

COUNCIL Highlights

Council Meeting – May 1, 2023

Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended when it convened during the Council meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023. The recommendations are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting scheduled for May 15, 2023.

- Staff was directed to:
 - Implement a free "Teen Pass" for passengers aged 13-19 years of age
 - Reduce Senior Fares from a 15% discount to a \$2 flat rate
 - Introduce "free transit" promotional days
 - Implement the Laclie Route Modification as set out in Schedule "C" to the report
 - Implement an "On-Demand" booking system for the Orillia Wheelchair Limousine Service

A Working Group will be established to explore and investigate options for the implementation of an "On-Demand" Transit Service. Staff, in consultation with the Transit Advisory Committee, be requested to report back on the specific composition and terms of reference for the "On Demand" Working Group, along with financial estimates for the proposed changes listed above.

As a result of Council's receipt and review of the Transit overview report, final approval was granted for the Capital Project in the 2023 Capital Program - Page 230 regarding the Transit Shelter Program in the amount of \$54,000 and for the Capital Project in the 2023 Capital Program - Page 231 regarding the Transit Equipment Replacement in the amount of \$1,320,000.

- The following grants were approved:
 - Telecare Distress Line of Greater Simcoe for \$1,500
 - Cellar Singers for \$1,500
 - Couchiching Jubilee House for \$1,500
- Pursuant to Subsection 51(33) of the Planning Act, the lapsing date for the Draft Plan of Subdivision Application No. 43T-19001 (Paul Federico Orillia (144 Elgin Street) Ventures Inc. - formerly 144 Elgin Street) was extended from May 22, 2023 to May 22, 2024. The Draft Plan of Common Elements Condominium Application No. 43CD-19001 (Paul Federico Orillia (144 Elgin Street) Ventures Inc. - formerly 144 Elgin Street) was also extended from May 22, 2023 to May 22, 2024.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023:

- As recommended in the confidential report regarding a legal update on the Wastewater Treatment Centre Process Optimization and Tertiary Treatment Project, Option 1 was adopted. The budget allocation confidentially set out in the

report will be provided to the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer for auditing purposes.

- Arnott Construction Limited was awarded Quotation DSE-ENG-23033, Reconstruction of Lacie Street from Neywash Street to Borland Street East and of Tecumseth Street from Lacie Street to Centennial Drive for the quoted sum of \$7,613,605 plus HST. The CAO was authorized to execute an agreement with Arnott Construction Limited for Quotation DSE-ENG-23033, Reconstruction of Lacie Street from Neywash Street to Borland Street East and of Tecumseth Street from Lacie Street to Centennial Drive. R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited was authorized to proceed with contract administration and construction inspection for the project at an estimated cost of \$370,000. The overall budget allocation for this project was increased by \$878,000 and consistent with the funding allocations illustrated in the original projects.
- Council adopted the recommendations from the Council consent agenda.
- The correspondence from the County of Simcoe regarding municipal partnerships in the creation of affordable rental development was received and referred to the Development Services and Engineering Department - Planning and Housing Division. Staff, in consultation with the Affordable Housing Committee, was directed to prepare a report exploring options and opportunities that the City could undertake in partnership with the County of Simcoe to create new affordable housing.
- The following resolution was passed:
*"WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;
AND WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service, and health solutions from government;
AND WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;
AND WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to address this complex challenge;
AND WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:*
 - 1. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;*
 - 2. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;*
 - 3. Work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal; and**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia directs the Mayor's Office to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the*

Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe-North, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

- Councillor Durnford was authorized to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Annual Conference and Trade Show from May 25- 28, 2023, in Toronto, Ontario, with expenses. Councillor Durnford is required to submit a report to Council in written form on the information and knowledge gained by attending this training.
- Further to the Public Meeting of Council held on April 17, 2023, the Draft 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), was deferred for the following reasons as determined by Council:
 - To provide additional time for Mayor McIsaac to meet with the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to discuss and understand the implications of Bill 23 - *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, on this proposed development.
- Staff, in consultation with the Parking Advisory Committee and the Downtown Orillia Management Board, were directed to prepare a report on the following:
 - The feasibility, potential costs, and options for increasing the number of on-street metered parking spaces in the downtown core.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023 from Council Committee on April 17, 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.

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