



**Community and Operations Services
Committee Minutes**

**April 24, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber**

Present: Councillor Gray
Councillor Lee
Councillor Chapman
Mayor Carter

Absent: Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson

Also Present: Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McConkey
R. Rossetti, Council-Committee Coordinator
F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator
J. Lane, Council-Committee Coordinator
L. Davis, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk
R. Diskey, Commissioner, Community and Operations Services
Department
M. Saulnier, Director, Operations
B. Mullen, Director, Community Support Services
J. Naumovski, Director, Recreation Services
M. Sluggett, Manager, Traffic, Streetlighting and Parking
M. Whitbread, Manager, Operations Policy and Research
S. Gray-McQuat, Manager, Culture and Central Recreation
Services

Public Meeting

Additional Agenda Items

Moved by Councillor Lee

That the delegation of Jess Joss be added to the Community and Operations Services Committee Meeting of April 24, 2023.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Lee

That Correspondence CO-23-26, dated April 21, 2023, concerning Plazacomm Investments Ltd.'s request to lease long-term parking be added to the Community and Operations Services Committee agenda as an additional time-sensitive item. **(Requires a 2/3 vote of members present)**

Motion Carried

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Presentations

The Regional Municipality of Durham - Overview of the Works Department

The Regional Municipality of Durham provided a presentation concerning the overview of the Works Department.

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the presenters be given a 2 minute extension.

Motion Carried

Members of the Committee questioned the presenters.

Delegations

Moved by Councillor Lee

That the delegations of Janet Murphy and Jess Joss be heard.

Motion Carried

Janet Murphy - The Impact of high speed traffic on Columbus Road West, Oshawa.

Janet Murphy addressed the Community and Operations Services Committee concerning the impact of high speed traffic on Columbus Road West, Oshawa.

Jess Joss - Petition from Various Residents requesting temporary Speed Cushions on Columbus Road West

Jess Joss addressed the Community and Operations Services Committee concerning the Petition from Various Residents requesting temporary Speed Cushions on Columbus Road West.

Members of the Committee questioned Jess Joss.

Referrals from Council

CO-23-11 - Memorials, Recognizing Unmarked Graves (Ward 4)

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That Report CO-23-11, dated March 15, 2023, concerning memorials, recognizing unmarked graves be tabled.

Motion Carried

Reports from Advisory Committees

CO-23-23 - OEAC Road Salt Working Group Report - April 2023 (Formerly OEAC-23-18) (All Wards)

Moved by Mayor Carter

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That based on Report OEAC-23-18 from the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee Road Salt Working Group:

1. That the Report be endorsed as the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee's comments and feedback concerning Report CO-23-09 regarding a reduction in the use of road salt; and,
2. That the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee approve the content and design of the road salt awareness postcard; and,
3. That the road salt awareness postcard be forwarded to the Corporate Communications Department for their review and approval.

Motion Carried

Items Requiring Direction

CO-23-21 - Selection of the 2023 Oshawa Community Legends Award Recipient (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That based on Report CO-23-21, dated April 19, 2023, concerning the Community Legends Award the second nomination in Attachment 2 be presented the Community Legends Award at a future Council meeting in 2023.

Motion Carried

CO-23-22 - Selection of the 2023 E.P. Taylor Windfields Farm Champion Award (All Wards)

Moved by Mayor Carter

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That based on Report CO-23-22, dated April 19, 2023, concerning the 2023 E.P. Taylor Windfields Farm Champion Award the recipient outlined in Attachment 2 be presented

the 2023 E.P. Taylor Windfields Farm Champion Award at a future Council meeting in 2023; and,

2. That the next EP Taylor Windfields Farm Champion Award be awarded in 2026 and that future awards be selected and presented in the fourth year of each term of Council.

Motion Carried

CO-23-26 - Plazacomm Investments Ltd.'s request to lease long-term Parking (Ward 4)

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the request be referred to staff for further discussions with Plazacomm Investments and to bring back further information on the request to the Council meeting of May 1, 2023.

Motion Carried

Public Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Lee

That all items listed under the heading of Public Consent Agenda for the April 24, 2023 Community and Operations Services Committee meeting be adopted as recommended, except Report CO-23-20.

Motion Carried

Correspondence with recommendations

CO-23-25 - Petition from Various Residents requesting temporary Speed Cushions on Columbus Road West (Ward 1)

That Correspondence CO-23-25, dated April 7, 2023, concerning a petition from various residents requesting temporary Speed Cushions on Columbus Road West be referred to staff for a report.

Staff Reports/Motions with recommendations

CO-23-16 - 40 km/h Signage along Ormond Drive between Coldstream Drive and Parkwood Meadow Park (Ward 1)

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That based on Report CO-23-16, dated April 19, 2023 concerning 40 km/h Signage along Ormond Drive between Coldstream Drive and Parkwood Meadow Park, that the speed limit on Ormond Drive between Askew Court and Coldstream Drive (east intersection) be reduced to 40 km/h.

CO-23-17 - Tiger Tail Signage on Stop Sign Posts (All Wards)

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That based on Report CO-23-17, dated April 19, 2023 concerning the Tiger Tail Signs on Stop Signs, signage not be installed below stop signs at intersections under the

jurisdiction of the City of Oshawa and staff continue to monitor and follow the guidelines for intersection improvements as outlined in the Ontario Traffic Manual; and,

2. That City Staff continue to work with Durham Regional Police Service to target City intersections with reported issues by completing stop sign compliance enforcement.

CO-23-18 - Concerns about Insufficient Parking for Library Patrons at the Oshawa Public Library – McLaughlin Branch (Ward 4)

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas concerns have been raised by staff of the McLaughlin Branch Library regarding insufficient parking for library patrons in Parking Lot 50 which is located immediately west of the library building; and

Whereas the library staff have requested 12 parking spaces to be designated 2hr max paid parking to provide short term parking for library patrons; and

Whereas Parking Lot 50 is currently set up for 66 spaces designated for City staff overflow parking, 41 spaces for hourly paid parking between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm, and one accessible parking space; and

Whereas there has been a noticeable increase in customers paying for parking for the whole day in Parking Lot 50; and

Whereas there has been a decrease in the use of the overflow employee parking spaces in Parking Lot 50 due to the hybrid working arrangements for certain working groups at City Hall; and

Whereas 12 parking spaces in Parking Lot 50 could be changed from employee overflow parking spaces to 2hr max paid parking spaces to short term parking for library patrons; and

Therefore, be it resolved that 12 parking spaces in Parking Lot 50 be changed from employee overflow parking spaces to 2hr max paid parking spaces.

CO-23-19 - Response to Correspondence CO-23-06 from various residents requesting an off leash dog park at Somerset Park (Ward 2)

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas at the February 13, 2023 meeting of the Community and Operations Services Committee, [Correspondence CO-23-06](#), dated January 17, 2023, from various residents (3) requesting an off leash park at Somerset Park was referred to staff for a report; and,

Whereas the correspondence requests that Somerset Park be made off leash before 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.; and,

Whereas it is important that dog owners keep their dogs on leash so that parks and public spaces remain safe and enjoyable for everyone; and,

Whereas Municipal Law Enforcement Services has indicated that this park does have several historical complaints or issues related to off leash dogs; and,

Whereas dogs off leash outside of designated off leash areas are subject to enforcement under the Parks and Facilities By-law (By-law 83-2000) and the Responsible Pet Owners By-law (By-law 14-2010) due to the potential for conflict and safety concerns; and,

Whereas the desire for off leash areas need to be balanced with the safety and needs of other park users, park programming, environmental considerations, accessibility, and community support; and,

Whereas the City has developed “Guidelines for the Design and Placement of Off-Leash Areas” (“Guidelines”), appended as Attachment 1, which guides decision making process when considering suitability of off leash areas; and,

Whereas, Staff have reviewed the request from residents against the Guidelines and has identified the following concerns with designating Somerset Park for off leash use:

- lack of ability to control dogs running at large (no fencing) given the close proximity to a junior playground (ages 5-12), neighbouring properties, and walkways;
- the potential for conflict with other park users or adjacent property owners;
- the difficulty with enforcement and education especially where there is no clear fencing to delineate off leash use;
- the intended use of the park as passive recreational space that is inclusive to all users;
- the proximity of natural heritage features including woodlands and creeks which could be impacted by dogs running at large including the disturbance of wildlife, birds, vegetation, water quality and shoreline stability;
- the potential for increase in visitors using the park for off leash purposes beyond current park capacity; and,

Whereas, in addition to the concerns highlighted above, there has not been any consultation with the neighbourhood; and,

Whereas, Facility Management Services has confirmed that Somerset Park is not scheduled for Capital upgrade/redevelopment until the mid-2030’s;

Therefore be it resolved:

That Correspondence CO-23-06, dated January 17, 2023, be referred to Facility Management Services staff for consideration as part of any future redevelopment.

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda

CO-23-20 - Update on South Patch/ Glen Street Community Garden and Pepper and Berry Patch Community Garden (Ward 4 and Ward 5)

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That based on Report CO-23-20 dated April 19, 2023, the Glen Street Community Garden Committee be formed and assume the operations of the existing community garden as per diagram in Attachment 4 located at Cordova Valley Park in accordance with this Report; and,
2. That the members of the Glen Street Community Garden Committee be recognized as volunteers of the City of Oshawa enabling the City to extend coverage under its Municipal Liability Insurance Policy; and,
3. That this report and Council resolution be sent to the Glen Street Community Garden Committee members to be incorporated into the garden policy and operating procedures.

Motion Carried

Items Introduced by Council Members

CO-23-27 - Improvement for location of Accessible Parking (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor Lee

Whereas a concern was raised by staff at the Delpark Homes Centre (DHC) during the Mayor and CAO's recent Employee Town Hall that some members of the public are having difficulties with the location of accessible parking at the DHC, finding it is too great a distance to travel to the library/pool and Seniors Centre services provided in the DHC;

Now therefore staff find out more about this concern and investigate ways how the accessible parking for the public with special needs can be improved, and report back to the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Community and Operations Committee with action plan options.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the motion be amended to delete the words 'action plan options'.

Motion Carried

The vote on the motion concerning accessible parking at Delpark Homes Centre, as amended.

Motion Carried

Items Pulled from the Information Package

CO-23-24 - Correspondence received from Arthur Murphy concerning automatic speed enforcement cameras on Columbus Road West (Formerly INFO-23-67) (Ward 1)

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommends to City Council:

That Correspondence CO-23-24, dated March 8, 2023, concerning correspondence received from Arthur Murphy concerning automatic speed enforcement cameras on Columbus Road West be received for information.

Motion Carried

Questions to Staff concerning the Committee's Outstanding Items List

None.

Closed Consent Agenda

Closed Correspondence with recommendations

None.

Closed Staff Reports/Motions with recommendations

None.

Closed Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda

None.

Items Requiring Direction

None.

Matters Tabled

Item CS-21-105 - Fleet Services Decarbonization Strategy

No items were lifted from the table

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the meeting adjourn at 10:23 a.m.

Motion Carried