

COUNCIL Highlights

Council Meeting – Sept. 25, 2023

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 25, 2023:

- The confidential presentation from Mr. John Saunders, Partner, Hicks Morley, regarding City of Orillia Fire Service was received.
- The confidential report from the Corporate Services Department regarding the compensation review for the exempt employee group was referred to the 2024 Budget process.

Due to meeting and presentation challenges experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, Section 124.3.5 of Chapter 124 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Commemorative Awards Committee - Presentation was waived in 2023 to authorize the Committee to address outstanding nominations and to permit four Order of Orillia Awards and four inductions into the Orillia Hall of Fame.

- The report from the Development Services and Engineering Department regarding an update on the proposed traffic lights at Orchard Point was received as information. Staff and Mayor McIsaac were directed to report by with a status update by Oct. 30, 2023.
- The Chief Administrative Officer was authorized to commission a full Orillia Fire Services Review. Budget allocation of up to \$100,000 was approved and will be appropriated from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve for the review. The negative variance of approximately \$150,000 be adjusted within the approved 2023 Fire Services Budget to enable additional overtime as deemed appropriate by the Fire Chief.
- Council adopted the recommendations as set out on the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, September 25, 2023.
- Further to the deputation from Orchard Park Public School's On the Move Team, staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the feasibility and costs associated with the following:
 - Establishing a crosswalk at Park Street and Calverley Street
 - Establishing a sidewalk along South Street
 - Establishing a sidewalk on Fittons Road between the Fittons Road crosswalk and Derby Street

- Establishing a painted bike lane along Park Street
 - Installing school zone signage and repositioning the 40-kilometre speed limit signage on Calverley Street
 - Scheduling year-round maintenance, including snow clearing, of Carmichael Park, as well as the walk-throughs to Carter Crescent, Lewis Drive, and Carmichael Court
- Staff was directed to prepare a Capital Project submission for the 2024 Budget deliberations with respect to the costs associated with relocating the bus stop at the corner of Monarch Drive and West Ridge Boulevard to be closer to the West Ridge Park along West Ridge Boulevard.
 - Staff was directed to prepare a report by October 16, 2023, with respect to the feasibility and costs associated with installing and providing daily sanitation of four portable toilets, as well as establishing a regular garbage pick-up schedule near larger encampment sites located throughout the City.
 - Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the feasibility of amending the Open Public Forum Procedure as set out in Section 22.7.9 of Chapter 22 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Council - Procedure to permit speakers to address Council on matters that do not appear on the current meeting agenda.
 - Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the feasibility of installing a four-way stop at Mary Street and Douglas Street.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 25, 2023 from Council Committee on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023:

- As recommended in confidential Report CS-23-32, the amendment of an agreement of purchase and sale with Montfort Developments Inc., substituting Lots 5 and 6 for Lots 8 and 9, provided that in all instances the amendment shall maintain a purchase price of \$504,032 per acre was authorized. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute all documentation necessary to effect the amendment and complete the transactions anticipated under the agreement of purchase and sale, as amended.
- As recommended in the report from the Affordable Housing Committee regarding Policy 4.2.1.4. - Affordable Housing Incentives, the Policy will be repealed and replaced as set out in Schedule "A" in report AHC-23-02.
- The report regarding the feasibility of creating a seasonal dog park at the Carmichael Ball Diamond was received as information. Opportunities for leash free areas within the City will be referred to the next update of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan.
- The provision with respect to lease of City Property at fair market value within City Policy 1.7.1.1 - Real Property was waived to create a lease of certain lands within Kitchener Park to the Orillia Rowing Club for a 21-year lease term at an annual rate of \$2,500 with an annual increase of 3%. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute all documentation necessary to effect the lease to the Orillia Rowing Club.

In consideration of the contribution of the Orillia Rowing Club to the social fabric of the City of Orillia, Mayor McIsaac was directed to provide a letter of support to request the future Council of the City of Orillia to favourably consider an additional 21-year lease of certain lands within Kitchener Park to the Orillia Rowing Club. Staff was directed to attach said letter of support from Mayor McIsaac as a Schedule to the lease document.

- The Semi-Annual Statement of Expenses for members of Council was received as information.
- The Environmental Assessment and Detailed Designs for the reconstruction of Borland Street and Tecumseth Street Capital Project Number 03317 was permitted to exceed budget by \$50,000. The additional costs will be funded from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Reserve.

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