



Highlights from the Council Chamber

Council Meeting – May 14, 2018

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018. Please note: **The wording below does not represent the exact wording of the motion and is meant as highlights of what was adopted.**

The following are recommendations from Council Committee on May 7, 2018 that were adopted by Council with no changes on May 14, 2018:

- Option1 was adopted as set out in the confidential report ED-18-13 from the Economic Development Department regarding a Smart Cities Partnership Agreement.
- The report from the Development Services and Engineering Department regarding a request for a School Crossing Guard at the intersection of Elmer Avenue and Westmount Drive South was received as information.
- Report DSE-18-09 from the Development Services and Engineering Department was received as information. Staff was directed to report back to Council Committee by July 16, 2018 following the completion of the re-design of the Champlain Lot (Municipal Parking Lot 7) to confirm the number of parking spaces that may be available to add to the Permit Parking inventory.
- The Farmers' Market staff and volunteers will be permitted to set up two temporary accessible parking spaces on the south side of Market Street from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each Saturday during the Farmers' Market outdoor season and to restrict all vehicular access to Municipal Parking Lot 4 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each Saturday during the Farmers' Market outdoor season. Traffic and Parking By-law Number 2007-55 was amended as set out in Schedule "C" of the report.
- Staff was authorized to enter into an easement agreement with the Orillia Power Distribution Corporation for the placement of electrical utility pole anchors on municipally owned land located at 255 West Street South.
- The Pedestrian Charter for the City of Orillia was adopted in principle and referred to staff for review and comment.
- Report EAC-18-01 from the Environmental Advisory Committee was received as information. The Environmental Services and Operations Department, through the Source Protection and Operations Division, be directed to provide assistance to the Environmental Advisory Committee and its working group by prioritizing the review of the stormwater catchment area associated with Sundial Creek/Grant Wetlands. The Environmental Advisory Committee was directed to

prepare a follow-up report to Council Committee by May 2019 on further investigative work, including recommendations for improving the condition of the wetland.

- Electronic Illumination Signs, Chapter 832 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code – Signs will be amended by adding the provisions set out in Schedule “A” of Report DSE-18-17 regarding Electronic Illumination Signs. **Postponed until June 4, 2018**
- City Policy 1.2.1.5. - Accountability of Agencies, Boards and Committees was amended as set out in Schedule “A” in Report CD-18-13 from the Clerk’s Department.
- The selection process for the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award for the City of Orillia will be facilitated by the Office of the Mayor. The draft City policy regarding the establishment of a Citizen of the Year Recognition Program was adopted as set out in Schedule “B” of report MC-18-5.
- The budget allocation for the Wastewater Treatment Centre Process Optimization and Tertiary Treatment Project was increased by \$500,000 over the approved budget of \$14,500,000, for a total budget of \$15,000,000. The additional funding was appropriated from the Water and Wastewater Reserve in the amount of \$369,561 and the Development Charges Reserve in the amount of \$130,439. A maximum \$250,000 change order threshold for a single change order be established, above which staff will be required to inform Council through a Council Information Package memo. The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk was delegated the authority to approve all change orders up to the new budget amount up to \$15,000,000.

Enquiries:

Staff was directed to prepare a report with respect to the following:

- The rationale for the current Official Plan designation of ‘Intensification Area’ with respect to the lands located in the area of Orchard Point. The report is to include an explanation of the processes that could be pursued to consider changing the Official Plan designation for Orchard Point from ‘Intensification Area’ to ‘Stable Neighbourhood’.
- Traffic calming measures that could be considered for implementation in the following areas:
 - The downtown Business Improvement Area in the area of Mississaga Street and Matchedash Street, to be conducted in consultation with the Downtown Orillia Management Board
 - James Street and Forest Avenue
 - High Street between James Street and Highway 12;

The report is to include traffic, speed and collision/accident data in these areas for the past five years and review and consider the following with respect to High Street, between James Street and Highway 12:

- on-street parking regulations
- potential installation of an infill sidewalk.

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018 in addition to the listing above. This includes changes or recorded votes to recommendations from the May 7, 2018 Council Committee meeting:

- Further to the letter from the Town of Penetanguishene, Council endorsed the resolution regarding the Simcoe County District School Board and Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board Education Development Charges Study which has been recently completed and is currently considering updating the Development Charges Rates across Simcoe County.
- Further to the letter from the Township of Clearview, Council endorsed the resolution regarding the Simcoe County District School Board and Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board Education Development Charges Study which has been recently completed and is currently considering updating the Development Charges Rates across Simcoe County.

- The following resolution was carried:

WHEREAS the Simcoe County District School Board and the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (collectively “the Boards”) are proposing substantial increases in the Education Development Charges to be applied equally in all Simcoe County municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the combined Education Development Charge rates for both school boards currently is \$1,759 per residential unit and is proposed to increase to \$5,064 per residential unit representing an increase of 188%;

AND WHEREAS the non-residential Education Development Charge rate is proposed to increase from a combined gross floor area charge of \$0.47 per square foot to \$1.37 per square foot for non-residential development representing an increase of 192%;

AND WHEREAS the City of Orillia believes that not all municipalities are the same in Simcoe County;

AND WHEREAS South Simcoe and North Simcoe communities vary greatly in terms of growth rates, wealth measurements and economic growth as illustrated by comparisons of Orillia to Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil:

- Population Growth (2011-2016):
- Bradford West Gwillimbury: +25.8% overall and +44% among 0 to 6 year olds
- Innisfil: +11.7% overall and +16% among 0 to 6 year olds
- Orillia: +1.9 % overall and -4% among 0 to 6 year olds

Median Total Income of Private Households (2015):

- Bradford West Gwillimbury: \$95,254
- Innisfil: \$83,515
- Orillia: \$55,802;

AND WHEREAS Land Values per acre as reported in the Boards’ Education Development Charge Study suggests:

- Bradford West Gwillimbury: \$1,500,000
- Innisfil: \$925,000

- Orillia: \$500,000;

AND WHEREAS the assessment growth for 2012 to 2016 for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is 4x Orillia's growth and Innisfil is 2.1x Orillia's growth;

AND WHEREAS the household growth for 2012 to 2016 in Bradford West Gwillimbury is 7.1x Orillia's growth and Innisfil is 3.1x Orillia's growth;

AND WHEREAS the City of Orillia recently updated the Development Charges Study in Orillia and increased residential Development Charges by 16%;

AND WHEREAS current Municipal Residential Development Charges in the following municipalities are:

- Bradford West Gwillimbury: \$39,759
- Innisfil: \$38,976 - \$63,501
- Orillia: \$17,708

AND WHEREAS these comparisons demonstrate that the level of household income, economic growth and demand for new schools in Orillia are substantially lower in comparison to Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil;

AND WHEREAS the City of Orillia believes that the increase in development charges fees proposed by the Boards will hinder Orillia's economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the impact of the Boards' proposed increases in development charges will adversely impact development in the City of Orillia;

AND WHEREAS the City of Orillia does not support the proposed Education Development Charges fees being proposed by the County Boards.

NOW THEREFORE the City Of Orillia respectfully requests:

THAT the Boards consider an alternative Education Development Charges policy in Orillia (and other North Simcoe jurisdictions) that more appropriately takes into consideration Orillia's geographical location, growth projections, land values, economic situation;

2. AND THAT the Boards consider introducing an Education Development Charges policy that varies the rates by regions or zones within Simcoe County;
3. AND THAT the Boards consider deferring any increase in Education Development Charges until the fall of 2018;
4. AND THAT the Boards offer developers the option of deferring payment of Education Development Charges over the duration of their development program.

- **A recorded vote was requested for the following:**
Option1 was adopted as set out in the confidential report ED-18-13 from the Economic Development Department regarding a Smart Cities Partnership Agreement. **Recorded vote: unanimous.**
- **A recorded vote was requested for the following:**
A reconsideration of Resolution Number 2018-67 from its meeting held on April 9, 2018 regarding a request by Councillor Ainsworth for Council to endorse his nomination for the office of Director representing the Small Urban Caucus on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Director was carried by 2/3 vote of members present. **Recorded vote: Carried (No- Emond, Hehn)**
- **A recorded vote was requested for the following:**
Council endorsed the nomination of Councillor Mason Ainsworth for the office of Director representing the Small Urban Caucus on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors for a two-year term from 2018-2020. **Recorded vote: Carried (No – Emond, Hehn)**
- Further to the deputation by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regarding food insecurity, Council forwarded the presentation to the Orillia Food Council with a request for a report to Council with suggestions on what Council could consider for implementation in the future. The presentation will also be forwarded to the Sunshine Initiative for its information.

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