



Council Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

**The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville
(Mayor and Clerk at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)
Orangeville, Ontario**

Members Present: Mayor S. Brown, was present in Council Chambers
Deputy Mayor A. Macintosh
Councillor J. Andrews
Councillor G. Peters
Councillor L. Post
Councillor D. Sherwood
Councillor T. Taylor

Staff Present: E. Brennan, CAO
D. Benotto, Software Operations Supervisor, was present in Council Chambers
D. Jones, General Manager, Infrastructure Services
C. Khan, Deputy Clerk
K. Landry, Town Clerk, was present in Council Chambers
A. McKinney, General Manager, Corporate Services
R. Osmond, General Manager, Community Services
M. Pourmanouchehri, IT Technician, was present in Council Chambers
N. Syed, Treasurer
T. Macdonald, Assistant Clerk

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2020-419

Moved by Councillor Andrews

Seconded by Councillor Post

That the agenda and any addendum for the December 7, 2020 Council Meeting, be approved.

Carried

3. Disclosure of (Direct and Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Closed Meeting

Resolution 2020-420

Moved by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by Councillor Peters

That a closed meeting of Council be held pursuant to s. 239 (2) of the Municipal Act for the purposes of considering the following subject matters:

4.1 Public Office Holders, Confidential Verbal Report, Ed Brennan, CAO

Carried

Resolution 2020-421

Moved by Councillor Sherwood

Seconded by Councillor Andrews

That Council convene back into open session at 6:40 p.m.

Carried

Council recessed from 6:40 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

5. Open Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

6. Singing of National Anthem

David Nairn, Theatre Orangeville provided a pre-recorded National Anthem that was played.

7. Land Acknowledgement

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe people including the Ojibway, Potawatomi and Odawa of the Three Fires Confederacy.

8. Announcements by Chair

9. Rise and Report

Resolution 2020-422

Moved by Councillor Sherwood
Seconded by Councillor Andrews

That Public Office Holders, Confidential Verbal Report of Ed Brennan, CAO be received.

Carried

10. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

None.

11. Presentation, Petitions and/or Delegation

None.

12. Staff Reports

Resolution 2020-423

Moved by Councillor Post
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Macintosh

Whereas the Town's procedural by-law provides for less formal procedures for special and standing committees of Council;

And Whereas Town Council wishes to conduct a Council workshop utilizing less formal procedures to facilitate discussion regarding its Strategic Priorities;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council convene into a Council workshop to discuss its Strategic Priorities.

Carried

12.1 Presentation by Ed Brennan, CAO regarding Council Strategic Priorities 2021-2022

Ed Brennan, CAO provided an overview of the September 2019 Council Strategic Planning Session and provided an overview of identified priorities:

- Enhance communications, engagement, customer service and on-line/digital services (i.e report a problem)
- Focus on efficiencies
- Financial/Asset management and sustainability, budget planning and taxation
- Delivery model evaluation (policing, railway)
- Attract and retain businesses and investment
- Increase Tourism/continue implement Cultural Plan
- Safe and healthy community and neighbourhoods
- Welcoming, inclusive and accessible community
- Sustainability initiatives
- Downtown Revitalization/Broadway
- Recreation Program Review

Andrea McKinney, General Manager Corporate Services announced the award received by communications - the

Doug Jones, General Manager Infrastructure Services provided an overview of accomplishments of Infrastructure Services in 2019 including Transit Task Force recommendations, roads and related infrastructure, Water and Waste Water Rates Study, Water Supply Class Environmental Assessment, Climate Adaptation Plan (in progress), Zoning By-law Housekeeping Amendment, Official Plan Review.

Ray Osmond, General Manager Community Services outlined various projects completed in 2020 including 35 facilities and parks projects completed as well as Economic Development and Culture initiatives including 2020 Tourism Strategy and Action Plan and Digital Main Street Program. Mr. Osmond also outlined accomplishments of fire services, library and recreation and events.

Andrea McKinney, General Manager, Corporate Services outlined various corporate services initiatives that were completed in 2020 including Smart City and Digital First Programs, OPS/OPP transition support and outlined initiatives of Clerks, Information Technology, Human Resources and Communications.

Mr. Brennan urged Council when considering strategic initiatives to consider achievability, affordability, a just do/should do, nice to have and are we prepared to delay or stop one initiative to advance another.

Resolution 2020-424

Moved by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Macintosh

That Council direct Town staff to carry on with the current strategic priorities which are:

- Enhance communications, engagement, customer service and on-line/digital
- services (i.e report a problem)
- Focus on efficiencies
- Financial/Asset management and sustainability, budget planning and taxation
- Delivery model evaluation (policing, railway)
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Carried

Note: Council requested that Town staff look into additional health and safety initiatives in conjunction with the Traffic Calming Study.

Council indicated an interest in investigating a reallocation of the Town real estate portfolio.

12.2 Notice of Motion, Councillor Peters, Conservation Authorities Act

Resolution 2020-425

Moved by Councillor Peters

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Macintosh

That notice be waived to allow for the introduction and consideration of a motion regarding amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act as the matter is time sensitive.

Carried

Resolution 2020-426

Moved by Councillor Peters

Seconded by Mayor Brown

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation introduces several changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications;

AND WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property, and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs;

AND WHEREAS the budget that Orangeville spends on conservation authority work is a bargain for the services provided;

AND WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on conservation authority boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the conservation authority boards should be duly elected;

AND WHEREAS it has been the Town of Orangeville's experience with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority that having a chair or vice-chair serve for more than one year has produced experienced individuals;

AND WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed;

AND WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

AND WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within conservation authority jurisdictions for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural

hazards; and municipalities value conservation authorities' work to ensure safe drinking water;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: (i) the Province of Ontario repeal Section 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229), and (ii) that the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape; AND

THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Sylvia Jones, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks Jeff Yurek, the Minister of Finance Rod Phillips, all Conservation Authorities and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

13. New Business

Councillor Andrews urged everyone to shop local this Christmas Season.

Councillor Sherwood indicated that most downtown businesses have extended their hours for the holiday seasons and advised that there is outdoor entertainment downtown on Friday evenings.

Councillor Sherwood indicated that the winter market will continue for the winter.

Mayor Brown indicated that Provincial Government approved additional beds for the Orangeville Long Term Care at Avalon.

Mayor Brown advised about the Teen Ranch outdoor program for the outdoor light show as well as Theatre Orangeville's virtual showcase.

14. Question Period

None.

15. By-Laws

Resolution 2020-427

Moved by Councillor Sherwood

Seconded by Councillor Post

That the by-laws listed below be read three times and finally passed.

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville at its regular and closed Council Meeting held on December 7, 2020

Carried

16. Adjournment

Resolution 2020-428

Moved by Deputy Mayor Macintosh

Seconded by Councillor Taylor

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Carried

Sandy Brown, Mayor

Karen Landry, Clerk