- Staff were direct to prepare a report on the following:
 - An update on rideshare companies operating within the City of Orillia as well as an overview of how other municipalities use rideshare companies as a means of providing alternative modes of public transportation.

The full agenda for the meeting is available on the City's website at orillia.ca.