



## **Agenda for Council for the Town of Parry Sound**

### **Regular Meeting of Parry Sound Council**

**June 18, 2024**

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7:00 PM, Parry Sound Council Chambers 52 Seguin St. Parry Sound, 6:45 PM Closed

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**Closed Meeting Resolution**

Prior to the Regular Meeting, Council will adjourn to a meeting closed to the public per the following resolution.

**Resolution 2024 -**

That pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound move to a meeting closed to the public in order to address a matter(s) pertaining to:

- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, (**Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport**);
- f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, (**Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport**)

**1. Agenda and Minutes Review, Pecuniary Interest**

- 1.1 Land Acknowledgement**
- 1.2 Presentations/Announcements - N/A**
- 1.3 Additions to Agenda**

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**1.4 Prioritization of Agenda**

**1.5 Adoption of Agenda**

That the Council agenda for June 18, 2024 be approved as circulated.

**1.6 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

**1.7 Adoption of Minutes**

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held June 4, 2024 be approved as circulated.

**2. Public Meeting - N/A**

**3. Questions of Staff**

**4. Correspondence**

**4.1** Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities  
RE: Response to Council Resolution 2024-048 which called for greater focus on funding infrastructure in small urban municipalities.

**4.2** Harvest Share invitation to Annual General Meeting - June 27, 2024

**4.3** Jessie Langford RE: Request to postpone decision on item 9.3.6 to remove the Waubuno Street pedestrian bridge until the public has an opportunity for input.

**5. Deputations - N/A**

**6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports**

**7. Ratification of Matters From Closed Agenda**

## **8. Consent Agenda - N/A**

## **9. Resolutions and Direction To Staff**

### **9.2.1 Treasurer's Annual Statement of Development Charges**

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council receives the Treasurer's Annual Statement of Development Charges as of December 31, 2023, attached as Schedule A.

### **9.3.1 AGCO Temporary Outdoor Patio - Stockey Centre**

Spokesperson: Jayme Young, Community Recreation Coordinator

#### **Resolution 2024-**

WHEREAS the Charles W Stockey Centre is submitting a temporary sidewalk patio extension for the purpose of serving alcohol for Parry Sound's Canada Day Celebration, scheduled to occur on July 01, 2024.

AND WHEREAS the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) amended the provincial framework for temporary patios which came into effect on January 01, 2023 and requires that municipal approval be obtained for licensees prior to selling or serving liquor on a temporary patio;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Parry Sound supports the approval for a temporary patio at the Charles W. Stockey Centre located at 2 Bay Street on July 1, 2024 to permit alcohol sales.

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### **9.3.2 Purchase of Lawnmower**

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council accept the quote through Canoe purchasing group from Kubota North in the amount of \$51,032.60 (including taxes) for the 60" Optimus Electric zero turn Ride on Lawnmower with rear bag, this being under the budgeted capital amount.

### **9.3.3 Micro Surface Tender Extension**

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council accept the quote from Duncor Enterprises Inc in the amount of \$289,077.46 (excluding taxes) to extend the Micro Surfacing project to include an additional 22,345.50 square meters of seal on Bowes Street from the bridge on Bowes Street easterly to the portion previously paved in the 3D milling/paving project, and

That this is funded through the capital paving budget with the remainder to be funded by Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

### **9.3.4 Power Angle Sweeper & Water Tank Quote**

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council accept the quote from Joe Johnson Equipment in the amount of \$15,600.00 (excluding taxes) for power angle sweeper attachment and water tank with the purchase being under the budgeted capital amount.

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### **9.3.5 William Street Sidewalk Replacement Tender**

Spokesperson: Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council accept the bid from Mighty Lawn LTD for the William Street Sidewalk replacement tender in the amount of \$112,214.65. (including tax), this being the lowest compliant bid and

That this purchase be funded through the capital sidewalk budget with the remainder to be funded by Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

### **9.3.6 Waubuno St Bridge - Fitness Trail**

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns - Director of Public Works

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council accept the recommendation for removal of the Waubuno St fitness trail bridge and to create a safe and usable level crossing to ensure that a future infrastructure servicing corridor is available.

#### **Motion to postpone**

That upon the recommendation of the Parry Sound Waterfront Advisory Committee, Parry Sound Council defers Item 9.3.6 "Waubuno St Bridge - Fitness Trail" on the June 18 Council Meeting Agenda; and

That Council provide the opportunity for public consultation on the proposed project before further deliberation or decision-making takes place.

### **9.3.7 Granite Harbour Water Line**

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns - Director of Public Works

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council accept the report and endorse the draft letter to PS Standard Condominium Corporation #1 - Granite Harbour regarding the Town's intention to grant an easement for the existing private forcemain servicing the development and to accept ownership of the existing watermain within the Municipal Road Allowance.

### **9.4.1 Rideshare Regulations**

Spokesperson: Allison Kreuger Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

#### **Resolution 2024**

WHEREAS the Town of Parry Sound faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ridesharing service to address transportation gaps within our community; and

WHEREAS rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient and reliable ways to travel; and

WHEREAS the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework; and

WHEREAS transferring the responsibility of rideshare regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs; and



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parry Sound hereby expresses its support for the migration of rideshare regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parry Sound formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ridesharing services across the province; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Graydon Smith Member of Provincial Parliament for Parry Sound-Muskoka and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

#### **9.4.2 Downtown Quality of Experience**

Spokespersons: Clayton Harris, CAO

Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

Allison Kreuger, By-law Enforcement Officer

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council support the development of a Downtown Quality of Experience Team to address downtown issues; and

That the Team include stakeholders such as but not limited to: the DBA, OPP, DSSAB, CMHA, and other site specific interest groups, with representatives being senior members of the respective organizations; and

That the Team be chaired by \_\_\_\_\_ with a goal of defining issues, developing action steps and assigning responsibility to implement solutions; and

That staff develop a Terms of Reference for Council review.

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## **10. By-laws**

### **10.4.1 Deeming By-law - 21 and 23 Baycrest Street**

Spokesperson: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning, Development & Protective Services

#### **By-law 2024 - 7431**

Being a By-law to Deem Certain Lots in the Town of Parry Sound not to be a Part on a Registered Plan of Subdivision (Sommerfield, 21 & 23 Baycrest)

### **10.5.1 Confirming By-law**

#### **By-law 2024 - 7432**

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

## **11. Adjournment**

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June 7, 2024

Mayor Jamie McGarvey  
Town of Parry Sound  
52 Seguin Street  
Parry Sound, Ontario P2A 1B4

Dear Mayor McGarvey:

I am writing in response to the correspondence regarding the Town of Parry Sound's recent council resolution with respect to the needs for housing and infrastructure funding in your community and the unique infrastructure needs for Small Urban Municipalities.

The federal government is concerned about housing affordability and believes that everyone in Canada deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. [Budget 2024](#) and [Canada's Housing Plan](#) lay out the Government's bold strategy to make housing more attainable and affordable for Canadians and unlock millions of new homes by 2031. Our government is committed to building more homes, faster, to meet the demands of a growing Canada.

The federal government recognizes that there are infrastructure constraints which are limiting new housing construction in many cities, towns and communities across Canada. To address these barriers, we have recently announced funding and financing options that will help to alleviate pressures associated with building more infrastructure.

In March 2024, the Canada Infrastructure Bank announced the launch of its [Infrastructure for Housing Initiative](#) to provide low-cost financing to assist municipalities and Indigenous communities in building housing-enabling infrastructure.

In addition, [Budget 2024](#) announced \$6 billion in funding over 10 years, starting in 2024–2025, to launch a new Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund. The Fund will accelerate the construction and upgrading of housing-enabling water, wastewater, stormwater and solid waste infrastructure that will directly assist new housing supply and help improve densification. Of this, \$1 billion will be provided directly to municipalities to support urgent infrastructure needs that will directly enable housing supply. The remaining \$5 billion will be provided through agreements with provinces and territories to support long-term priorities.

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More information about these initiatives will be provided in the months following the adoption of the budget.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Fraser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities



**You are cordially  
invited to**  
Harvest Share  
Community Food  
Programs  
**Annual General  
Meeting.**

*Thursday, June 27th 5pm*

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Thursday, June 27th, 2024, at the Seniors Drop-in Centre.  
80 James (Across from Harvest Shares main office.)

OPENING OF ANNUAL MEETING 6:00PM

Please join us, meet our Board & Staff, and learn about the  
programs and services we offer to our community.

Light snacks and beverages will be provided. We will be  
drawing door prizes following the meeting.

For more information, call our office 705-774-9111  
RVSP by calling/emailing the office by June 24th, 2024

Phone: 705-774-9111, Email: [Glynis.HarvestShare@gmail.com](mailto:Glynis.HarvestShare@gmail.com)

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**From:** [Jessie Langford](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Cc:** [George Ashford](#); [Joe Beleskey](#); [Paul Borneman](#); [Bonnie Keith](#); [Doug McCann](#); [Chris McDonald](#); [Jamie McGarvey](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Waubuno Road Bridge Removal  
**Date:** June 17, 2024 10:37:07 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing this email to express my opposition to the removal of the Waubuno Road fitness trail bridge. June 18, 2024 agenda item 9.3.6.

As an active user of this trail, primarily while pushing a stroller or pulling a wagon and walking our dog throughout the Spring to Fall seasons, I have concerns with the removal of the bridge for three reasons.

1. Loss of accessibility.
2. Loss of charm and beauty.
3. Creation of an infrastructure corridor without additional information.

### **Loss of Accessibility**

The fitness trail is heavily utilized by mothers of small children in strollers, by the elderly, and those with accessibility challenges. It is the perfect flat and long walking path, with the exception of the section near the water treatment plant, which fortunately the majority of which has a flat detour route over the water treatment plant parkette.

Before becoming a parent I was unphased by this hilly section of trail, but now pushing or pulling our young child I have become all too aware of the challenges it poses to those with accessibility challenges. This section is often washed out, the grade is very steep and the terrain uneven.

Removal of the Waubuno Road bridge will create a new similar steep section with possible accessibility challenges.

Questions:

- What will be the final grade of the new drop and climb from the level crossing?
- What protections would be put in place to improve sight lines and protect pedestrians from vehicular traffic?

### **Loss of Charm and Beauty**

We are a pretty little tourism town, with the most magnificent waterfront trail and there is something iconic and special about walking out to this section of trail and seeing the sun setting over the coast guard base or families enjoying the beach.

The trails rail bridges are some of the lasting nods to the trail being a former rail bed. Some old things are worth saving, especially when they add to the character and charm of our community.

### **Possible creation of an Infrastructure Corridor.**

The report quickly introduce the idea of developing an Infrastructure Corridor under the

fitness trail, but without any solid information. At first glance it seems harmless, but upon further thought it simply raises a lot of questions.

- What are the long term impacts of the infrastructure corridor?
- Would we lose use of the trail for an extended period of time during its creation?
- Would repairs and maintenance of infrastructure cause trail closures?
- With the lack of access to pink granite, would adding infrastructure into the trail mean the end of our “pretty pink waterfront trail” the town is known for?
- Will digging up an old rail bed risk contamination? What will be the impact to budget when remediation is needed?
- Will digging up the solid base of the trail cause washouts and failures later?

I'm hopeful Council will listen to our community and the desire to keep the bridge in place. This is our accessible “walking track”, go down to the Stockey gravel parking lot on any given day and you will see the parade of strollers and walkers, families, friends and fur-friends gathering together to stroll along our picturesque waterfront trail. Keeping the bridge in place and making necessary repairs continues with the goal of becoming an 8-80's community built for everyone.

The cost is already accounted for in the capital budget so I wonder why it is suggested to pinch pennies on the trail that brings so much enjoyment to our residents and visitors?

Regards,  
Jessie Langford  
Town of Parry Sound Resident



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## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda June 18, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Treasurer's Annual Statement of Development Charges

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

F20 - Annual Reports (2023)

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Stephanie Phillips, CPA, CMA, Director of Finance / Treasurer, Finance Department

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To report provides information regarding Development Charges including a statement of the development charges collected, reserve fund transactions, and balances.

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council receives the Treasurer's Annual Statement of Development Charges as of December 31, 2023, attached as Schedule A.

#### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service?      Yes

New Service, Project or Program?      No

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan:    Organizational Excellence - financial planning to strive towards sustainability for asset management.



## **Background:**

The Town of Parry Sound completed a Development Charges Background Study on December 23, 2022. On June 6, 2023, the Town of Parry Sound passed the following Development Charge By-laws:

- By-law 2023-7346 related to Ambulance Services;
- By-law 2023-7347 related to Fire Protection Services;
- By-law 2023-7348 related to Library Services;
- By-law 2023-7349 related to Parks and Recreation Services;
- By-law 2023-7350 related to Provincial Offences Act, including By-law Enforcement Services; and
- By-law 2023-7351 related to Services Related to a Highway.

These by-laws establish the charges applicable to residential and non-residential development in the Town and are applicable on all lands within the Town boundaries.

## **What are Development Charges?**

Development charges are collected at the building permit stage to recover for growth related capital needs associated with important services like ambulance, fire protection, roads, etc. The charges are born by the developers/landowners of new development, re-development and expansions as an additional revenue source as an alternative to property taxation.

**The Treasurer's Annual Statement**

Annually, the Treasurer of the municipality is required to provide Council with a financial statement related to the D.C. by-law(s) and reserve funds. This statement must be made available to the public and may be requested to be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Subsection 43 (2) and O. Reg. 82/98 prescribe the information that must be included in the Treasurer’s statement and the statement must be available to the public by posting the statement on the municipal website. The annual statements must continue to be available on the municipal website for the term of the by-laws.

The Development Charges Background Study provided schedules to report on noted as Figure D-1, D-2a, D-2b, and D-3. The D.C. Act, now also requires additional information to be included in the annual statements, related to the amount spent or allocated of the opening D.C. reserve fund balance for Services Related to a Highway, a description of what type of capital infrastructure each D.C. by-law is recovering for, and other statements to ensure compliance with the Act. In addition, starting in 2024 a minimum of 60% of the opening balance for the Services related to a highway development charge reserve fund must be spent or allocated to projects each year. Figure D-4 is recommended going forward.

A summary of the Development Charges activities and obligatory reserve funds is provided below:

June 6, 2023 - opening balance	\$	0
Development Charges		-
Interest Earned		-
Transfers to capital projects		-
December 31, 2023 - closing balance	\$	0

Funds remaining in the Development Charges Reserve Funds would be considered to be committed for projects as identified in the Town's 2022 Development Charges Background Study. The funds will be transferred to the capital projects when growth related costs are incurred, and charges are collected.

No amounts have been borrowed from the funds during the year or in any previous years. Therefore, no amounts have been repaid for any previous borrowings as there have been no previous borrowings.

The Development Charges By-laws under part 11. D) as required by legislation have a stipulation that " Where the development of land results from the approval of a Site Plan or Zoning By-law Amendment on or after January 1, 2020, and the building permit was issued within 2 years of the approval, the Development Charges shall be calculated based on the charges in effect on the date of the Site Plan or Zoning By-law Amendment application. Due to much consultation with the development industry within 2023 and the knowledge of upcoming development charges, many developments were able to attain Site Plan applications, zoning By-Law Amendment applications, or building permits issued prior to the effective date of the charges.



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**Figure D-1**

**Annual Treasurer's Statement of Development Charge Reserve Funds**

Description	Services Related to a Highway	Fire Protection Services	Parks and Recreation Services	Provincial Offences Act including By-law Enforcement Services	Ambulance Services	Library Services	Total
<b>Opening Balance, January 1, 2023</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<u>Plus:</u>							
Development Charge Collections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Repayment of Monies Borrowed from Fund and Associated Interest <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<u>Less:</u>							
Amount Transferred to Capital (or Other) Funds <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amounts Refunded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amounts Loaned to Other D.C. Service Category for Interim Financing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Credits <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Closing Balance, December 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Source of funds used to repay the D.C. reserve fund

<sup>2</sup> See Attachment 1 for details

<sup>3</sup> See Attachment 2 for details

The Municipality is compliant with s.s. 59.1 (1) of the *Development Charges Act*, whereby charges are not directly or indirectly imposed on development nor has a requirement to construct a service related to development been imposed, except as permitted by the *Development Charges Act* or another Act.



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**Figure D-2a**

**Amount Transferred to Capital (or Other) Funds - Capital Fund Transactions**

Not Applicable - Nothing transferred to capital transactions within 2023.

**Figure D-2b**

**Amount Transferred to Operating (or Other) Funds - Operating Fund Transactions**

Not Applicable - Nothing transferred to operating transactions within 2023.

**Figure D-3**

**Statement of Credit Holder Transactions**

Credit Holder	Applicable D.C. Reserve Fund	Credit Balance Outstanding Beginning of Year <u>2023</u>	Additional Credits Granted During Year	Credits Used by Holder During Year	Credit Balance Outstanding End of Year <u>2023</u>
No Credit Holders	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Figure D-4**

**Statement of Reserve Fund Balance Allocations - Required for 2024 and onwards.**

Service	Services Related to a Highway			
Balance in Reserve Fund at Beginning of Year	\$0			
60% of Balance to be Allocated (at a minimum)				
Projects to Which Funds Will be Allocated				
Project Description	Project Number	Total Growth-related Capital Cost Remaining to be Funded.	Share of Growth-related Cost Allocated to Date	Share of Growth-related Cost Allocated-Current Year
<b>Total</b>		\$0	\$0	\$0



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### Description of the Services for which each Development Charge Reserve Fund was established

<b>Service/Class of Service</b>	<b>Description</b>
Services Related to a Highway	The fund is used for growth-related projects for roads, bridges, structures, active transportation, streetlights, sidewalks, and other related road infrastructure, including Public Works Facilities and Fleet
Fire Protection Services	The fund is used for growth-related projects supporting fire protection services, including facilities, vehicles, equipment, and gear
Parks and Recreation Services	The fund is used for growth-related projects related to parkland development, parkland amenities, recreational trails, parkland buildings, recreation facilities, and parks & recreation vehicles and equipment
Library Services	The fund is used for growth-related projects including library facilities, furniture, shelving, collection materials, vehicles, and other related library infrastructure
Provincial Offences Act Including By-Law Enforcement	The fund is used for growth-related projects including facilities, vehicles, and equipment
Ambulance	The fund is used for growth-related projects supporting ambulance services, including facilities, vehicles, equipment, and gear.



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**Compliance:**

- 1) The Town is in compliance with subsection 59(1) of the D.C. Act as the Town has not imposed, directly or indirectly, a charge related to a development, or required a developer to construct a service related to development, except as permitted by the D.C.A.
  
- 2) Statement related to the amount anticipated to be spent during the life of the development charge by-law for each service where DCs were collected during the year, whether the municipality expects to incur the amount of capital costs that were estimated, in the relevant D.C. background study, to be incurred during the term of the applicable development charge by-law. If the answer is no, the amount the municipality now expects to incur and a statement as to why this amount is expected.

Service/Class of Service	Estimated in D.C.Study Are Anticipated to be Incurred During the Life of the By-law (Y/N)	Required if answer in 2nd column is No	
		Estimated in D.C.Study Now Expected to be Incurred During Life of By-law	Why Revised Amount is Expected to be Incurred During Life of By-law
Services Related to a Highway	Y		
Transit Services	Y		
Fire Protection Services	Y		
Parks and Recreation Services	Y		
Library Services	Y		
Provincial Offences Act Including By-law Enforcement	Y		
Ambulance	Y		

3) For each service where D.C.s were collected during the year and no money was spent during the year, a statement as to why there was no spending.

Service/Class of Service	Reason No Spending of D.C.Funds Collected During the Year
Services Related to a Highway	N/A- no monies collected
Transit Services	N/A- no monies collected
Fire Protection Services	N/A- no monies collected
Parks and Recreation Services	N/A- no monies collected
Library Services	N/A- no monies collected
Provincial Offences Act Including By-law Enforcement	N/A- no monies collected
Ambulance	N/A- no monies collected

**Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

- The Treasurer's Annual Statement of Development Charges creates transparency of financial management in the Town and compliance with legislative requirements.

**Alternatives: N/A**

**Cost/Financial Impact: N/A**

**Included in Current Budget: N/A**

**Attachments: None**

**Director Approval SP; Date: 06/17/2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**





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## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda June 18, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

AGCO Temporary Outdoor Patio - Stockey Centre

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

RO6: Events: Canada Day 2024

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Jayne Young, Community Recreation Coordinator, Public Works

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To make a recommendation on an application to permit alcohol to be served on a temporary outdoor patio at 2 Bay Street for 2024 Canada Day Celebrations.

#### **Resolution 2024**

WHEREAS the Charles W Stockey Centre is submitting a temporary sidewalk patio extension for the purpose of serving alcohol for Parry Sound's Canada Day Celebration, scheduled to occur on July 01, 2024.

AND WHEREAS the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) amended the provincial framework for temporary patios which came into effect on January 01, 2023 and requires that municipal approval be obtained for licensees prior to selling or serving liquor on a temporary patio;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Parry Sound supports the approval for a temporary patio at the Charles W. Stockey Centre located at 2 Bay Street on July 1, 2024 to permit alcohol sales.

## **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service - yes

New Service, Project or Program- no

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: Quality of Life

## **Background:**

The Government of Ontario has amended Regulation 746/21 under the Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019 establishing a new framework for temporary outdoor physical extensions (temporary patios), which took effect on January 01, 2023. These changes impact liquor sales licence holders and manufacturers by-the-glass endorsement holders.

Staff are seeking approval for the Town of Parry Sound 2024 Canada Day Celebration. Plans are in place for the Canada Day Celebration to take place on the grounds of the Charles W. Stockey Centre on July 01, 2024 from 11am-10pm. Alcohol service is proposed in conjunction with live music between 6pm-10pm on July 01.

Canada Day Celebration plans include Birds of Prey Shows, Canada Day challenges, Kids Fun Zone, sand castle contest, live music and fireworks.

Proper stanchions will be placed around the perimeter of the area in which alcohol is being served and permitted, notice will be posted for the permitted extension.

While a Council Resolution is not required to permit the physical patio, staff have noted that they would be serving alcohol on the patio and therefore a resolution is required as part of their application to the ACGO.

## **Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

Advantage- will provide an added benefit to the overall event.

## **Alternatives:**

n/a

**Cost/Financial Impact:**

Providing alcohol service for this event has a positive impact on the Stockey Centre's bar revenue for the operating year.

**Included in Current Budget:**

n/a

**Attachments:**

n/a

**Director Approval MK ; Date: June 11, 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes



The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda June 18, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Purchase of 60" Greenworks Optimus Electric zero turn Ride on Lawnmower

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

F18 - Quotations and Tenders

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations, Public Works

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To accept the quote obtained through the Canoe Purchasing Group for a 60" Greenworks Optimus Electric zero turn Ride on Lawnmower with rear bag.

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council accept the quote through Canoe purchasing group from Kubota North in the amount of \$51,032.60 (including taxes) for the 60" Optimus Electric zero turn Ride on Lawnmower with rear bag, this being under the budgeted capital amount.

#### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service? Yes

New Service, Project or Program? Yes

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: Organizational Excellence - Reducing impact on the Environment.

## **Background:**

Staff sought out opportunities to trial and provide proof of concept in the incorporation of an electric Zero turn lawnmower into the Municipal Fleet.

In researching the availability of these mowers, staff noted that a couple manufacturers were producing Electric Mowers, however the apparent quality of the product including reliability and max run times on the batteries was variable.

Kubota North has been a vendor that the Town has dealt with for several years in purchasing equipment and repair parts and service. Kubota North indicated that they were a vendor for the Electric Lawn Mowers and provided the Greenworks Mower for an initial test for 3 days last year in the cemetery.

The purchase will allow us to continue to explore further proof of concept options in other Municipal Operations and Departments to move toward further emission reduction.

The mower being replaced will be sold on Gov Deals to get the maximum price return on the old equipment.

Staff obtained a quote from an approved Vender (Kubota North) through the Canoe Purchasing Group.

## **Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

- new electric equipment results in less maintenance and repair, down-time of equipment is reduced
- Electric equipment reduces Municipal emissions
- Staff noted a quieter operation vs. comparable gas equipment

## **Alternatives:**

- Do not accept the quote for the Greenworks Ride on Lawnmower

**Cost/Financial Impact:**

\$51,032.60 (including taxes)

**Included in Current Budget:**

Yes - \$60,000 in Capital Budget (60111)

**Attachments:**

**Director Approval MK ; Date: June 10, 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes



The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda June 18, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Micro Surface Tender Extension

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

F18 - Tenders & Quotations

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations, Public Works

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To accept the quote provided by Duncor Enterprises Inc. and extend the Micro Surfacing project and tender that was previously approved by Council for Louisa Street, Church Street, James and Bay Street to include a portion of Bowes Street.

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council accept the quote from Duncor Enterprises Inc in the amount of \$289,077.46 (excluding taxes) to extend the Micro Surfacing project to include an additional 22,345.50 square meters of seal on Bowes Street from the bridge on Bowes Street easterly to the portion previously paved in the 3D milling/paving project, and

That this is funded through the capital paving budget with the remainder to be funded by Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

#### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service? Yes

New Service, Project or Program? No

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: Quality of Life - Organizational Excellence - Reducing impact on the Environment.

**Background:**

On April 16, 2024 Council accepted the bid from Duncor Enterprises Inc. for Micro Surfacing on Church Street, Louisa Street and James/Bay Street. Staff identified an opportunity to expand the Micro Surfacing to help improve the condition of and extend the lifespan of Bowes Street. Staff obtained a quote from Duncor Enterprises Inc to complete this work. The contractor on the tender will remain Duncor Enterprises Inc as they were awarded the original tender and provided the quote for additional services.

Micro surfacing is a surface treatment designed to extend the life of asphalt pavements in fair to good condition by providing skid resistance, restricting moisture intrusion, protecting the structure from further oxidation and ravelling and restoring a uniform black appearance. It is the most economical choice when wheel rut levelling is required. Micro surfacing boasts quick construction times and minimal disruption to the traveling public.

Micro surfacing reduces life-cycle cost by 25-40%, reduces greenhouse gases by 44% or more, reduces raw materials by 35% or more compared to traditional resurfacing methods.

**Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

- extend the life of Bowes Street
- Help correct the wheel rutting on Bowes street

**Alternatives:**

- Do not extend the Micro Surfacing project

**Cost/Financial Impact:**

\$294,165.22 (including taxes)



**Included in Current Budget:**

\$250,000 from Capital Paving budget

Remaining \$44,165.22 to be funded from Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

**Attachments:**

**Director Approval MK ; Date: June 10, 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes



The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda June 18, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Power Angle Sweeper & Water Tank Quote

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

F18 - Quotations & Tenders

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations, Public Works

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To accept the quote obtained through the Canoe Purchasing Group in compliance with the Municipal Purchasing Policy, for the Power Angle Sweeper attachment & Water Tank for the sidewalk sweeper.

#### **Resolution 2024**

For Council to accept the quote from Joe Johnson Equipment in the amount of \$15,600.00 (excluding taxes) for power angle sweeper attachment and water tank with the purchase being under the budgeted capital amount.

#### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service? Yes

New Service, Project or Program? No

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: Quality of Life

Delivering excellence and quality services while following sound financial policies, reducing impact on the environment and planning for future capacity

**Background:**

A replacement is required for the current Power Angle Sweeper attachment & Water Tank is at its end of life, costing the Town more in maintenance costs. Additionally, the Power Angle Sweeper attachment & Water Tank at their end of life and require replacement rather than rebuilding. The new Power Angle Sweeper attachment & Water Tank will have current components and warranties. The Power Angle Sweeper attachment & Water Tank will be used on our sidewalk machines for sweeping the sidewalks and roads around town.

The old Power Angle Sweeper attachment & Water Tank will be sold on Gov Deals to get the maximum price return on the old equipment.

Staff obtained a quote from an approved Vender (Joe Johnson Equipment) through the Canoe Purchasing Group. In compliance with the Municipal Purchasing Policy.

**Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

- new equipment results in less maintenance and repair; down-time of equipment reduced; increase in time equipment is in use

**Alternatives:**

- Do not accept the quote.

**Cost/Financial Impact:**

\$15,600.00 (excluding taxes)

**Included in Current Budget:**

Yes - \$18,000 in Capital Budget (60115)

**Attachments: N/A**

**Director Approval MK ; Date: June 10, 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes



The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda June 18, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

William Street Sidewalk Replacement Tender

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

F18 - Quotations & Tenders

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Vinni Bonazza, Manager of Operations, Public Works

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To accept the bid from Mighty Lawn LTD for the William Street sidewalk replacement tender.

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council accept the bid from Mighty Lawn LTD for the William Street Sidewalk replacement tender in the amount of \$112,214.65. (including tax), this being the lowest compliant bid and

That this purchase be funded through the capital sidewalk budget with the remainder to be funded by Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

#### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service? Yes

New Service, Project or Program? No

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: Quality of Life

Delivering excellence and quality services while following sound financial policies, reducing impact on the environment and planning for future capacity

**Background:**

Staff identified a need to replace the North side of William Street sidewalk between Rosetta and Cascade Streets and also received resident inquiries on the condition of this segment of sidewalk. Replacement of this section will improve the safety and accessibility to the public as we will be widening it to the O.P.S.S standard. This will also help in winter maintenance giving appropriate room for operators to operate.

The tender work includes remove and replace 579 M of sidewalk on the north side of William Street.

Fourteen bids were received with Mighty Lawn LTD being the lowest bid. The bids were evaluated and references check by Staff, they recommend accepting the bid from Mighty Lawn LTD. The top five bids received are as follows

Mighty Lawn Ltd	\$112,214.65
Vidan Roofing & Contracting Inc.	\$122,181.80
Outdoor Decor Canada Ltd	\$127,509.20
JT Concrete Ltd.	\$132,489.67
Great White North Concrete	\$136,181.84

**Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

- Improve the condition of identified sidewalk and bring it up to current standard

**Alternatives:**

- Do not accept the bid from Mighty Lawn LTD for the William Street sidewalk replacement
- Select an alternate bid

**Cost/Financial Impact:**

\$112,214.65

**Included in Current Budget:**

Yes - \$100,000 in Capital Budget (60077)

Remaining \$12,214.65 to be funded from Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

**Attachments:**

**Director Approval MK ; Date: June 12, 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes



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## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda June 18, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Waubuno St Bridge - Fitness Trail

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Mike Kearns - Director of Public Works

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To recommend removal of the structure over Waubuno Road on the fitness trail and to slope the trail section to a level crossing to facilitate safe use of the fitness trail while ensuring that a viable future infrastructure corridor is available for future servicing of the North end of Town.

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council accept the recommendation for removal of the Waubuno St fitness trail bridge and to create a safe and usable level crossing to ensure that a future infrastructure servicing corridor is available.

#### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service? Yes

New Service, Project or Program? No

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: Economic Growth - Continue to invest in Infrastructure Improvements



## **Background:**

The most recent OSIM (Ontario Structural Inspection Manual) inspection has revealed a number of deficiencies, and the expected current repair cost is \$350,000 plus engineering to correct the current deficiencies and to extend the life of the structure. Upon receipt of this report and cost estimate, staff engaged in further detailed discussions regarding the implications, both financial and operational, of undertaking the remedial work.

In 2009 a report was brought forward to Council recommending the removal of this structure as the remedial work required at the time was estimated to amount to \$120,000 while the removal and construction of a level crossing was estimated to amount to \$60,000 while a replacement was estimated to amount to \$400,000. The decision was made to complete the remedial work and the improvements recommended were completed in 2010.

A subsequent engineering inspection of the work completed was conducted in 2011 and identified that the recommended work had been completed and that there were some other items noted that should be addressed in subsequent inspections.

The most current inspection have revealed several deficiencies that are required to be addressed that are estimated to cost up to \$350,000. There are concerns that the buried wood components of the bridge structure may require further work once they are uncovered and available for inspection. Some of the wood components that were replaced in 2010 are now showing signs of deterioration and the need for replacement.

Staff have investigated the estimated cost of removal of the bridge and the installation of an adequate grade drop (approx. 5%) to create an at grade crossing of the fitness trail which will allow for similar future use of the trail in addition to allowing for the development of a future infrastructure corridor to allow for water and sewer infrastructure installations anticipated to be necessary for the future development of the north end of Town. There has been interest in developing vacant lands in the Northern section of Town and staff have been evaluating possible servicing options and the

location of a corridor along the fitness trail would result in viable servicing options while ensuring minimal disruption and the most economical route.

The Bridge is also a barrier to many emergency service and maintenance vehicles due to the low overhead clearance at 2.96m while the maximum vehicle height in Ontario is 4.15m

The bridge over Waubuno road serves as a barrier to the use of the fitness trail as an infrastructure corridor while the increasing cost of maintaining the structure that can be safely removed from service while causing minimal disruption while providing significant cost savings over the lifecycle of the bridge.

### **Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

- Removal provides a cost savings over rehabilitation.
- Requirement for bi-annual engineering inspections is removed.
- Removal ensures a viable infrastructure corridor exists to permit development of vacant lands in the North section of Town
- Minimal overall disruption in the use of the Fitness Trail
- Removes the barrier to emergency and service vehicles

### **Alternatives:**

- Rehabilitate the bridge and investigate further possible deficiencies

### **Cost/Financial Impact:**

\$ Removal Estimate \$150,000 to \$200,000

**Included in Current Budget: \$350,000**

**Director Approval MK ; Date: June 12, 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes



The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda June 18, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Granite Harbour Water Line

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Mike Kearns - Director of Public Works

#### **Purpose of Report:**

Information Report to inform Council on a response letter to Granite Harbour Condominium Corporation 11 indicating the Town's intentions as identified in the letter and resolution.

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council accept the report and endorse the draft letter to PS Standard Condominium Corporation #1 - Granite Harbour regarding the Town's willingness to accept ownership of the existing private watermain and to grant an easement for the existing private sanitary forcemain that is located within the Municipal Road Allowance and servicing the development.

#### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service? Yes

New Service, Project or Program? No

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: Economic Growth - Continue to invest in Infrastructure Improvements

**Background:**

The original site plan agreement for the Granite Harbour Condominium Development included the installation of both a private watermain and sanitary forcemain, located on the Municipal Road Allowance, to service the development.

Parry Sound Condominium Board #11 has expressed a desire to have the portion of the private watermain located in the Municipal Road Allowance be transferred to the ownership of the Town.

The Town has indicated its willingness to transfer the ownership of the private watermain to Municipal ownership as well as putting in place a legal easement for the existing private sanitary forcemain in the Municipal Road Allowance which is also required. Provided as Attachment 1 is a draft letter to the condominium corporation.

**Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

**Alternatives:**

**Cost/Financial Impact:**

Legal costs to be determined

**Included in Current Budget:**

**Attachments:**

ATT#1 - Granite Harbour Letter of Intent

**Director Approval MK ; Date: June 12, 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes



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June 18, 2024

**Re: Water and Sanitary Servicing to Parry Sound Condominium Corporation #11**

To: Barbara Barrett

The site plan for Parry Sound Condominium Corporation #11 reflects the ownership of the watermain and the sanitary forcemain belonging to the condominium corporation. The condominium corporation has requested the Town of Parry Sound take ownership of the watermain. The purpose of this letter is to advise the Condominium Corporation of the Town's willingness to accept ownership of the existing water main and to also grant an easement for the condominium corporations existing private sanitary forcemain located within the Municipal Right-of way.

The transfer of ownership of the watermain and the establishment of an easement in favour of the Condominium Corporation for the existing sanitary forcemain in the municipal right-of-way is to occur following execution of a properly documented easement and transfer as agreed upon by all parties and their legal representatives.

I have been in touch with the Town's lawyer and they've indicated once they receive the contact information for your lawyer, they will forward the draft documentation for review and that the process should be able to be finalized within a month.

Regards,

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cc. Mayor and Council  
Clayton Harris, CAO  
Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services/Fire Chief  
Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance  
Rebecca Johnson, Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda June 18, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Rideshare Regulations

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

P09 - Licences

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Allison Kreuger Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Development & Protective Services

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To bring forward a resolution in support of the migration of rideshare regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level.

#### **Resolution 2024**

WHEREAS the Town of Parry Sound and many other communities in Ontario face challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ridesharing service to address transportation gaps within those communities; and

WHEREAS rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient and reliable ways to travel; and

WHEREAS the standardization and consistency of the regulatory framework across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the service for all users; and

WHEREAS transferring the responsibility of rideshare regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parry Sound hereby expresses its support for the migration of rideshare regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parry Sound formally requests the Government of Ontario initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ridesharing services across the province; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Graydon Smith Member of Provincial Parliament for Parry Sound-Muskoka and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service? Yes

New Service, Project or Program? Yes

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: n/a

### **Background:**

Rideshare has become a mainstream option for transportation over the last several years. It is readily available in larger municipalities but has been unable to successfully branch out into smaller municipalities. Rideshare services offer an alternative transportation option which can address transportation gaps within communities.

The current model for ridesharing services requires municipalities to regulate the industry at the municipal level. Most municipalities with ridesharing services have created their own regulatory framework to deal with both the rideshare companies and



the drivers and these regulations can vary widely. This regulation at the municipal level requires significant administration and enforcement by staff. There is no standard overarching legislation that governs rideshare and this adds to the challenges of rideshare as a transportation option.

Transportation does not stop at municipal boundaries and is increasingly regional. Differing regulations between areas makes it difficult for ridesharing services to operate between locations that are governed by separate rules. There is an increase in red tape for companies trying to navigate these varying regulations between regions. A standardization of the regulatory framework would provide consistent regulations across municipalities therefore supporting the expansion of rideshare services throughout Ontario.

At this time, we do not have established ridesharing services within the Town of Parry Sound. Access to this type of transportation would provide more options for residents. The rideshare industry will only branch into an area on a regional basis. (ie. Muskoka / Parry Sound)

A provincial approach to the regulation of ridesharing would create a more streamlined and uniform governance of the industry. It would connect communities, support economic development and growth and enable an innovative approach to transit.

The Municipality of Brighton and the Township of Russell have recently passed a motion requesting the province take over the regulation of rideshare programs. Staff are recommending that the Town of Parry Sound similarly pass a motion in support of the province regulating rideshare programs.

### **Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

Provides support for the migration of ridesharing regulations to the provincial level which will enable ridesharing services to expand to smaller communities such as Parry Sound.

**Alternatives:**

To not provide support for provincial regulation of the ridesharing industry and manage any ridesharing programs at a municipal level if they were to begin operating in the area.

**Cost/Financial Impact:**

N/A

**Included in Current Budget:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A

**Director Approval DT; Date: June 11, 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes



The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda June 18, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Downtown Quality of Experience

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

D02 - Downtown

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Clayton Harris, CAO

Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

Allison Kreuger, By-law Enforcement Officer

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To recommend to Council the establishment of a Quality of Experience Team in response to Downtown issues.

#### **Resolution 2024**

That Council support the development of a Downtown Quality of Experience Team to address downtown issues; and

That the Team include stakeholders such as but not limited to: the DBA, OPP, DSSAB, CMHA, and other site specific interest groups, with representatives being senior members of the respective organizations; and

That the Team be chaired by \_\_\_\_\_ with a goal of defining issues, developing action steps and assigning responsibility to implement solutions; and

That staff develop a Terms of Reference for Council review.

## Relationship to Strategic Plan:

Core Service? Yes

New Service, Project or Program? Yes

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: Yes - Quality of Life

## Background:

Downtowns across Ontario continue to face a variety of challenges attracting retail businesses and customers and creating a vibrancy in their downtowns. The Town of Parry Sound is no exception. In recent years the Downtown Business Association (DBA), supported by the Town has been very active and taken a number of initiatives to improve the appearance of the downtown through their Beautification Committee; examples include plantings along the main street, improved signage, a parkette with seating, the façade improvement program and organized events in the downtown.

Notwithstanding these improvements, there are activities that range from a simple lack of respect to more serious illegal activities. Staff have received an increased number of complaints over the winter and throughout the spring about the quality of the experience visitors and merchants are having in the Downtown Core. Staff through regular patrols have also witnessed some of the behaviours and activities that are of concern and the effect they can have on downtown patrons. Through research and interaction with peers, staff can attest that Parry Sound is not alone in this experience. Articles in North Bay and Oshawa have identified their struggles with what is defined as the "Magnet Effect" <https://reportnorthbay.ca/dia-concerned-about-magnet-effect/>.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-oshawa-magnet-effect/>

Complaints that have been received recently relate to activities that appear to be occurring at varying times of the day and include occurrences such as:

- Non-retail tenants on the ground floor
- Verbal abuse of at-risk residents
- Physical intimidation of business owners/operators

- Drug related issues
- Solicitation
- Public intoxication
- Vandalism

To be successful in addressing the broad range of issues will require a comprehensive approach involving multiple partners. There is no "magic bullet" to resolve these societal and economic issues. The issues are complex, and staff believe that with a concerted group effort improvements can be made for residents and visitors that frequent the Downtown. The intent of this initiative is to invite partner organizations and create a broad multi jurisdictional group that has varied experiences to share, access to different tools and resources and develop action steps. It is important that individuals who participate in this initiative are senior leaders in their respective organizations as the outcomes of meetings are intended to be action oriented. In addition to the Town, partner organizations would include the DBA, OPP, DSSAB, CMHA and others as appropriate.

The vibrancy and welcoming of the downtown is important to the Town and the Town is taking a leadership role by committing time and resources to this important initiative. In addition to a member of Council chairing the Team the CAO, the Director of Development and Protective Services and the Bylaw Enforcement Officer will participate regularly, along with other Town Staff as required.

Although there are many aspects to solutions Town staff are attempting to address some of the issues through the Official Plan update which is currently taking place and the Zoning By-law review process which will follow. Below are some long-term policy strategies under consideration

- examining opportunities to strengthen areas of the core by encouraging retail and destination uses to specific areas.
- investigating a strategy to allocate and direct land uses in the downtown core to maximize the use of downtown as a destination.

- through the Official Plan review utilize opportunities to direct various uses to maximize areas of the downtown as a retail and/or service hub.

**Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

Some action is necessary to attempt to improve the Quality of Experience in the Downtown. A multi faceted problem will need a multi faceted solution which the recommendation is intended to encourage.

**Alternatives:**

Status quo

**Cost/Financial Impact:**

Currently no direct financial support is required. Staff time will be exerted in this endeavour.

**Included in Current Budget:**

n/a

**Attachments:**

**Director Approval DT; Date: June 11, 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval: Yes**



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## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda June 18, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Deeming By-law - 21 and 23 Baycrest Street

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

D-25

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning, Development & Protective Services

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To recommend that lots on a plan of subdivision be deemed to facilitate a proposed development (residential dwelling)

#### **By-law 2024**

Being a By-law to Deem Certain Lots in the Town of Parry Sound not to be a Part on a Registered Plan of Subdivision (Lots 16 and 17, 42M-651; 21 & 23 Baycrest)

#### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service? Yes

New Service, Project or Program? No

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: No

**Background:**

The subject properties are two separate lots on a plan of subdivision.

The subject lots were recently purchased, and the owners are proposing a single detached dwelling on the lands. The applicants have requested that the lots be merged in order to allow for a dwelling to be constructed that would utilize both lots.

From a zoning perspective, merging the lots will remove the interior lot line in order to increase a potential building envelope on the lands. Deeming the lands will ensure that they can no longer be conveyed separately. Should the owner wish to divide the lot into separate parcels in the future, a consent application to Council will be required.

**Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

The deeming by-law would facilitate the proposed development on the subject lands.

**Alternatives:**

Council could deny the proposed By-law.

**Cost/Financial Impact: N/A**

**Included in Current Budget: N/A**

**Attachments:**

Attachment #1 - Draft Deeming By-law

**Director Approval DT; Date: June 11 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes



**The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound**

**By-law 2024 - 7431**

**Being a By-law to Deem Certain Lots in the Town of Parry Sound not to be Part of a Registered Plan of Subdivision (Sommerfield - 21 and 23 Baycrest)**

**Whereas** Section 50(4) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, authorizes Councils of local municipalities to pass By-laws designating any part of a Plan of Subdivision that has been registered for eight years or more to be deemed not to be a registered Plan of Subdivision for the purposes of Section 50(3) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13;

**Whereas** 42M-651 has been registered for more than eight years; and

**Whereas** the owner has requested to deem lots in these plans to not be registered lots in a plan of subdivision.

**Now Therefore the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound enacts as follows:**

1. That the following lands are designated not to be registered lots on a plan of subdivision in accordance with Section 50(4) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c. P13:
  - a) Lots 16 and 17 Plan 42M-651 in the Town of Parry Sound
2. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the final day of passing thereof.

**Read a First** time this 18th day of June 2024

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**Mayor Jamie McGarvey**

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**Clerk Rebecca Johnson**

**Read a Second and Third** time, **Passed, Signed** and Sealed this 18th day of June, 2024.

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**Mayor Jamie McGarvey**

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**Clerk Rebecca Johnson**

# **The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound**

**By-law 2024 – 7432**

**Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.**

**Whereas** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound wishes to confirm the proceedings of its Regular Meeting of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Now Therefore The Council Of The Corporation Of The Town Of Parry Sound Enacts As Follows:**

1. The actions of the Council at its Regular Meeting of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in respect to each resolution and each action passed and taken by Council at the meetings, except where the prior approval of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal is required, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

2. The Mayor, or in his/her absence the presiding officer of Council, and the proper officials of the municipality are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required; and, except where otherwise provided, the Mayor, or in his/her absence the presiding officer, and the Clerk, or in her/his absence the Deputy Clerk, are hereby directed to execute all documents and to affix the corporate seal of the municipality to all such documents.

**Read a First time this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.**

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**Jamie McGarvey, Mayor**

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**Rebecca Johnson, Clerk**

**Read a Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.**

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**Jamie McGarvey, Mayor**

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**Rebecca Johnson, Clerk**