



# Highlights from the Council Chamber

## Council Meeting – Feb. 8, 2021

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, Feb. 8, 2021.

**The following includes changes or recorded votes to recommendations from the Feb. 1, 2021 Council Committee meeting. The wording below does not represent the exact wording of the motion and is meant as highlights of what was adopted.**

- **A recorded vote was requested for the following:**  
Chapter 877 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Solid Waste Management was amended as set out in Schedule "A" of the report (in regards to moving to a clear garbage bag program) effective February 7, 2022.  
**Carried (Yes: Ainsworth, Emond, Fallis, Cipolla, Campbell, Kloostra, Lauer, Clarke. No: Hehn.)**
- The Couchiching Beach Swim Dock and Ladder Replacement Capital Project Budget was increased by \$6,000. The increase be funded from the Capital Contingency Reserve.
- The Rotary Aqua Theatre Capital Project Budget was increased by \$72,000. The increase was funded from the Purchase of Parkland Reserve. Yorkton Contracting Ltd. was awarded the contract for the Rotary Aqua Theatre Capital Project construction for the sum of \$570,179.
- Council approved Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. D14-896 (Market West Inc. - 246 Mississauga Street West) as set out in the Supplementary Memo dated January 27, 2021 from the Development Services and Engineering Department.
- Council approved Official Plan Amendment Application No. D09-203 (1872910 Ontario Inc. - 1382 Wilson Point Road) as set out in the Supplementary Memo dated February 2, 2021 from the Development Services and Engineering Department.
- **The following was postponed:**  
WHEREAS it has come to the City of Orillia's attention that there is a potential request for a Minister's Zoning Order for the Rama Road Corridor Project in the Township of Ramara;  
AND WHEREAS this project could have significant impacts to the City of Orillia's economic development and planning;  
AND WHEREAS the development will be on the shores of Lake Couchiching - a body of water the City of Orillia shares with the Township of Ramara;

AND WHEREAS Lake Couchiching is a major source of drinking water for the City of Orillia;

AND WHEREAS local residents and pertinent agencies have not been duly consulted about this project and the impacts that it could have in the area;

AND WHEREAS the use of Minister's Zoning Orders as a more commonly used tool to by pass existing environmental regulations limits the capacity for public input on major planning projects;

AND WHEREAS the increased use of Minister's Zoning Orders as a tool to by pass existing environmental regulations has great potential to negatively impact the province's environment and various eco-systems.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Orillia City Council formally requests that any future Minister's Zoning Order application for the Rama Road Project located in the Township of Ramara and forwarded to your Ministry be rejected;

AND THAT Orillia City Council wants to ensure proper care and study is taken to ensure water quality, shoreline health and flooding concerns are addressed in and around Lake Couchiching;

AND THAT Orillia City Council request the provincial government of Ontario not to use Minister's Zoning Orders as a tool to by pass environmental regulations for the expedited approval of planning projects;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, as well as Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues and Simcoe North MPP Jill Dunlop;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Ramara and the County of Simcoe.

**The following are recommendations from Council Committee on Feb. 1, 2021 that were adopted by Council with no changes on Feb. 8, 2020:**

- The confidential report from the Union Negotiations Working Group regarding an update on the negotiations with the IBEW Environment and Infrastructure Services Department employee bargaining group was received as information.
- Carol Perrault was re-appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire November 14, 2023. In accordance with Chapter 493 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Remuneration, Jefferson Robbins, appointee to the Active Transportation Committee, was deemed to have resigned. The following new members were appointed for a three-year term to expire November 14, 2023:
  - Sharon MacKinnon to the Active Transportation Committee
  - Krunoslav Marunic to the Active Transportation Committee
  - Laurie Neill as a vendor representative to the Farmers' Market Advisory Committee
  - John Bell to the Municipal Heritage Committee
  - Paul Raymond to the Municipal Heritage Committee;

Richard Ruegg was appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee, to replace Tyler Hunt who has resigned, for the remainder of the four-year term to expire November 14, 2022.

Meghan Edwards was appointed to the Orillia Public Library Board, to replace Karen Hewitt who has resigned, for the remainder of the four-year term to expire November 14, 2022.

James Caldwell was appointed to the Recreation Advisory Committee, to replace Michael Underhill who has been deemed resigned, for the remainder of the three-year term to expire November 14, 2022.

Zak Gariba was appointed to the Waste Management Advisory Committee, to replace Sarah Gosney who has resigned, for the remainder of the four-year term to expire November 14, 2022.

- Chapter 118 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Active Transportation Committee was amended to reduce the composition of the Committee from eleven members to nine members, including an amendment to reduce the maximum number of non-resident local representatives from four to three members. Staff was directed to prepare the appropriate by-law.
- The County of Simcoe's financial incentives request for the County Orillia Campus development at 2 Borland Street was received as information.
- **Postponed to March 22**  
*The Government of Canada's proposed plan to ban or restrict certain single-use plastics across Canada as reported in its discussion paper entitled "A proposed integrated management approach to plastic products to prevent waste and pollution" was supported in principle. The Government of Canada was encouraged to support full extended producer responsibility, and where single-use products and packaging items cannot be managed properly and where alternatives can be utilized, the City supports the use of restrictions, bans or requirements that reduce the risk of plastic pollution. A copy of this report will be forwarded to The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change.*

Further, the report will be forwarded to the following with an invitation to provide written comments on the report and the discussion paper:

- Environmental Advisory Committee
  - The Couchiching Conservancy
  - Sustainable Orillia
  - Other local plastic manufacturers
- Recommendations 6b, 12b, 12c, 13c, 13d and 22 of the City of Orillia's 2016 Waste Minimization Plan will be referred to and included as recommendations within the City's 2021 Waste Minimization Plan for further consideration.
  - The allocation of \$60,000 was authorized from the Social Assistance and Economic Recovery COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund to the Economic Recovery Task Force, subject to use of these funds being approved by the City of Orillia Emergency Management Committee for economic recovery projects which align with the Economic Recovery Task Force's mandate.

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

- The current budget and expenditures with respect to tree planting in the City of Orillia, including the feasibility of increasing funding.
- The feasibility of developing a Strategic Initiatives/Business Development Decision Matrix that would help guide Council when deliberating on proposed community, economic and/or business development initiatives.

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