

# COUNCIL Highlights

## Council Meeting – Feb. 12, 2024

Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended when it convened on Monday, Feb. 12, 2024. The wording is meant to highlight the spirit and direction and does not reflect the exact motion.

The recommendations are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting scheduled for March 4, 2024 with exception to recommendations pulled for ratification on Feb. 12, 2024.

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  - Councillor Smith
  - Councillor Cipolla
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  - Councillor Durnford;

The working group will report back to Council by March 4, 2024.

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- Confidential direction as outlined in Option 1 of the confidential report regarding the City of Orillia's participation and financial contribution to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority was adopted.
- Confidential direction as outlined in Option 1 of the confidential regarding a Letter of Intent from the Orillia Museum of Art and History was adopted.
- The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute a 10-year agreement with the Township of Severn to permit the Orillia Transit System to provide service in the Township of Severn at no cost.
- Chapter 105 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Local Board - Procedures will be repealed and replaced as set out in Schedule "A" to Report CS-23-25. The terms of all current appointees will be amended to expire at the end of the term of Council (Nov. 14, 2026).
- The following Committees will be dissolved, and the associated Chapters be repealed:
  - Chapter 75 - Economic Development Committee
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The Mayor's Office was directed to prepare correspondence to current appointees to provide Council's appreciation of their past contributions and willingness to serve the community.

- To facilitate a new Public Engagement Framework and the Committee structure set out by the proposed amendments, the following constitutions for mandatory advisory committees will be appended to Chapter 105 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Committees and Public Appointments, as amended:
  - a) Schedule A - Accessibility Advisory Committee
  - b) Schedule B - Municipal Heritage Committee
  - c) Schedule C - Waste Management Advisory Committee
  - d) Schedule D - Working Group List:
    - i. Affordable Housing Working Group
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- Policy 5.7.1.7. - Use of Workplace Electric Vehicle Charging Stations was adopted. Staff was directed to report back by way of a Council Information Package memo summarizing the results of the implementation of the subject policy.
- Chapter 251 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Delegated Authority was amended to provide delegated authority to the General Manager of Development Services and Engineering, or in his/her absence, the Senior Planner, with respect to authority to approve applications for Validation of Title and Certificates of Cancellation for Consents.
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- Council referred recommendations of Council Committee to the next regular meeting of Council to be held Monday, March 4, 2024, with the exception of the following item(s) which were referred to the Consent Agenda on Feb. 12, 2024:
  - Council Referrals Report Number 1 - Development Services and Engineering Department - re Managed Encampment Sites and Temporary Supportive Rapid Re-Housing Program
  - Council Referrals Report Number 3 - Corporate Services Department - re Committee Structure and Public Appointments Process
  - Departmental Report Number 1 - Environment and Infrastructure Services Department - re Use of Workplace Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Policy

- Departmental Report Number 2 - Development Services and Engineering Department - re Delegation of Authority - Validation of Title and Consent Cancellations
- Departmental Report Number 3 - Corporate Services Department - re Administration of the School Crossing Guard Program

**Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, Feb. 12, 2024:**

- Council adopted the recommendations as set out in the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, February 12, 2024 with the exception of:
  - January 29, 2024 Council Committee - Council Referral Report Number 1 - Development Services and Engineering Department - re Chapter 938 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Noise - Fireworks in Residential Areas **(postponed until March 25, 2024)**.
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- The correspondence dated January 25, 2024 from Georgian College regarding major reforms to the International Student Program announced by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada was received. Council passed the following resolution:  
WHEREAS housing affordability and availability is a complex and long-standing societal problem with no single driver;  
AND WHEREAS international students have a significant positive societal, cultural, and economic impact on Orillia;  
AND WHEREAS approximately 50% of full-time Georgian College students and 21% of Lakehead University students are international students;  
AND WHEREAS the abrupt introduction of a moratorium on student visa processing will potentially have a significant impact on the enrollment and budgets of Georgian College and Lakehead University, and by extension, their ability to meet critical labour market needs;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia supports Georgian College in its appeal to the Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship to lift the moratorium on study permit processing for international college and university students;  
AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Adam Chambers, Member of Parliament for Simcoe-North, the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities, and Member of Provincial

Parliament for Simcoe-North, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

- Further to the deputation dated February 12, 2024 from The Lighthouse, staff was directed to prepare a report, in consultation with the County of Simcoe, with respect to the feasibility of supporting The Lighthouse's request, in principle, to build supportive and/or affordable housing at 75 Queen Street East. The report is also to explore options and opportunities for possible locations to build a youth supportive housing complex, subject to the outcomes of the Orillia Youth Strategy.
- Further to the correspondence dated January 26, 2024 from the Town of Orangeville regarding a social and economic prosperity review, the following supporting resolution was passed:  
“BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia supports the Town of Orangeville’s resolution regarding a request to the Province of Ontario to undertake with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;  
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.
- Correspondence from the Chief Administrative Office regarding trees planted and removed in 2023 was received and referred to Budget Committee. Staff was directed to report back on increasing the allocation of funds for tree planting for the 2025 Budget deliberations.
- Councillor Durnford was authorized to attend the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Annual General Meeting and conference from August 18-21, 2024 in Ottawa, Ontario, with expenses. In accordance with Policy 1.5.1.1. - Conferences, Conventions, and Seminars, Councillor Durnford will be required to submit a report to Council in written form on the information and knowledge gained by attending this training.
- Council reconsidered Resolution Number 2023-92 from its meeting held on April 3, 2023 regarding the creation of a proposed clubhouse/boathouse facility in Kitchener Park for the Orillia Rowing Club.
- The Orillia Rowing Club's pursuit of a grant funding application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the costs associated with the creation of a proposed clubhouse/boathouse facility in Kitchener Park was supported in principle, subject to the following condition:
  - The Orillia Rowing Club enter into a lease with the City of Orillia that is satisfactory to the City of Orillia;The Orillia Rowing Club received a one-time grant allocation of \$75,000 to be provided through internal transfer(s) to offset some of the costs of building the proposed clubhouse/boathouse facility in Kitchener Park with funding appropriated from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.
- Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the following:
  - An analysis of potential long-term solutions for traffic calming, pedestrian use, and speed compliance along University Avenue between Stone Ridge Boulevard and Vanessa Drive that can be considered as part of future Capital Projects. An analysis of the effectiveness of long-term use of digital speed feedback signs, to be located on either side of the road along University Avenue between Stone Ridge Boulevard and Vanessa Drive, be considered as part of the 2025 Budget deliberations.

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