



Minutes

Community Services Committee

July 7, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Councillor Marion Koepke
Member Nicole Amos-Uotila
Member Waleed Aslam
Member Mark Barbosa (via video)
Mayor Ian Boddy
Deputy Mayor Brian O'Leary
Councillor Richard Thomas

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS:

Member Jason Dantas
Councillor Travis Dodd

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Amy Cann, Manager of Planning and Heritage
Brent Fisher, Manager of Community Development and Marketing
Adam Parsons, Manager of Parks and Open Space
Jacklyn Iezzi, Junior Planner
Staci Landry, Community Services Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Koepke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

2.a Manager of Community Development and Marketing Re: Summer Concert Series

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 4.a Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on June 16, 2021

CS-210707-001

Moved by Councillor Thomas

"THAT the Community Services Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on June 16, 2021."

Carried.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5.a Deputation from Emily Jolliffe, Director and Chief Curator of the Billy Bishop Museum Re: Owen Sound's Military Heritage Trail

Emily Jolliffe, Director and Chief Curator of the Billy Bishop Museum provided a presentation respecting the Museum's Military Heritage Trail exhibit. This new exhibit uses the City of Owen Sound as a backdrop identifying significant sites of history and places of memory related to our military heritage.

The objectives of the exhibit are to:

- Learn about our military heritage and how it connects to our community;
- Promote healthy exercise and a COVID-friendly activity;
- Highlight fellow cultural facilities located in the core area of Owen Sound;
- Promote the River District (three stops are located in the River District); and
- Engage the user in a self-guided tour using smartphone technology.

Ms. Jolliffe advised that users upload the Story Map to their smartphones and use the enclosed map to guide themselves on their own personal tour. At each stop, users can play the enclosed video or read the text to find out more about the site. The sites included on the tour are: Billy Bishop Museum, Horton Law Office (former site of Camp Tadeusz Kosciuszko Barracks), Owen Sound Legion, Community Waterfront Heritage Centre (HMCS Owen Sound), St. George's Anglican Church (former site of Memorial Cairn dedicated to Mrs. Annie Jaffray Eaton), Jervis Bay Park, Veterans Way and the Cenotaph, and Polish Plaque.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

8. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

8.a Parks and Open Space

8.a.1 Report CS-21-087 from the Manager of Parks and Open Space Re: Stobbe Park - Draft Agreement and Next Steps

The Manager of Parks and Open Space provided an overview of the report respecting the draft agreement and next steps for the Stobbe Park Community Garden.

In response to questions from Committee, the Manager of Parks and Open Space advised:

- The compost enclosure and board type fencing would be the responsibility of the Stobbe Park Community Garden Collective through fundraising efforts.
- The location of the community gardens within Stobbe Park was selected in order to minimize the visual impact and preserve as much open space in the park for other uses as possible.

CS-210707-002

Moved by Councillor Thomas

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-087 respecting a draft agreement for a Community Garden at Stobbe Park, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to execute an agreement for a community garden at Stobbe Park."

Carried.

8.a.2 Report CS-21-086 from the Manager of Parks and Open Space Re: Tree Cities of the World - Application and Next Steps

The Manager of Parks and Open Space provided an overview of the report respecting the application and next steps for becoming a Tree City of the World.

CS-210707-003

Moved by Member Amos-Uotila

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-086 respecting an application to become a Tree City of the World, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to apply for Tree City of the World certification."

Carried.

8.b Planning and Heritage

8.b.1 Report CS-21-045 from the Heritage Coordinator Re: Heritage Property Tax Relief – 2020 Tax Year

The Heritage Coordinator provided an overview of the report respecting the heritage property tax relief program for the 2020 tax year.

CS-210707-004

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-045 respecting applications to the Heritage Property Tax Relief Program for the 2020 tax year, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council:

- 1. Direct staff to process refunds for those properties listed in Schedule 'A' of the report, in accordance with the Heritage Property Tax Relief Program of the Community Improvement Plan; and**
- 2. Direct staff to draw from the overall Community Improvement Plan budget of \$95,000 to address the \$184 in budget shortfall for the Heritage Property Tax Relief Program."**

Carried.

8.b.2 Report CS-21-081 from the Heritage Coordinator Re: Ontario Regulation 385-21 under the Ontario Heritage Act and Updated Ontario Heritage Toolkit

The Heritage Coordinator provided an overview of the report respecting Ontario Regulation 385-21 under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

In response to a question from Committee, the Junior Planner advised that some of the changes under the new Regulation do clarify certain processes under the Act. For example, there is a new 120-day timeline where the City must pass a Designation By-law and before, there was no timeline. There is also a new restriction on designating a property when it is subject to a *Planning Act* amendment and this can complicate the designation process and make things more difficult to follow in the legislation.

CS-210707-005

Moved by Mayor Boddy

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-081 respecting Ontario Regulation 385/21 under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and an updated Ontario Heritage Toolkit, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council:

- 1. Endorse the comments of the Heritage Coordinator contained within the report; and**
- 2. Direct staff to provide a copy of this report complete with Committee and Council's resolution on the matter to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries and the Environmental Registry of Ontario."**

Carried.

8.b.3 Report CS-21-084 from the Planner Re: Site Alteration By-law Technical Report

The Manager of Planning and Heritage provided an overview of the report respecting the Site Alteration By-law.

In response to questions from Committee, the Manager of Planning and Heritage advised that this by-law would address commercial development properties but would also include residentially zoned properties as well. It is staff's intention to exempt small, residential site works from this by-law.

CS-210707-006

Moved by Mayor Boddy

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-084 respecting Site Alteration By-law Technical Report, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council:

- 1. Endorse, in principle, the concept of implementing a City Site Alteration By-law, as presented in this report and Attachment 1; and**
- 2. Direct staff to provide public notice on the City's website, in The Sun Times, and through a direct letter to the development community of the City's intention to create a Site Alteration By-law to solicit input on the matter; and**
- 3. Direct staff to prepare a final Site Alteration By-law and Standard Operating Procedure for Council consideration."**

Carried.

8.b.4 Report CS-21-082 from the Director of Community Services Re:
Disposition of Historic Courthouse and Jail - Results of NRFP and Next
Steps

The Director of Community Services provided an overview of the report respecting the results of the NRFP and next steps for the disposition of the Historic Courthouse and Jail properties.

In response to questions from Committee, the Director of Community Services advised that the Courthouse roof will be replaced in Fall 2021 and the demolition of the Governor's Residence and miscellaneous outbuildings will be included in the 2022 capital budget. A staff report will be presented to Committee on September 15, 2021 respecting reintroducing heat to the Courthouse building.

CS-210707-007

Moved by Councillor Thomas

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-082 respecting the disposition of the Historic Courthouse and Jail, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council list the property for sale with the City's Realtor or allow for direct sale requesting that offers address, at a minimum, the five points contained within the report."

Carried.

8.c Building

None.

8.d Community Development and Marketing

None.

8.e Property and Building Management

None.

9. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no matters postponed.

10. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

11. CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION

- 11.a The Globe and Mail Article Re: Move Over, Tennis Players - Pickleball People are Taking Over the Courts

The Director of Community Services advised that staff are starting a trial for pop up pickleball courts in the parking lot of City Hall on Sunday, July 11. There will be two courts and up to four people can play on a court at a time, and it will be on a first come, first serve basis. The courts will be available on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Mondays to Fridays from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- 11.b Memorandum from the Development Coordinator Re: Building Division Update - June 2021

CS-210707-008

Moved by Councillor Thomas

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the July 7, 2021 Community Services Committee agenda, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council receive Items 11.a to 11.b. for information purposes."

Carried.

12. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 12.a Summer Concert Series

The Manager of Community Development and Marketing advised that TD Harbour Nights is permitted to move forward, and the first concert is on Sunday, July 11 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Visitor Centre and Rogers will be broadcasting the concerts live. Music at the Market will begin on Thursday, July 15 in the Farmers' Market Square and will take place every Thursday and Friday from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Koepke adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.