



**The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines
GENERAL COMMITTEE AGENDA
Regular, Monday, January 13, 2020
Council Chambers, City Hall**

*His Worship Mayor Walter Sendzik takes the Chair and opens the meeting following
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There is no scheduled In-Camera session.

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Following Adjournment, Council will proceed to Council Agenda Item 9 (Motions Arising from In-Camera Session).



Corporate Report City Council

Report from: Community, Recreation and Culture Services, Programs and Cultural Services

Report Date: December 30, 2019 **Meeting Date:** January 13, 2020

Report Number: CRCS-001-2020 **File:** 35.65.12

Subject: St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program Funding Recommendations – Round Three

Strategic Pillar:



Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendations in Appendix 1 to award \$69,600 in investment through the St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program – round three; and

That staff be directed to make the necessary notifications. FORTHWITH

Summary

City Council's approval is being sought for round three of 2019 funding to be released through the St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program (SCCIP). As per the revised [St. Catharines Cultural Investment Policy](#), the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee established two SCCIP Review Committees – one to review the Sustaining - Festival Program applications and one to review Arts Development and Culture Builds Community Program applications. These two committees finalized recommendations for City Council's consideration totaling \$69,600.

Relationship to Strategic Plan

Cultural funding recommended in this report supports three sustainability pillars, as follows:

Economic Prosperity – Sustaining program applicants have been proven to be job creators in the creative sector and they develop a significant portion of the cultural activity available in our community. They offer a broad range of educational, participatory and audience-based programs and are committed to fostering access, affordability and inclusivity in their experiences. Youth, young families and retired adults are frequent beneficiaries of their programs.

Social Well Being – All of the funded organizations offer quality of life experiences for both residents and visitors. Cultural activities are active connectors of people, places and neighbourhoods, and many of SCCIP's Sustaining clients actively develop partnerships and collaborations with diverse community groups

Cultural Renaissance – The recommended funding is direct investment into the support of the creative sector, creating jobs, contracts for artists, attracting tourists and fostering audiences and participation in arts experiences. Almost all of the applicants actively support the development of new work by local artists, and serve cultural diversity through programming, community engagement and outreach activities. Fundamentally, their work fosters civic pride, civic engagement and contributes to making St. Catharines a more attractive place for newcomers.

Additionally, SCCIP investment directly serves the implementation of the City's [Culture Plan 2020](#), cultivating the growth and development of the creative sector, fostering participation in arts, heritage and cultural experiences, and communicating the experiences and value of culture to St. Catharines residents.

Background

The St. Catharines Cultural Investment Policy was revised and approved by Council on May 2, 2016. The Policy provides a framework for SCCIP, which “is designed to strengthen local arts creation, cultural distribution and engagement in order to improve the spirit and quality of life for its residents. The St. Catharines Cultural Investment Policy aims to serve long term community sustainability by strengthening cultural vitality, economic diversity, environmental awareness and social inclusion...”

For this third and final intake, SCCIP applications were accepted at the October 25, 2019 deadline for three programs: the Sustaining - Festival Program; the Arts Development Program; and the Culture Builds Community Program.

Report

This report provides recommendations for funding to applicants to the Sustaining - Festival Program, the Arts Development Program and the Culture Builds Community Program.

Thirteen applications (Appendix 1) were received by the advertised deadline: three for the Sustaining - Festival Program; four for the Arts Development Program; and six for the Culture Builds Community Program.

The applications were reviewed for the Sustaining - Festival Program on November 11, 2019 and for the Arts Development and Culture Build Community Programs on November 18, 2019. These two SCCIP Review Committees reviewed and evaluated the applications using pre-approved evaluation criteria. Their recommendations were reviewed and endorsed by the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee at their meeting of November 25, 2019.

The following investments are being recommended for Council's approval:

Table A	2018	2019	
Applicant	Funding Amount	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
Festivals - Sustaining			
Bravo Niagara! Voices of Freedom Festival	Previously funded under the Arts Development Program (ADP) stream (\$3,000 in 2018)		
2019 (for the 2020 Voices of Freedom Festival)	Not applicable	\$17,000	\$12,000
2020 early approval (for the 2021 Voices of Freedom Festival)	Not applicable	\$20,000	\$15,000
The Foster Festival	\$25,000	\$37,000	\$25,000
The TD Niagara Jazz Festival	\$12,000	\$25,000	\$14,000
Arts Development Program			
Garden City Kiwanis Music Festival	New Applicant	\$7,000	\$2,000
Port Dalhousie Supper Market Music Program	New Applicant	\$7,500	\$0
Port Dalhousie Beautification Works Committee (BWC) – Summer Entertainment Series	New Applicant	\$3,000	\$1,600
Stolen Theatre Collective	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Culture Builds Community Program			
Carla Carlson – Drumming Down the Sun	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$2,000
Essential Collective Theatre – Seniors Stories	\$25,000 (2019 Sus – Mid-Sized)	\$7,500	\$5,000
Links For Greener Learning	(2017) \$4,000	\$4,500	\$2,000
OPIRG Brock – Free Store	New Applicant	\$6,500	\$0
Naïma Oukerfellah – I am the Hero of My Story comic book	New Applicant	\$3,000	\$0
Tunes4tots	Not applicable	\$3,000	\$1,000
Total Funding Round Three	2019	\$134,000	\$69,600
2020 Early Approval Round Three	2020	\$20,000	\$15,000

Three applicants were not successful in their funding application for various reasons, including that they did not meet SCCIP priorities or had not provided sufficiently detailed information in their applications. Those applicants who were unsuccessful are encouraged to reapply in the future once their projects are more fully developed.

Financial Implications

Funding recommendations are within the approved 2019 operating budget of \$339,587 for SCCIP funding (Table B – see page 5). To date, \$271,987 has been invested through the SCCIP programs in the first two rounds of applications and through multi-year funding approvals. Please note that \$64.06 from the funds allocated to round one Culture Days Funding was unspent in the projects approved and not reallocated as of the end of 2019, as well as \$2,000 from a project that was previously approved but not undertaken by the recipient in 2018, was left unspent and was reallocated to the third round funding envelope.

Table B – 2019 SCCIP Funding		
2019 Total SCCIP Budget	\$339,587	
Re-allocation from 2018 Budget (due to a project approved but not completed)	\$2,000	
Unspent funds from Culture Days Activity Program (CDAP) Funding Round 1 2019	\$64.06	
Total 2019 SCCIP Funding Available	\$341,651.06	
		Requested Amounts
Approved in 2019 SCCIP Round 1:		
Culture Days Program	\$13,987	
Round One Total	\$13,987	\$24,645
Approved in 2019 SCCIP Round 2:		
Sustaining – Core	\$178,500	
Sustaining – Midsized	\$52,500	
Sustaining – Festival	\$10,000	
Arts Development Program	\$9,500	
Culture Builds Community Program	\$7,500	
Round Two Total	\$258,000	\$356,750
Recommended in this report		
Sustaining – Festival	\$51,000	
Arts Development Program	\$8,600	
Culture Builds Community Program	\$10,000	
Round Three Total	\$69,600	\$134,000
Total 2019 SCCIP Funding Allocated (all three rounds)	\$341,587	
2019 Balance Remaining	\$64.06	

Table C – Early Approvals		
Early approval in Round Two (Multi-year Sustaining - Core and Mid-Sized)		
2020	\$67,500	\$121,000
2021	\$12,000	\$53,000
2020 Early Approval – Multi-year Sustaining - Festivals	\$15,000	\$20,000

See Appendix 2 for the list of SCCIP recipients since 2012.

Conclusion

The City's SCCIP funding program provides opportunity for investment in the cultural vitality of the community. Many SCCIP applicants partner with social service agencies to develop specialized programming that serves challenged and disadvantaged residents. SCCIP applicants also program events and activities that appeal to a wide range of interests, including diverse communities, to ensure that St. Catharines residents are

provided with access to opportunities for professionally-led arts experiences and creative self-expression.

SCCIP investment supports initiatives that are fostering awareness and educational experiences on the importance of environmental sustainability.

Every year, SCCIP investment directly serves the implementation of Culture Plan 2020, cultivating the growth and development of the creative sector, fostering participation in arts, heritage and cultural experiences, and communicating the experiences and value of culture to St. Catharines residents.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – SCCIP Recommendations 2019 Summary

Appendix 2 – SCCIP Funding Overview 2012-2019

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FESTIVALS

Applicant / Festival / Event / Dates	REQ.	Festival Description	Funding Recommendations and Review Committee Comments
<p>Bravo Niagara! Festival of the Arts</p> <p>The Voices of Freedom Festival</p> <p>Oct. 15, 2020 – Dec. 5, 2020</p> <p>Oct. 16, 2021 – Dec. 4, 2021</p>	<p>2020: \$17,000</p> <p>2021: \$20,000</p>	<p>The Voices of Freedom Festival (VOFF) was launched in 2015 and has become a signature Bravo Niagara! event and important platform for featuring culturally diverse artists and celebrating the cultural contributions of people of African descent. In 2020, Festival organizers are planning a major concert at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre (PAC) with a multiple GRAMMY-winning artist and local community partners. In addition, VOFF will expand to include “Sounds of Hope,” a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust featuring concerts, lectures, interactive discussions and documentary film screenings – as well as the world premiere of a new work by Canadian composer Christos Hatzis (Bravo’s composer-in-residence for 2020 and 2021). In 2021, VOFF will continue this formula, with the addition of more concerts, the world-premiere of a multi-media work, a symposium of speakers and additional outreach initiatives.</p> <p>2019 Festival Funding: \$3,000 (through ADP)</p>	<p>\$12,000 (2020) / \$15,000 (2021) – Bravo Niagara! has made the jump to the Festival Program with this application and the Committee was very impressed with their efforts. The Committee agreed the artistic lineup for the VOFF is truly marquee and that their focus on presenting culturally diverse artists should be supported. Solid partnerships and long-term funding plans are in place and the Committee noted that outreach activities – especially connections with local high schools, Brock and Niagara College – provide significant opportunities for community engagement. Though they really liked how Bravo has been steadily increasing their presence at the PAC, the Committee had some reservations about the VOFF’s overall level of activity in St. Catharines, as well as the lack of local artists being presented. Still, the Committee was very supportive of funding the VOFF both in 2020 and 2021, agreeing it has significant potential to grow.</p>
<p>The Norm Foster Theatre Festival</p> <p>The Foster Festival</p>	<p>\$37,000</p>	<p>The Foster Festival has now completed four successful seasons (2016 – 2019) producing the plays of Norm Foster. Mr. Foster is internationally renowned for his skill in examining extraordinary moments in the lives of ordinary people and his highly entertaining style – humour with heart. In 2020, Festival organizers are planning to produce 3 Norm Foster plays, including 2 world premieres, over a 9-week season with a total of 58 performances at the Recital Hall in</p>	<p>\$25,000 – The Committee noted that the Foster Festival has worked diligently over the past four years to build audience, reach new markets, sell tickets, and to position themselves within the “renaissance” of downtown St. Catharines. The Committee was impressed with the Festival’s outreach initiatives, including their youth and adult drama clubs, as well as providing free and low-cost tickets, which illustrates their goal to make theatre</p>

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<p>Jun.24, 2020 – Aug.22, 2020 AND Dec.10, 2020 – Dec.20, 2020</p>		<p>the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre. In addition to their summer season, Festival organizers are planning to re-mount “Aunt Agnes for Christmas”, a show they will be premiering this coming December, featuring an all-Niagara cast. They hope to make this a “Niagara Holiday Classic.”</p> <p>2019 Festival Funding: \$25,000</p>	<p>accessible for all local community members. The Committee did note their concern over the deficit that the organization carries, as well as the Festival’s potentially over-ambitious sponsorship goals, especially in relation to the number of full-time staff. However, the Committee thought the Festival’s deficit reduction plan was headed in the right direction and that their dedication to partnerships and building St. Catharines as an arts destination should be encouraged. Ultimately, the Committee was supportive of funding the Festival at the same level as 2019.</p>
<p>Niagara Jazz Festival</p> <p>The TD Niagara Jazz Festival</p> <p>July 21 or 22 (St. Catharines)</p> <p>July 27 - 29 (St. Catharines & NOTL)</p>	<p>\$25,000</p>	<p>The TD Niagara Jazz Festival (NJF) is dedicated to keeping jazz music alive by uniting the Niagara community in a cutting-edge, two-weekend festival that inspires, educates and develops future jazz audiences, and combines live jazz with a unique Niagara experience – food, wine, culture and natural wonders. Plans for 2020 include a further expansion of St. Catharines programming, featuring “Niagara’s Summer Mardi Gras” at Henley Grandstand, as well as the Festival’s third “World Music on the Beach” event, a full day of free programming at Lakeside Park in Port Dalhousie. They will also continue to have their “Jazz in the City” event and, new in 2020, begin a “Hungry for Hammond” series in Port Weller. A new series of pop-up events, “In Your Own Backyard” will also take place in Port Weller, while their popular “Live Learn Jazz” and “Twilight Jazz” series continue in the months leading up to the Festival – taking place in various wineries and breweries across Niagara.</p> <p>2019 Festival Funding: \$12,000</p>	<p>\$14,000 – The Committee was impressed by how the NJF has grown considerably over the past 6 years with two full weekends of music in the summer, accompanied by various series and events throughout the year – all boasting excellent attendance. The Committee noted that though jazz can be considered niche, a large amount of NJF programming is free, accessible, family-friendly and helps to build music appreciation, no matter the genre. The Committee agreed that the mix of talented national and international artists being programmed along with local artists and emerging musicians was excellent, and was part of the reason the NJF has been steadily attracting visitors from outside Niagara. Though the Committee noted some areas could be strengthened – including more detailed fundraising plans – they were very supportive of providing the NJF with a slight increase over last year.</p>

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ARTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICANTS

APPLICANT	REQ.	PROJECT	First Time	Funding Recommendations and Review Committee Comments
The Garden City Kiwanis Music Festival	\$7,000	Kiwanis Music and Arts Festival of St. Catharines – The Kiwanis Festival has the mission to encourage, nurture and support performances and educational activities within the St. Catharines area. Music students age 5-18 perform and are adjudicated by professional artists who inspire each performer to enhance their interpretive and musical styles. The Kiwanis Festival is seeking funds to help cover the cost of mounting their festival. Date: April 6th to 30th, 2020	✓	\$2,000 – The Committee was very supportive of this initiative, noting the Kiwanis Festival engages hundreds of children and youth and helps to instill a love of performing arts at a young age. The Committee noted the Festival occupies a unique space within the community and that the performance opportunities provided to its young participants are extremely valuable. The Festival should be a good candidate for sponsorships from local businesses, which was why the Committee recommended a portion of the full request.
O'Connor Initiative Inc.	\$7,500	Port Dalhousie Supper Market Music Program – Organizers of the Port Dalhousie Supper Market are seeking funding to produce a 12-week music program. They plan to hire local musicians – including solo artists, bands, new music artists and emerging artists – to perform at the Supper Market each week at Henley Island. Date: June 2nd to August 25th, 2020	✓	\$0 – Though the Committee liked the focus on local talent for local audiences, they had difficulty with the lack of detail in relation to both the planned artistic program and the description of the organization and its goals overall. The Committee also felt that organizers did not fully explain how this initiative fits with SCCIP priorities. The Committee encourages this organization to apply again in the future with a more comprehensive application.

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Port Dalhousie Beautification Works Committee (BWC)	\$3,000	<p>Summer Entertainment Series – The Port Dalhousie Beautification Works Committee is seeking funding to produce four free summertime events. Planned performances include a magic show, an author talk with a Q&A and book signing, a classical music concert and a rock band. All events are scheduled to take place at the newly-built Old Lock One Commons.</p> <p>Date: June to September, 2020</p>	✓	<p>\$1,600 – The Committee noted that the BWC is a strong community organization – and a first-time applicant to SCCIP – that has run past events with success. They liked that the BWC was proposing free, engaging performances for the community and believe that these events will be well-suited to the venue while also appealing to a variety of audiences.</p>
Stolen Theatre Collective	\$10,000	<p>“A Glass of Wine with Noam Chomsky” – Stolen Theatre is seeking funding for the 2nd phase of development for this original theatrical creation. The initial phase of this project (a 25-minute version, presented at In The Soil 2019) was funded through the 2018 SCCIP program. Phase 2 would see a 2-week writing retreat, a 1-week dramaturgical rehearsal period and further development of the play during a 3-week rehearsal period with a 5-artist cast. This would all culminate in a full production at the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts in September 2020.</p> <p>Date: February to September, 2020 2018 Funding: \$3,000</p>		<p>\$5,000 – Stolen Theatre is a very solid company that produces high quality original work, and the Committee appreciated their focus on taking time to develop new plays. The Committee also really liked their commitment to using a mix of local mid-career and emerging professional artists and tech crew. Though the organization has a relatively small reach due to the venues in which they perform, the work is high-impact and acts as an out-of-the-ordinary theatre experience for audiences. The Committee was very supportive of Stolen Theatre and noted that, were there more funds available, they would have recommended a higher amount of funding.</p>

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CULTURE BUILDS COMMUNITY PROGRAM APPLICANTS

APPLICANT	REQ.	PROJECT	First Time	Funding Recommendations and Review Committee Comments
Carla Carlson	\$3,000	23rd Annual Summer Solstice Drumming down the Sun & Yoga on the Beach – Ms. Carlson is seeking funding for a community celebration of the Summer Solstice. She first organized this event 22 years ago and has continued to do so on a volunteer basis ever since. It has grown from a few people the first year to hundreds of St. Catharines residents participating every year. This year, Ms. Carlson is seeking funds to help cover costs associated with organizing the event, as well as to pay artists to animate the event. Date: June 20, 2020 2018 Funding: \$2,000 (2019 Event)		\$2,000 – The Committee agreed that this highly community-oriented, free event has found a committed audience, due to its cross-cultural and community-enriching appeal. The Committee liked that the event emphasizes participation, promotes accessibility and celebrates diversity among attendees. They recommended supporting the project, but noted that particular attention could be paid to marketing efforts this year in an attempt to clarify where the event takes place and to differentiate it from other solstice events.
Essential Collective Theatre	\$7,500	Senior Stories – Essential Collective Theatre (ECT) is requesting funding for the fifth year of their intergenerational Senior Stories project. ECT plans to contract four emerging/student actors and an emerging stage manager who will interview Niagara seniors, then devise an original 40-minute play based on the stories the seniors share. The play will then be presented, free of charge, at Older Adult Centres, seniors' facilities and public venues across St. Catharines and Niagara. Date: March to July, 2020 2019 Funding: \$25,000 (SUS-Midsized Program)		\$5,000 – The Committee agreed this is an excellent project that hits all the marks, helping to forge intergenerational connections within the community. They were very supportive of Senior Stories as both a training tool for emerging theatre professionals and as an innovative way to engage older adults, an underserved community. The Committee noted this initiative has significant impact, not only for those participating in the creation of the show, but also for audiences of all ages who see the performance.

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Links for Greener Learning	\$4,500	<p>The Eco-Art Garden – Links for Greener Learning (LGL) is seeking funding to beautify their learning garden, located behind Buchanan House on Niagara Street. The project will involve commissioning artists to repurpose salvaged doors – painting them with the help of community members to create art pieces. These art pieces will then be joined together in the garden as an art installation, forming an “art wall” that will also be a functional fence. This installation will be unveiled during a larger community event to raise awareness of local environmental issues.</p> <p>Date: April to October, 2020 2017 Funding: \$4,000</p>		<p>\$2,000 – LGL is a steadily growing grassroots organization that seems to be doing good work in the community and building a solid base for educating the public about sustainability. Their Eco-Art Garden project is a creative initiative within the community. The Committee agreed the project’s goal to engage both youth and newcomers is very positive and noted the organization has done a great job of pulling multiple partners together – including artists, businesses and other non-profits – to contribute to the project.</p>
OPIRG (Ontario Public Interest Research Group) Brock	\$6,500	<p>Free Store – OPIRG Brock is seeking funding to support their Free Store, an initiative that they started in 2018 for the In the Soil Festival. The Free Store takes items that people are not using anymore but that still function perfectly well (including furniture, house wares, clothing, accessories, etc.) and passes these items to people in the community who use them. The Free Store will be able to serve a wide variety of people, and connect students and residents with many of the events and spaces downtown, as well as with each other.</p> <p>Date: April 2020 to April 2021</p>		<p>\$0 – The Committee liked the idea of the Free Store but saw the project as primarily a social justice initiative. Though they understood the project could have valuable impact, they didn’t see anything in the application to differentiate OPIRG’s Free Store from the work undertaken by organizations such as Community Care. As such, they agreed that this project was not within SCCIP’s purpose and priorities to fund.</p>
Naima Oukerfellah	\$3,000	<p>“I Am the Hero of My Story” Comic Book – Ms. Oukerfellah is requesting funding to run a workshop with students in a French immersion school in St. Catharines. Student participants will create their own digital comic book in French, in which they are the heroes of their own stories. Ms. Oukerfellah is the</p>	✓	<p>\$0 – Though the Committee really liked Ms. Oukerfellah’s idea of engaging youth through writing French-language comics, they were concerned that no commitment from a school or teacher had been confirmed for this project. They agreed the</p>

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		author of a French-language novel for young people and has experience working in classrooms with children, having completed similar projects in the past. She plans to implement different learning strategies in her workshop to help students learn collaboration, creativity and communication through writing these stories. Date: Winter/Spring, 2020		project was creative and had the potential to be impactful and self-empowering to students, but without that confirmation, they didn't feel SCCIP could fund it. They encourage Ms. Oukerfellah to establish a connection with a school and apply again in the spring and/or apply to the Culture Days Activity Program with a similar project.
Tunes4Tots	\$3,000	Classical Concert Series – Tunes4Tots is requesting funding for a bi-monthly classical concert series for babies, toddlers and their care givers. Concerts will encourage children to be close to the instruments and performers, and there will be opportunities to hold instruments with the help of the musicians. Tunes4Tots has partnered with the St. Catharines Public Library to host the concerts, so funding will go to hiring local musicians to perform, as well as ensuring the concerts are free to the public. Date: January – December, 2020		\$1,000 – The Committee was pleased to see that organizers had addressed some of the concerns they noted in relation to Tunes4Tots' (unsuccessful) 2018 SCCIP application, focusing on hiring local musicians and finding a venue partner for this iteration of the project. The Committee agreed that there was a great interactive component to this concert series and that there is significant potential to build an audience, especially for free, accessible concerts.

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SUMMARY

Program	# of Applicants	Requests for 2019/20	Requests for 2020/21	Remaining Funding Pot	# of Recipients	Recommended Investments (2019/20)	Recommended Investments (2020/21)
Sustaining-Festival Program	3	\$79,000	\$20,000	\$51,000	3	\$51,000	\$15,000
Arts Development Program	4	\$27,500	N/A	\$8,100	3	\$ 8,600	N/A
Culture Builds Community Program	6	\$27,500	N/A	\$10,500	4	\$10,000	N/A
Total	13	\$134,000	\$20,000	\$69,600	10	\$69,600	\$15,000

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Applicant	# years funding approved - SUS only	2019 - TOTAL		First time	2018 - TOTAL		First time	2017 - TOTAL		2016 - TOTAL		2015 - TOTAL		2014 - TOTAL		2013 - TOTAL		2012 - TOTAL		
		Allocated	Requested		Allocated	Requested		Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	
		\$339,587	\$381,396		\$337,764	\$456,322		\$332,500	\$404,418	\$321,000	\$424,587	\$150,000	\$250,300	\$155,100	\$189,769	\$153,000	\$217,640	\$155,775	\$228,500	
		2019			2018			2017		2016		2015		2014		2013		2012		
Sustaining Program - Core		TO DATE - as at 121319																		
Carousel Players	1	\$42,000	\$42,000		\$39,000	\$43,000		\$38,000	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$24,475	\$26,000	\$24,475	\$26,000	\$22,800	\$26,000	
Chorus Niagara	2	\$16,000	\$17,000		\$15,000	\$15,000		\$14,000	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	
Niagara Artists Centre	1	\$42,500	\$65,000		\$41,000	\$48,500		\$39,500	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$28,500	\$24,500	\$29,250	\$24,500	\$29,250	\$23,500	\$25,000	
Niagara Symphony Orchestra	2	\$53,000	\$65,000		\$50,000	\$52,000		\$47,000	\$50,000	\$47,500	\$65,000	\$25,000	\$52,000	\$26,000	\$30,000	\$22,500	\$25,000	\$21,375	\$25,000	
Suitcase in Point	1	\$25,000	\$35,000		\$35,000	\$35,000		\$32,000	\$35,000	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$17,100	\$25,000	
Total Sustaining - Core		\$178,500	\$224,000		\$180,000	\$193,500		\$170,500	\$185,000	\$154,500	\$191,000	\$108,000	\$149,500	\$102,975	\$118,250	\$99,475	\$113,250	\$92,775	\$109,000	
Sustaining Program - Midsized																				
Essential Collective Threatre	1	\$25,000	\$36,000		\$35,000	\$35,000		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$23,000	\$25,000	\$12,600	\$16,000	\$12,600	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$10,000	\$11,000	
The Gallery Players of Niagara	3	\$11,000	\$13,000		\$11,000	\$13,000		\$10,000	\$11,000	\$9,000	\$11,000	\$5,650	\$7,000	\$5,225	\$7,000	\$5,225	\$6,000	\$5,225	\$6,000	
Niagara Dance Company																\$5,000	\$10,000	\$7,125	\$10,000	
Primavera Concerts														\$5,000	\$8,000	\$4,500	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	
Twitches and Itches Theatre	1	\$10,500	\$14,000		\$10,000	\$17,500	Twitches received development funding before 2018, never sustaining													
Niagara Youth Orchestra	1							\$4,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	NYO received development funding before 2016, never sustaining								
Willow Arts Community	1	\$6,000	\$10,000	Willow received development funding before 2019																
Total Sustaining - Midsized		\$52,500	\$73,000		\$56,000	\$65,500		\$44,000	\$46,000	\$35,000	\$41,000	\$18,250	\$23,000	\$22,825	\$30,000	\$24,725	\$33,500	\$26,350	\$32,000	

Sustaining - Festivals Grant (2017 festivals and forward)		2020 Festivals			2019 Festivals		2018 Festivals		2017 Festivals (Oct 28, 2016 deadline)												
In the Soil (Suitcase in Point)	1	\$10,000	\$15,000		\$15,000	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$15,000											
Foster Festival (The)					\$25,000	\$35,000	\$20,000	\$30,000													
Niagara Jazz Festival					\$12,000	\$20,000	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$8,500	\$10,000											
Niagara VegFest							\$8,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$17,000											
Pride Niagara (Pride in the Park									\$3,000	\$10,000	(see Culture Builds Community 2015 -2012)										
Festival & Events Grant (2016									2016 Festivals (Feb 5 2016 deadline)												
In the Soil (Suitcase in Point)									\$10,000	\$15,000											
Niagara Integrated Film Festival									\$6,000	\$20,000											
Niagara Jazz Festival									\$7,500	\$10,000											
Niagara VegFest									\$7,500	\$8,000											
Total Sustaining - Festival		\$10,000	\$15,000		\$52,000	\$70,000	\$52,000	\$79,000	\$62,500	\$105,000	Festival funding as part of SCCIP began in 2016										

Total Sustaining		\$241,000	\$312,000		\$288,000	\$329,000	\$266,500	\$310,000	\$252,000	\$337,000	\$126,250	\$172,500	\$125,800	\$148,250	\$124,200	\$146,750	\$119,125	\$141,000
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		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014		2013		2012	
		Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested
Arts Development Program (ADP)																	
African Association of Niagara																\$1,000	\$3,200
Avanti Chamber Music Singers														\$1,000	\$1,000		
Bravo Niagara! Festival of the Arts		\$3,000	\$7,000	\$1,000	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$7,000										
Castlemoon Theatre														\$4,800	\$6,000		
Cicada Music & Arts		\$3,000	\$7,000														
Choralis Camerata								\$4,000	\$4,427			\$4,000	\$5,430				
CRAM Gallery																\$4,000	\$7,000
Essential Collective Theatre												\$1,360	\$1,360			\$2,000	\$2,500
Facer District Merchants and								\$1,000	\$5,000								
Festival of Readers - St. Catharines								\$8,000	\$9,500								
Flutes en Route!																\$1,500	\$3,000
Foster Festival								\$27,000	\$29,000								
Garden City Productions				\$2,000	\$9,465			\$1,410	\$1,413			\$4,000	\$7,000				
Greenbelt Arts																\$2,000	\$3,000
Lark & Whimsy Theatre Collective		\$2,500	\$3,000														
My Stage														\$2,000	\$3,000		
Next Company Theatre														\$3,500	\$9,750	\$2,500	\$6,000
Niagara Literary Arts Festival												\$2,200	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$3,000		
Niagara Artist Centre														\$3,000	\$5,000		
Niagara Youth Orchestra												\$2,500	\$5,000				
Royal Country Scottish Dance												\$1,600	\$1,589				
Rodman Hall Arts Centre				\$3,264	\$5,000	\$9,298	\$10,000										
Songbook Players (Barbara Worthy)		\$1,000	\$3,000														
Stolen Theatre Collective				\$3,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,100	\$9,000	\$3,000	\$5,500	\$3,000	\$3,000				
St. Catharines Art Association												\$2,000	\$2,000			\$2,000	\$4,500
St. Catharines Chamber Music Soc.														\$4,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Twitches & Itches Theatre						\$11,600	\$11,600	\$7,000	\$7,200	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$1,640	\$1,640	\$1,500	\$1,800		
Willow Community (The)				\$5,000	\$10,000												
Total Arts Development		\$9,500	\$20,000	\$14,264	\$37,465	\$30,398	\$34,600	\$54,510	\$65,540	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$22,300	\$31,519	\$21,800	\$35,550	\$19,000	\$35,200

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		Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested
Culture Builds Community																	
Aiding Dramatic Change in						\$4,500	\$5,000										
Bravo Niagara! Festival of the Arts								\$4,500	\$5,000								
Carlson, Carla (Drumming Down the				\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000										
Carousel Players																\$3,000	\$5,000
Club La Salle						\$3,000	\$6,000			\$5,000	\$10,000						
Foster Festival (The)				\$3,000	\$4,100												
Greening Niagara Eco-Fest										\$1,000	\$3,000						
Hobbs, Kevin and Sadowski, Laurie								\$3,000	\$3,000								
Lapinski, Joe														\$2,000	\$3,000		
Links for Greener Learning						\$4,000	\$5,000										
Michlik, Helen & Sadowski, Laurie				\$2,000	\$3,000												
Music Niagara				\$2,000	\$4,500	F											
Next Company Theatre																\$1,150	\$1,500
Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre						\$3,500	\$5,000			\$2,500	\$5,500						
NRNC - Nurturing our Roots		\$7,500	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	F											
Pride in the Park										\$5,000	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$8,650
Puppet A GoGo Art Show										\$2,000	\$3,000						
Sadowski, Laurie				\$3,000	\$3,000												
St. Catharines Open Streets				\$2,500	\$3,000	F											
Suitcase In Point												\$2,000	\$2,000				
Niagara VegFest																\$2,000	\$3,000
Westview Centre4Women - Unite										\$2,250	\$3,000						
Sheatre																\$2,000	\$4,015
Start Me Up Niagara						\$5,000	\$7,500					\$1,000	\$2,000			\$2,000	\$3,000
YWCA																\$3,500	\$7,000
Total Culture Builds		\$7,500	\$15,000	\$22,000	\$30,600	\$23,000	\$31,500	\$7,500	\$8,000	\$17,750	\$31,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$17,650	\$32,165

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		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014		2013		2012	
		Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested	Allocated	Requested						
Culture Days Activity Program																	
4Cats Art Studio						\$870.00	\$870.00	\$700.00	\$750.00			—		—		—	
Barry, Rhiannon		\$500.00	\$965.00	\$825.00	\$985.00	\$810.00	\$810.00					—		—		—	
Carousel Players		\$1,100.00	\$1,518.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$406.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$400.00		—		—		—	
Deena Colling Gelentso		\$650.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$750.00			—		—		—	
Danny Custodio		\$600.00	\$990.00	F													
Essential Collective Theatre		\$1,000.00	\$1,910.00		\$350.00	\$350.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00				—		—		—	
Farnsworth, Geoff		\$600.00	\$934.00		\$800.00	\$900.00	\$475.00	\$475.00				—		—		—	
Figueroa, David		\$770.00	\$770.00	F													
Foster Festival (The)		\$500.00	\$535.00		\$540.00	\$540.00						—		—		—	
Hobbs, Kevin		\$700.00	\$900.00		\$1,200.00	\$1,330.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00				—		—		—	
Hyde, Tyler							\$757.00	\$757.00				—		—		—	
Improv Niagara (Brie Watson)		\$350.00	\$359.00	F													
Klesh, Hether					\$550.00	\$1,672.00	F					—		—		—	
Low, Janice		\$500.00	\$828.00		\$830.00	\$830.00	\$852.00	\$852.00	\$740.00	\$597.00	\$400.00	—		—		—	
Manfreda, Metka		\$500.00	\$577.00		\$400.00	\$490.00						—		—		—	
Michlik, Helen					\$505.00	\$505.00	\$800.00	\$1,145.00				—		—		—	
McTigue, Colleen		\$577.00	\$579.00	F													
Middleton, Sandy		\$750.00	\$775.00						\$450.00	\$450.00	\$281.00	—		—		—	
Niagara Society of Architects					\$750.00	\$1,000.00	F					—		—		—	
Philip, Linda		\$600.00	\$610.00	F													
PK Hummingbird Steel Drum		\$240.00	\$240.00	F													
Plews, Steve		\$700.00	\$740.00	F													
Robillard, Aaron		\$600.00	\$600.00	F													
Rodman Hall Art Centre					\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,183.00	\$1,200.00				—		—		—	
Sargent, Melody							\$364.00	\$1,205.00				—		—		—	
Silver Spire United Church					\$850.00	\$1,100.00	\$807.00	\$850.00	\$750.00	\$750.00		—		—		—	
St. Catharines Art Association							\$978.00	\$3,380.00	\$750.00	\$750.00		—		—		—	
St. Catharines Poetry Slam		\$600.00	\$1,042.00		\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$400.00	—		—		—	
Steinberg, Dahlia		\$550.00	\$910.00	F													
Suitcase in Point									\$750.00	\$750.00	\$400.00	—		—		—	
Twitches & Itches		\$550.00	\$940.00		\$850.00	\$850.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$400.00	—		—		—	
Waterman, Karen		\$450.00	\$452.00	F													
Waterwood Theatre Projects		\$600.00	\$672.00		\$600.00	\$600.00	F					—		—		—	
Williamson, Diana					\$700.00	\$1,000.00						—		—		—	
Total CDAP		\$13,987	\$18,646		\$13,500	\$16,152	\$12,602	\$16,794	\$6,990	\$7,047	\$2,281						

in '15 Culture Days support was not part of SCCIP

Total Development (ADP, CB and CDAP)		\$30,987	\$53,646		\$49,764	\$84,217	\$66,000	\$82,894	\$69,000	\$80,587	\$26,031	\$40,000	\$29,300	\$41,519	\$28,800	\$44,550	\$36,650	\$67,365
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Corporate Report City Council

Report from: Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk

Report Date: December 9, 2019 **Meeting Date:** January 13, 2020

Report Number: LCS-003-2020 **File:** 35.60.18

Subject: Dissolution of the Port Dalhousie Downtown Business Association

Strategic Pillar:

Recommendation

That the following by-laws be repealed: by-law 2016-211 being a by-law to re-establish a Board of Management for the Port Dalhousie business improvement area; and by-law 86-418 being a by-law to designate a certain area as an Improvement area; and

That the Clerk be directed to make the necessary notifications; and

That the City Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law. FORTHWITH

Background

On September 13, 2019, the Clerk received a letter from Mr. Allan Visser, Chair of the Port Dalhousie Business Association (BIA) advising that at their September 12, 2019 meeting the Board unanimously passed the following motion:

That the Port Dalhousie Association take all steps necessary to disband the Port Dalhousie Business Association as soon as possible and that the City Clerk be informed of the passing of this motion.

Following the meeting, the Clerk received emails of resignation from all the Board members excluding the Council representative, Councillor Carlos Garcia.

Further, the letter stated that the BIA would be able to meet their financial obligations until November 30, 2019, however they would not be able to pay for an audit at the end of 2019. The Clerk notified the Manager of Accounting and Payroll.

Report

According to Section 211(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, if the municipality receives a resolution from the Board requesting the repeal of a by-law designating a business improvement area, Council must give notice in accordance with subsection 210(1) of the Act.

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, 14 notices were sent to every person who on the last returned assessment roll, is assessed in the business property class within the BIA boundaries. The notice indicated that property owner that transfer taxes to renters were required to advise the Clerk of who these individuals are so that they too would receive appropriate notice. Two individuals replied and the Clerk's office forwarded them notice as well. Sixty days has now lapsed and no written objections were received. Therefore, staff recommend that Council repeal the by-law.

Section 220(16) of the *Municipal Act* states that “upon the repeal of a by-law establishing a board of management, the board ceases to exist and its undertakings, assets and liabilities shall be assumed by the municipality.” Staff do not anticipate any material assets to be assumed by the City as a result of dissolving the Port Dalhousie Business Association. As a result, the City will be responsible for assuming the costs of the final audit of the Port Dalhousie Business Association, as well as tax adjustments resulting from prior-year tax levy write-offs and vacancy rebates totaling \$5,633.41 that have been processed in 2019.

Financial Implications

The cost for a final audit of the Port Dalhousie Business Association is \$3,300 plus HST. The City will also be responsible for the cost of tax adjustments resulting from prior year tax levy write-offs and vacancy rebates, in the amount of \$5,633.41 related to the Port Dalhousie Business Association.

Conclusion

The Port Dalhousie Business Association feels they would be better served with a Merchant's Association.

Staff is recommending that Council repeal by-law 2016-211 being a by-law to re-establish a Board of Management for the Port Dalhousie business improvement area; and by-law 86-418 a by-law to designate a certain area as an Improvement area.

Notifications

The Port Dalhousie Business Association, Chair of the Board.

Prepared and Submitted by

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
City Clerk

Approved by

Heather Salter
Director of Legal and Clerks Services / City Solicitor



Corporate Report City Council

Report from: Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk

Report Date: January 2, 2020 **Meeting Date:** January 13, 2020

Report Number: LCS-009-2020 **File:** 10.12.1

Subject: Council Correspondence

Recommendation

That Council receive and file the items listed within the report; and

That Council receive and file additional correspondence distributed for the meeting held January 13, 2020, which is available upon request. FORTHWITH

Report

The Office of the City Clerk is submitting, for the approval of Council, correspondence received during the period of November 23, 2019 to January 7, 2020.

Resolutions

1. Township of Greater Madawaska - Electronic delegations at Conferences
2. Municipality of Thames Centre - Support for Continuation of Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Programs of Upper Thames River and Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
3. Township of Ramara - Conservation Authority Exit Clause
4. City of Stratford - Letter and Resolution in Support of Conservation Authorities
5. City of Woodstock - Ban of Single-Use Plastic Handled Shopping Bags
6. The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh - 911 Misdials

Correspondence

7. Letter from Ontario Good Roads Association - Childcare services at annual OGRA conference
8. Letter from Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Heritage - Digital Publications in Canadian Libraries
9. Letter from Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Child Care at Conferences
10. Letter from Hank Beekhuis - Port Dalhousie Business Improvement Association

Building Activity Statistics

11. Planning and Building Services - Building Activity Statistics - October 2019
12. Planning and Building Services - Building Activity Statistics - November 2019

Memorandums from Staff

- 13. City Clerk - Integrity Commissioner Response to Complaint Mayor Sendzik
- 14. Deputy City Clerk - Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act and Ontario Animal Protection Call Centre
- 15. Director of Economic Development and Government Relations - Federal and Provincial Policy Update

Reports Requested by Council

- 16. Outstanding Reports List – updated January 7, 2020

Prepared by:

Evan McGinty
Council and Committee Coordinator

Submitted and Approved by:

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
City Clerk



Sub-Item 1

Council Resolution Form

Date: 18 Nov 2019 No: Resolution No.261-19
 Moved By: Councillor Rigelhof Seconded by Disposition: CARRIED.
Councillor MacPherson
 Item No: 9.11.1

Description: Support for ministers to allow for electronic delegation

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS Council has discussed lobbying the provincial ministers to allow for electronic delegation;

AND WHEREAS Council feel that it is unjust to have to attend expensive conferences to be able to have a delegation with Ministers or the Premier;

AND THEREFORE, Council requests that the Ministers and the Premier offer electronic delegations to small and rural Municipalities that do not have sufficient budget to attend conferences;

FURTHERMORE, that this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities to request their support and sent to the Premier and all the Ministries for their consideration.

Recorded Vote Requested by:

	Yea	Nay
B. Hunt	_____	_____
L. Perrier	_____	_____
C. Rigelhof	_____	_____
J. Frost	_____	_____
G. MacPherson	_____	_____


MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote

Sub-Item 2

Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre

4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, Ontario N0L 1G3 – Phone 519-268-7334 – Fax 519-268-3928 – www.thamescentre.on.ca – inquiries@thamescentre.on.ca

December 18, 2019

Hon. Jeff Yurek
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor – 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

By email: jeff.yurek@pc.ola.org

RE: Support for Continuation of Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Programs of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA)

Dear Hon. Yurek,

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre, at the last regular meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2019, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Thames Centre is committed to planning for a sustainable future for its resources and environment;
AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Thames Centre is a member of both the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA) and has representatives on both Board of Directors;
AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors determines the policies, priorities and budget of the UTRCA and KCCA;
AND WHEREAS the UTRCA and KCCA provide the Municipality of Thames Centre with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the Municipality of Thames Centre does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;
AND WHEREAS the UTRCA and KCCA provide programs to the residents of Thames Centre and other member municipalities that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, reduction of vegetation loss and soil erosion, preservation of species at risk, completing restoration projections on the Thames River as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures, all of which the Municipality of Thames Centre does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;
THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Municipality of Thames Centre supports continuation of the programs of the UTRCA and KCCA, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs of the UTRCA or KCCA

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or of the other Conservation Authorities in Ontario be “wound down” at this time.

AND THAT the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future;

AND THAT both UTRCA and KCCA be invited to provide a delegation at a future Municipality of Thames Centre meeting to inform Council of the impacts of these programs to our communities;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.
Carried.

Should you have any questions, please advise.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tena Michiels".

Tena Michiels
Clerk

Distribution: Premier Doug Ford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
Conservation Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

Sub-Item 3



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November 7, 2019

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Floor
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Conservation Authority Exit Clause

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara passed the following motion at their regular meeting held October 28, 2019, unanimously by a recorded vote:

WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA has consistently expressed its view that its watershed conservation authorities are duplicative, financially unaccountable, in conflict with citizens and private property rights;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA has encountered the regulatory obstacles to challenge the arbitrary, inefficient, non-transparent, and unsustainable municipal levy forced upon it annually by its watershed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA questions the efficacy and relevance of its watershed conservation authorities' programs and services and their performance in achieving the goals of conservation and environmental stewardship;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA finds the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations inconsistent and obsolete;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks the Honourable Jeff Yurek signaled the province's intent to reconsider and update the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA support the province's determination that the existing Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations require review;

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AND THAT the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA signal to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks of its willingness to participate in all consultations and submissions to the same;

AND THAT further the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA signal its express desire that an exit clause be provided in any new Conservation Authorities Act to permit municipalities that determine the objects of conservation and environmental stewardship can be provided by alternative governance, programs, and/or services to exist costly and unwarranted conservation authority(ies) jurisdiction(s);

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Conservation Ontario, Ontario's thirty-six conservation authorities, and all upper and lower-tier Ontario municipalities.

I trust the above is self-explanatory however if you require further information or clarification, please contact me.

Yours truly,



Jennifer Connor, CMO
Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

JC/cw

c.c. Jill Dunlop, MPP
Conservation Ontario
Ontario Conservation Authorities
Ontario Municipalities



Sub-Item 4
AGENDA ITEM 2.3
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Office
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December 6, 2019

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Flr, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Honourable Premier Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Yurek:

Re: Resolution in Support of Conservation Authorities

Stratford City Council recently adopted a resolution in support of continuation of the programs of Ontario conservation authorities and requesting the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction regarding what is considered mandatory or non-mandatory and how programs will be funded.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration. We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Tatiana Dafoe
Acting Clerk

Encl.
/ja

cc: MPP Erie Hardeman
MPP Randy Pettapiece
MP John Nater
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
Conservation Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

December 6, 2019



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD
Resolution in Support of Conservation Authorities

WHEREAS the City of Stratford is committed to planning for a sustainable future for its resources and environment;

AND WHEREAS the City of Stratford is a member of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and has a representative on the Board of Directors of the UTRCA;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors determines the policies, priorities and budget of the UTRCA;

AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides the City of Stratford with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the City of Stratford does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;

AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides programs to the residents of Stratford and other member municipalities that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, reduction of vegetation loss and soil erosion, preservation of species at risk, completing restoration projects on the Avon River as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures;

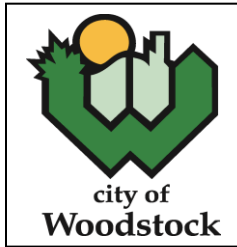
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Stratford supports continuation of the programs of the UTRCA, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs of the UTRCA or of the other Conservation Authorities in Ontario be "wound down" at this time. And that, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ernie Hardeman, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

 The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
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Woodstock, ON N4S 0A7
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December 18, 2019

The Honourable Jeff Yurek,
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Flr, 777 Bay St,
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Ban of Single-Use Plastic Handled Shopping Bags

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Woodstock passed the following resolution at its regular Council meeting held on December 12, 2019:

“That Woodstock City Council continue to support the single-use plastic handled shopping bag ban in principle but defer a decision regarding implementation until the Provincial and/or Federal governments have announced their decision and plans for a ban;

And further that Woodstock City Council supports a harmonized ban of single-use plastic shopping bags across the Province of Ontario;

And further that staff be directed to participate in the consultations with the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks with respect to the new producer responsibility model for the Blue Box Program, including discussing solutions with respect to single-use plastic shopping bags;

And further that Council pre-approve \$5,000 in the 2020 revenue fund budget in order for the Woodstock Environment Advisory Committee to undertake a public education campaign to educate and encourage Woodstock residents to reduce the use and consumption of single-use plastic shopping bags;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and all Ontario municipalities.”

Yours Truly,

Amelia Humphries, B. Math, M.P.A.
City Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Sub-Item 6

December 20, 2019

Hon. Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General
George Drew Bldg, 18th Flr
25 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1Y6

Re: Town of Tecumseh Resolution on 911 Misdials

On behalf of Mayor Gary McNamara and Town Council, I am writing to advise that at its meeting on November 12, 2019, Tecumseh Town Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the calls for service for 911 Misdials have risen dramatically in recent years, correlated with the rise in cell phone use; and

Whereas 911 Misdials must be responded to as if they were legitimate emergency calls; and

Whereas each 911 call is responded to with two OPP officers at an average time per call of 1.2 hours; and

Whereas each 911 call is a billable call to the municipality; and

Whereas in 2019 alone to date, 911 Misdials in Tecumseh number 1,082 calls, which is 28.8% of all billable calls for service to date; and

Whereas 911 Misdials are not unique to Tecumseh and in fact are common across the Province at an estimated cost of millions of dollars;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Municipal, Federal and Provincial governments and relevant associations, including but not limited to, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), be requested to lobby the telecommunications industry and smart phone manufacturers to develop a solution to 911 Misdials.

A copy of the report to Town Council (CAO-2019-09) on 911 Misdials is attached for your information. Should you require anything further, please contact the undersigned at lmoy@tecumseh.ca or extension 116.

Yours very truly,



Laura Moy, Dipl.M.M., CMMIII HR Professional
Director Corporate Services & Clerk

LM/ep

Attachments

1. Report CAO-2019-09 911 Misdials

cc: Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
Irek Kusmierczyk, MP
Percy Hatfield, MPP
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Association of Police Services Boards
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police
Ontario Municipalities
Telus
Bell
Rogers



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Chief Administrative Officer

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Margaret Misek-Evans, Chief Administrative Officer

Date to Council: November 12, 2019

Report Number: CAO-2019-09

Subject: 911 Misdials

Recommendations

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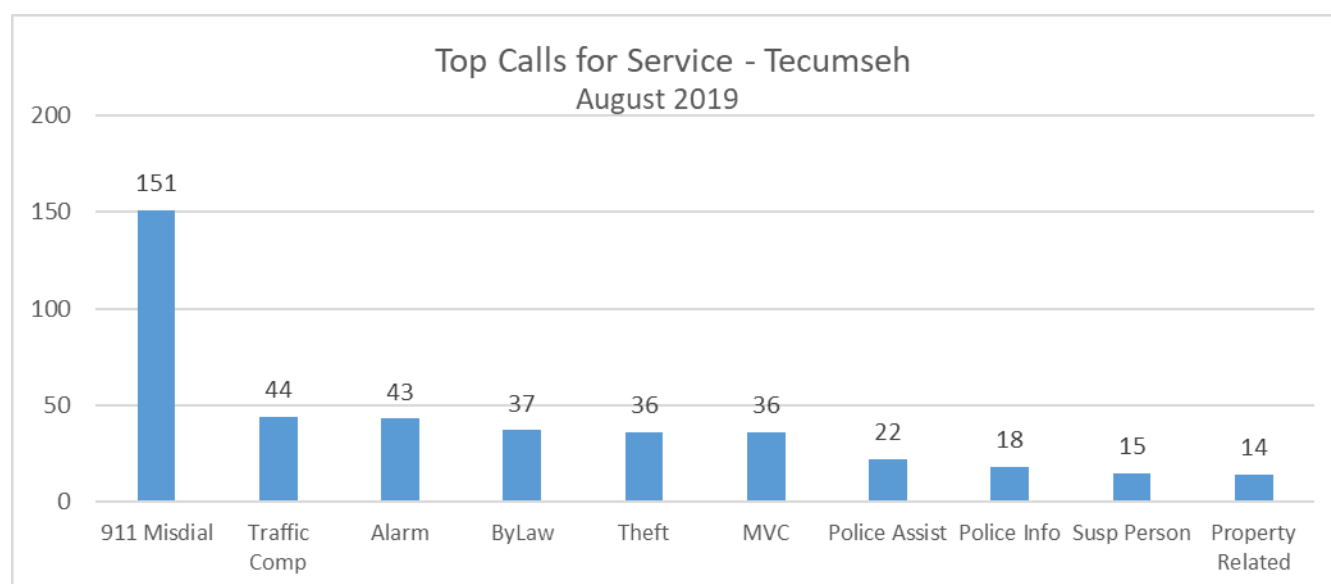
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Background

The Tecumseh Police Services Board (Board) receives regular reports from the Essex County OPP (OPP) on statistics related to calls for service. Over the past months, the Board has expressed concern on a number of occasions regarding the trend of increasing calls for service related to 911 Misdials, and the high proportion of total calls these represent.

At their October 10, 2019 meeting, the Board reviewed data contained in the 'Police Services Board Monthly Overview August 2019' produced by the OPP. The chart below shows the OPP's top calls for service in Tecumseh for the month of August 2019:



The report includes comparative information with other Essex County OPP Detachment municipalities and notes the following trends in the detachment area:

- A 65.7% increase in 911 Misdials in August 2019 (898 calls) compared to August 2018 (542 calls)
- An average of 29.9 Misdial calls per day
- 911 Misdials are trending 63.2% higher YTD 2019 (5,867 calls) compared to YTD 2018 (3,596)

Concern about escalating 911 Misdials and the effect of this trend on policing and police budgets was also raised at the recent Joint Essex County Police Services Board meeting held in Leamington on August 29, 2019. This meeting was attended by the boards from all Essex County OPP-policed municipalities, namely the Towns of Essex, Kingsville, Lakeshore, Tecumseh and Municipality of Leamington.

Following discussion of this data, and as a result of concerns expressed by members of the Board on multiple occasions, the Board passed Motion PSB 43/19 at the October 10, 2019 PSB meeting:

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Comments

Administration obtained the most recent data available for 911 Misdials from the OPP. As of October 12, 2019, the OPP have responded to 1,082 911-related billable calls in Tecumseh, broken down as follows. This represents 28.8% of all calls for service in 2019 YTD. (Note: the categories correspond to those used in the OPP billing statement.)

Billable Category	Description	Number
911 Call / 911 Hang Up	General 911 misdial / hang up	482
911 Hang Up – Pocket Dial	(subcategory) Accidental 911 call using a cell phone	183
911 Call – Dropped Cell	(subcategory) 911 call using a cell phone, then signal was lost. Contact may have been made, then deemed non-emergency or accidental	417
Total	All Categories	1,082

The table below compares the 2019 statistics to previous years. While some 'zero data' is included, the total figures are most relevant. The OPP notes that the Pocket Dial category was introduced in 2013 and the Dropped Cell category was introduced in 2014. As the years went on, officers have become more diligent in classifying 911 misdials into these subcategories as opposed to the more general 911 Hang Up category.

Category	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD	2019 Est. *
911 Call / 911 Hang Up	640	698	479	449	411	530	482	578
911 Hang Up – Pocket Dial	1	6	21	20	69	70	183	219
911 Call – Dropped Cell	0	1	12	15	70	87	417	500
Total	641	705	512	484	550	687	1,082	1,297

* This is an estimated year-end total based on the YTD amount.

While some fluctuations are apparent, the estimated total number of misdials for 2019 is more than double the total recorded in 2013 and represents an 89% increase over 2018.

As noted earlier, the Board has expressed concerns about this trend both in relation to policing and the police budget. Each 911 call is handled the same way, with at least two officers dispatched to locate the source and respond. It can reasonably be concluded that time and resources spent responding to 911 Misdials divert resources from other community policing activities and initiatives. Efforts have been made by the Town and the OPP to educate the public on 911 misdials to curb frequency of such calls.

The Board's resolution recognizes that Tecumseh is not alone in dealing with this widespread issue. It also suggests that the solution does not necessarily lie in increased public education and awareness, but rather in the redesign of cell phone technology and the way it interfaces with the 911 system. New, easier-to-use features on smart phone releases are something the public takes comfort in, knowing that in an emergency they can reach 911 dispatch easily and send their coordinates to the dispatcher. However, the issue of 911 Misdials should also be raised with smart phone manufacturers to resolve inadvertent 911 calls, which appear to be on the rise.

Consultations

Information and Communications Services
Police Services Board
Ontario Provincial Police

Financial Implications

With respect to the police budget, the impact of one year's increase in call volume is not proportionately reflected in the billing statement, as the municipality's "Calls for Service" costs (a weighted portion of the provincial total) are calculated based on a four-year average. The escalating volume of calls will, however, contribute to a higher four-year average over time.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐ Social Media ☐ News Release ☐ Local Newspaper ☐

Report No: CAO-2019-09
911 Misdials

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This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Prepared by:

Ellen Preuschat
Executive Assistant to CAO

Recommended by:

Margaret Misek-Evans, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment Number	Attachment Name
None	None



Sub-Item 7

December 12, 2019

City of St. Catharines
P.O. Box 3012, 50 Church Street
St. Catharines, ON L2R 7C2

Mayor & Members of Council:

This will acknowledge receipt of your Council's resolution requesting OGRA provide childcare services during our annual conference. I want to thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. OGRA received similar resolutions from several municipalities. OGRA is always pleased to hear from our members and we pride ourselves on being responsive to our member's needs.

The Board of Directors discussed this matter at their meeting in November and agreed that we would promote the use of a Toronto based childcare service that provides childcare in the delegate's room and that OGRA would reimburse 50% of the cost of the service (limits apply). Details on the service were emailed out on December 4, 2019 to all members and can be found on the OGRA Conference website.

<http://ograconference.ca/accommodation/child-care-services/>

The provision of childcare services is expensive and while OGRA is not in a position financially to cover 100% of the cost we do want to respond to our member's needs and feel that the 50% subsidy is reasonable.

We will review this program following the 2020 conference.

Yours truly

Rick Kester
President

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Sub-Item 8

Minister
of Canadian Heritage



Ministre
du Patrimoine canadien

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0M5

DEC 23 2019

Melissa Wenzler
Government Relations Advisor
City of St. Catharines
mwenzler@stcatharines.ca

Dear Ms. Wenzler:

I am writing in response to your correspondence requesting that the federal government increase access to digital publications in Canadian libraries. I appreciate your taking the time to write on this matter and to inform me of the motion adopted by the St. Catharines City Council.

The Government of Canada recognizes the important role that libraries play in our communities. It also recognizes the importance of ensuring that Canada has a healthy and transparent copyright framework where creators and innovators alike can reap the full rewards of their hard work and investments, and that Canadians can easily and confidently access a wide variety of content.

As you may know, the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology recently undertook a review of the *Copyright Act* with the help of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage. The committees heard from an impressive number of witnesses, including the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Canadian Urban Libraries Council.

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Given our shared responsibility for the *Copyright Act*, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of our correspondence to the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, for his information.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Guilbeault', written in a cursive style.

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Navdeep Bains, P.C., M.P.
Mr. Vance Badawey, M.P.
Mr. Chris Bittle, M.P.

Sub-Item 9

From: Dallas Alderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Wenzler, Melissa <mwenzler@stcatharines.ca>
Subject: RE: Child Care at Conferences

Hello Melissa,

I'm reaching out in follow-up to your email to Carole Saab from November, which included a resolution from the City of St. Catharine's calling for childcare services at the FCM annual conference. Here's a little bit more information about this issue:

Childcare has been provided at the FCM annual conference since 2017 as a pilot project to be reevaluated after three years. The initial request came from the FCM's Standing Committee on Increasing the Participation of Women in Municipal Government and was endorsed by the FCM Board of Directors. Given that final year of the three year pilot project occurred at the 2019 FCM annual conference, at their next meeting, in March 2020, the FCM Board of Directors will be considering whether to extend the childcare offering at the 2020 conference and going forward. Therefore the City of St. Catharine's support of this issue is timely, and will be included in the report that goes to the Board of Directors on this decision point.

Given the above, the St. Catharine's resolution won't be debated per se, but the exact issue will be debated as planned and the City's support of providing childcare services will be made clear to the Board of Directors in their deliberations.

Thank you for your engagement on this important issue. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have questions. We will let you know the outcome of the Board decision.

All the best,
 Dallas

Dallas Alderson

Manager, Policy and Research | Policy and Public Affairs
 Gestionnaire, Politiques et recherches | Politiques et affaires publiques

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Sub-Item 10

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council

It was with some sadness that I read about the demise of the Port Dalhousie Business Improvement Association in the St. Catharines Standard. Given the reasons given, I can fully understand and support the decision of the BIA and their frustration.

There are several things that bother me about it.

First of all, I fully support any effort by citizens to organize for their mutual benefit and to see them work together for the improvement of their community. The BIA having the power to tax their members in a geographic area is one that should not be given up easily since, it will likely be needed again in future when we all hope that business's will be once again thriving in Port Dalhousie. These types of associations ought to be encouraged by the city in every neighbourhood with flourishing businesses.

To give this up simply encourages freeloaders.

Secondly, that this is a result of the rigidity and inflexibility of the city in being able to accommodate common sense measures to make exceptions or waivers to policy frustrates me. In my past career I had the responsibility of administering a large budget and I am well aware that there are exceptions to every rule and but that council has the power and ability and also I believe the responsibility to make common sense accommodations even with respect to issues like audit or insurance. Are we so risk adverse that we can no longer function as a community? Given the size of their budget the risk is miniscule. There are many more areas of the city that do require significant scrutiny, rather than this.

In the accounting world there are 3 levels of audit that can be applied which are perfectly legitimate. First is a "Notice to Reader". This gives little assurance other than making sure that the records are properly recorded into proper financial statements.

Second is a "Financial Review" where the auditor looks at the terms and does analytics and variance analysis that the numbers are reasonable. This gives you more assurance.

Third is a full on "audit". Auditors complete and detailed review of the financial records and verify the amounts with third parties where appropriate (banks and accounts receivable) the auditors confirm the financial statements are good within materiality. This is the highest level of assurance.

Finally the city corporation can specify procedures with the auditor that they want them to perform in each situation which affects cost.

All of the above come with varying costs, with the third being the most expensive. The city is well within its rights to judge the risk and pass a motion that sets a threshold (of lets say 25,000) for what really requires a particular level of audit and what can simply be done internally. There is nothing wrong on small budgets like this which carry virtually no risk to have a staff accountant/bookkeeper visit the organization and look at their records over a coffee and confirm to council that all is in order. This would have really no additional cost.

With respect to insurance, it seems difficult to believe that the Association cannot merely provide proof of insurance as is done in many situations, rather than having to contribute to the cities plan and be covered by its excessive costs.

I would encourage this type of a review of the levels of audit for the entire city budget and you may discover significant savings for the city. Please review what can be done for the Port Dalhousie BIA before council cancels its status.

Thank-you

Hank Beekhuis

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Planning and Building Services
Building and Development

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council

Building Activity Statistics for the Month of October 2019

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TOTAL	729	52	291	200	\$209,897,371	314

Major Building Projects Over \$250,000:

Month of October 2019 (excluding single and two-family dwelling units)

Construct Row House Block (Units 6–10) 164A Martindale Road \$2,755,000	Construct Row House (Units 1–5) 164A Martindale Road \$2,694,000
Alter Interior of Unit 54A for Sportchek 221 Glendale Avenue \$1,800,000	Construct a New Town House with Partially Finished Basements (Units 20–25) 45 Dorchester Boulevard \$1,080,000

Construct Row House Block (Units 26–29) 45 Dorchester Boulevard \$720,000	Construct Shell Only for Ren's Pet Store (including Foundation) 121 Fourth Avenue \$650,000
Upgrade Façade and Alter Interior of McDonald's 385 Ontario Street \$575,000	Construct 4 Unit Townhouse Block with Unfinished Basements (Block F – Units 21–24) 525 Niagara Street \$500,000
Alter Interior of Unit B for Corner Cannabis 395 Ontario Street \$350,000	Interior Alterations to Partial Second Floor (Meridian) 75 Corporate Park Drive \$250,000
Alter Interior for Firehouse Subs (Bldg J, Unit 1) 295 Fourth Avenue \$250,000	

Comparative Building Activity Statistics for the Month of October 2018						
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April	54	3	43	28	\$14,889,057	11
May	49	14	30	28	\$5,983,395	4
June	99	9	31	29	\$12,617,671	17
July	102	10	21	16	\$6,181,815	10
August	90	14	28	19	\$20,155,781	14
September	69	10	13	19	\$5,041,607	15
October	88	12	37	15	\$12,160,342	49
TOTAL	775	89	282	204	\$142,044,727	248





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November	89	8	35	7	\$35,863,574	44
TOTAL	818	60	326	207	\$245,760,945	358

Major Building Projects Over \$250,000:

Month of November 2019 (excluding single and two-family dwelling units)

Construct New 3 Storey Long Term Care Facility – Westhill Care Facility 179 Louth Street \$17,000,000	Construct Foundation Only for 8 Storey 49-Unit Apartment Building – Royal Port Condominiums 57 Lakeport Road \$5,000,000
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Construct New Row House Block with Partially Finished Basement (Units 11 – 15) 45 Dorchester Boulevard \$900,000	Alter Interior of Ground and Second Floor Levels for A Child's World 184 Scott Street \$900,000
Construct Warehouse – Foundation Only for Pioneer Farms 1900 Seventh Street \$800,000	Repair 63 Balconies at Buildings A and B 479 Carlton Street \$675,000
Alter Interior and Construct Addition with Façade Upgrade to Parkway Social Restaurant (formerly JJ Kapps Restaurant) 325 Ontario Street \$640,000	Construct 3-Unit Townhouse Block with Unfinished Basements and Rear Decks (Block B – Units 5 – 7) 525 Niagara Street \$636,000
Construct 3-Unit Row House with Unfinished Basement (Units 8 – 10) 99 South Drive \$550,000	Partially Demolish Interior and Exterior Walls and Alter Structural at former Lincoln Fabrics 63 Lakeport Road \$500,000
Construct Row House with Partially Finished Basements (Units 44 – 46) 45 Dorchester Boulevard \$540,000	Install Sprinkler System to Former Sears (All Levels) – Landlord Improvements 221 Glendale Avenue \$492,000
Construct New Town House with Unfinished Basements (Block 5 – Units 13 – 16) 41 Moffatt Street \$400,000	Modifications to Sprinkler System and Plumbing (Ground Floor – Guernsey Market Hall) Starbucks' 1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way \$250,000

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TOTAL	828	103	312	235	\$149,212,277	259



Brian Thiessen, M.A.A.T.O., C.B.C.O.
Manager of Plans Examination

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of Council
Cc: S. Chemnitz, D. Oakes, H. Salter, K. Sullivan
From: Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Date: December 5, 2019
Subject: Integrity Commissioner – Response to Complaint Mayor Sendzik

A formal complaint (the Complaint) was filed with the Integrity Commissioner (IC) on November 21, 2019.

The complaint alleged that Mayor Walter Sendzik (the Mayor) violated two provisions of the City of St. Catharines “Code of Conduct for Elected Officials, Local Boards and Advisory Committees” (the Code). The two provisions are described in full in the attached report as well as the full findings (Appendix 1).

On December 4, 2019, the City Clerk received the IC’s report.

This excerpt from the Code, states that the Clerk must disclose “All reports from the Integrity Commissioner to Council shall be made available to the public by the City Clerk.”

The report concludes that the Mayor did not contravene the provisions of the Code and the complaint is therefore dismissed. For Council’s information, Mr. Mascarin’s fee for this investigation is \$4,886.12.

This is for your information at this time. This same item will appear in your correspondence report on January 13, 2020, for the general public.

Thank you and if you have any questions please contact me.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
City Clerk


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INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER REPORT CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT: MAYOR WALTER SENDZIK

SUMMARY

A formal complaint was filed with the Integrity Commissioner on November 21, 2019 (the "Complaint").

The Complaint alleges that Mayor Walter Sendzik (the "Mayor") violated two provisions of the City of St. Catharines' "Code of Conduct for Elected Officials, Local Board and Advisory Committees" (the "Code") arising from verbal statements made at a meeting of City Council on November 4, 2019 with respect to a matter relating to a reconsideration of a previously decided motion regarding a 2015 BTIF application for a property municipally known as 57A/61/63 Lakeport Road, St. Catharines. The Complaint also relates to statements made by the Mayor on November 5, 2019 during a radio interview with 610 AM CKTB.

APPOINTMENT & AUTHORITY

Aird & Berlis LLP was appointed as Integrity Commissioner for the City pursuant to subsection 223.3(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* on January 28, 2019 by By-law No. 2019-13.

As such, we have reviewed the Complaint in accordance with our authority as Integrity Commissioner pursuant to the Code. The Complaint was validly filed.

We have reviewed the Complaint in accordance with the process for hearing complaints as set out in the City's Complaint Protocol.

CODE OF CONDUCT PROVISIONS AT ISSUE

The Complaint alleges that the following General Obligations in Section 4.1 of the Code have been breached by the Mayor:

4.0 General Obligations

4.1 In all respects, a Member shall:

...

- (b) conduct themselves with integrity, courtesy and respectability at all meetings of the Council or any committee and in accordance with the City's Procedural By-law or other applicable procedural rules and policies;

...

- (g) accurately communicate the decisions of Council and respect Council's decision-making process even if they disagree with Council's ultimate determinations and rulings;

BACKGROUND

A formal complaint was filed with the Integrity Commissioner on November 21, 2019 pursuant to the Formal Complaint Procedure in Part B of the Complaint Protocol and subsection 223.4(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

This is a report on the Complaint made in accordance with Section 2(1) of the Complaint Protocol and subsection 223.6(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Council at its meeting on November 4, 2019 considered a motion to reconsider a matter previously decided at General Committee. The matter was set out as Item 11.1 of the Council Agenda, in part, as follows:

11.1 Reconsideration of the previously decided motion regarding the 2015 BTIF application

...

Councillor Porter will present the following motion:

That Council reconsider the previously decided motion regarding the 2015 BTIF application for 57A / 61 / 63 Lakeport Road (October 7, 2019, General Committee Minutes, Item 3.6).

The matter concerned a possible tax rebate to be provided by the City to a development to convert a former industrial building for residential condominiums. The matter was contentious and the application for the community improvement plan to provide the tax rebate had previously been defeated by a 7-5 vote at General Committee on October 7, 2019.

The Complaint described the issue as "somewhat polarizing in that it involved the possibility of 3.4 million taxpayer dollars being granted to a luxury condo development."

In accordance with the City's Procedural By-law, a two-thirds vote of Council was required in order to reconsider a previous decided matter. Following an extensive debate on Item 11.1, Council voted on the motion to reconsider. The motion was defeated as it fell one vote shy of the requisite two-thirds majority (8 to 5 to reconsider the matter).

COMPLAINT

The Complaint alleges that the Mayor exhibited an extremely strong bias in favour of the applicant's proposal and strongly urged Council to reconsider the matter. The Complaint notes that:

Throughout the meeting the mayor went to obvious lengths to convince council to vote in favour of the reconsideration and his bias was obvious to members of the gallery.

The Complaint sets out that the Mayor made comments that undermined and disrespected Council's decision and the councillors who voted against the motion, and that failed to show respect and a lack of integrity and courtesy to the public.

Specifically, the Complaint notes that the Mayor made the following statement following his explanation of the defeat of the reconsideration vote:

To the applicant, I apologize on my behalf and I look forward to future discussions with the planning department, and it's an unfortunate decision of council today.

The Complaint notes that persons in attendance at the meeting made various comments to which the Mayor responded "Yeah, you can put that in writing."

The Complaint alleges that the Mayor's comments breached both Sections 4.1(b) and (g) of the Code.

Moreover, the Complaint asserts that the Mayor "compounded his disrespect of council's decision the following day on a radio interview with 610 CKTB" and notes that he stated that council's decision "was a step back...can we afford any more hiccups like we had last night? No we can't".

The Complaint submits that the Mayor's commentary on the radio interview "reflects a disrespect and a lack of support for the will of council and is a violation of 4.1(g)".

INVESTIGATION

The Complaint requested an investigation be conducted to determine whether the Mayor had contravened the Code. In order to investigate this matter, we have reviewed the following:

- the Complaint filed together with its supporting affidavit and detailed reasons;
- a video recording of the portion of the Council meeting on November 4, 2019 involving the motion to reconsider the matter;
- the agenda of the Council meeting for November 4, 2019;
- minutes of the General Committee meeting of October 7, 2019 pertaining to Item 3.6;
- an audio recording of the radio interview on 610 AM CKTB from November 5, 2019;
- a newspaper article entitled "Council won't re-debate tax rebate for condo projects" as published in *The St. Catharines Standard* on November 5, 2019.

In reviewing the above-referenced materials, we concluded that they constituted a full evidentiary record of the Complaint in accordance with Section 7(1) of the Complaint Protocol. As such, the above record would be sufficient for a full and proper assessment of the Complaint to be made with respect to the allegations of contravention levied against the Mayor.

We specifically considered and ultimately determined that it would not be necessary to interview the complainant, the Mayor or any other persons in order to complete this investigation and prepare this report.

FINDINGS

The first part of the Complaint takes issue with the Mayor's comments at the meeting of Council. Section 4.1(b) of the Code provides that a member "shall conduct themselves with integrity, courtesy and respectability at all meetings of the Council...and in accordance with the City's Procedural By-law."

In all respects, the Mayor's apology to the applicant noting that it was an "unfortunate decision" was not discourteous or disrespectful in any way. He clearly stated "I apologize on my behalf", expressly indicating that he was only speaking for himself. While he characterized council's determination as an "unfortunate decision", he was again only speaking on his own behalf to note his dissatisfaction; he did not do so in a uncivil or impolite manner.

Although the Mayor did state "You can put that in writing" following his statement, it is unclear from the video recording of the meeting as to whom or what remark he may have made the comment. No objection or point of order was made at the meeting.

The second part of the Complaint takes issue with the Mayor's comments on the radio interview. The Mayor's statements must be placed in context. He was asked the question by the interviewer: "is the City open for business?" He responded as follows:

I think the city is open for business even though the last 24 hours has cast a shadow on how some may perceive the city... What happened last night was sort of a bit of a step back but doesn't mean that we're closed for business - it's frustrating but I think you can talk to a lot of business folks and you have development taking place... Can we afford any more hiccups like we had last night? No we can't, and we can't because it is a very competitive place for investments.

The Mayor's comments are not at all disrespectful. He does not misrepresent Council's decision nor disrespect the decision-making process in contravention of Section 4.1(g) of the Code. Contrary to the Complaint's assertion that the Mayor displayed a lack of integrity and courtesy as well as disdain and disrespect, we find the Mayor's comments to be fair and reasonable.

The Complaint notes that the Mayor "displayed an extremely strong bias"; that "his bias was obvious to members of the gallery"; and that he improperly took "an obviously biased position." These remarks exhibit a misunderstanding of the role of an elected municipal official where a degree of pre-judgment is inherent in the role of a municipal councillor. The Supreme Court of Canada in *Prud'homme v. Prud'homme*, [2002] 4 S.C.R. 663, wrote as follows about the function of elected municipal officials (at para. 23):

They must both promote the subjective interests of their constituents and safeguard the objective interests of the municipality, and must often make difficult choices in which they are subject to important and sometimes conflicting duties. Their office requires that they justify those choices in relation to a body which is decision-making in nature. For example, in the proceedings of the council or municipal bodies, they must explain and defend their options. They must also explain them, and justify them publicly to their constituents, or to some constituents. Their right, and even obligation, to speak is an important aspect of the performance of the duties of their office as officials of the municipality. (emphasis added)

Lord Diplock in a famous judgment by the English House of Lords in *Horrocks v. Lowe*, [1975] A.C. 135 (H.L.) wrote as follows (at page 152):

...those who represent the local government electors should be able to speak freely and frankly, boldly and bluntly, on any matter which they believe affects the interests or welfare of the inhabitants. They may be swayed by strong political prejudice, they may be obstinate and pig-headed, stupid and obtuse; but they were chosen by the electors to speak their minds on matters of local concern and so long as they do so honestly they run no risk of liability for defamation of those who are the subjects of their criticism.

We also find support in *Old St. Boniface Residents Association v. Winnipeg (City)*, [1990] 3 S.C.R. 1170, 2 M.P.L.R. (2d) 217, where the Supreme Court of Canada wrote as follows:

Moreover, in the preparation and processing of a development, a municipal councillor is often involved in assisting parties supporting and opposing the development with respect to their presentations. In the course of this process, a councillor can and often does take a stand either for or against the development. This degree of prejudgment would run afoul of the ordinary rule which disqualifies a decision-maker on the basis of a reasonable apprehension of bias. Accordingly, it could not have been intended by the Legislature that this rule apply to members of Council with the same force as in the case of other tribunals whose character and functions more closely resemble those of a court.

Provided a council member does not have a closed mind to the matter before him or her, the councillor is entitled to take a position as noted "either for or against the development" and is entitled to voice his or her position and, in essence, to be biased.

In our view, the Mayor was entitled to take a position on the matter of Item 11.1 and the reconsideration vote – he was allowed to speak in favour of the applicant and to seek to sway the members of Council. He was also entitled to speak about the decision following the meeting provided he did not disparage or disrespect Council or any persons.

In our view, his remarks, both at Council and following the meeting at the radio interview, did not demonstrate disrespect nor show disdain for the decision that Council had made or for any persons in opposition to the application.

The Mayor is entitled to disagree with the decision that Council made and to state such disagreement without disparaging or belittling Council or any other persons.

DRAFT REPORT

In accordance with our standard practice, we provided a copy of the final draft report to each of the complainant and the Mayor prior to its finalization. Both parties provided comments. This final report has been modified only to address that fact and with respect to non-substantive matters that do not impact the findings or conclusions.

CONCLUSIONS

On the basis of the foregoing we have concluded that the Mayor did not contravene the provisions of the Code relating to Sections 4.1(b) and (g). The Complaint is dismissed.

AIRD & BERLIS LLP



John Mascarini
Integrity Commissioner for The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2019

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To: Mayor and Council

Cc: Department Heads; Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk; Cherise Titus, Manager of Customer Services

From: Kristen Sullivan, Deputy City Clerk

Date: December 18, 2019

Subject: Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act and Ontario Animal Protection Call Centre

The Province has approved the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act (PAWS) (Bill 136) which will come into force on January 1, 2020. PAWS and its associated changes will:

- Provide a new animal welfare system within Ontario with increased fines for individuals and corporations, repealing the *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*
- Introduce provincial inspectors to enforce animal cruelty laws (previously enforced by the Ontario Society of Prevention of Cruelty of Animals) – it is expected that there will be approximately 100 inspectors across the province
- Continue the Animal Protection Call Centre, a 24/7 hotline which was established in June 2019.

How does PAWS affect the City?

The legislative and service changes made by the Province do not directly impact the City's operations or roles related to animal control. The City's current service agreement with Niagara Regional Animal Services is not impacted; this agreement includes enforcement of City by-laws relating to the regulation and keeping of animals, enforcement of the *Dog Owners Liability Act* as well as shelter and adoption services.

Know who to call

Ontario Animal Protection Call Centre 1-833-9-ANIMAL (264625)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An animal in distress (caused by a human) or being abused/ neglected; including animals that are injured, in pain, sick, suffering or abused, or lack proper care, water, food or shelter.
Niagara Regional Animal Services 905-682-0767	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs off-leash, barking dogs, and failure to pick-up feces. • Number of dogs, cats and rabbits. • Keeping of exotic animals.
Niagara Regional Police 911(Emergencies ONLY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An emergency where a life is in immediate danger or distress such as an animal attack or animal in a hot vehicle. • Illegal activity such as dog fighting rings.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Kristen Sullivan
Deputy City Clerk

905-688-5600 ext. 1512

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Senior Leadership Team
From: Brian York, Director of Government Relations
Date: 12/06/2019
Subject: Federal and Provincial Policy Update

Federal Update: Speech from the Throne

On December 5th, the 43rd Parliament convened for the first time.

The Throne Speech, "Moving Forward Together," was delivered by Gov. Gen. Julie Payette, who added some personal remarks to the speech, saying Canadians must work together in collaboration because "we are inextricably bound to the same space-time continuum and on board the same planetary spaceship."

The balance of the speech was grouped under the following themes:

- fighting climate change
- strengthening the middle class
- Indigenous reconciliation
- keeping Canadians safe and healthy
- positioning Canada for success in an uncertain world

The new government signaled it will take up issues championed by the opposition parties — specifically mentioning universal dental care, which was a pillar of the NDP's platform. "Whether it's fighting money laundering or making parental benefits tax-free, there are good ideas across parties, and this Government is ready to learn from you and work with you in the years ahead."

The first order of business for this Parliament will be enacting a new middle-class tax cut and making the Canada Child Benefit — payments to parents to help offset the costs of raising a child — more generous.

The government promised to defend its national price on carbon to help curb greenhouse gas emissions while pushing ahead with a plan to render the country "net-zero" on emissions by 2050. That plan would mean making deep cuts to carbon emissions or offsetting those emissions through other actions that scrub carbon from the atmosphere, such as planting trees. The Liberals have further promised to plant two billion trees. Beyond the tree planting, the government said it would enact policies to

make energy efficient homes more affordable, subsidize zero-emission vehicles, develop cleaner sources of power and make Canada a chosen destination for clean technology firms.

MPs will debate it in the coming days before putting it to a confidence vote. The Conservatives and NDP have indicated that they are against it, however the Bloc Quebecois has stated they will support a vote.

The full text of the speech can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/privy-council/campaigns/speech-throne/moving-forward-together.html>

Staff will continue to monitor and analyze the government's thematic direction as it relates to Council's updated strategic plan.

FCM Report: Building Better Lives Together

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) released a report, *Building Better Lives Together*, with recommendations for the new federal government's first 100 days.

The recommendations involve federal-municipal engagement in 15 policy areas, including:

- Strengthening local infrastructure by ensuring federal investments reach municipal governments
 - Strengthen the gas tax fund by increasing it annually from 2 to 3.5%
 - Work with FCM on the proposed National Infrastructure Fund to address municipal infrastructure priorities
 - Work with FCM on the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan to ensure the Plan is meeting the needs of Canadians, such as amending the Plan's community, culture and recreation stream to include municipal administrative buildings and council chambers
- Modernizing public transit:
 - Launch a permanent federal transit fund
 - Optimize current transit funding to meet local needs, such as eliminating the 15% cap on rehabilitation costs under the existing public transit stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan
 - Speed up the mass adoption of zero-emission transit vehicles
- Making housing affordable:
 - Develop an "affordability indicator" that would include regular reporting on the combined costs of housing and transportation at the household level
 - Continue the Reaching Home homelessness initiative
 - Increase funding and unit targets to (but not limited to) supportive housing and social/affordable housing for Indigenous

- Supporting local climate action:
 - Increase funding for local disaster mitigation and climate adaption
 - Strengthen local capacity to assess and respond to climate risks
 - Support natural climate solutions by designing and implementing the proposed \$3 billion in new federal programming with FCM
- Championing rural communities
 - Address the rural Internet access gap
 - Support greater immigration and economic growth
 - Build a rural lens into federal policies and investments

View the full report here: <https://data.fcm.ca/documents/resources/building-better-lives-together.pdf>

Provincial Update: Fall Economic Statement

Finance Minister Rod Phillips introduced his first Fall Economic Statement *A Plan to Build Ontario Together* in the legislature last month. Minister Phillips highlighted the government's accomplishments since its election and laid the groundwork for the government's direction moving forward. The document very much sets a new tone which speaks to the Ford government's endeavour to be more thoughtful, deliberate and cautious about the kind of changes a PC government will pursue in the remainder of this mandate.

The document laid out six themes that will guide the Ford government as they move throughout the next few years:

- Make life more affordable
- Prepare people for jobs
- Create a more competitive business environment
- Connect people to places
- Built healthier and safer communities
- Make government smarter

All new initiatives introduced by the government will fall within these themes which lay the groundwork for next year's budget and further demonstrates the Ford government's commitment to a more mature and steady approach. While the Premier's first year in power was overshadowed with policy retractions and internal struggles, this Statement signals a desire to return to the people-first policy initiatives included in the party's election platform.

Highlights

- Deficit projection reduced to \$9 billion from budget target of \$10.3 billion
- Small business tax cut from 3.5% to 3.2%

- Eliminating \$2 co-pays for pharmacy payments for residents of long-term care homes
- Reduction of aviation fuel tax rate to 2.7 cents/litre from 6.7 cents/litre
- Free access for children under 14 to attractions, museums, galleries and historic sites across the province

St. Catharines

The Economic Statement mentions work to the Garden City Skyway:

“The Province will proceed with planning and design work to:

- Construct a twin structure for the Garden City Skyway on the Queen Elizabeth Way in the City of St. Catharines” (p. 81)

At the annual AMO Conference this past August, the city asked for an update to this project and will continue to be in touch with MTO regarding detailed plans.

Cannabis

The government is committed to moving to an open allocation of cannabis retail stores licenses where the number of stores will be limited only by market demand, including opening those licenses to licensed producers to allow the opening of a retail operation at the point-of-production. The Ontario Cannabis Store (OCS) will explore private sector participation in delivery of recreational cannabis to retail stores across Ontario. The government is also proposing to amend legislation to allow authorized retail stores to sell cannabis products online or over the phone for pick-up by the consumer in-store, which is known as click-and-collect.

The 2019 Fall Economic Statement aims to give reassurance that the Ford government is listening and taking a calmer approach. There is less urgency for immediate change and instead this year’s Fall Economic Statement can be considered a table setter for the 2020 budget that will be Minister Rod Phillips’ first.

Staff will continue to monitor and analyze government policy as it relates to municipalities.

The full economic statement is online:

<http://budget.ontario.ca/2019/fallstatement/pdf/2019-fallstatement.pdf>

Thank you, have a great weekend.

Brian

ORL #	Date Requested	Councillor	Request	Lead Dept.	Expected Due Date	Council Requested Due Date	Expected Committee Input Date	Comments
OUTSTANDING REPORT LIST - FILE UPDATED: January 7, 2019								
2019-03	11-Feb-19	Porter	Policy and funding methods for how the City could support requests for assistance for affordable housing endeavors in the future	PBS	Q1 2020			To be incorporated in CIP Review Process
2019-12	15-Apr-19	Porter	Review of Citizen Appointments to Boards and Committees Policy	LCS	Q2 2020			Once current appointment process is completed
2019-13	29-Apr-19	Townsend	Feasibility of green alternatives to road salts for City's winter program	MW	Q1 2020		Jan 2020 BSC	
NA	27-May-19	Phillips	Bike gutters for Port Dalhousie Stairway (MEMO)	EFES		Q2 2019		Include option to cost share
2019-18	10-Jun-19	Williamson	Condition of Inner Range Port Dalhousie Lighthouse and development of plan to more permanently protect both lighthouses and lakeside park from future flooding	EFES	Q1 2020			Report to be done after high waters recede
2019-20	24-Jun-19	Mayor Sendzik	Corporate waste reduction strategy including best practices for municipal waste diversion and organics at city facilities, parks, beaches, public spaces and events at city facilities, including an implementation strategy and budget for 2020.	EFES / MW	Q1 2020			This report is to go to the Environmental Sustainability Committee
2019-22	15-Jul-19	Townsend	Amend sign by-law to permit digital signage on City-owned properties and buildings, including the appropriateness and ability to include third-party advertising as part of digital signage on City-owned properties.	PBS / COMMS	Q1 2020	Q4 2019		Appeal Information Report - Application for Sign By-law Variance; 142 St. Paul Street; Owner: 2400795 Ontario Inc. was deferred 8-12-19 until ORL #2019-22 is presented to Council
2019-23	15-Jul-19	Littleton	Opportunities and strategies for the City to support neighbourhood associations and neighbourhood-based community groups, including best practices and information gathered from the forum	CRCS	Q1 2020			
2019-26	12-Aug-19	Siscoe	Renaming of parkette at 91 York Street	CRCS	Q2 2020			
2019-29	09-Sep-19	Littleton	Report back on the existing street naming process with ways to include more public engagement, perhaps similar to the park naming process	PBS	Q2 2020			
2019-31	09-Sep-19	Garcia	Creation of a new rental category for use of vacant and unused City properties by Community-based Volunteer Groups (not to be used for commercial purpose)	FMS / CRCS	Q1 2020			Rental fees to be waived in total for volunteer groups. Groups still need proper insurance and to help with maintenance
2019-32	09-Sep-19	Townsend	Viability of electric scooter ride sharing pilot program, similar to the program in Waterloo	EDTS / EFES	02-Dec-19	Q4 2019		
2019-33	09-Sep-19	Townsend	Naloxone training for City staff and City Councillors, including availability of Naloxone kits in the trunks of City vehicles and Councillors' vehicles.	CSS	Q1 2020	Q4 2019		Include information on the current availability of kits at City's facilities
2019-34	23-Sep-19	Mayor Sendzik	That additional staffing be considered for RZone in the 2021 budget deliberations and come back to Council with a report in Q3 2020	CRCS	Q3 2020	Q3 2020		
2019-38	4-Nov-19	Siscoe	Labyrinth Project - staff to report to Council with follow-up information before the end of Q1 2020 for final approval prior to construction of the labyrinth	FMS	Q1 2020	Q1 2020		From BSC meeting of October 28, 2019, passed at Council November 4.
2019-39	4-Nov-19	Townsend	Single-use plastic bag ban	EFES / LCS / EDTS	Q4 2020			
2019-40	2-Dec-19		That staff report back to Council with a schedule for Deputy Mayors	LCS				
2019-41	2-Dec-19	Littleton	That staff report back regarding the Conversion of Grantham South to a one-way street heading north from Queenston Street to Eastchester Avenue	EFES				
2019-42	2-Dec-19	Kushner / Williamson	That staff be directed to report back on the recent increase on graffiti which tagged not only buildings but also vehicles in west St. Catharines and the downtown, including the three questions for staff.					

ORL #	Date Requested	Councillor	Request	Lead Dept.	Expected Due Date	Council Requested Due Date	Expected Committee Input Date	Comments
2019-43	2-Dec-19	Kushner / Phillips	That staff utilize the EngageSTC portal to gather public feedback and report back end of Q1 2020 regarding a national ban on handguns and the joining with other municipalities that are advocating for a national ban on handguns.					Motion was referred to staff at Council meeting of December 2, 2019
2019-44	2-Dec-19		That staff be directed to gather the appeal processes for all grant programs and report back to Council	CRCS				From BSC minutes of October 28, 2019
2019-45	16-Dec-19		That staff be directed to consult with the public and report back to Council in Q2 with recommendations for how to use the telephone town hall money	FMS		Q2 2020		Report to come through BSC task force on budget process engagement / communication, include City of Ottawa in consultations
2019-46	16-Dec-19	Porter	That staff report back after completion of the WE Day event, including how many staff hours were spent					
2019-47	16-Dec-19	Miller / Mayor Sendzik	That the request for funds to be used to record in-camera meetings be referred to 2020 for a report including the upgrading of screening services for all meetings (open and closed sessions).	LCS				
2019-48	16-Dec-19	Dodge	That the request to add cutting of cul-de-sacs and boulevards be referred to staff for a report.	MW				
2019-49	16-Dec-19	Mayor Sendzik	That the needle pick-up team be a pilot project that includes tracking of the number of needles picked up, the cost of cleaning up spaces that have been subjected to abuse by people using needles and other drugs; and other issues around homelessness and addictions found in city parks and that the findings be reported back to Council by November 2020; and That data be used to secure future funding from Regional, provincial and federal governments to deal with this epidemic	MW		1-Nov-20		




Corporate Report City Council

Report from: Economic Development and Tourism Services,
Engineering, Facilities and Environmental Services, and
Municipal Works

Report Date: November 13, 2019 **Meeting Date:** January 13, 2020

Report Number: EDTS/CRCS-006-2020 **File:** 77.37.99

Subject: Viability of electric scooter ride sharing pilot program

Strategic Pillar: 

Recommendation

That staff be directed to consult with stakeholder groups regarding the feasibility of implementing an e-scooter program; and

That staff be directed to prepare a comprehensive risk management analysis in association with our insurance provider; and

That staff be directed to report back to Council with the results. FORTHWITH

Relationship to Strategic Plan

This report relates to the Social pillar of the City's Strategic Plan, specifically action 2.2: Improve transportation and overall connectedness (all modes, including GO Rail, VIA Rail, and inter-municipal transit and active transportation), incorporate urban design guidelines and provide complete streets in city neighborhoods.

Background

At its meeting on [September 9, 2019](#), Council requested that staff prepare a report on the viability of having an electric scooter ride sharing pilot program, similar to the program in Waterloo.

Report

As trends in transportation and micro-mobility begin to change to adopt alternatives to automobiles, the e-scooter market has quickly emerged as a solution to the "last mile trip," or the link between transportation networks and a user's final destination. In recent years, e-scooters have grown in popularity in cities across North America, and in some

cases, municipalities have launched pilot programs to regulate and test the viability of this form of transportation.

An e-scooter is a two-wheeled, single ride vehicle with a step-through frame that users can stand on, and which is propelled by an electric motor. Generally, e-scooters are single-occupancy and can include lights, sensors, as well as a kickstand to park.

Legislative Framework

E-scooters have been launched in more than 125 cities across the United States. They represent a new way for residents to get around their communities, are seen as providing first and last mile connections to transit, and represent an opportunity to reduce traffic congestion.

In late November 2018, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation announced that it would be amending the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) to allow Municipalities to permit these devices, under a five-year pilot project and under certain criteria, to operate on Municipal roadways and pathways starting January 1, 2020. At this time these devices will remain prohibited on Ministry-owned roadways.

The ministry is interested in exploring the feasibility of these vehicles safely integrating with other road users while promoting road safety and fostering business innovation in the province.

Provincial E-Scooter Pilot Framework:

Pilot Duration:

The length of the pilot will be for a prescribed period of five years, to ensure sufficient time to effectively monitor and evaluate the pilot results.

Operator / Rider / Vehicle Requirements Include:

- Can operate on-road similar to where bicycles can operate; prohibited on controlled access highways
- Minimum operating age 16
- Bicycle helmet required for those under 18 years old
- No passengers allowed
- Maximum operating speed 32 km / h
- No pedals or seat allowed
- Must have 2 wheels and brakes
- Maximum wheel diameter 17 inches
- Must have horn or bell
- Must have front and back light
- Maximum weight 45kg and Maximum power output 500W

Community Pilot Project

The first community in Canada to test the concept of e-scooters was the City of Waterloo, which launched a pilot project agreement with US-based company Lime, restricted to specific areas of the city, specifically the area between the University of

Waterloo campus and the David Johnston Research and Technology Park. The 5.5 kilometre route included city trails and private roads linking uptown Waterloo with the University of Waterloo Research and Technology Park. A geofence was included in the project to encourage travel within the test area, with speeds decreasing for those users travelling outside of the area. The intent of the program was to provide a living lab to test e-scooter travel behaviour and patterns and also coincided with the launch of Regional LRT service provided by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo.

The Waterloo e-scooter pilot project was completed over two terms, starting with a nine-week Fall 2018 trial and a second term completed between April and August 2019. The majority of the costs for the pilot were borne by Lime, with the City of Waterloo agreeing to share the cost for the pilot route's signage at just under \$10,000. Initial data from the project showed that the Fall term of the pilot had 18,080 trips completed and 6,342 unique riders at a median trip time of 6 minutes, with 19,370 kilometres travelled in total. After its completion in August 2019, the pilot was not renewed by the City of Waterloo due to the prohibition of e-scooters on Ontario roads. Other Canadian cities have also implemented similar pilots, including Montreal, Calgary and Edmonton.

Operational Impacts and Risk Mitigation

Based on research undertaken and internal discussions, staff have raised a number of concerns regarding operational and safety issues with the implementation of an e-scooter program in St. Catharines. This includes issues of clutter caused by abandoned scooters, implications to maintenance standards and maintenance budget, concerns about the safety of riders and pedestrians, and potential for increased claims.

Clutter from abandoned e-scooters has also been a common problem that cities throughout North America have been struggling with. With no designated parking spaces or docking stations, this has resulted in e-scooters being abandoned on sidewalks and pathways, blocking access for pedestrians and persons with disabilities, and in some situations causing injury.

It has been suggested that current Minimum Maintenance Standards for bicycle lanes are sufficient for e-scooters and there should be no additional maintenance impacts to municipalities. That is not correct; car tires and bicycle tires have a much larger diameter and can easily pass over surface deficiencies that would impact the much smaller e-scooter tires.

One of the most common concerns noted in a number of cities has been the safety of e-scooters, with documented increases in the amount of injuries to riders and pedestrians, including a recently completed study by Rutgers University in the United States which specifically tracked a tripling of craniofacial injuries resulting from e-scooters over a 10-year period between 2008 and 2018. Whether these injuries are caused by operator error or roadway deficiency, in the United States, there has been a significant increase in claims brought against municipalities as a result of these injuries.

In a letter to the Ministry of Transportation, the City of Toronto noted:

“A growing number of lawsuits against e-scooter operators in the United States are unresolved, and cities are being sued alongside e-scooter operators despite indemnification agreements and release of liability clauses. More recently, as of early 2019, e-scooter operators have begun altering indemnification agreements to not indemnify cities for negligence for poor city infrastructure. This would have major implications for municipal budgets if funds are to be diverted to address claims and lawsuits resulting from kick-style e-scooter sharing fleet implementation and state-of-good- repair issues. Given the significant infrastructure maintenance backlog in cities and towns across Ontario, there are major concerns for municipalities relating to liability and costs in the event of property damage, injuries and fatalities for existing infrastructure conditions.”

The potential for exposure to additional claims is significantly increased if the e-scooter operators are not willing to completely indemnify municipalities. As noted in the Council-approved Ernst and Young LLP Audit & Accountability Fund Report, a major transformational opportunity for the City of St. Catharines is the development of an enterprise risk management program which will help ensure a continuity of municipal operations by identifying and planning for acute and chronic risks. This work is scheduled to begin in Q4 2020.

Implementing an E-Scooter Pilot in St. Catharines

In pursuing an e-scooter pilot program, City staff would advise prior consultation be undertaken with stakeholders and committees for input on a potential pilot. This would involve consultation with:

- St. Catharines Transportation Advisory Committee
- St. Catharines Accessibility Advisory Committee
- City Bylaw and Traffic Divisions
- St. Catharines Transit Commission
- Regional Niagara Active Transportation Sub Committee
- Niagara Region Transportation Division
- Niagara Regional Police Service

In addition, City staff advise consulting with our insurance provider and claims adjustors to complete a comprehensive risk management review of e-scooter implementation.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications at this time.

Conclusion

Transportation is about more than just cars and streets. It's about providing alternative and sustainable ways to connect residents to the places they need to go, both within the city and beyond our borders. With this in mind, prior to recommending the

implementation of an e-scooter program in St. Catharines, staff recommend the following two provisions be undertaken:

1. That additional consultation be completed with the stakeholders noted in this report; and
2. As previously reported in the Ernst and Young LLP Audit and Accountability report, a comprehensive enterprise risk management analysis be completed.

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Subject: Surplus Lands Development Task Force

Strategic Pillar: 

Recommendation

That Council approve the terms of reference for the Surplus Lands Development Task Force, attached as Appendix 1; and

That Council appoint Councillors _____, _____, and _____ to the Surplus Lands Development Task Force. FORTHWITH

Relationship to Strategic Plan

Social Sustainability - Build and support strong, inclusive neighbourhoods that provide high quality of life for residents of all ages.

Background

At the Monday, November 18, 2019 meeting of Council, Council passed the following motion further to a report to declare the City-Owned land at 6-8 Academy Street vacant:

...Further, that a Development Working Committee be created with members of Council and staff to oversee this project and approve the negotiated RFP before issue; and to work on future potential developments involving city-owned surplus lands, so that the city positions itself to undertake strong due diligence and develop both business and social impact cases, including financial plans, on these lands.

Staff met to discuss how this would work, procedurally. Attached as Appendix 1 is the draft terms of reference.

Report

Once Council has approved the terms of reference for the task force and appointed three representatives, a meeting to review and provide input to the Request for

Proposal (RFP) for 6-8 Academy Street will be called in the first quarter of 2020. This task force will meet as necessary and when Council asks them to review RFPs similar to 6-8 Academy Street.

The work of the task force centres around surplus lands owned by the City of St. Catharines.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft Terms of Reference – Surplus Lands Development Task Force

Terms of Reference

Statement of Purpose

The Task Force will meet with City staff to review and approve the specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) directed by Council for the sale of surplus City lands at 6-8 Academy Street; and when referred to the Task Force from City Council, review and approve the specifications for future RFPs for the sale of surplus City land for development.

The purpose of the Task Force is to position the City of St. Catharines to undertake strong due diligence and develop both business and social impact cases, including financial plans, for the sale of surplus municipal lands for development.

Composition

The Task Force shall be comprised of four members as follows:

- The Mayor; and
- Three Councillors to be appointed by Council.

Term of Appointments

The term of this Task Force shall be to the end of the term of Council.

Reporting Structure

This Task Force will report directly to City Council.

Administrative support to the Task Force shall be provided by the Planning and Building Services Department, which shall assign a Secretary to the Task Force.

Additional staff resources as required from time to time will be provided by the Financial Management Services, Economic Development and Government Relations and Legal and Clerks Services Departments as required.

Schedule of Meetings

The Task Force will meet as required, at the discretion of the Chair.

Other

The City's Procedural By-law No. 2015-170 (as amended) applies to the conduct of the meetings of the Task Force.