

COUNCIL Highlights

Council Meeting – May 15, 2023

Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended when it convened during the Council meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023. The recommendations are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting scheduled for June 5, 2023:

- The confidential report regarding the Municipal Services Management Agreement was received. Staff were directed to negotiate the proposed terms within the Agreement based on the confidential direction from Council and to report back with a draft Agreement for Council's consideration.
- The Commemorative Awards Committee, in consultation with Indigenous partners and other relevant parties, was directed to review Thomas Gummingsall Anderson's membership in Orillia's Hall of Fame and will report back to Council with recommendations on how to proceed.
- Schedule "19" to Traffic and Parking Regulation By-law Number 2007-55, as amended - *40 kilometre per hour Rate of Speed School Zones* will be further amended to designate Coldwater Road between Emily Street and Albert Street as a School Zone. \$20,000 will be allocated from the Operating Contingency Budget to install and operate flashing lights before the start of the 2023/2024 school year commencement on each end of the School Zone at Coldwater Road between Emily Street and Albert Street.
- Chapter 725 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Vehicle-for-Hire Licensing will be amended to repeal the requirement for a vulnerable sector screening certificate for transportation network company drivers.
- Policy 7.3.4.2. - Recreation Financial Assistance Program was adopted. Staff was directed to conduct a two-year pilot program for the Recreation Financial Assistance Program beginning January 1, 2024. Staff will report back to Council on the Recreation Financial Assistance Program after the two-year pilot program. Funding for the Recreation Financial Assistance Program will be referred to the 2024 Budget deliberations.
- The City of Orillia Policy Manual will be amended for housekeeping purposes as set out in Schedule "A" to the report.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023:

- Council adopted the recommendations from the Council consent agenda.
- The sale of lots 8 and 9, located on Horne Business Park lands, was approved. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute all documentation necessary to effect the sale. The net proceeds from the sale will be transferred to the Land Reserve Fund.

Upon completion of the transactions anticipated under the report and for a period of ten years there following, staff was directed to refrain from selling any property located on Horne Business Park lands to any party identifying that its primary use for the lands is a convention centre.

- The following applicants be appointed for a four-year term to expire November 14, 2026:
 - To the Environmental Advisory Committee
 - Madeleine Fournier
 - To the Waste Management Advisory Committee
 - Nicholas Damer
- The following applicants be appointed for a three-year term to expire November 14, 2025:
 - To the Active Transportation Committee
 - Kayly Robbins
 - To the Commemorative Awards Committee
 - Liz Dunn
- The 2023 tax ratios in relation to the residential tax class set to 1.0, as per Provincial Legislation, will be set as follows:
 - Multi-residential at 1.378000
 - New Multi-residential at 1.100000
 - Industrial at 1.842000
 - Large Industrial at 1.842000
 - Commercial at 1.833000
 - Pipeline at 2.855968
 - Landfill at 0.597728

The 2023 graduated tax rates on two bands of Commercial assessment remains unchanged and set with the first band from \$0 to \$10,000,000 of assessment, and the second band being all assessment above \$10,000,000. The 2023 low-band Commercial tax rate remains unchanged and set at 47% of the high-band Commercial tax rate. The 2023 sub-class discounts will be eliminated for Commercial and Industrial Vacant/Excess land.

- Staff were directed to report on the feasibility of creating a seasonal dog park at the Carmichael Ball Diamond for the 2023-2024 winter in consultation with applicable baseball user groups. The report is to explore the feasibility of inviting members of the public to assist with the springtime clean up of the Carmichael ball diamond.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023 from Council Committee on May 1, 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.

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