



**Community and Operations Services  
Committee Minutes**

**May 13, 2024, 9:30 a.m.  
Council Chamber**

**Present:** Councillor Gray  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Neal  
Mayor Carter

**Absent:** Councillor Nicholson

**Also Present:** Councillor Giberson  
Councillor Marimpietri  
Councillor McConkey  
P. Aguilera, Council-Committee Coordinator  
J. Lane, Council-Committee Coordinator  
K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator  
M. Saulnier, Director, Operations  
B. Mullen, Director, Community Support Services  
M. Sluggett, Manager, Traffic, Streetlighting and Parking  
K. Alexander, Commissioner Community and Operations  
Services  
Aili Oberson, Manager, Programs and Facilities  
Brendan Browne, Manager, Programs and Facilities  
Stacey Gray-McQuat, Manager, Centralized Recreation Services

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**Public Meeting**

Councillor Gray called the meeting to order and advised that members of the Community and Operations Services Committee were in attendance in the Council Chamber except for Councillor Nicholson who was absent. Also present were Councillor Marimpietri and Councillor Giberson participating from the Chamber and Councillor McConkey who participated electronically.

**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**

#### **Councillor Neal - CO-24-27 - 2024 Update to the Parks, Recreation, Library and Culture Facility Needs Assessment (All Wards)**

Councillor Neal made a declaration of interest concerning CO-24-27 regarding the update to the Parks, Recreation, Library and Culture Facility Needs Assessment, as he sits on the Board of Directors for the Oshawa Community Centres 55+ (OSCC55+) and as such did not participate in any discussion or voting on the matter.

#### **Councillor Neal - CO-24-29 - Safe School Zone Pilot Program (All Wards)**

Councillor Neal made a declaration of interest concerning CO-24-29 as a family member has a contract with the Durham District School Board and as such did not participate in any discussion or voting on the matter.

### **Presentations**

#### **Region of Durham - Blue Box Transition Update**

Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management, Region of Durham, provided a presentation to the Community and Operations Services Committee concerning the Blue Box Transition Update.

Members of the Committee questioned Andrew Evans.

### **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 May 13, 2024 Community and Operations Services Committee meeting be adopted as recommended except for Reports CO-24-27 and CO-24-29.

Motion Carried

## Correspondence with recommendations

None

## Staff Reports/Motions with recommendations

### CO-24-30 - Installation of a Temporary off Leash Dog Park at Southmead Park (Ward 5)

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

Whereas at its meeting of January 29, 2024, and by way of Item CO-24-05, Council directed staff to investigate the possibility of installing temporary fencing and signage for a neighbourhood level off leash dog park pilot project at Southmead Park; and,

Whereas City “Guidelines for the Design and Placement of Off-Leash Areas” (“Guidelines”), are referenced by staff to guide the decision-making process when considering the suitability of off-leash areas; and,

Whereas the guidelines are based on industry best practice for the Health and Safety of dogs and the public, and;

Whereas the need for designated areas for off-leash dog parks should be in alignment with guidelines to ensure balance with the safety and needs of other park users, park programming, the environment, accessibility, and the community as a whole; and,

Whereas City staff have reviewed Council’s direction in accordance with the Guidelines and have identified the following concerns with the installation of temporary fencing and signage for an off-leash area at Southmead Park:

- Southmead Park is approximately three kilometers from the newly constructed off-leash area at Cordova Park;
- The close proximity to a playground, neighbouring properties, trails and walkways;
- The three existing soccer fields are fully permitted;
- The existing parking lot is not designed to support the addition of an off-leash dog park;
- Temporary fencing would not meet the minimum standard of providing adequate security for both dog owners and other park users;

- Budget and resources constraints; and,

Therefore pursuant to Item CO-24-30 a pilot project for a neighbourhood off-leash dog park at Southmead Park not be implemented, and that consideration of off-leash dog parks be considered as part of future Parks Development and in accordance with City Guidelines

**CO-24-31 - Trent University GTA Multi-Year Fitness Membership for Student Use, 2024-2027 (Ward 4)**

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

1. That pursuant to Report CO-24-31, dated May 8, 2024, the City renew a three year agreement with Trent University Durham GTA for eight-month, Level 2 Fitness Memberships for Trent University Durham GTA students at City-owned recreation facilities, for the academic years September 2024 to April 2027; subject to the terms and conditions as set out in the Agreement; and,
2. That the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services be authorized to execute a formal agreement with Trent University Durham GTA in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor, Commissioner, Corporate and Finance Services Department and the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services Department.

**Public Discussion Agenda**

**Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda**

**CO-24-27 - 2024 Update to the Parks, Recreation, Library and Culture Facility Needs Assessment (All Wards)**

Councillor Neal declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Neal made a declaration of interest concerning CO-24-27 regarding the update to the Parks, Recreation, Library and Culture Facility Needs Assessment, ;as he sits on the Board of Directors for the Oshawa Community Centres 55+ (OSCC55+) and as such did not participate in any discussion or voting on the matter.)

Moved by Councillor Lee

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

That in accordance with Report CO-24-27, dated May 2, 2024, the 2024 Update to the Parks, Recreation, Library and Culture Facility Needs Assessment be endorsed.

A request was made to vote on Section 7 of Attachment 1 separately from Sections 1 to 6 and Section 8 due to Councillor Neal's Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.

The vote to adopt Sections 1 to 6 and Section 8 as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report CO-24-27 concerning the 2024 Update to the Parks, Recreation, Library and Culture Facility Need Assessment.

Motion Carried

The vote to adopt Section 7 as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report CO-24-27 concerning the 2024 Update to the Parks, Recreation, Library and Culture Facility Need Assessment.

Affirmative (4): Councillor Gray, Councillor Lee, Councillor Chapman, and Mayor Carter

Conflict (1): Councillor Neal

Absent (1): Councillor Nicholson

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

**CO-24-29 - Safe School Zone Pilot Program (All Wards)**

Councillor Neal declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Neal made a declaration of interest concerning CO-24-29 as a family member has a contract with the Durham District School Board and as such did not participate in any discussion or voting on the matter. ;)

Moved by Councillor Chapman

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

That based on Report CO-24-29 dated May 8, 2024, a Safe School Zone Pilot Program not be implemented.

Affirmative (4): Councillor Gray, Councillor Lee, Councillor Chapman, and Mayor Carter

Conflict (1): Councillor Neal

Absent (1): Councillor Nicholson

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

**Items Introduced by Council Members**

None

**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**

**Report CO-23-11 concerning Memorials, Recognizing Unmarked Graves. (Tabled April 24, 2023)**

No items were lifted from the table.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the meeting adjourn at 10:34 a.m.

Motion Carried