

COUNCIL Highlights

Council Meeting – Jan. 27, 2025

Below are highlights of what Council Committee recommended at its meeting held on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025. These are subject to ratification by Council at its next meeting unless pulled for ratification on the same day.

- Council authorized the City of Orillia to become a founding subscriber of the Municipal Insurance Pool. The Director of Finance or other appropriate designate assigned by the Chief Administrative Officer was authorized to represent the City of Orillia on the Municipal Insurance Advisory Board. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute the Form of Subscription in the Municipalities in the County of Simcoe Subscriber's Agreement substantially in the form attached as Schedule "A" to Report CS-25-08.
- Staff be directed to prepare a report on the feasibility of implementing a permanent all-day transit stop at the Lakehead University Campus for the West Ridge (via Old Barrie Road) Route.
- The confidential report CS-25-11 regarding a sale offer for a property of interest was withdrawn.
- The following applicants be appointed for the remainder of the four-year term to expire November 14, 2026:
 - To the Municipal Heritage Committee
 - Laura Brown
 - To the Orillia Food Access and Sustainability Working Group
 - Amber Williams
 - To the Waste Management Advisory Committee
 - Danny Borzellino
 - Christopher Emberson
- In accordance with Chapter 493 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Remuneration, the following members were deemed resigned:
 - Joshua Battison, from the Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Working Group
 - James Caldwell, from the Recreation Working Group
- The waiver of rental and cleaning fees of the Council Chamber for school boards and post-secondary institutions was approved. Staff was directed to report back on amendments to the following:
 - Policy 1.6.1.6. - Council Chamber and City Centre Boardrooms
 - Chapter 451 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - General Administration

The following provisions be incorporated into the Policy and Regulation amendments:

- The rental does not interfere with any Council meetings;
 - The rental takes place during regular business hours; and
 - Any requests for set-up and take-down of audio-visual equipment be billed at a cost-recovery rate.
- Zach Gorbell, the City's Environmental Compliance / QMS Coordinator was appointed as the Quality Management System Representative for the City's Drinking Water System. The Mayor, on behalf of Council, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, the General Manager of Environment and Infrastructure Services, the Director of Water and Wastewater, and the Environmental Compliance / QMS Coordinator endorsed the content of the Operational Plan by providing signatures on the Quality Management System Commitment and Endorsement form as set out on Schedule "A" to the report CS-25-02.
 - The following resolution was passed:
*"WHEREAS the Ontario Building Code sets out regulations that govern the construction and occupancy of buildings in Ontario;
AND WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario and elsewhere are experiencing an increase in construction of medium and high density multi-residential buildings;
AND WHEREAS diverting residential solid waste in this sector presents operational challenges;
AND WHEREAS the City of Orillia has adopted progressive and mandatory diversion programs for recycling (blue box) and compostable (green bin) organics at multi-residential locations tying garbage collection to proper diversion efforts;
AND WHEREAS the City of Orillia has also set out design standards for recycling and composting at new developments;
AND WHEREAS Recommendation 12 from the City of Orillia's 2021 Waste Minimization Plan is meant to assess improvements to the Ontario Building Code that can further encourage recycling and composting at these locations;
AND WHEREAS the Continuous Improvement Fund Report dated August 2024 from Dillon Consulting provides a comprehensive review of potential improvements to the Ontario Building Code and the Planning Act, includes a detailed review of the complexity of collecting waste, recycling and compostable materials at multi-residential locations, and analyzes the intricacies of managing waste at these locations through the Ontario Building Code, Planning Act, and Environmental Protection Act;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia endorses the recommendations set out in the Continuous Improvement Fund Report dated August 2024 from Dillon Consulting;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia recommends that the Continuous Improvement Fund Report be considered for future adoption by the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of the Continuous Improvement Fund Report and this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education and Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-North."*

- Policy 7.1.6.5. - Waste Diversion Policies and Procedures was amended as set out in Schedule "A" of Report CS-25-07.
- Policy 7.3.1.1. - Municipal Alcohol Policy was amended as set out in Schedule "A" of Report CS-25-03.
- Staff was directed to prepare a report to Council Committee on the feasibility of permitting the consumption of alcohol within City parks.
- Chapter 251 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Delegated Authority was amended to grant authority to the General Manager of Corporate Services or designate to approve user fees set out in Chapter 456 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Recreation, Youth and Culture. Staff was directed to seek prior Council approval if the fee increase is more than 5% in one year or more than 15% in a three-year period. Chapter 456 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Recreation, Youth and Culture was amended by repealing Section 456.1.2. - Fees - automatic annual fee increase - effective date and renumbering all remaining sections accordingly. Staff was directed to prepare a CIP memo on the application of any delegated authority for Chapter 456 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Recreation, Youth and Culture.
- As per the request for financial support from Twin Lakes Secondary School to host the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association's AA Boys Volleyball Championship, the following sections of Policy 4.2.1.1. - Guidelines - Grants Committee were waived:
 - Crown corporations and government agencies (e.g. school boards, social services, hospitals, business improvement associations, universities, etc.)
 - Sporting groups;

\$5,000 was approved for Twin Lakes Secondary School to host the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association's AA Boys Volleyball Tournament in 2025 with funding appropriated from the 2025 Municipal Accommodation Tax Operating Budget.
- Policy 4.2.1.1. - Guidelines - Grants Committee be amended as set out in Schedule "A" of Report CS-25-10 effective January 1, 2025. Policy 4.2.1.2. - Partnership Program for Cultural Festivals and Events was repealed. An additional \$18,000 transfer from the Municipal Accommodation Tax Operating Budget to the Grants Committee Budget was approved, for a total available balance of \$50,000 for the annual Grants Committee Budget.
- The recommendations of Council Committee were referred to the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, with the exception of the following items, which were referred to the Consent Agenda of the Council meeting of Jan. 27, 2025:
 - Closed Session Report Number 2 - Selection Panel for Boards and Committees - re Public Appointments
 - Board and Committee Report Number 1 - Transportation and Parking Working Group - re Request for a Permanent All-Day Transit Stop at the Lakehead University Campus
 - Council Referral Report Number 1 - Corporate Services Department - re Discounted Rental Fees to Educational Institutions
 - Departmental Report Number 1 - Corporate Services Department - re Municipal Insurance Pool

- Departmental Report Number 2 - Corporate Services Department - re Environment and Infrastructure Services Department - re Quality Management System Representative
- Departmental Report Number 4 - Corporate Services Department - re Update to Policy 7.1.6.5. - Waste Diversion Policies and Procedures
- Departmental Report Number 5 - Corporate Services Department - re Update to Policy 7.3.1.1. - Municipal Alcohol Policy

Council reconvened at 4:41 p.m. Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025:

- Council adopted the recommendations as set out on the Consent Agenda for the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, January 27, 2025 with the exception of the following, which was defeated:
 - January 13, 2025 Council Committee Report Number 2 - Development Services and Engineering Department - re Permanent All-Way Stops - Brant Street East and Matchedash Street, and Tecumseth Street and Lightfoot Drive.
- Staff was directed to implement a permanent all-way stop at the intersection of Brant Street East and Matchedash Street.
- Staff was directed to implement a permanent all-way stop at the intersection of Tecumseth Street and Lightfoot Drive.
- Further to the deputation regarding a status update with respect to the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, consideration of a contribution to the Hospital Reserve was referred to the 2026 Budget deliberations.
- Councillor Cipolla gave notice that he intends to introduce a motion at the Feb. 10, 2025 Council meeting to reconsider Resolution Number 2025-3 from the regular meeting held on Jan. 13, 2025 with respect to a staffing matter.
- Staff was directed to develop recommendations as part of the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Trails Master Plan update for the feasibility, estimated costs and logistics of establishing an outdoor artificial ice surface, both covered and uncovered, as well as updating the existing Skate Trail Plan for Centennial Park and to prepare an updated costing for the Refrigerated Trail Project to be considered as part of the 10-Year Capital Plan.

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