



## **Minutes**

### **Community Services Committee**

**May 17, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**

**City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers**

#### **MEMBERS**

##### **PRESENT:**

Chair Travis Dodd  
Vice Chair Suneet Kukreja  
Member Jason Dantas  
Councillor Jon Farmer  
Member Lloyd Lewis  
Councillor Melanie Middlebro'

#### **MEMBERS**

**ABSENT/REGRETS:** Member Nicole Amos-Uotila  
Member Morgan Kemick  
Member Janet Walker

##### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Tim Simmonds, City Manager  
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services  
Adam Parsons, Manager of Parks and Open Space  
Sabine Robart, Manager of Planning and Heritage  
Lauren Stewart, Community Services Administrative Assistant

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dodd called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. All members and staff noted above were present except for Member Dantas.

#### **2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

There was no additional business.

#### **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 April 19, 2023

Chair Dodd noted that the Community Services Committee meeting minutes for April 19, 2023 were approved, save and except the inclusion of Parkview Park. It was noted that this neighbourhood request had been withdrawn.

CS-230517-001

Moved by Councillor Middlebro'

**"THAT the Community Services Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on April 19, 2023."**

Carried.

**5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

There were no deputations or presentations.

**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-23-052 from the Manager of Parks and Open Space Re: Kelso Beach at Nawash Park Re-Naming Working Group Recommendation**

The Manager of Parks and Open Space provided an overview of the report respecting Kelso Beach at Nawash Park Re-Naming.

Member Dantas joined the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

The working group, consisting of three members of Council, the City Manager, Manager of Human Resources, and Manager of Parks and Open Space met on May 4, 2023 to consider the request. The working group reviewed the request, policy background, history of the park, previous reports, and Policy CS87.

Pending approval of the recommendation by Council, a by-law will be submitted for approval to re-name Kelso Beach Park to Kelso Beach at Nawash Park. The re-naming would trigger:

- Updating the name of the park in the Parks By-law through an amendment;
- References on the City's website would be reviewed to ensure they align with the re-naming, and updated as required;
- Municipal addressing and land registry will be updated;
- Transport Canada leases will be updated upon renewal; and

- The City would encourage all users and special event promoters to use the new name in their documents and event promotions.

CS-230517-002

Moved by Councillor Farmer

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-052 respecting Kelso Beach at Nawash Park Re-Naming, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to re-name Kelso Beach Park to Kelso Beach at Nawash Park."**

Carried.

## 8.b Planning and Heritage

### 8.b.1 Report CS-23-053 from the Manager of Planning and Heritage Re: Provincial Policy Statement 2023 Review

The Manager of Planning and Heritage provided an overview of the report respecting the Proposed Bill 97 and Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). Bill 97, *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act* proposes several amendments to the land-use planning legislation including proposed changes to the *Planning Act* and *Development Charges Act*. The Province has also released a new Provincial Planning Statement, which combines the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and: "A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2022", into a single document.

The Manager of Planning and Heritage provided an overview of the potential impacts of the proposed changes of both Bill 97 and the PPS to the City.

Staff summarized the changes to Bill 97 which include:

- Updates to the implementation of timeframes for planning applications;
- Updates to "area of employment";
- Clarification to parking associated with Additional Residential Units (ARUs);
- Exempting Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) from being consistent with the PPS or local Official Plans; and
- Modifying with respect to ARUs the definition of "parcel of urban residential land" to "parcel of land".

Staff encourages the Province to consider, where there is mutual agreement of the parties, to pause timelines to allow work toward a collaborative solution. Staff are very cautious about the new provisions for MZOs.

Changes to the PPS are proposed to:

1. Growth targets, allocations, and planning horizon
2. Affordable housing and coordination
3. Employment land conversions
4. Climate change
5. Servicing
6. Natural heritage policies – not included in the current draft
7. Implementation and updated definitions

Concerns were noted by staff respecting several of these proposed changes, in particular respecting:

- Intensification and growth outside serviced settlement areas;
- The removal of the definition of affordable housing and weakening of policies;
- ARUs in areas outside of urban areas;
- New lot creation policies that will see broad permissions for lot creation that will have significant and long-term impacts on the environment, agriculture operations and the role of urban settlement areas;
- Employment land conversions, noting there is a limited supply of serviced empty lands, and these are important to the long-term financial sustainability of communities;
- Significant changes for servicing (water and sewer) policies;
- Weakening of policies that support addressing impacts of climate change including removal of stormwater policy; and
- Natural heritage policies are “missing” in the draft.

In response to a question from Committee, the Director of Community Services advised that Grey County's meeting with all lower-tier municipal planners was encouraging as it emphasized that all the communities and County had significant concerns. Copies of the County reports were provided to staff and Committee to review.

It was further noted that the proposed changes differ significantly from the current policy and Committee reiterated the hope that City comments will be reviewed and considered.

In response to a question from Committee regarding ensuring the City's comments are heard, the Director of Community Services advised that Committee could request a meeting with MPP Byers together with Grey County staff to reiterate the concerns with the proposed changes.

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-053 respecting the proposed draft Provincial Policy Statement, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to:**

- 1. Forward the report to the Province of Ontario as the City's comments on Bill 97 and the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting 019-6813: "Review of proposed policies adapted from A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement to form a new provincial planning policy instrument";**
- 2. Indicate support for comments made through County of Grey reports PDR-PEDAC-19-23 and PDR-AAC-20-23;**
- 3. Forward the report to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy as the City's comment;**
- 4. Provide a copy of the report to Rick Byers, M.P.P.; and**
- 5. Request a meeting with Rick Byers, M.P.P. and Grey County staff to discuss the proposed changes."**

Carried.

8.c Arena Operations

None.

8.d Building

None.

8.e Facilities Bookings and Community Programs

None.

8.f Tourism and Cultural Services

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 Memorandum from Chief Building Official Re: Development Update - April 2023**

The Manager of Planning and Heritage provided an overview of the April 2023 Development Update.

**11.b Letter Re: Tree Cities of the World Designation**

**11.c Report PDR-CW-17-23 from the Director of Planning of Grey County Re: Plans of Subdivision and Condominium Public Meetings**

CS-230517-004

Moved by Member Dantas

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the May 17, 2023 Community Services Committee agenda, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council receive Items 11.a to 11.c for information purposes."**

Carried.

**12. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

There was no additional business.

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Dodd adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.