

# COUNCIL Highlights

## Council Meeting – Feb. 13, 2023

**Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended when it convened during the Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023. The recommendations are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting scheduled for Feb. 27, 2023.**

- In accordance with Policy 4.2.1.4. - Affordable Housing Incentives Policy, and further to the revised application made by Raising the Roof for the redevelopment of 25 Peter Street North for 40 affordable housing units, the applicant was granted permission to submit reduced securities for 30% of the total value of securities. The applicant will receive a grant in the amount of \$129,250 from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to assist with the purchase price of the land, in the amount of \$106,500, and the City's Planning, Building and Engineering review fees, in the amount of \$22,750. The grants will be disbursed in accordance with the timing in the following manner:
  - After the closing date on the purchase of 25 Peter Street North, a grant will be given to Raising the Roof in the form of a cheque from the City.
  - At the time the applicable Planning, Building and Engineering review fees are payable, an internal transfer from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to the applicable operating accounts within the Development Services and Engineering Department will be completed by the City.
- Schedule "A" of the report regarding the Service Delivery Modernization Review of User Fees was received as information. The User Fee presentation as set out in Schedule "B" was also received as information. Schedules "A", "B", "C", and "D" of Chapter 456 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Parks, Recreation and Culture were adopted as set out in Schedule "C" to the report. Staff was directed to prepare a by-law for these amendments. Policy 7.2.3.9. - Community Service Organization Designation Policy was adopted as set out in Schedule "D" to the report. Policy 7.2.3.2. - Facility Allocation was amended as set out in Schedule "E" to the report. Policy 7.2.3.7. - Recreation Facility Booking Cancellation Policy was amended as set out in Schedule "F" to the report. Staff was directed to report back to Council with a Recreation Financial Assistance Program.

- \$200,000 was allocated from the Community Improvement Plan Reserve to administer the 2023 Downtown Tomorrow Community Improvement Plan Tier 1 and Tier 2 grant programs, in accordance with Schedule "B" of Report BDCT-23-02.
- The business plan for the Innovation Collective was endorsed as set out in Schedule "A" to Report BDCT-23-03. \$500,000 was allocated from the Innovation Hub Reserve to administer the Innovation Collective three-year pilot project. The terms of reference for the Innovation Collective were approved as set out in Appendix "B" to Schedule "A" of the report. The following members were appointed to the Innovation Collective Liaison Team:
  - Mayor Don McIsaac
  - Councillor Whitney Smith
  - Member of Business Community
  - Interim Director of Business Development, Culture and Tourism Department

The Liaison Team was delegated authority to appoint members to the Innovation Collective Organizing Committee and the Liaison Team will report back bi-annually through the Council Information Package with updates regarding the Innovation Collective.

**Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023.**

- The following were authorized to attend the 2023 OSUM Annual General Meeting and Conference from April 26-28, 2023, in Paris, Ontario, with expenses:
  - Councillor Durnford
  - Councillor Czetwerzuk
 As per Policy 1.5.1.1. - Conferences, Conventions, and Seminars, Councillor Durnford and Czetwerzuk will be required to submit a report to Council in written format on the information and knowledge gained by attending this training.
- The Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia supports the resolution dated January 17, 2023 from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding federal funding for the Freshwater Action Fund for Lake Simcoe. Copies of a letter of support from the Mayor's Office, along with the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's resolution will be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Finance; the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change; the President of the Treasury Board; the Members of Parliament for York-Simcoe, Newmarket-Aurora, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, Barrie-Innisfil, Simcoe North, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and Durham; and to all Lake Simcoe-region municipalities and the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority, with a request for their endorsement.
- The correspondence Army Navy Air Force Veterans in Canada Unit 400 regarding a request to rename The Esplanade (between Mississaga Street East

and Elgin Street) was referred to the Development Services and Engineering Department for a report back to Council Committee.

- Further to the deputation from the Orillia Rowing Club, staff was directed to prepare a report on the feasibility of building a boathouse at Kitchener Park.
- The following resolution was passed as set out in the Supplementary Memo dated February 3, 2023 from the Corporate Services Department:

*“WHEREAS Council passed Development Charges By-law Number 2018-14 on the 12th day of February, 2018 pursuant to the provisions of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended (the “Act”);*

*AND WHEREAS Council considers it appropriate to complete a new Development Charges Background Study and pass a new Development Charges By-law pursuant to the Act to replace Development Charges By-law Number 2018-14 from the date of passage of the new Development Charges By-law.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

*1. The Development Charges Background Study prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd. and dated December 15, 2022, is hereby adopted. The increase in the need of services attributable to the anticipated development as contemplated in the Development Charges Background Study dated December 15, 2022, including any capital costs, will be met by updating the capital budget and forecast for the City of Orillia, where appropriate. The future excess capacity identified in the Development Charges Background Study dated December 15, 2022 shall be paid for by the development charges contemplated in the said Development Charges Background Study, or other similar charges.*

*2. Having considered there were no submissions received at the Public Meeting held on January 16, 2023 and the proposed Development Charges By-law and taking into consideration any changes made to the proposed Development Charges By-law following the said Public Meeting, Council hereby determines that no further Public Meeting under Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 27 is necessary with respect to the said Development Charges Background Study or the Development Charges By-law.”*

- The Transit Advisory Committee was directed to prepare a report for the May 1, 2023 Council meeting with respect to the following:
  - An analysis of current bus routes that explores ways to improve their productivity, efficiency, scheduling, and costs.
- The correspondence dated February 1, 2023 from Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital regarding the Start Today Serve Tomorrow campaign was received.

**From the Feb. 13, 2023 Council Committee:**

- The report, presentation and Customer Service Review final report provided by Optimus SBR as part of the Service Delivery Modernization Review was received. The Corporate Services Department's Capital Budget request to implement the recommendations in the consultant's report will be considered during the 2023 Capital Budget deliberations.

**From the Jan. 30, 2023 Council Committee:**

- The following 2023 Partnership Program for Cultural Festivals and Events grants were 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.

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