

# COUNCIL Highlights

## Regular Council Meeting – May 6, 2024

Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended when it convened on Monday, May 6, 2024. The recommendations are subject to ratification at the next scheduled Council meeting of May 21, 2024 unless the item is pulled and ratified on May 6, 2024. The wording is meant to be highlights and does not reflect the actual motion.

- As recommended in confidential Report CS-24-13 regarding options for property located at Front Street South, Option 1 was adopted.
- As recommended in confidential Report CS-24-14 regarding an offer to purchase property, Option 1 was adopted.
- Further to confidential Report MC-24-06 from Mayor McIsaac and Councillor Cipolla regarding the potential acquisition of property, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a confidential agreement related to the properties in closed session. \$35,000 was allocated from the Operating Contingency Account for property appraisals and opinion of value. The confidential direction provided to staff was adopted.
- The recruitment process for the General Manager of Development Services and Engineering will commence immediately as generally set out in Report CAO-24-04. The Recruitment Panel will include the following:
  - Mayor McIsaac
  - Councillor Lauer
  - Councillor Czetwerzuk
  - Chief Administrative Officer
  - Director of Human Resources

Mr. Sugden was thanked for his contributions to public service and be congratulated on his upcoming retirement.

- The following General Grants were approved:
  - Big Brothers Big Sisters - \$1,500
  - Born to Read Committee - \$1,000
  - Orillia and District Arts Council - \$1,500
  - The Cellar Singers - \$1,500
- Staff were authorized to amend and rescope Capital Project Number 24408 - Library Doors Replacement to include the replacement of the Library's West Street doors, as well as address the Library's programming room climate control system. The cost for the replacement of any other Library doors will be considered as part of the 2025 Budget deliberations. The approved Capital Project Number 22408 - Library Doors Replacement in the amount of \$80,000 was allocated as follows with \$22,205 plus net HST to the Library programming room climate control system and the remaining balance to replace the Library's West Street doors.
- Capital Project Number 23044 for the Transit Electrification Study was increased from \$60,000 to \$125,000. The additional cost of \$65,000 was appropriated from the Transit Asset Management Reserve.

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- The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute the Inch Arterial Road Front End Financing Development Agreement, as substantially set out in Schedule "A" to Report DSE-24-17. The municipal works described in the Inch Arterial Road Front End Financing Development Agreement totalling \$7,656,000, will be partially offset through a LIV (Hawk Ridge) GP agreed upon Local Service Charge in the amount of \$2,990,927. The balance of the municipal works will be funded by the City to a maximum contribution of \$4,665,073, consisting of up to \$2,465,073 in maximum Development Charge credits and up to \$2,200,000 in a maximum Direct Contribution as set out in Schedules "D" and "E" of the Agreement. The City's maximum Direct Contribution of \$2,050,000 will be applied to Capital Project Number 03272 (renumbered 19001), Inch Farm Industrial Land Servicing/SPS, with \$1,537,500 appropriated from the Land Acquisition Reserve and \$512,500 appropriated from the Roads and Related Development Charge Reserve Fund. The direct contribution amount within Schedule "A" to the report will be similarly amended. The sum of \$20,000 from Capital Project Number 03272 (renumbered 19001), Inch Farm Industrial Land Servicing/SPS, to engage the services of an Ontario Land Surveyor to prepare a Reference Plan to describe the new Arterial Road was approved. Capital Project Number 03272 (renumbered 19001), Inch Farm Industrial Land Servicing/SPS, will be amended accordingly to reflect the revised scope of the municipal works.
- The report regarding the 2023 Treasurer's Statement of Development Charges was received as information.
- The 2024 tax ratios in relation to the residential tax class set to 1.0, as per Provincial Legislation, were 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 2024 graduated tax rates on two bands of Commercial assessment remain 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 2024 low-band Commercial tax rate remains unchanged and set at 47% of the high-band Commercial tax rate.
- Policy 1.9.1.2. - Farmers' Market Operations was amended as set out in Schedule "A" to the report to provide housekeeping amendments related to the dissolution of the Farmers' Market Advisory Committee.
- Policy 4.2.1.4. - Guidelines - Affordable Housing Incentives was amended to provide housekeeping amendments related to the restructuring of the Affordable Housing Committee to the Affordable Housing Working Group.
- The following recommendations of Council Committee were referred to the Consent Agenda of Council on Monday, May 6, 2024:

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- Closed Session Report Number 1 - Corporate Services Department - re Options for Property Located at Front Street South
- Closed Session Report Number 2 - Corporate Services Department - re Purchase Offer
- Closed Session Report Number 3 - Mayor McIsaac and Councillor Cipolla - re Potential Property of Interest
- Closed Session Report Number 4 - Chief Administrative Office - re Staffing Matter
- Board and Committee Report Number 1 - Grants Committee - re Recommendations
- Departmental Report Number 1 - Environment and Infrastructure Services Department - re Library Doors Replacement - Capital Project Amendment
- Departmental Report Number 2 - Development Services and Engineering Department - re Transit Electrification Study and Request for Increased Project Budget
- Departmental Report Number 3 - Development Services and Engineering Department - re Inch Arterial Road Front End Financing Development Agreement with LIV (Hawk Ridge) GP
- Departmental Report Number 4 - Corporate Services Department - re 2023 Treasurer's Statement of Development Charges
- Departmental Report Number 5 - Corporate Services Department - re 2024 Tax Ratios and Policy Considerations
- Departmental Report Number 6 - Corporate Services Department - re Policy Updates Resulting from Committee Restructuring

**The following was adopted at the Council meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024. The wording is meant to be a highlight and does not represent the exact motion adopted:**

- Council adopted the recommendations as set out in the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, May 6, 2024 with the exception to the following, which were adopted with changes:
- Additional financial assistance in the amount of \$25,000 was allocated from the Operating Contingency Account for the Child and Youth Advocacy Centre Simcoe Muskoka.
- The Inch Arterial Road Front End Financing Development Agreement, as substantially set out in Schedule "A" to Report DSE-24-17. The municipal works described in the Inch Arterial Road Front End Financing Development Agreement totalling \$7,656,000, will be partially offset through a LIV (Hawk Ridge) GP Local Service Charge in the amount of \$3,140,927. The balance of the municipal works be funded by the City to a maximum contribution of \$4,515,073 consisting of up to \$2,465,073 in maximum Development Charge credits and up to \$2,050,000 in a maximum Direct Contribution as set out in Schedules "D" and "E" of the Agreement. The City's maximum Direct Contribution of \$2,050,000 will be applied to Capital Project Number 03272 (renumbered 19001), Inch Farm Industrial Land Servicing/SPS, with \$1,537,500 appropriated from the Land Acquisition Reserve and \$512,500 appropriated from the Roads and Related Development Charge Reserve Fund. The Direct Contribution amount and the City's Maximum Contribution amount within Schedule "A" to the report will be similarly amended.

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- **A recorded vote took place for the following:**

As recommended in confidential Report CS-24-13 regarding options for property located at Front Street South, Option 1 was adopted.

**Coun. Cipolla, Campbell, Smith, Czetwerek, Durnford, Mayor McIsaac – Yes**

**Coun. Lauer, Fallis and Leatherdale – No**

**Carried.**

- Further to the correspondence from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regarding income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity, the following supporting resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia hereby supports the resolution passed by the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and endorsed by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit with respect to monitoring food affordability in Ontario and the inadequacy of social assistance rates;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-North; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit; and all Ontario municipalities.

- Further to the correspondence from the Township of Bracebridge regarding a declaration that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence is an epidemic, the following supporting resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia hereby supports the resolution passed by the Town of Bracebridge with respect to declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Honourable Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Solicitor General; the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-North; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety; the Honourable Patty Hadju, Minister of Indigenous Services; the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health; the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister of Women and Gender Equality and Youth; the Honourable Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; the

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Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice; and Adam Chambers, Member of Parliament for Simcoe-North.

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