



**Community and Operations Services
Committee Minutes**

**January 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber**

Present: Councillor Gray
Councillor Lee
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Nicholson
Mayor Carter

Absent: Councillor Neal

Also Present: Councillor McConkey
P. Aguilera, Council-Committee Coordinator
J. Lane, Council-Committee Coordinator
K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator
L. Davis, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk
K. Alexander, Commissioner Community and Operations Services
M. Whitbread, Manager, Operations Policy and Research
M. Saulnier, Director, Operations
B. Mullen, Director, Community Support Services
M. Saulnier, Director, Operations
J. Naumovski, Director, Recreation Services

Public Meeting

Councillor Gray called the meeting to order and stated that all members of the Committee were participating from the Chamber except Councillor Neal who was absent. Also present in the Chamber was Councillor McConkey.

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations. We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty people.

Additional Agenda Items

None

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Presentations

None

Delegations

None

Referrals from Council

None

Reports from Advisory Committees

None

Items Requiring Direction

None

Public Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Lee

That all items listed under the heading of Public Consent Agenda for the January 15, 2024 Community and Operations Services Committee meeting be adopted as recommended.

Motion Carried

Correspondence with recommendations

None

Staff Reports/Motions with recommendations

CO-24-01 - Investigation into the Proposals to Amend City By-Laws to include noxious weeds and invasive species (All Wards)

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

That based on Report CO-24-01 dated January 10, 2024 concerning noxious weeds and invasive species:

1. That Council pass a by-law to amend Lot Maintenance By-law 127-2007, as amended, to address noxious weeds as listed under the Weed Control Act, 1990 as outlined in Attachment 3 to this Report and in a form and content acceptable to Legal Services and the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services; and,
2. That staff develop a public awareness campaign specific to the invasive nature of common garden plants and proper disposal methods.

CO-24-02 - Response to Report CS-21-75 dated June 14, 2021 (Ward 2)

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

Whereas at its meeting of June 21, 2021, City Council referred Report CS-21-75 concerning cycling network maintenance issues for staff to review; and,

Whereas staff assessed observed safety concerns and recommendations proposed in Report CS-21-75 against City standards and the Ontario Traffic Manual; and,

Whereas Project 52-0049 - Airport Trail Safety Modifications was considered by Council as part of the 2023 Capital Budget to address safety concerns for an estimated cost of \$800,000; and,

Whereas in accordance with CNCL-23-07, "2023 Proposed Capital Budget Addendum", Council approved \$200,000 as part of the 2023 Capital budget and a reduced scope of work for Project 52-0049 to implement risk mitigation measures including increased levels of service, specifically providing diligent year-round operations and maintenance, in addition to the implementation of recommended interim safety measures; and,

Whereas implementation of interim and permanent risk mitigation measures, including those approved as part of CNCL-23-07, are expected to be complete by February 2, 2024;

Therefore, be it resolved, that Report CO-24-02 dated January 10, 2024 concerning cycling network maintenance issues, be received for information.

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda

None.

Items Introduced by Council Members

CO-24- 05 - Installation of a Temporary off Leash Dog Park at Southmead Park

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

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

That staff investigate the possibility of installing temporary fencing and signage for a pilot project of a neighborhood level off leash dog park at Southmead Park.

Motion Carried

CO-24-05 - Snow and Ice Clearing from Trails

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

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

That staff investigate the clearing of snow and ice from trails included in new or redesigned neighbourhood parks.

Motion Carried

Items Pulled from the Information Package

None

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

Moved by Mayor Carter

That Item CS-21-105 concerning a request for staff to adopt a vehicle purchasing policy that assumes an electric vehicle purchase as the default choice and move to a fleet replacement policy that sets ambitious targets in fleet electrification and decarbonisation be lifted from the table.

Motion Carried

Moved by Mayor Carter

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

That Item CS-21-105 - Fleet Services Decarbonization Strategy concerning a request for staff to adopt a vehicle purchasing policy that assumes an electric vehicle purchase as the default choice and move to a fleet replacement policy that sets ambitious targets in fleet electrification and decarbonisation be received for information.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the meeting adjourn at 9:43 a.m.