

Present: Mayor Mitchell (Participating Electronically)
Councillor Drumm
Councillor Leahy (Participating Electronically)
Councillor Lee (Participating Electronically)
Councillor Mulcahy (Participating Electronically)
Councillor Newman (Participating Electronically)
Councillor Shahid (Participating Electronically)
Councillor Yamada (Participating Electronically)

Also Present: J. Long, Head, Organizational Effectiveness/Acting Chief
Administrative Officer
J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development
D. Speed, Head of Operations & Fire Chief
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
H. Ellis, Executive Advisor to the Mayor
C. Harris, Town Clerk
K. Narraway, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
L. MacDougall, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording
Secretary)

Regrets: Councillor Roy

Call to Order

Call of the Roll: The Clerk

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Newman declared a conflict of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act regarding Item 9.1, Community Services Report, CMS 19-21, West Whitby Unnamed District Park – Park Name Survey Results specifically related to naming the West Whitby District Park as a family member is referenced as one of the proposed names for the District Park. Councillor Newman did not take part in the discussion or voting on any matters related to the naming of the park.

Planning and Development

Councillor Yamada assumed the Chair.

1. Presentations

- 1.1** Paul Lowes and Susanne MacDonald, SGL Planning and Design Inc.
Re: Planning and Development Department, PL 74-21
Whitby Mature Neighbourhoods Study Update - Interim Control By-laws
7699-20 and # 7700-20

Refer to Item 4.1, PL 74-21

Paul Lowes and Susanne MacDonald, SGL Planning and Design Inc., provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Whitby Mature Neighbourhoods Study. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the purpose of the Whitby Mature Neighbourhoods Study to identify growth trends and pressures affecting mature neighbourhoods, to identify options for managing changes, and to provide recommendations on official plan policies, zoning provisions, and urban design guidelines;
- the boundaries of the Whitby Mature Neighbourhoods Study area subject to the Interim Control By-laws and where development is currently restricted;
- a detailed overview of Phase 1 which included a background analysis and existing conditions through the review of Town documents including the Official Plan policies, the Zoning By-laws, and the Draft Urban Design Guidelines;
- detailed information about the results of Phase 2 - Planning and Design options which included separate options to manage infill and intensification through the Official Plan, Zoning By-laws and Urban Design Guidelines for development types such as multi-unit buildings, subdivisions, severances, and new and replacement dwellings;
- the public engagement including the Open House and online survey; and,
- the next steps and timeline for the completion of Phase 3 including a recommendation report to Council, the preparation of implementation tools, a future statutory Public Meeting, and Council's decision.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee, Mr. Lowes and Ms. MacDonald regarding:

- the criteria, apart from the Public Meeting, that would be used to determine the most suitable options for the Phase 3 proposed options;
- whether consultation would take place with stakeholders that may have an interest in the proposed options;
- the intent for Council and Staff to have a shared alignment about intensification that would be compatible and appropriate in mature neighbourhoods and whether a report back on the identification of criteria for the evaluation of development applications would take place as part of Phase 3;
- including criteria about traffic and road access that would support the development type;
- avoidance of, and obtaining information from other municipalities on the type of criteria previously advanced for this type of study that has been received unfavourably in the later stages of the process;
- whether the proposed evaluation criteria could be applied to new development applications prior to the adoption of the Study recommendations should Council decide not to extend the Interim Control By-laws;
- the risks associated with allowing the Interim Control By-laws to lapse and how those risks could be mitigated;
- whether Phase 3 of the Mature Neighbourhoods Study would be affected should the Interim Control By-laws be allowed to lapse; and,
- whether a study of the entire Town would be undertaken once the specific study areas were complete.

2. Delegations

2.1 Linda Gasser

Re: Planning and Development Department Report, PL 74-21
Whitby Mature Neighbourhoods Study Update - Interim Control By-laws
7699-20 and # 7700-20

Refer to Item 4.1, PL 74-21

Linda Gasser, 111 Ferguson Street, referenced correspondence dated November 19, 2021 submitted to the Town, and advised that her PowerPoint presentation included photographs of properties that were referred to within her correspondence. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the need for a diverse range of housing options in Whitby;
- the replacement homes referenced in the correspondence could not be considered affordable;

- recent rebuilds have maximized the size of replacement homes for maximum potential future profit and have not been occupied by the original builder or owner for some time;
- the scale and design of rebuilds were often incompatible with neighbouring homes;
- the number of mature healthy trees that would have been removed to accommodate large new rebuilds that have an impact on the entire neighbourhood;
- greater lot coverage, smaller permeable surface areas, and vulnerability to climate change induced hazards; and,
- photographs and details about new and rebuilt homes located on the east and west side of Cochrane Street, Fairview Drive, Euclid Street, and Ferguson Street.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Drumm

That the rules of procedure be suspended to allow the delegation to exceed the five minute speaking limit.

Carried

Ms. Gasser continued her delegation regarding:

- preserving the attributes and the character of Whitby's mature neighbourhoods while allowing for gentle and appropriate intensification that would not impact an entire neighbourhood; and,
- the request and support for Option 1 to extend the existing Interim Control By-laws by one year.

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Ms. Gasser regarding clarification about Ms. Gasser's concerns about the Town's ability to restrict the development applications between January and the completion of the Study.

2.2 Matthew Helfand representing Toronto-Guild Investments Limited
Re: Planning and Development Department Report, PL 74-21
Whitby Mature Neighbourhoods Study Update - Interim Control By-laws
7699-20 and # 7700-20

Refer to Item 4.1, PL 74-21

Matthew Helfand, representing Toronto-Guild Investments Limited, stated that he was a lawyer for Aird & Berlis LLP and counsel to the owners of the land at 143 Garrard Road. Mr. Helfand advised that he had appeared before Council on October 4, 2021 regarding a request for an exemption from Interim Control By-law # 7699-20 for 143 Garrard Road which was not approved by Council. He noted that the Staff report provides two options, to either let the Interim Control By-laws lapse or to extend them for an additional year. He stated that the decision to extend the Interim Control By-laws could be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal where owners and appellants would have the right to challenge the appropriateness of the Interim Control By-laws as they apply to their lands in terms of land use planning policies and principles. He suggested that Council consider a third option to extend the Interim Control By-law, and to change either its boundaries and/or its regulations. Mr. Helfand stated that should Council extend Interim Control By-law # 7699-20 that the by-law should be amended such that his client's lands would no longer be subject to its provisions and regulations. Mr. Helfand advised that in accordance with the Planning Act the act of information gathering through a land use planning study was integral to the purpose of the Interim Control By-laws and that it was a basic statutory requirement. He stated that the rationale underlying the Interim Control By-laws was to place matters into a holding pattern while information was gathered, analyzed, and acted upon. He advised that Council was aware of the history of his client's lands with respect to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) proceeding, the evidence presented, and the determination of the OLT. He urged Council to consider that the informational purpose of the statute as it relates to the Interim Control By-law was fundamentally different from most other properties that were captured within the restrictions of the by-law, noting that his client's lands have been studied, information has been gathered and analyzed and it has been acted upon. Mr. Helfand stated that an amendment to the Interim Control By-law at this stage would be appropriate from a land use planning perspective and would save time and resources by the Town and his client. He advised that if the Interim Control By-law was extended and continues to apply to his client's lands, that it would be appealed and it would be assessed by the OLT on its own merits from a planning perspective.

3. Correspondence

3.1 There was no correspondence.

4. Staff Reports

4.1 Planning and Development Department, PL 74-21

Re: Whitby Mature Neighbourhoods Study Update - Interim Control By-laws # 7699-20 and # 7700-20

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding:

- the possibility of retroactively applying the proposed recommendations arising from the Mature Neighbourhoods Study to development applications between the lapse of the Interim Control By-laws and Council's adoption of the recommendations;
- confirmation that development applications received between the lapse of the Interim Control By-laws and the adoption of the recommendations would be processed based on the Town's current planning policies;
- confirmation that the new guidelines would be applied to development applications received after the lapse of the Interim Control By-laws following the adoption of the recommendation report should the Interim Control By-laws not be extended;
- confirmation that the approval of the recommendation report would provide Staff with direction to find a shared alignment between Council and Staff based on the Mature Neighbourhoods Study and the recommendation report;
- the timeline for the recommendation report to Council and for the completion of the statutory process to implement the recommendations;
- confirmation that Council could approve requests for exemption from the Interim Control By-laws should the Interim Control By-laws be extended;
- deferring the decision regarding the Interim Control By-laws until the Council meeting on November 29, 2021; and,
- the number of development applications that have not been processed due to the restrictions of the Interim Control By-laws, and the number of requests for exemption from Interim Control By-laws that have been presented to Council.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That the "Whitby Mature Neighbourhoods Options Report" (September 2021)" be received for information; and,
2. That Council consider the options related to Interim Control By-laws # 7699-20 and # 7700-20, as outlined within Section 4.3 of report PL 74-21.

Carried later in the meeting (See following motions)

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

That the main motion be amended to replace Item 2 and include Item 3 as follows:

2. That Staff be directed to proceed with Phase 3 of the Mature Neighbourhoods Study to provide Council with recommendations on the options to amend the relevant planning regulations and guidelines through the Planning and Design Recommendations Report; and,
3. That the decision regarding Interim Control By-laws # 7699-20 and # 7700-20 be deferred to the November 29th Council meeting to receive further legal advice on this matter.

Carried

The main motion, as amended, was then carried as follows:

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That the "Whitby Mature Neighbourhoods Options Report" (September 2021)" be received for information;
2. That Staff be directed to proceed with Phase 3 of the Mature Neighbourhoods Study to provide Council with recommendations on the options to amend the relevant planning regulations and guidelines through the Planning and Design Recommendations Report; and,
3. That the decision regarding Interim Control By-laws # 7699-20 and # 7700-20 be deferred to the November 29th Council meeting to receive further legal advice on this matter.

Carried

5. New and Unfinished Business - Planning and Development

5.1 New and Unfinished Business - Planning and Development

There was no new and unfinished business.

General Government

Councillor Drumm assumed the Chair.

6. Presentations

6.1 There were no presentations.

7. Delegations

7.1 Astrid Poei Community Services Department Report, CMS 19-21 Re: Unnamed West Whitby Park – Park Name Survey Results

Refer to Item 9.1, CMS 19-21

Astrid Poei, 68 Westfield Drive, commented on the process being flawed for how the names for the park were selected and the dismissal of the feedback from the public. She advised that if the names presented by Staff required a vote by the public that those names would automatically rank higher than any other suggested names. Ms. Poei stated that the alternate suggested park names were not made public and could not be voted on. She further stated that initially there was not any consultation with the public, that the original proposed name for the park was Des Newman District Park, and that following consultation with the public the proposed name for the park remained as Des Newman District Park despite that fact that it was not compliant with the Town's Municipal Property and Facility Naming Policy. She advised that the park should be given a name that was neutral and that everyone would be proud of. Ms. Poei noted that there were several things named after Des Newman and that should everything be named after former mayors that it would not leave any room for recognition of future leaders from diverse backgrounds.

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Mr. Poei regarding whether the delegate would support a compromise in naming the park Des Newman Whit-BEE Park.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 9.1, CMS 19-21, at this time.

7.2 Aida Sorescu Re: Legal and Enforcement Services Department Report, LS 18-21 Proposed Unauthorized Area Parking By-law

Refer to Item 9.6, LS 18-21

Aida Sorescu, 16 Hallmark Way, raised concerns about vehicles parked on front lawns in her neighbourhood, noting that it was a problem that was not being dealt with promptly, that it would continue and that it would eventually deface the neighbourhood. Ms. Sorescu advised that she wanted to have her voice heard by Council who may not be aware of the impact of vehicles parked on front lawns have on a neighbourhood. She stated that parking on the front lawns of properties was prevalent in a certain type of neighbourhood where there was only single car garage and a short, narrow single car driveway. Ms. Sorescu advised that parking vehicles on front lawns, was unlawful, unsightly, harmful to the property, that it creates mud piles on the property that gets tracked onto the roads requiring resources to clean the roads, that it devalues the properties in the neighbourhood, and that it was a bad habit that spreads by example throughout a neighbourhood. She stated that this type of situation creates tension and resentment between neighbours because the majority of residents take pride in the ownership of their properties.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

That the rules of procedure be suspended to allow the delegation to exceed the five minute speaking limit.

Carried

Ms. Sorescu continued her delegation and advised that a recent complaint was made to the Town and that Staff did not prosecute because the matter was difficult to enforce. She stated that by-laws were not taken seriously without proper enforcement. Ms. Sorescu advised that she was in support of the proposed Unauthorized Area Parking By-law because it would be easier for Staff to enforce the matter of vehicles parking on front lawns.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 9.6, LS 18-21, at this time.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1** Correspondence # 2021-950 received by C. Harris, Town Clerk, from A. Redick and J. Barton on October 14, 2021 regarding a request for an exemption to Fence By-law # 4394-99 at 37 Headlands Crescent

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding whether Council could approve the request for an exemption to the Fence By-law for 37 Headlands Crescent without circulating the notice of the exemption request to the adjacent properties.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Shahid

1. That the Memorandum from A. Gratton, Manager of Enforcement Services, dated October 29, 2021 regarding a request for an exemption to Fence By-law # 4394-99 at 37 Headlands Crescent be received for information; and,
2. That the Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement Services be delegated the authority to approve the Fence By-law exemption request subject to no objections being received from the adjacent property owners.

Carried

8.2 Memorandum from K. Evans, Staff Liaison, Whitby Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DIAC), dated November 4, 2021 regarding 2022 Dates of Significance for Proclamations.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding:

- the approval of the proclamations well in advance of the requested dates and whether the proclamations could be promoted through social media or the Town's website closer to the dates of the proclamations; and,
- the rationale for not including Hanukkah in December 2022 in the dates of significance.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

That the proclamations for 2022 as outlined in the Memorandum from K. Evans, Staff Liaison, Whitby Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DIAC), dated November 4, 2021, be endorsed.

Carried

8.3 Memorandum from C. Harris, Town Clerk, dated November 8, 2021 on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding Corporate Statement of Commitment regarding Accessibility

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

1. That the Memorandum from C. Harris, Town Clerk dated November 8, 2021 on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding the Corporate Statement of Commitment regarding Accessibility be received for information; and,
2. That in accordance with subsection 3.(2) of Ontario Regulation 191/11 and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, the Town's statement of organizational commitment related to meeting the accessibility needs of persons with disabilities be revised to read as follows:

The Town of Whitby is committed to:

- a. Ensuring that decisions, actions and planning for the community apply the principles of dignity, equal opportunity, independence and integration;
- b. Identifying, removing and preventing barriers to our programs, services and facilities; and,
- c. Providing an inclusive community in which employees, residents and visitors have equitable access for all ages, abilities and circumstances.

The Town strives to deliver an inclusive and welcoming environment for all community members and visitors; and,

3. That the Clerk be delegated the authority to revise Town policies and procedures which reference the statement of organizational commitment.

Carried

9. Staff Reports

9.1 Community Services Department Report, CMS 19-21
Re: Unnamed West Whitby Park – Park Name Survey Results

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Councillor Newman did not take part in the discussion or voting specifically related to the naming of the District Park.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding;

- clarification on the Town's policy for naming parks after the abutting street name; and,
- whether a survey and/or the amount of public engagement undertaken for the naming of this District Park has previously taken place for the purpose of identifying a name for a park.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

1. That Community Services Department Report CMS 19-21 be received as information;
2. That the Unnamed West Whitby Park be named the Des Newman Whit-BEE District Park in response to suggestions from the 520 participants who completed the community engagement survey on a park name.
3. That staff be directed to review the Municipal Property and Facility Naming Policy (MS 250) and report back with any recommended revisions to update the policy; and,
4. That MD 5672 and MD 5899 be removed from the General Government New and Unfinished Business Listing.

Carried later in the meeting (See following motions)

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

That the main motion be divided to consider Item 2 as a separate motion from Items 1, 3, and 4.

Carried

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

2. That the Unnamed West Whitby Park be named the Des Newman Whit-BEE District Park in response to suggestions from the 520 participants who completed the community engagement survey on a park name.

Carried

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

1. That Community Services Department Report CMS 19-21 be received as information;
3. That staff be directed to review the Municipal Property and Facility Naming Policy (MS 250) and report back with any recommended revisions to update the policy; and,
4. 4. That MD 5672 and MD 5899 be removed from the General Government New and Unfinished Business Listing.

Carried

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 7.2, Delegation by Aida Sorescu, at this time.

- 9.2** Community Services Department Report, CMS 21-21
Re: Whitby Sports Complex - Temporary Capital Projects Supervisor

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

1. That Community Services Department Report CMS 21-21 be received as information; and,
2. That one (1) temporary Capital Projects Supervisor (Asset Management) be hired, on a three (3) year contract at a cost of \$435,000, funded from the Whitby Sports Complex (WSC) construction capital project, capital project #71201033.

Carried

- 9.3** Public Works (Engineering) Department Report, PW 33-21
Re: Signalization of Regional Intersections and HEPC Trail Crossings

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding:

- the criteria that the Town relies on to identify and determine priority intersections for temporary traffic signalization when they do not meet the Ontario Traffic Manual warrant thresholds;
- the process for providing Staff with additional intersections that may also require temporary traffic signals;
- whether the cost for unwarranted temporary traffic signals at intersections would be fully covered by the Town or whether it would be a shared cost with the Region of Durham;
- the status of the pedestrian crossing at Manning Road near Thickson Road, and whether it would be an intersection pedestrian signal or a pedestrian crossover;
- the possibility of developers funding traffic signalization for previously approved and future landlocked developments and whether related maintenance costs for those traffic signals would be the responsibility of the municipality; and,
- the timeline for the installation of the traffic signals at the intersections and Hydro Electric Corridor trail crossings.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

1. That Council approve the following temporary signalization and permanent traffic signal projects to be included in the 2022 budget and 10-year capital forecast, considering the Region's requirements for unwarranted traffic control signals, funded by the Growth Reserve Fund:
 - a. Baldwin Street at Canary Street in the amount of \$200,000 in 2022 (temporary signal) and \$175,000 in 2025 (permanent signal);
 - b. Thickson Road at Glengowan Street in the amount of \$200,000 in 2022 (temporary) and \$175,000 between 2026 and 2030 (permanent); and,
 - c. Rossland Road at Overlord Street/Doulton Gate or the Hydro Electric Power Corridor (HEPC) in the amount of \$175,000 in 2022 (permanent).
2. That Council approve a pedestrian crossing, considering the Region's requirements for unwarranted traffic control signals funded by the Growth Reserve Fund for Manning Road in the vicinity of the Hydro Electric Power Corridor (HEPC) Trail for \$205,500 in 2022;

3. That the on-going operating and maintenance costs related to the temporary signals that do not meet the warrant threshold, in the annual amount of \$32,000 be included in the 2022 operating budget as a program change;
4. That Council approve a pedestrian crossing, funded by the Development Charges Roads & Related – Town-wide Reserve Fund for Dryden Boulevard at the HEPC Trail for \$275,000 in 2022; and,
5. That Council direct staff to develop a process to consider additional intersections of concern on an annual basis, to be considered through the annual Business Plan and Budget Process.

Carried

9.4 Public Works (Operations) Department Report, PW 35-21
Re: Proposed New Waste Collection By-law

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding the rationale for the Town not providing waste collection services to townhouses and multi-residential properties.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That report PW 35-21 OPS be received for information; and,
2. That Council direct the Clerk to bring forward a by-law to repeal and replace By-law # 5795-06 being the Solid Waste Management By-law, substantially in the form of the draft Waste Collection By-law appended as Attachment # 1 to this report.

Carried later in the meeting (See following motions)

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

That the main motion be amended by including Item 3 as follows:

3. That Staff report to Council on townhouses, multi-residential and other properties that are not currently serviced for waste collection by the Town of Whitby and report on the feasibility and cost implications of including these properties in the Town's waste collection service to ensure that there are no gaps with

respect to the implementation of upcoming extended producer responsibility legislation from the Province of Ontario.

Carried

The main motion, as amended, was then carried as follows:

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That report PW 35-21 OPS be received for information;
2. That Council direct the Clerk to bring forward a by-law to repeal and replace By-law # 5795-06 being the Solid Waste Management By-law, substantially in the form of the draft Waste Collection By-law appended as Attachment # 1 to this report; and,
3. That Staff report to Council on townhouses, multi-residential and other properties that are not currently serviced for waste collection by the Town of Whitby and report on the feasibility and cost implications of including these properties in the Town's waste collection service to ensure that there are no gaps with respect to the implementation of upcoming extended producer responsibility legislation from the Province of Ontario.

Carried

- 9.5** Public Works (Engineering) Department Report, PW 36-21
Re: Update Traffic By-law 1862-85, Stop Control

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

1. That Council approve the proposed amendment to Traffic By-law 1862-85, to incorporate changes to Schedule "N" of the By-law, as identified in Attachment # 3; and,
2. That a by-law to amend By-law # 1862-85 be brought forward for the consideration of Council.

Carried

- 9.6** Legal and Enforcement Services Department Report, LS 18-21
Re: Proposed Unauthorized Area Parking By-law

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

That the draft Unauthorized Area Parking By-law, appended to this Report as Attachment 1, be brought forward for Council consideration.

Carried

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 8.1, Correspondence # 2021-950 received by C. Harris, Town Clerk, from A. Redick and J. Barton on October 14, 2021 regarding a request for an exemption to Fence By-law # 4394-99 at 37 Headlands Crescent, at this time.

- 9.7** Legal and Enforcement Services Department Report, LS 19-21
Re: Proposed Amendments to the Public Nuisance By-law # 6714-13 to Regulate the Nuisance Feeding of Wildlife

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding the process for receiving complaints and enforcement of the feeding wildlife following the adoption of the by-law.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

That the Clerk be directed to bring forward a by-law to amend the Public Nuisance By-law to include provisions to regulate the nuisance feeding of wildlife as identified in Section 4 of Report LS 19-21.

Carried

- 9.8** Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report, CAO 29-21
Re: Economic Recovery Plan – 2021 Update

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding how initiatives and policies originating from the Provincial Government such as the staycation tax credit benefit could be incorporated into the Town's Economic Recovery Plan.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That Report CAO 29-21 be received as information; and,
2. That the Clerk forward a copy of Staff Report CAO 29-21 to the Region of Durham's Planning and Economic Development Department, the Whitby Chamber of Commerce, 1855 Whitby, and the Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area.

Carried

9.9 Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report, CAO 30-21
Re: 2022 to 2026 Economic Development Strategy

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding whether dialogue has taken place with the Provincial Government regarding funding for infrastructure projects.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That Report CAO 30-21 be received for information; and,
2. That the 2022 to 2026 Economic Development Strategy be endorsed by Council.

Carried

9.10 Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report, CAO 31-21
Re: CUPE 53 Whitby Naming Rights Sponsorship of Arena 5 at Iroquois Park Sports Centre

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

That Council approve entering into a one (1) year sponsorship agreement effective January 1, 2022 with CUPE 53 Whitby for a Naming Rights Sponsorship at Iroquois Park Sports Centre (IPSC), including renaming Arena 5 to "CUPE 53 Whitby Arena 5", based on the sponsorship package and other terms and conditions identified in Report CAO 31-21.

Carried

- 9.11** Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Organizational Effectiveness Department, and Technology and Innovation Services Department Joint Report, CAO 32-21
Re: Corporate Information and Digital Strategic Plan (CITDSP)

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

1. That Council receive CAO 32-21 Corporate Information and Digital Strategic Plan (CITDSP) for information;
2. That Council endorse the Corporate Information Technology and Digital Strategic Plan (CITDSP);
3. That, notwithstanding the Purchasing Policy, to achieve the timely transformation of digital services through the redesign of business processes and the consolidation and standardization of the technology platform, the CAO and Commissioner of Finance be authorized to enter into ancillary agreements to expedite the completion of the CITDSP initiatives for the purchase of goods, services, and solutions that normally would require Council approval to award, as long as these initiatives are within the approved budget; and,
4. That technology standardization and strategic external partnerships be reported annually to Council.

Carried

- 9.12** Financial Services Department Report, FS 49-21
Re: 2021 Year End Projection as at June 30, 2021

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding:

- confirmation that the COVID-19 Municipal Funding provided by the Provincial and Federal Government was one-time funding and that it would not be ongoing;
- the balance of the Long-Term Financial Reserve Fund and the Asset Management Reserve Fund; and,
- the possibility of receiving the year end projection report in advance of the budget target Council meetings in upcoming years.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

That report FS 49-21 regarding the 2021 Year End Projection as at June 30th be received as information.

Carried

10. New and Unfinished Business - General Government

10.1 Hedge Height Restrictions in the Property Standards By-law

Councillor Newman introduced a motion regarding hedge height restrictions in the Property Standards By-law.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Committee and Staff regarding:

- concerns about the conclusion of the recommendation to eliminate hedge height maximums except in instances where there were sightline concerns;
- whether hedges used as a separation between properties with a height higher than the maximum fence height would be regulated by a by-law;
- reviewing and reporting back to Council on the provisions regulating hedges in the Property Standards By-law; and,
- whether other municipalities in the Region have restrictions on hedge heights and reviewing the practices of other municipalities in the Region with respect to hedge heights.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

That Staff review the provisions regulating hedges in the Property Standards By-law and report to Council by the end of Q1 2022 including considering the merit of amendments to eliminate hedge height maximums, except in instances where there are sightline concerns.

Carried

10.2 Vermin and Pest Control in the Property Standards By-law

Councillor Leahy introduced a motion regarding vermin and pest control in the Property Standards By-law.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

That Staff review the provisions regulating the control of pests and vermin on properties in the Property Standards By-law and report to Council by the end of Q1 2022 with suggested amendments that incorporate best practices of Durham area municipalities for management of pests and vermin.

Carried

10.3 Participatory Budgeting

Councillor Yamada introduced a motion regarding participatory budgeting.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Yamada

Whereas participatory budgeting is a method of democratic decision-making whereby participants engage in deliberation regarding how public resources ought to be allocated and distributed; and

Whereas participatory budgeting has been viewed as a progressive urban practice that engages citizens and fosters democracy, equity and community; and

Whereas the City of Toronto conducted a participatory budgeting pilot from 2015-2017 and found most that residents and City staff felt that the participatory budget process was a good way to hear about local priorities and make decisions about certain types of projects; and

Whereas Canadian cities are developing approaches through the use of participatory budgeting that can influence other government bodies, shift the discourse on public spending, and build solidarity within and between cities.

Now therefore be it resolved:

That the Town of Whitby staff report back on a participatory budget pilot project in 2022 to be implemented in the 2023 budget process.

Carried

10.4 Virtual Participation by Members of Council in Council and Committee Meetings in Case of Illness

Councillor Yamada introduced a motion regarding virtual participation by Members of Council in Council and Committee meetings in case of illness.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Yamada

That the Clerk be directed to bring forward a by-law to amend the Procedure By-law to allow Members of Council to participate virtually in Council and Committee of the Whole meetings on a permanent basis if they are unwell in consideration of public health best practices or are physically unable to attend in-person due to injury or other health consideration.

Carried

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.