

COUNCIL Highlights

Council Meeting – Jan. 30, 2023

Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended when it convened during the Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023. The recommendations are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting scheduled for Feb. 13, 2023.

- The following 2023 Partnership Program for Cultural Festivals and Events grants be approved:
 - Gathering: Festival of First Nation Stories \$2,500
 - Orillia Jazz Festival \$2,500
 - Orillia Scottish Festival \$2,500
 - Roots North Music Festival \$2,500
 - Shivers and Sizzles \$2,500
 - Orillia Perch Festival \$2,500
- The Tender for Request for Proposal 22-05 - Dr. Seymour Conservatory Greenhouse will be cancelled. Staff was directed to re-scope the project to reduce the cost of construction while still providing a building that meets the operational requirements of the Environment and Infrastructure Services Department - Parks Division. The Capital Project account for the demolition and construction of the Dr. Seymour Conservatory Greenhouse will be closed with \$1,120,000 returned to the General Asset Management Reserve Fund and \$100,000 used to fund a Capital Project for the design of the re-scoped project.
- The overall budget allocation for consulting services for the Fittons Road West Sewage Pumping Station Design was increased from \$250,000 to \$325,000 net HST, with the additional funding in the amount of \$75,000, allocated as \$37,500 from the Wastewater Reserve and \$37,500 from the Development Charges Reserve. The Mayor and Clerk was authorized to execute the agreement.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023.

Consent Agenda:

- The correspondence dated January 17, 2023 from the Chippewas of Rama First Nation regarding the position on any application and subsequent approval process for Municipal Zoning Orders were received. The Mayor's Office was directed to provide a letter of acknowledgement with respect to the Chippewas of Rama First Nation's position.

- As recommended in the correspondence dated January 24, 2023 from the Downtown Orillia Management Board, the following members were appointed:
 - Megan Murray as the Downtown Orillia Management Board representative to the Transit Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire November 14, 2025, and
 - Doug Cooper as the Downtown Orillia Management Board representative to the Parking Advisory Committee for a four-year term to expire November 14, 2026.
- Further to the correspondence dated January 14, 2023 from the Orillia Common Element Condominium and Horizontally Built Standard Condominium Committee, the Mayor's Office was directed to provide a letter of support addressed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Finance with respect to the Committee's appeal for taxation fairness.
- Further to the correspondence dated January 10, 2023 from the Royal Canadian (Air) Cadet Squadron, 99 Lynx Orillia, Policy 1.10.3.1. - Tag Days will be waived to allow this organization one additional Tag Day weekend in February 2023, subject to availability.
- Further to the correspondence dated January 11, 2023, the resignation of Stephen Watson as a member of the Farmers' Market Advisory Committee was accepted with regret and the Mayor was instructed to thank Mr. Watson for his valuable contribution to the municipality while serving as a member of the Committee. The matter of a replacement was referred to the Boards and Committees Selection Panel.
- Further to the correspondence dated January 24, 2023 from Sustainable Orillia, the Mayor's Office was directed to provide a letter of support for Sustainable Orillia's application to the Energizing Life Community Fund.
- Further to the correspondence dated January 5, 2023 from the Township of Oro-Medonte, Councillor John Bard will be appointed as the Township of Oro-Medonte's representative to the Orillia Public Library Board for a term to expire November 14, 2026.

From the Jan. 16, 2023 Council Committee:

- The following applicants were appointed for a four-year term to expire November 14, 2026:
 - To the Committee of Adjustment:
 - Pete Bowen
 - Ian Gordon
 - Kelly Smith
 - To the Downtown Orillia Management Board:
 - Jenna French
 - To the Orillia Public Library Board:
 - Elaine Bremmer
 - Helen Mallon
- The following applicants were appointed for a three-year term to expire November 14, 2025:
 - To the Accessibility Advisory Committee:
 - Shondell Conboy
 - To the Recreation Advisory Committee:
 - Don Munro
- Todd Waern was appointed to the Active Transportation Committee for the remainder of the term to expire November 14, 2023
- The following nominees for agency, board or committee representation were appointed:
 - Councillor Wanda Minnings, as the Severn Township representative to the Orillia Public Library Board for a four-year term to expire November 14, 2026 and Eric Johnston, as the Lakehead University Staff representative, to expire November 14, 2024.

- Chris Tomasini, as the Lakehead University Staff representative, was re-appointed to the Transit Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire November 14, 2025.
- The confidential staff direction was adopted further to confidential Report CAO-23-01 regarding Staffing – Business Development, Culture and Tourism.
- The confidential Report CAO-23-03 regarding COVID-19 Prevention Policy - Non Compliance was received and staff were directed to prepare a report on the policy.
- The following were appointed for a two-year term to expire November 14, 2024:
 - Councillor Durnford to replace Councillor Leatherdale on the County of Simcoe Human Services Business Section for Social, Community and Land Ambulance Services
 - Councillor Durnford to the County of Simcoe Human Services Business Section for Long-Term Care
 - Councillor Fallis to the County of Simcoe Human Services Business Section for Social, Community and Land Ambulance Services.
- Report CS-23-02 regarding electronic participation at meetings of Council, Boards and Committees was received as information.

Enquiries:

- Staff was directed to prepare a report on the following:
 - An outline of enforcement strategies that will be used to deal with homeless encampment sites in the City of Orillia.
- Staff was directed to prepare a report on the following by June 2023:
 - The options, costs and logistics of providing garbage receptacles at 15 of the City's most heavily travelled bus stops that also have the highest need for garbage receptacles. Any financial implications will be forwarded to the 2024 budget deliberations.

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