

Council Highlights

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COVID-19 verbal report from Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief

Council received a verbal report from the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief who provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. The chief advised the vaccination clinic at the Georgina Ice Palace is currently closed due to a lack of vaccine supply but since it opened, more than 15,000 vaccines have been administered at the location. The chief also stated parks, beaches and waterfront parking lots are open, and a plan is being developed to control access and capacities at waterfront parks.

Alternative voting methods for the 2022 Municipal Election

Council received the report and approved the use of online voting and/or optical scanning vote tabulators for use in municipal elections and any necessary by-elections, and approved the by-law. Municipalities throughout Ontario are increasingly using internet voting in their elections, either exclusively, or in combination with another form of voting. A total of 194 municipalities offered internet voting in 2018, an increase from 97 municipalities in 2014. Internet voting is available as part of a voting online platform. This means voters are able to mark their ballots using a computer, tablet or mobile device.

Replacement Civic Centre Redesign

Council received the report and presentation, and approved the redesign of the replacement Civic Centre. Council also approved the schedule, new scope and additional costs for the consultants. The updated Workplace Strategy determined the replacement Civic Centre had to be imagined as a centralized hub with a work-from-home approach. This offers a hybrid model that provides opportunities to streamline service delivery and facility functions. Based on the reassessment of the needs and the updated Workplace Strategy, the size of the replacement Civic Centre could be reduced by a range of 12,000 to 16,000 square feet.

Church Street road closure - Woodbine Avenue to Natanya Boulevard

Council authorized a road closure of Church Street from the intersection of Woodbine Avenue and Church Street to the intersection of Natanya Boulevard and Church Street, from April 26, 2021 to Aug. 30 2021. The closure is for municipal service installation and road urbanization including the installation sanitary sewers, stormwater infrastructure, sidewalks, curbs and gutters and a box culvert. The road would remain open to local traffic, similar to the previous road closure in the fall of 2020.

Closed session

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Harding RESOLUTION NO. C-2021-0110

In regard to Closed Session Item 18.1(a) of the agenda being the advice that is subject to Solicitor-Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, under Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act respecting a verbal report from the Town Solicitor regarding a procurement matter;

1. That Council receive the verbal report provided and Council authorizes the CAO to proceed as directed and discussed.

Carried.

Additional Council Information

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