



# Highlights from the Council Chamber

## Council Meeting – January 18, 2021

Below are highlights of what Council adopted at its meeting on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021.

**The following includes changes or recorded votes to recommendations from the Jan. 11, 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.**

- Correspondence from Orillia District Chamber of Commerce regarding the 2021 Ontario Chamber of Commerce Policy Resolution Debates was received as information.
- **A recorded vote was requested for the following:**  
The sale of Lots 5, 6, 7 and 17, located on Horne Business Park lands was approved. Staff were authorized to finalize an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for Lots 1, 5, 6, 7 and 17, located on Horne Business Park lands, in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Letters of Intent set out in the report. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute all documentation necessary to effect the sale of Lots 5, 6, 7 and 17, located on Horne Business Park lands. The offers presented for Lots 2 and 4 was received as information. The net proceeds from the sale be transferred to the Land Acquisition Reserve.  
**Carried (Yes: Kloostra, Campbell, Cipolla, Hehn, Fallis, Emond, Ainsworth, Clarke. No: Lauer.)**
- Further to the Public Meeting of Council held on December 10, 2020, Council approved Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. D14-893 (2349801 Ontario Inc. - 80 Victoria Street) as set out in the Supplementary Memo dated January 11, 2021.
- Further to the Public Meeting of Council held on December 10, 2020, Council approved Draft Plan of Subdivision Application No. 43T-20001 (Rockcap Holdings Inc. - 12 Fittons Road East), including the Conditions of Approval for Final Approval as set out in Schedule “C” of the Supplementary Memo dated January 12, 2021. Council approved the Common Elements Condominium Exemption By-law exempting Rockcap Holdings Inc. - 12 Fittons Road East from approval of a condominium description (File No. 43CD-20001) pursuant to Subsection 9(6) of the *Condominium Act*.
- Further to the Public Meeting of Council held on December 10, 2020, Council approved Official Plan Amendment Application No. D09-202 and Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. D14-892 (municipally-initiated amendments to the

City's Official Plan and Zoning By-law - Housekeeping Amendments and Grape Island/Hunter Docks) as set out in the Supplementary Memo dated January 8, 2021.

- **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 Jan. 11, 2021 that were adopted by Council with no changes on Jan. 20, 2020:**

- The sale of Lot 1, located on Horne Business Park lands was approved. Staff was authorized to finalize an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for Lot 1, located on Horne Business Park lands, in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the Letters of Intent set out in the report. The Mayor and Clerk was authorized to execute all documentation necessary to effect the sale of Lot 1, located on Horne Business Park lands. The net proceeds from the sale will be transferred to the Land Acquisition Reserve.
- The Environmental Advisory Committee will conduct a live virtual public consultation in Winter 2020/2021 in coordination with City staff to explain the purpose and intent of the proposed Chapter 370 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Tree Preservation and solicit input regarding the Chapter as set out in

Schedule “B”, with the exception that the Chapter include the following provisions:

- 1) Prohibit a person injuring or destroying a tree with a diameter at breast height equal to or greater than 25 centimetres (without a permit) on any parcel of land in the City regardless of the size of the parcel;
- 2) Requires that each tree to be destroyed or injured is replaced with one or more replacement trees on the property of the applicant, or alternatively, where there is no reasonable alternative for the required tree planting on the subject property, a fee shall be required to be paid in lieu of the required tree planting that will be used by the City to achieve tree planting within the City; and
- 3) In order to obtain a permit to injure or destroy a tree, an Arborist Report must first be prepared or certified by an arborist;

The Environmental Advisory Committee will prepare a survey in consultation with City staff, and then conduct an online survey in Winter 2020/2021 to solicit input regarding the proposed Chapter 370 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Tree Preservation. As part of the public consultation process, the Environmental Advisory Committee obtain input on the following proposed amendments:

- 1) Amend Chapter 450 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Development Services and Engineering to implement a permit fee of \$250 to destroy or injure a tree; and
- 2) Amend Chapter 450 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - User Fees - Development Services and Engineering to include the following:  
“Where a condition of a permit requires that a replacement tree is required, but there is insufficient space or opportunity on a property to provide for a replacement tree over the long term, the General Manager of Development Services and Engineering, or designate may require a cash contribution in lieu of such planting, to be paid by the applicant to the City, to support tree planting elsewhere in the City. The amount of the cash contribution shall be \$350 per replacement tree, subject to a maximum of \$35,000.”/

City staff in consultation with the Environmental Advisory Committee report back to Council Committee in the Spring of 2021 with a summary of feedback received respecting the proposed Chapter, along with a proposed new Chapter 370 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Tree Preservation for Council’s consideration.

- Further to the approved 2021 Terry Fox Circle Detailed Design Capital Project, staff was directed to report back to Council with an evaluation of three design options and identify a preferred alternative for the future of the Terry Fox Circle. One of the design options will include Terry Fox Circle remaining open to vehicular traffic, with accessible parking spaces and a dedicated drop off spot in close proximity to the beach area.
- \$72,000 was authorized from the Orillia 2020 Ontario Winter Games Legacy Fund following receipt of the final grant installment to purchase a Wubit inflatable obstacle course and establish the Orillia Wubit Games.

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

- The feasibility and costs of updating the City of Orillia Coat of Arms to provide an accurate and respectful representation of the Indigenous paddler.

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