

COUNCIL Highlights

Council Meeting – June 19, 2023

Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended when it convened during the Council meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023. The recommendations are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting scheduled for July 17, 2023:

- The report regarding information and knowledge gained by attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's New Councillor Training was received as information.
- The report from the Lighthouse Shelter regarding an operations update and funding request for the Orillia Overnight Warming Centre was received as information.
- The bi-annual update on the City of Orillia Municipal Accommodation Tax was received. The Use of Funds Agreement and Collection Agreement with Orillia and Lake Country Tourism will be renegotiated and extended for a five-year term ending December 31, 2028. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute all agreements regarding the Municipal Accommodation Tax. Staff will report back to Council through the annual Budget deliberations to review the success of the Municipal Accommodation Tax with Orillia and Lake Country Tourism.
- Costs and logistics of providing garbage receptacles at bus stops was referred to the 2024 Budget deliberations as a one-year pilot project.
- The report regarding an update on property taxation arrears and the status of the tax sale process be received as information.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023:

- Council approved the recommendations as set out on the Consent Agenda.
- Chapter 658 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Obstruction - Encumbrance - Fouling will be amended as set out in Schedule "A" in Report DSE-23-24. Operating funding in the amount of \$9,000 be approved for the purchase of appropriate personal protective equipment with any related unfavourable year-end variances being funded by a transfer from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve up to the approved amount.
- Staff was directed to negotiate an agreement with L!V Communities that would permit L!V Communities to enter onto the City's INCH Employment Lands to construct the Phase 1 portion of the planned INCH Arterial Road and associated servicing infrastructure. Development Charge funds in the form of a Development Charge credit will be contributed to L!V Communities in an amount not exceeding

\$3,212,663, together with an additional contribution not to exceed \$2,234,442, to be funded from the existing approved Capital Project Number 03272.

Below are highlights of what Budget Committee recommended on Monday, June 19 and was adopted by Council at its meeting on Monday, 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 Mississaga 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 correspondence regarding Sunday Evening Band Concerts was received.
- Further to the deputation regarding the proposal for youth transitional housing, the volunteer group work with the County of Simcoe as the City's designated system service manager, to present their proposal and ensure that the proposal aligns with the goals of the affordable housing and homelessness strategy. The County of

Simcoe will advise Council of the options and opportunities that may exist with respect to the proposal regarding Orillia Transitional Housing Project.

- Councillor Lauer provided notice that he intends to introduce a motion at the July 17, 2023 Council meeting to reconsider Resolution Number 2023-140 from the special meeting held on May 29, 2023, with respect to the Strategic/Corporate Plan Process.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023 from Council Committee on June 5, 2023:

- The report from Councillor Durnford regarding information and knowledge gained by attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Ending Homelessness Symposium was received as information.
- THAT Report MC-23-10 dated May 16, 2023, from Councillors Durnford, Leatherdale and Czetwerzuk regarding information and knowledge gained by attending the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities 2023 Annual General Meeting and Conference was received as information.
- The following resolution was passed:
*"WHEREAS residents of remote and rural communities in Ontario rely on their public community hospitals for surgeries and medical care;
AND WHEREAS residents of these communities rely on their public community hospitals for surgeries and medical care;
AND WHEREAS Bill 60, Your Health Act, 2023, will create private for-profit hospitals and clinics throughout the province;
AND WHEREAS Bill 60, Your Health Act, 2023, will take thousands of surgeries and diagnostic tests out of our local public hospitals and offer those services to the private for-profit hospitals and clinics;
AND WHEREAS Bill 60, Your Health Act, 2023, will draw doctors and nurses from the small community hospitals, resulting in the possible closure of those small public community hospitals forcing residents to travel longer distances for treatment.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the City of Orillia supports the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association recommendation that the Ontario government reconsider its support for the expansion of private for-profit hospitals and clinics and rescind Bill 60;*
The Mayor's Office was directed to meet with the Member of Parliament Jill Dunlop to discuss Council's opposition to Bill 60 and report back to Council via CIP.
- The mandate and terms of reference to formally establish the Orillia Food Committee as a permanent Committee of Council were adopted. The Committee will be comprised of the following eleven members:
 - One Council Representative being Councillor Jeff Czetwerzuk
 - One member from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
 - One member from Georgian College
 - One member from Lakehead University
 - One member from The Sharing Place Food Centre
 - One local area farm operator
 - One youth member aged 16-25 who identifies as a local student
 - Four area participants including:

- One member who identifies as Indigenous
- One member who identifies as a senior
- One member with lived experience of food insecurity or a background in sustainable and equitable food systems;

Staff was directed to prepare a constitution by-law for inclusion in the City's Municipal Code and to report back with recommendations to identify a staff resource to support and guide the Committee as its subject matter expert.

- Alterations made as part of Phase 1 of the Winter Control Sanding/Salting Strategy, on a pilot basis, were received and incorporated as part of standard operations. Staff were authorized to move forward with Phase 2 of the Winter Control Sanding/Salting Strategy, on a pilot basis and will report back in June 2024 to provide an update on the results of Phase 2 of the Winter Control Sanding/Salting Strategy.
- The report regarding the findings and outcomes of the Facility Risk Assessments completed for City sites and facilities was received as information.

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