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Safety and Facilities Services Committee

Minutes

**January 15, 2024, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chamber**

Present: Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marks
Councillor McConkey

Also Present: Councillor Chapman
Councillor Giberson
Councillor Gray
Councillor Neal
F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator
J. Lane, Council-Committee Coordinator
K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator
A. Grant, Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services
Department
L. Davis, Deputy City Clerk
K. Alexander, Commissioner, Community and Operations
Services Department
P. Lyon, Director, Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing
Services
S. Barkwell, Fire Chief
D. Livesey, Senior Policy Advisor
R. Garey, Director, Facilities Management Services
B. Varty, Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement Services
K. Man, Manager, Policy, Licensing and Business Services

Public Meeting

Councillor Nicholson called the meeting to order and stated that all members of Committee were participating from the Chamber. Also present in the Chamber were Councillors Chapman and Gray.

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

SF-24-02 - Notice of Motion - Reporting of Parking Complaints (CNCL-23-119) (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas the City is developing a customer service strategy to identify service delivery gaps and look at potential ways to modernize ways to serve the public; and,

Whereas Blackline Consulting has been engaged to help lead the strategy; and,

Whereas the public and Oshawa Council members have found the current required process to report parking complaints by phone causes delays and lost time; and,

Whereas there are benefits to reporting parking by-law non-compliance with the option of permitting a photo email to Service Oshawa;

Now therefore Council recommend to Blackline Consulting and City staff to include a new process option for reporting parking non-compliance with a picture email to Service Oshawa.

Affirmative (4): Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marks, and Councillor McConkey

Negative (1): Councillor Kerr

Motion Carried (4 to 1)

Reports from Advisory Committees

None

Items Requiring Direction

None

Public Consent Agenda

See Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda

Correspondence with Recommendations

None

Staff Reports/Motions with Recommendations

None

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda

SF-24-01 - Technical Amendments to Fence and Sight Triangle By-law 23-2014 and Boulevard By-law 136-2006 (All Wards)

Councillor Giberson entered the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas the Fence and Sight Triangle By-law 23-2014, as amended (“Fence and Sight Triangle By-law”) is a by-law to regulate the height of fences, natural features and objects in certain circumstances within the City of Oshawa (“City”); and,

Whereas the Boulevard By-law 136-2006, as amended (“Boulevard By-law”) is a by-law to regulate the maintenance, occupancy, use of, and other matters pertaining to, those portions of public highways under the jurisdiction of the City known as boulevards; and,

Whereas staff regularly review the City’s by-laws to identify opportunities to enhance municipal regulatory standards; and,

Whereas a review has identified an opportunity to implement the following amendments to the Fence and Sight Triangle By-law:

- Increase the clarity of applicable standards by renaming the definition of “Sight Triangle” to “Corner Sight Triangle” as standards for Sight Triangles relate to the Sight Triangle at the corner of a Corner Lot.

- Eliminate sight obstructions within the Driveway Sight Triangle by amending the definition of “Height” to address fences, natural features, etc. on top of retaining walls within the Driveway Sight Triangle to be measured between the finished grade of the driveway and the highest point of the fence, natural feature, thing or object.
- Remove Legal Non-Complying (i.e. “grandfathering”) for fences, natural features, things or objects located within the “Corner Sight Triangle” or “Driveway Sight Triangle” as they pose a risk to health and safety.

Whereas a review has identified an opportunity to implement the following amendments to the Fence and Sight Triangle By-law and the Boulevard By-law:

- Remove the appeal process for remedial work orders to ensure that compliance is achieved in an effective and timely manner, consistent with the enforcement approach in Lot Maintenance By-law 127-2007, as amended;

Therefore be it resolved that based on SF-24-01 dated January 10, 2024, Council approve a by-law in a final form and content acceptable to Legal Services and the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services Department to:

1. Amend Fence and Sight Triangle By-law 23-2014, as amended to increase clarity in reference to corner sight triangles, to address sight obstructions on top of retaining walls located within the driveway sight triangle and to remove references to Legal Non-Complying provisions for fences, natural features, things or objects located within the corner sight triangle or driveway sight triangle to enhance public safety; and,
2. Amend Fence and Sight Triangle By-law 23-2014, as amended and Boulevard By-law 136-2006, as amended to remove the appeals process for remedial work orders to ensure effective and efficient compliance with the respective by-laws.

Motion Carried

Councillor Neal entered the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Items Introduced by Council Members

SF-24-03 - Installation of a public water dispenser at the Tribute Communities Centre (Ward 4)

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas there is no public water dispenser at the Tribute Communities Centre (“TCC”) available to the public during Oshawa Generals games and events; and,

Whereas the public is expressing a need to have a drink of water made available when attending Oshawa Generals games and events;

Therefore that staff investigate the feasibility and practicality of installing a public water dispenser at the TCC and report back with ideal location and cost implications.

Motion Carried

Items Pulled from the Information Package

None

Questions to Staff Concerning the Committee's Outstanding Items List

None

Closed Consent Agenda

Correspondence with Recommendations

None

Staff Reports/Motions with Recommendations

None

Closed Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda

None

Items Requiring Direction

None

Matters Tabled

None

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Lee

That the meeting adjourn at 2:05 p.m.

Motion Carried