

COUNCIL Highlights

Council Meeting – April 17, 2023

Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended when it convened during the Council meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023. The recommendations are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting scheduled for May 1, 2023.

- The Art in Public Places Strategic Plan from Cobalt Connects, as set out in Schedule "A" to Report APPC-23-01, was received and adopted in principle.
- Staff was directed to prepare a by-law for Council's consideration to require short-term rental accommodations to be licensed by the City and impose requirements under which short-term property rentals can operate. Staff was authorized to obtain legal advice with respect to the draft by-law with an upset limit of \$25,000, funded by the Operating Contingency Reserve.
- Staff be directed to conduct community outreach through the 2023 growing season to determine the demand for new community gardens at Hillcrest Park and York Street Park. Subject to community support for new community gardens at Hillcrest Park and York Street Park, staff were directed to prepare a Capital Project submission for consideration as part of the 2024 Budget deliberations.
- The report regarding the acceleration of the implementation of the end-of-pipe retrofits within the City's Stormwater Master Plan was received. Three stormwater management end-of-pipe retrofit project studies for Municipal Class Environmental Assessments will be forwarded for consideration to the 2024 Budget deliberations to accelerate the implementation schedule of the projects.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023:

- A confidential report regarding a proposed lease of land by the municipality and potential associated contractual negotiations was received and confidential staff direction was adopted.
- The Parking Rate Structure set out in Schedule "A" of Chapter 454 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Property Services will be repealed and replaced with Schedule "A" of Report DSE-23-17. The increase to on-street rates will become effective May 1, 2023, and the increase to off-street rates will become effective June 1, 2023.
Further to the Centennial Drive reconstruction and associated impacts on the scheduled 2023 special events in Couchiching Beach Park, Policy 7.1.2.3. - J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park and Policy 7.1.6.4. - Special Event Requests will be temporarily waived for 2023. The Traffic and Parking Regulation By-law Number

2007-55 will be amended to prohibit boat trailer parking with J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park. \$50,000 was allocated from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve for public communication and signage, as well as minor upgrades to J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park to accommodate the additional special events occurring within the park. Facility rental fees outlined in Schedule "A" of Chapter 456 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Parks, Recreation and Culture will be waived for events required to relocate due to the construction if the rental fees associated with the relocation are higher than the current rental fees. \$5,650 in fees for the concession operations at Couchiching Beach Park will be waived for 2023. \$1,670 in additional funding will be provided to the Scottish Festival to offset the cost of additional bussing required due to the relocation of the event to J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park with funding appropriated through the Grants Budget.

- Further to the Centennial Drive reconstruction and associated impacts on the scheduled 2023 Canada Day Festival, \$8,000 will be allocated from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve for public shuttles and additional security to accommodate the 2023 Canada Day Festival occurring within Couchiching Beach Park. Facility rental fees outlined as Schedule "A" of Chapter 456 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code – User Fees – Parks, Recreation and Culture will be waived for the 2023 Canada Day Festival to assist the Committee with anticipated fundraising losses and increased expenses due to the construction delays.
- The Solid Waste Operating Budget allocated for the Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Removal Contract be increased in the amount of \$20,000 from \$41,425 to \$61,425 including net HST. Funding for this increase will be appropriated from the Operating Contingency Reserve. Used pharmaceuticals and sharps will no longer be accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot effective July 1, 2023.
- Council adopted the recommendations as set out on the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting of Council held on April 17, 2023 with the exception to the following which was introduced separately:
- A five-year grant to the Mariposa Folk Festival was approved in the amount of \$33,500 in 2024, \$32,000 in 2025, \$33,000 in 2026, \$34,000 in 2027 with funding appropriated from the Municipal Accommodation Tax operating budget. A waiver of commercial rate rental payments and user fees established by Chapter 456 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Parks, Recreation and Culture was authorized in the amount of \$8,110 in 2023, \$8,885 in 2024, \$9,519 in 2025 and up to \$10,475 in 2026, approximately \$11,525 in 2027, with funding appropriated from the annual Municipal Accommodation Tax operating budget. A five-year Memorandum of Understanding between the Mariposa Folk Festival and the City of Orillia outlining the terms and conditions of funding will be established in accordance with Policy 4.2.1.2. - Partnership Program for Cultural Festivals and Events. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.
- Council adopted the following motion as a reconsideration of Resolution Number 2023-52 from its special meeting regarding the 2023 Budget Ratification held on February 27, 2023 with respect to the Garbage Tag User Pay Program:
 - That Report EIS-BC-23-03 dated December 30, 2022 from the Environment and Infrastructure Services Department regarding the Garbage Tag User

Program be received as information, thereby retaining the distribution of 20 garbage tags per household. The net impact of the \$85,000 decrease for 2023 will be allocated from the Tax Rate Stabilization Fund.

- **The following motion was postponed until the May 1, 2023 meeting:**
Council approved the Official Plan Amendment for Application No. D09-205 and the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment for Application No. D14-889 (735, 825, 875, 885 and 925 Line 15 North with Part of East 1/2 Lot 6, Concession 2) as set out in Report DSE-23-19 dated April 12, 2023 from the Development Services and Engineering Department.
- Staff were directed to prepare a report with respect to the following:
 - The feasibility, logistics and cost of altering standard parking spaces at the Orillia Recreation Centre and replacing them with up to three barrier-free parking spaces.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023 from Council Committee on April 3, 2023:

- A Working Group will be created to review the delivery of economic development services in the City of Orillia with a mandate to:
 - Provide comments and advice during the Economic Development Strategy Project through to completion
 - Explore other economic development models
 - Consider the re-establishment of the Economic Development Committee.

The committee will consist of the following:

- Mayor Don McIsaac
- Councillor Ralph Cipolla
- Councillor Tim Lauer
- Councillor Whitney Smith

The Working Group will consider local community partners for input into the strategy. Administrative support will be provided by staff from the Business Development, Culture and Tourism Department. The Working Group will prepare recommendations with respect to the future of economic development in the City of Orillia for Council consideration by October 31, 2023.

- The form of draft by-law and franchise agreement as per Schedule "A" of the report regarding the adopting of gas distribution agreement with Enbridge Gas was approved and the submission to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act* was authorized. The Ontario Energy Board will be requested to issue an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the City of Orillia is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute the franchise agreement attached as Schedule "A" to the report.

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