

COUNCIL Highlights

Budget Committee Meeting – June 19, 2023

Below are highlights of what Budget Committee at its meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023. The recommendations are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting scheduled for June 19, 2023:

- The Request for Proposal for the Orillia Net Zero Transit Hub and Parking Garage will be cancelled. Staff was directed to re-scope the project to include a Net Zero Transit Hub facility that satisfies the minimum requirements necessary to accommodate the City's public transit service together with the ability to interline with the County's LINX transit service. Staff was directed to report back on opportunities for partnerships with private sector, public sector, and not-for-profit organizations that would consider opportunities to facilitate Council's Strategic priority of affordable housing opportunities as part of a consolidated Transit Hub/Affordable Housing/parking solution. The existing project budget will be used to re-scope the functional design, and to assist with the preparation of a public sector and/or private sector and/or not-for-profit sector partnership agreement.
- The report regarding an overview of the 2023 Road and Sidewalk Program was received as information. Staff was directed to report back to Budget Committee regarding the gravel section of road between Cedar Island Road to the Sailing Club and the section of Barrie Road from Walker Avenue to Mississauga Street West.
- Staff was directed to report to Budget Committee as part of the 2024 Budget deliberations with the costs and revenues that may be associated with the potential implementation of an Automated Speed Enforcement and Red-Light Cameras program. Staff was directed to report back to Budget Committee on other areas that should be designated as Community Safety Zones.
- The report regarding the snowplow tracker initiative was received as information.
- Schedule "A" of Chapter 457 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Environmental Services and Operations - Solid Waste Management will be amended as set out in Schedule "A" to Report EIS-BC-24-01 effective January 1, 2024.
- The City will enter into a Master Service Agreement and its associated Statement of Works with Circular Materials (Ontario) to maintain the current blue box collection services through the transition period from January 1, 2024 to December

31, 2025. The General Manager of Environment and Infrastructure Services was authorized to negotiate, amend, and execute the Master Service Agreement, its associated Statement of Works and any related documents with Circular Materials (Ontario) on the City's behalf.

- Staff was directed to prepare a draft 2024 Operating Budget to address inflationary and other economic pressures with a maximum tax levy increase range of 0% to 4% after taking into account the Municipal Price Index, Council priorities, and growth pressures experienced by the City.

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