



**Corporate and Finance Services Committee
Minutes**

**March 6, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber**

Present: Councillor Giberson
Councillor Marks
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McConkey
Mayor Carter

Absent: Councillor Neal

Also Present Councillor Chapman
Councillor Lee
F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator
J. Lane, Council-Committee Coordinator
R. Rossetti, Council-Committee Coordinator
S. Sinnott, Commissioner, Corporate and Finance Services
M. Medeiros, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk
J. Martin, Senior Manager, Finance Services and Procurement

Public Meeting

Additional Agenda Items

None

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Presentations

None

Delegations

None

Referrals from Council

None

Reports from Advisory Committees

CF-23-19 - Monthly Newsletter on the City of Oshawa Website (Previously OACAC-22-26) (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor Marks

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That based on Report CF-23-19 being a report of the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee withdrawing the motion to feature a monthly newsletter on the City of Oshawa website concerning wildlife be received for information.

Motion Carried

Items Requiring Direction

None

Public Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Marks

That all items listed under the heading of Public Consent Agenda for the March 6, 2023 Corporate and Finance Services Committee meeting be adopted as recommended except Report CF-23-15.

Motion Carried

Correspondence with recommendations

Staff Reports/Motions with recommendations

CF-23-13 - Corporate Payments for the Month of December 2022 (All Wards)

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Report CF-23-13 concerning the corporate payments for the month of December 2022 be received for information.

CF-23-14 - 2022 Annual Investment Report (All Wards)

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Report CF-23-14 dated March 1, 2023 concerning the 2022 annual investment activity be received for information.

CF-23-16 - Additional Funding - HVAC Replacement Fire Hall 1 (Ward 4)

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas, the Purchasing By-Law 80-2020 requires Council approval to award contracts that exceed the approved budget; and,

Whereas, Council approved Project #21-10-0034 Retrofit of Air Distribution System and HVAC – Fire Hall 1 in the amount of \$750,000 including non-rebateable H.S.T.; and,

Whereas, through the Request for Tender (R.F.T.) process, the contract was awarded to Mapleridge Mechanical Contracting in 2022 and Council approved an additional \$596,000 in funding however the contract with Mapleridge Mechanical Contracting was subsequently cancelled; and,

Whereas, Procurement issued a new Request for Tender (R.F.T.) C2022-114 HVAC Replacement - Fire Hall #1 with a revised scope; and,

Whereas, a total of four (4) bids were received and opened by Procurement on January 18, 2023 of which two bids were responsive and responsible, but over budget; and,

Whereas, the Purchasing By-law 80-2020, 5.02e allows for negotiation where the lowest responsive and responsible bid received through a Request for Tender substantially exceeds the estimated cost of the Goods and/or Services; and,

Whereas, Procurement and Facilities Management Services staff negotiated an amount of \$1,160,200 excluding H.S.T. with the lowest compliant bidder; and,

Whereas, current financial commitments for Project #21-10-0034 are approximately \$465,000, for the completion of design, tender preparation and equipment purchase; and,

Whereas, there is a funding shortfall in the amount of \$300,000, including non-rebateable H.S.T.; which Finance Services has confirmed can be funded from the 2022 Operating Surplus;

Therefore be it resolved, that the additional funds of \$300,000 required to award and progress Project #21-10-0034 for HVAC upgrades at Fire Hall 1 be approved and authorize the Manager, Procurement and Accounts Payable to award a contract to Canadian Tech Air Systems in the amount of \$1,160,200, plus H.S.T. for HVAC Replacement - Fire Hall 1.

CF-23-17 - Call for Proposals for Canada's 2 Billion Trees Program (All Wards)

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas, the City's tree canopy has been heavily impacted by extreme weather (drought, wind, ice storms), hotter temperatures, disease (pine wilt) and invasive species (emerald ash borer); and,

Whereas, these challenges combined with an aging canopy are impacting the resiliency of the City's urban tree canopy and limiting its effectiveness to respond to the needs of a changing climate; and,

Whereas, trees are an appreciating asset and play a critical role in mitigating impacts of climate change by cleaning our air, lowering average temperatures to reduce the impacts of extreme heat events, and capturing stormwater runoff to help minimize flooding; and,

Whereas, staff have identified a number of areas within greenspaces, natural areas and along rural roads where reforestation and enhancement plantings would help ensure that the City's urban tree canopy is diverse in not only species but age thereby safeguarding the resiliency of our urban forest into the future; and,

Whereas, In 2019, the Government of Canada committed to supporting governments and organizations in planting an additional two billion new trees over the next 10 years as a broader approach to nature-based climate solutions, with the goal of achieving significant carbon

sequestration, GHG reductions, habitat restoration, biodiversity and increased human well-being and environmental co-benefits; and,

Whereas, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has launched an ongoing call for proposals through the 2 Billion Trees (2BT) program that aims to put into place financial assistance agreements with proponents to motivate and support new tree planting projects; and,

Whereas, eligible applicants/recipients include:

- a municipal or local government or one of their agencies, or a regional municipal organization;
- a not-for profit organization, registered in Canada, such as a charity, volunteer, community, professional, industry or other association, land conservation or non-government organization;
- a for-profit organization (legally incorporated or registered in Canada);
- an organization looking to be a project aggregator and coordinate collective tree planting action by various participants from across a specific region; and,

Whereas, applicants for all tree planting funding streams should demonstrate proven capacity to:

- manage tree planting projects successfully;
- plant the right tree in the right place;
- support the 2BT program's goal of planting diverse tree species;
- monitor tree survival and report on project outcomes;
- demonstrate compliance with applicable health and safety protocols; and,

Whereas, NRCan has identified an Urban/Suburban Stream within the 2BT program that supports projects in and around population centres including urban planting/riparian zone work, planting in parks and conservation areas, and other tree planting projects focused on supporting ecosystem improvements and resident needs; and,

Whereas, this Stream allows for planting to occur, as long as the average number of trees planted per calendar year is equal to or greater than 10,000 (January to December) across multiple sites in and around urban areas, population centres or communities, with NRCan encouraging collaborative project proposals in order to meet the criteria of the funding; and,

Whereas, the 2BT program is a merit-based competitive process that first assesses whether projects meet the mandatory eligibility criteria, and then will undergo a robust evaluation process to determine if the project meets the goals and adheres to the principles, including the requirement for project completion by March 31, 2031; and,

Whereas, the Region of Durham, other area municipalities, colleges and universities, and other agencies such as local conservation authorities, LEAF and Trees for Life have approached the City to participate in a partnership application in order to meet the planting criteria under the Urban/Suburban Stream; and,

Whereas, City staff attended a launch meeting where Trees for Life proposed to coordinate application for a multi-year project (2024 to 2028) on behalf of the Durham Region partners; and,

Whereas, for the purposes of this grant, Trees for Life would assume the role of aggregator which includes administration, distribution of funds and signing of funding agreements for projects and activities that align with the program; and,

Whereas, Trees for Life is a charitable organization that works with community partners across Canada to plant trees in communities and were involved in the Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign as well as being successful to funding through the 2BT program in 2021; and,

Whereas, this partnership would allow the City to leverage the skills and resources in the completion of the application while also collaborating with other agencies and municipalities across Durham Region to complete the planting projects; and,

Whereas, Trees for Life will compile details from each partner agency (listed above) related to their specific planting projects and cost sharing ability in order to determine if the collaboration would be viable prior to submitting an application by April 13, 2023; and,

Whereas, it is expected that notification of the funding would be received in October 2023 allowing the multi-year planting project to begin in 2024; and,

Whereas, staff propose a reforestation project in which the funding would assist with the planting of 2,500 trees per year over 5 years for a total of 12,500 trees within greenspaces, creek corridors and along rural roads; and,

Whereas, the funding would allow staff to expand efforts, resources and attention into the City's valuable natural spaces; and,

Whereas, the estimated cost of the proposed reforestation planting project is \$155,000 per year; and,

Whereas, the maximum NRCan contribution for eligible projects is 50% of eligible expenditures; and,

Whereas, should the partnership application proceed and be successful in receiving the funding, the City can fund their 50% share of the project budget through uncommitted funds in the Operations Reserve for a total of \$387,500 (\$77,500 per year from 2024 to 2028);

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That a budget of \$77,500 annually from 2024 to 2028 to be funded from the Operations Reserve for the City's share of the 2BT program be approved; and,
2. That the City's collaboration with Trees For Life for the submission of Oshawa's tree planting project in the application to the 2 Billion Trees program for a total amount of \$387,500 (\$77,500 per year from 2024 to 2028) be approved; and,
3. That a letter of support be provided to Trees For Life to demonstrate the City's commitment to the project and funding.

CF-23-18 - Community Benefit Charge Strategy Feedback (All Wards)

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That pursuant to Report CF-23-18 concerning the Community Benefit Charge Strategy Feedback, dated March 1, 2023, the Community Benefit Charge be approved with an effective date of May 1, 2023.

CF-23-20 - Corporate and Finance Services Committee Outstanding Items List Status Report - First Quarter 2023 (All Wards)

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Report CF-23-20, dated March 1, 2023 being the Corporate and Finance Services Committee's Outstanding Items List Status Report for the first quarter of 2023 be received for information.

CF-23-21 - Appointments to Various Advisory Committees (All Wards)

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That in accordance with Section 5.4 of Council's Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure, the seat of the absentee member from the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee be declared vacant; and,
2. That in accordance with Report CF-23-21 dated March 1, 2023 concerning appointments to various Advisory Committees, the applicants listed in Confidential Attachment 1 be appointed to the respective Advisory Committees for the terms outlined in Attachment 1.

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda

CF-23-15 - Contract Award – O23-08 Hillcroft Street and Central Park Boulevard N Culvert Replacement (Ward 4)

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas, the Purchasing By-Law 80-2020 requires Council approval to award contracts greater than \$2,000,000; and,

Whereas, Council approved funding for Projects 22-71-0079 and 23-71-0079 in the amounts of \$3,053,000 and \$1,085,000 respectively, for a total of \$4,138,000 including non-rebateable H.S.T. for Hillcroft Street Culvert Replacement; and,

Whereas, Procurement issued a Request for Tender (R.F.T.) O23-08 for Hillcroft Street and Central Park Boulevard North Culvert Replacement; and,

Whereas, five (5) bids were received and opened by Procurement on March 1, 2023; and,

Whereas, Bids received are publically posted on the City website at Oshawa's Bids and Tenders; and,

Whereas, the bid received from 614128 Ontario Ltd o/a Trisan Construction in the amount of \$2,985,858 plus H.S.T. (\$3,010,934 including non rebateable H.S.T.) meets the requirements of the tender; and,

Whereas, it is anticipated the Region of Durham will contribute a minimum of \$245,000 including non-rebateable H.S.T. for their portion of the work;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council authorize the Manager, Procurement and Accounts Payable to award a contract to 614128 Ontario Ltd o/a Trisan Construction in the amount of \$2,985,858 plus H.S.T. for O23-08 Hillcroft Street and Central Park Boulevard North Culvert Replacement.

Motion Carried

Items Introduced by Council Members

CF-23-22 - Support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas Bill 5 has had support of all parties at its first reading and whereas its second reading is scheduled for May, 2023;

Now therefore Oshawa City Council express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement; and,

That this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Jennifer French, Oshawa MPP; and the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Durham MPP.

Moved by Mayor Carter

That the motion concerning support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act be tabled.

Affirmative (3): Councillor Marks, Councillor Marimpietri, and Mayor Carter

Negative (2): Councillor Giberson, and Councillor McConkey

Absent (1): Councillor Neal

Motion Carried (3 to 2)

Items Pulled from the Information Package

None

Closed Consent Agenda

Correspondence with recommendations

None

Staff Reports/Motions with recommendations

None

Closed Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda

None

Items Requiring Direction

None

Matters Tabled

None

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Marks

That the meeting adjourn at 9:48 a.m.

Motion Carried