



**The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines
GENERAL COMMITTEE AGENDA
Regular, Monday, July 27, 2020
Electronic Participation**

This Meeting of Regular Council will be held through Electronic Participation in accordance with Bill 187, the Municipal Emergency Act, which was passed by the Province of Ontario on March 19, 2020.

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Public Comments: The public may submit comments regarding agenda matters to the Office of the City Clerk by contacting clerks@stcatharines.ca by Monday, July 27, 2020 before Noon. Comments submitted will be considered as public information and entered into public record.

His Worship Mayor Walter Sendzik takes the Chair and opens the meeting following Items Number 5, 8 and 14 on the Council Agenda

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Council will meet In-Camera for the following purposes:

- Closing of Beaches except to Niagara Residents
(In-Camera pursuant to By-law 2017-170, as amended, Section B20.3(f), Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose)

5. Adjournment

Following Adjournment, Council will proceed to Council Agenda Item 15 (Motion Arising from In-Camera Session)



Corporate Report City Council

Report from: Engineering, Facilities and Environmental Services, Engineering and Construction

Report Date: July 2, 2020 **Meeting Date:** July 27, 2020

Report Number: EFES-100-2020 **File:** 68.81.99; 10.57.10

Subject: FCM Grant for Enhanced Climate Change Adaptation and Asset Management

Strategic Pillar:



Recommendation

That staff be directed to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for Enhanced Climate Change Assessment in conjunction with the Consulting Services for a Corporate Asset Management Plan; and

That the City of St. Catharines commit to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance the City's asset management program:

- Identify local climatic change scenarios for the city;
- Evaluate asset and service vulnerabilities;
- Identify risk reduction activities for operations and maintenance; and

That the City of St. Catharines commit \$15,000 from the existing 2020 Operating Budget for climate change toward the costs of this initiative; and

Further, that staff be directed to engage the consulting firm GM Blueplan Engineering Limited for enhanced climate change adaption and asset management as part of ST20-015, subject to receiving funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
FORTHWITH

Relationship to Strategic Plan

This project will support preparedness under key relevant climate factors, level of resilience, and most importantly, will facilitate a tactical approach to infrastructure planning and implementation to address the climate factors.

This project will provide a valuable linkage between climate / sustainability departments and Municipal Works to move key City and Council priorities forward.

Background

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) provides grants opportunities within the Municipal Asset Management Program to support municipalities enhancing their Asset Management practices. The City was successful in obtaining a grant in 2019 which funded the acquisition of the signs inventory, which was incorporated within the larger Pavement Condition Assessment project completed by Stantec.

At its meeting of Monday April 29, 2019, Council unanimously declared a Climate Emergency. The purpose of the declaration was to recognize the urgent need to take action to mitigate the effects of climate change and to deepen the City's commitment to protecting its economy, ecosystems and community from climate change.

GM Blueplan Engineering Limited (GMBP) has been engaged under project ST20-015 to assist with the facilitation and development of the City's Corporate Asset Management Plan (AMP) as required by O. Reg. 588/17. As part of that project, climate change will be incorporated into the AMP at a basic level as required under O. Reg. 588/17.

FCM state in their grant application package that municipalities, "...Consider adding the impact of climate change to the risk assessment section of your asset management plans; it is best to plan for the impact it will have on your investment decisions."

Report

The Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) undertaken by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) offers grants to help municipalities strengthen their asset management practices. Through this program, municipalities may apply for up to \$50,000 to cover up to 80% of certain tasks related to asset management.

Climate change has the potential to substantially affect the effectiveness and lifespan of infrastructure, and yet Climate change is still one of the most complex challenges facing municipalities today. Addressing climate change falls under two categories, Mitigation (taking actions to reduce climate related impacts such as greenhouse gas effects) and Adaptation (changing policy, processes, designs and Asset Management strategies to reduce the risks and impacts from extreme weather and long-term climatic changes). Additional funding from FCM would allow the City to develop an Enhanced Climate Change Adaptation plan within the existing AMP currently being developed.

The proposed project will integrate enhanced climate change considerations into the AMP. Detailed analysis will be done to determine probability of events, vulnerability and the development of detailed strategies to deal with how climate change might impact the performance of infrastructure assets and ultimately the level of service received by the customer. With this information, Council will be better able to make informed decisions when allocating resources to infrastructure.

If the City were successful in receiving the maximum funding available, staff propose that GMBP be engaged to incorporate climate change within the development of the AMP. Building off work already done by staff, GMBP will look at climate change events

that would impact all assets and conduct a probability analysis. Then the additional funds would be used to focus enhanced risk assessment and climate change adaption strategies for the water and wastewater assets. The methodology and framework developed for Water and Wastewater assets could also be applied across other asset classes in the future.

MAMP seeks to fund as many municipalities as possible and preference may be given to applicants that have not previously received MAMP funding. However, FCM have indicated they will consider submissions from second-time applicants who are committed to sharing asset management best practices and results of their projects with their peers and/or improving asset management knowledge in the municipal sector.

Staff believe that an enhanced climate change assessment, which could be added to the scope of the existing project, would qualify for this grant and provide benefits related to both asset management and climate adaptation. This initiative will identify local climatic change scenarios for the city, evaluate asset and service vulnerabilities and identify risk reduction activities for operations and maintenance.

GMBP is also performing a Climate Change Adaptation pilot with other municipalities, including Hamilton, Halton, Peel, Toronto and Durham, which will provide opportunities to network and collaborate. GMBP have indicated they will be using some of the information from those projects to support this project. In turn, the results from the City of St. Catharines will go back to that group to share the project's findings and improve the models that GMBP is piloting with the other municipalities.

St. Catharines is participating in the Niagara Adapts project, which is a partnership between Brock University and several local municipalities in the Niagara Region to build innovative local climate solutions in Niagara. The City will share the knowledge and results gained from this project to benefit municipalities in the Niagara Region and Brock University's Environmental Sustainability Research Centre.

This enhanced climate change project will demonstrate a tactical approach to infrastructure planning and adaptation to address climate factors, and the City is proposing to share the knowledge gained through the projects with other local municipalities through Niagara Adapts and other available venues.

The Enhanced Climate Change Adaptation Project and Asset Management Project are aimed at providing the City with tools to assess and, more importantly, to adapt to the effects of climate change.

In order to apply for the FCM grant a corresponding Council resolution is required to:

- Acknowledgement that staff is submitting the application;
- Commitment to undertake the activities proposed in the application to FCM, should the application be approved;
- Declare the City's financial contribution towards the project.

Financial Implications

The 2020 water and wastewater budget includes \$15,000 of funds within the pollution control plan for climate change work. If successful in the grant application, staff propose to fund the City's share of this project to a maximum amount of \$15,000 from the existing budget.

The receipt of the Grant would allow the City to increase its investment in both asset management and climate adaptation, without any added costs to the local taxpayer, leveraging existing funding, to obtain additional funding of up to \$50,000.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

An enhanced climate change assessment would lead to increased use of sustainable development solutions within our asset management plans.

Conclusion

Obtaining a grant to complete an enhanced climate change assessment as an additional component of the existing AMP project provides benefits related to both asset management and climate adaptation practices, with no additional costs to taxpayers.

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Submitted by

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Director of Engineering, Facilities and Environmental Services

Approved by

David Oakes
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer



Corporate Report City Council

Report from: Fire and Emergency Services, Fire Chief

Report Date: July 13, 2020 **Meeting Date:** July 27, 2020

Report Number: FS-107-2020 **File:** 35.65.108

Subject: Fallen Firefighters Memorial Task Force - Recommendations for Eligibility Criteria and Location of the Memorial

Strategic Pillar:

Recommendation

That Council approve the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Task Force's recommendations regarding eligibility criteria for individuals to be recognized by the memorial; and

That Council approve the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Task Force's recommendation to use the City-owned green space, bordered by Race, Carlisle and McGuire streets, as the site for the City's Fallen Firefighters Memorial. FORTHWITH

Summary

Members of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Task Force are seeking Council's support for two recommendations from the Task Force which form portions of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 requirements of the Task Force.

This update report is required, as per the responsibilities of the Task Force, as directed and approved by Council at its meeting of October 21, 2019.

Relationship to Strategic Plan

This report is related to the development of a memorial for Fallen Firefighters in St. Catharines and is not related to the City's Strategic Plan.

Background

At its meeting of September 23, 2019, Council approved the following motion:

"That staff be directed to prepare a report and terms of reference for a Mayor's Task Force to be formed, whose objective would be to create a memorial for fallen Firefighters in the City of St. Catharines."

At its meeting of October 21, 2019, Council approved the formation and the Terms of Reference for a Fallen Firefighters Memorial Task Force. The Task Force was provided the following direction:

The Fallen Firefighters Memorial Task Force will make recommendations to City Council regarding a memorial for fallen firefighters. The task force will be responsible for:

- Reviewing options for the scope and type of the memorial, including any required research on previous losses (Phase 1).
- Reviewing options for site selection and funding, including consideration of operating / maintenance costs (Phase 2).
- Developing a strategy and team to plan and implement ceremonies (Phase 3).
- Securing funding, design and implementation (Phase 4).

The Task Force is required to report to Council with a recommendation on the scope and type of memorial (Phase 1) prior to proceeding to Phase 2.

Report

Eligibility Criteria for Recognition

The Fallen Firefighters Memorial Task Force has met on three occasions to move this project forward. The Task Force recommends the following eligibility criteria for individuals to be recognized by the memorial:

1. Members of St. Catharines Fire Services who perished as a result of a Line of Duty death prior to January 1, 1960. The death is to be proven through any and all available records such as burial records and newspaper reports.
2. Deceased members of the St. Catharines Fire Department who perished in a Line of Duty death as recognized by a Presumptive Legislation Claim through the Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) after January 1, 1960.
3. Volunteer firefighters who died in the Line of Duty while serving in various St. Catharines wards and townships prior to 1919 when the St. Catharines Professional Firefighters Association Local 485 was formed. The death is to be proven through any and all available records such as burial records and newspaper reports.

To date, the Task Force has identified 11 persons who would be recognized by the memorial.

Location for Fallen Firefighters Memorial

The Task Force determined that the next logical step was to identify an appropriate site to locate the memorial. The Task Force felt this was necessary as the location of the site will have a direct bearing on the size and scope of the memorial.

The Task Force reviewed seven potential sites and are of the opinion that 38 Carlisle Street, the green space bordered by Race, Carlisle and McGuire streets, is the best site for the memorial (see Appendix 1). Task Force members feel this site best suits the various needs of the memorial, such as: privacy for quiet reflection; ease of access;

parking for visitors; proximity to parking lots for expected memorial ceremonies; and proximity to other venues, which will allow for the general public to view the memorial and recognize its importance and reflect on the contributions to the community made by those who are recognized by the memorial itself.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Conclusion

The Task Force is of the opinion that they have identified appropriate parameters for eligibility for recognition by the memorial and that the suggested location is the most suitable location for the memorial.

The Task Force requires Council's support and approval of these two recommendations in order for the Task Force to proceed with its next phase of work.

Notification

Members of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Task Force.

Prepared, Submitted and Approved by:

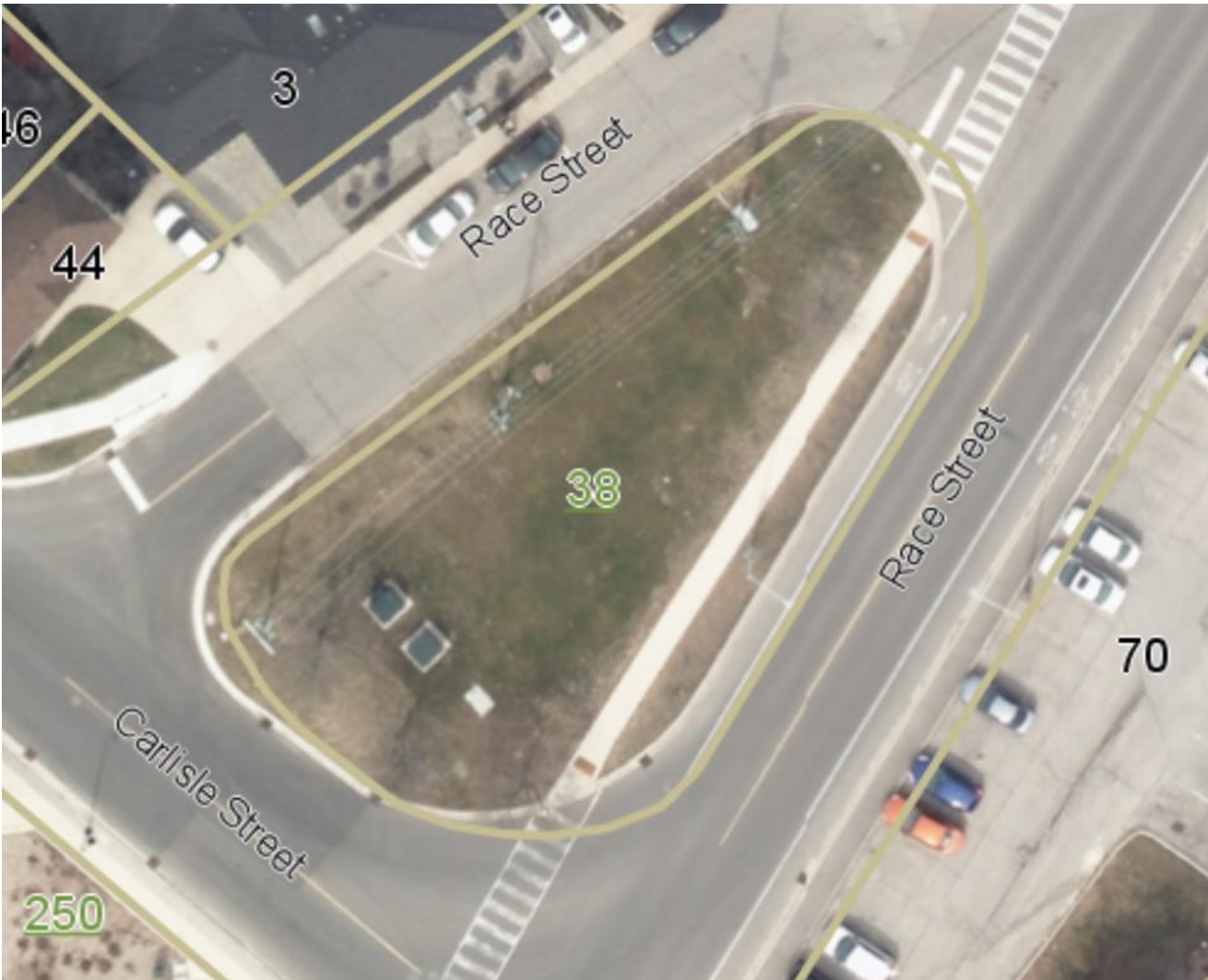
Fire Chief Jeff McCormick
Director of Fire and Emergency Services

Appendices

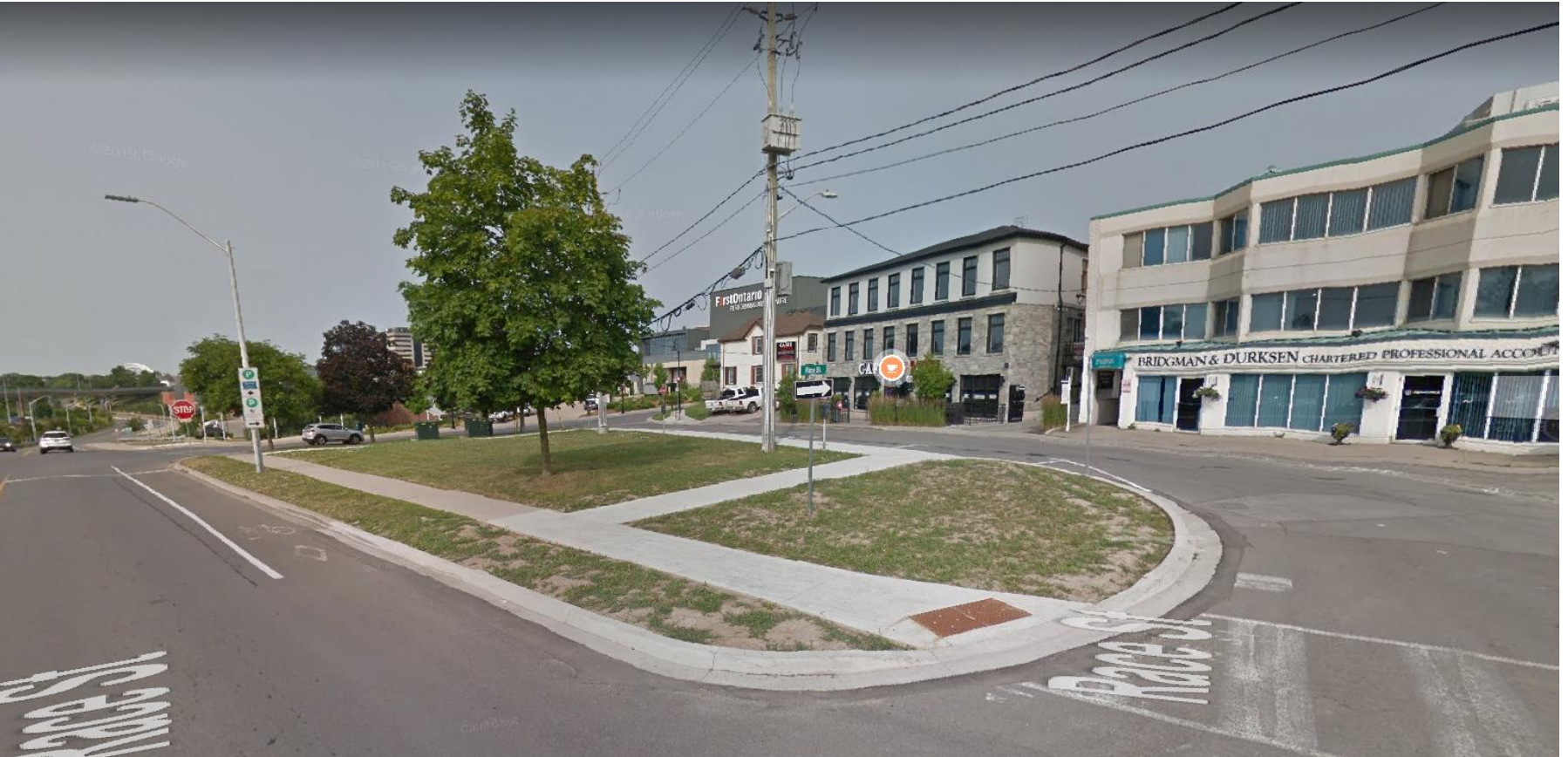
- Appendix 1 – photos of 38 Carlisle Street, the recommended location for the Fallen Firefighters Memorial

Recommended location for the Fallen Firefighters Memorial 38 Carlisle Street (Race Street Parkette)

Aerial View



West-Facing View



North-Facing View



South East-Facing View





Corporate Report City Council

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

Report Date: July 17, 2020 **Meeting Date:** July 27, 2020

Report Number: LCS-109-2020 **File:** 10.12.1

Subject: Council Correspondence

Strategic Pillar:

Recommendation

That Council endorse the resolution from the City of Oshawa regarding COVID-19 Funding; and

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

That Council receive and file additional correspondence distributed for the meeting held July 27, 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 July 3, 2020 to July 16, 2020.

Resolutions

1. Town of Puslinch – re. Revised Criteria for Assessment of Aggregate Resource Properties
2. City of Oshawa – re. COVID-19 Funding

Correspondence

3. AMO Watchfile – July 16, 2020
4. Correspondence from Tony Leone – re. Council Agenda Item 6.1 - Amendment to Administrative Penalties for Parking of Vehicles By-law – Beach Areas

Planning and Building Services

5. Building Activity Statistics – June 2020

Reports Requested by Council

6. Outstanding Reports List – updated July 16, 2020

Prepared by

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Council and Committee Coordinator

Submitted and Approved by

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
City Clerk

Sub-Item 1



July 7, 2020

RE: TAPMO Executive Meeting Minutes dated May 28, 2020.

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 17, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2020-166: Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Intergovernmental Affairs correspondence item 4 listed for JUNE 17, 2020 Council meeting be received; and

WHEREAS previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands;

WHEREAS the Council of Puslinch supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties;

WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Sand, Stone and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties;

AND WHEREAS the Council of Puslinch has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the Council of Puslinch does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and

(b) The Council of Puslinch believes there is a need to review the current



assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values;

(c) The Council of Puslinch hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and

(d) The Council of Puslinch directs the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and {the local MPP(s)}

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,
Courtenay Hoytfox
Deputy Clerk

Sub-Item 2



Corporate Services Department
City Clerk Services

File: A-2100

June 26, 2020

DELIVERED BY EMAIL

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,
Prime Minister of Canada
Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: COVID-19 Funding

Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of June 22, 2020 and adopted the following recommendation:

“Whereas on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization and the Canadian Government declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and,

Whereas on March 12, Ontario ordered schools closed and by March 17, began a more extensive shut down; and,

Whereas the pandemic has led to the closure of public spaces and the cancellation of events around the world throughout the country our province and right here within our own community, causing great stress on the arts sector; and,

Whereas local cultural organizations such as the Oshawa Folk Arts Council representing over 13 member clubs and organizations, as well as the many local service groups such as the Oshawa Rotary Club, have all been forced to cancel major events (i.e. Fiesta Week; Rib Fest; etc.) which historically contribute in large part to the fundraising and operational financing efforts of these sociocultural entities; and,

Whereas the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario have committed they through the Canada Council for the Arts will continue to work with the Government of Canada, as well as provincial, territorial, and municipal partners, to ensure the strength of the sector; and,

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Whereas at present, the Canada Council's for the arts priorities as are our collective governing priorities are to ensure the health and safety of people across Canada and around the world and to work towards the sustainability and recoverability of the arts sector; and,

Whereas a significant period has past without further indication as to what tools, funding measures, or financial support our local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth minor sporting originations can readily access to help support their operating costs and programming,

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Federal, Provincial, and Regional Government help local municipalities assist their local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth minor sporting originations with clear and definitive relief funding programs directed to help sustain the afore mention groups through these trying times inflected on them by the affects of COVID-19; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, all Ontario Municipalities, all Members of Provincial Parliament, all Members of Parliament and Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Federation of Canadian Municipalities."

Oshawa City Council respectfully requests your consideration of the above noted matters.

If you need further assistance concerning this matter, please contact Ron Diskey, Commissioner, Community Services Department at the address listed on Page 1 or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



Mary Medeiros
City Clerk

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- c. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament
Ontario Municipalities

Sub-Item 3



July 16, 2020

In This Issue

- COVID-19 resources.
- Supporting Ontario's Safe Employers Program now open.
- AMO's Virtual Conference: a Canadian first!
- AMO leads the way: Virtual 2020 Exhibit Hall!
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- Virtual Energy Training - Make social distancing work for you!
- Improved lighting cuts costs and saves energy.
- Municipalities head to Bay Street with new powers.
- ONE's Main Street to Bay Street podcast.
- Career with Norfolk County.

COVID-19 Resources

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources page](#) is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development has opened applications for the [Supporting Ontario's Safe Employers \(SOSE\)](#) program. For questions about the program, contact the Prevention Office at SOSE@Ontario.ca.

Eye on Events

AMO 2020 is Canada's first virtual municipal conference. As always, AMO's annual conference provides [up-to-date information](#), insights from government leaders, lessons learned and the way ahead from COVID-19 and much, much more. [Register today!](#)

AMO's [virtual exhibit hall](#) provides you the opportunity you have been looking for to connect with municipal leaders and showcase your products. This year's virtual event is providing greater flexibility, extended trade show hours and multiple points of interaction with delegates and ways to highlight your products. [Book now!](#)

Back by popular demand, Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics is coming to you virtually. This training will provide you with insight and tools to your central role in implementing and managing the land use policy framework. [Registration details](#) can be found here.

LAS

LAS and Stephen Dixon (TdS Dixon) are now offering virtual Energy Training sessions including virtual energy hunts. It sounds complicated but it works great! Login from anywhere (including from home) and attend an exciting and informative energy workshop! Incentives are also available from IESO. Contact Christian Tham for details.

Looking for ways to reduce costs while at the same time improving the ambiance in your municipal facilities? LAS and Conrad Lighting Solutions can assist with lighting design when you participate in the turn-key LAS Facility Lighting Service. Contact Christian Tham for a free, no-obligation quote.

ONE Investment

Six Ontario municipalities have come together to invest jointly under the Prudent Investor Standard with ONE Investment. By-laws approving the new standard are in effect, helping municipalities improve investment returns.

ONE Investment's Main Street to Bay Street podcast profiles Bracebridge's journey to investing more broadly to create more revenue that will better fund asset management plans.

Careers

Director, Strategic Innovation and Economic Development - Norfolk County. Job Posting # NU 12.20. Status: Permanent Full Time. Reports To: General Manager, Planning and Development. Location: Simcoe, ON. Posting Period: July 13, 2020 – August 4, 2020. To apply for this position, please click here.

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Municipal Wire, Career/Employment and Council Resolution Distributions

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Sub-Item 4

From: Tony Leone <[REDACTED]>

Sent: July 16, 2020 10:12 AM

To: CLERKS Website Division Mailbox; Smith, Darrell

Subject: Fwd: St Catharines - Public Meeting to Consider Proposed Amendments to By-law 2014-67; By-law 2014-67-Traffic By-law 89-2000 Schedule A; By-law 2014-67 Municipal By-law 89-305 Schedule C; and By-law 89-2000

Good day, I would like to thank the city for taking this initiative to make these changes and I support it.

I am a resident of Port Weller and live on Beachaven Dr. and have seen how popular the beach has become over the years, and suspect that it will continue to grow which will increase the traffic flow.

I think the traffic needs to be address as well as the roads and sidewalks in the area, and are in need of much upgrades for example;

Arthur Street sidewalks, if you walk on the sidewalk from Lakeshore to Beachaven you need to cross the street a couple of times as they are not continuous on the same side of the road, and they end at Melody trail and from there to Grandview there is no sidewalks and is very narrow especially between the Valley Restaurant and the Arthur Street Park, this makes it very hazardass for pedestrian traffic.

Arthur Street is the main road to enter and exit and I believe that an alternate route is need, I would like to suggest the the Welland Canal Parkway be utilized to access to the beach, a road would need to be extended to connect to the beach parking lot and also if possible the adjacent land can be used as additional parking, also if implemented I would suggest to add "speed bumps" and the Parkway to control the speed limits as this is also an issue in our area, many time cars and not adhering to the speed limits and are not obeying the stop signs.

Thank you for your time and keep up the good work.





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Sub-Item 5

Planning and Building Services
Building and Development

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council
Building Activity Statistics for the Month of June 2020

Month	Number of Building Permits	Number of Demolition Permits	Number of Sign Permits	Number of Plumbing Only Permits	Estimated Value of Construction	Number of New Dwelling Units
January	60	1	23	12	\$16,905,645	49
February	36	5	16	10	\$9,653,620	10
March	57	3	30	17	\$7,100,260	6
April	36	4	7	12	\$86,308,500	182
May	59	0	9	17	\$23,806,800	146
June	82	9	11	26	\$25,566,950	37
TOTAL	330	22	96	94	\$169,341,775	430

Major Building Projects Over \$250,000: Month of June 2020 (excluding single and two-family dwelling units)	
Modify Existing Sprinkler System at Walker Sports Complex – Brock University 1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way \$4,000,000	Construct a 184m x 167m Greenhouse Addition for Pioneer Farms 1900 Seventh Street \$4,000,000
Construct 4-Unit Row House with Finished Basements and Rear Decks (Block 2 – Units 5 – 8) 525 Niagara Street \$1,450,000	Construct Four-Unit Row House Block (Units 4 – 7) 427 Geneva Street \$1,500,000
Construct 5-Unit Row House Block C (8, 9, 10, 11 and 12) with Rear Decks and Finished Basements (Units 8, 9 and 12) 525 Niagara Street \$1,450,000	Repair a Parking Garage 35 Towering Heights Boulevard \$1,350,000
Install Sprinkler and Standpipe System for Shipman 1 32 Towering Heights Boulevard \$1,200,000	Construct 5-Unit Row House Block with Unfinished Basements (Block H – Units 29 – 33) 525 Niagara Street \$820,000
Construct 3-Unit Row House with 2 nd Floor Lofts and Unfinished Basements 37 Henley Drive \$800,000	Alter Interior for Coral Kids Dentistry (Building H) 295 Fourth Avenue \$600,000

Major Building Projects Over \$250,000: Month of June 2020 (excluding single and two-family dwelling units)	
Construct Foundation Only (Underside of Footings to top of Transfer Slab) for Four Storey Apartment Building Arbourvale Common 61A Village Road \$500,000	Alter Laboratory Rooms on Second Floor of Mackenzie Chown Complex – Brock University 1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way \$435,000
Modify HVAC System at DSBN Lifetime Learning Centre 535 Lake Street \$350,000	Interior Renovations to Office Space (Impero Group), New Front Canopy, Rear Deck 159 Queenston Street \$300,000

Comparative Building Activity Statistics for the Month of June 2019						
Month	Number of Building Permits	Number of Demolition Permits	Number of Sign Permits	Number of Plumbing Only Permits	Estimated Value of Construction	Number of New Dwelling Units
January	38	5	30	21	\$8,577,446	36
February	48	1	20	15	\$22,476,400	58
March	48	4	28	17	\$7,622,190	16
April	63	6	34	22	\$14,985,500	14
May	109	5	37	12	\$27,226,400	16
June	91	5	16	17	\$15,430,020	16
TOTAL	397	26	165	104	\$96,317,956	156



Brian Thiessen, M.A.A.T.O., C.B.C.O.
**Acting Chief Building Official/
 Senior Manager of Building and Development**

City Council Outstanding Reports List

Sub-Item 6

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Updated: July 16, 2020

Relation to Strategic Plan	ORL #	Requested	Requested by	Request	Lead Dept.	Expected Return Date	Comments
Cultural	2019-44	2-Dec-19	Porter	That staff be directed to gather the appeal processes for all grant programs and report back to Council	CRCS	Q2 2020	From BSC minutes of October 28, 2019
Economic	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	Q3 2020	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. Requested return Q4 2019
Environmental	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	Fall 2020	Report going to Environmental Sustainability Committee prior to going to Council
Environmental	2019-39	4-Nov-19	Townsend	Single-use plastic bag ban	EFES / LCS / EDTS	Q4 2020	
Social	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	Q4 2020	To be incorporated in CIP Review Process. Should be considered with 2021 Budget
Social	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	Q3 2020	
Social	2020-05	24-Feb-20	Littleton	Family Care and Accommodation Policy	CSS	August	Develop family care and accommodation policy (including but not limited to barrier-free access to childcare, transportation, dependent care) to improve equitable access and reduce systemic barriers to public participation in all city-initiated public meetings, citizen advisory committees and statutory meetings. Report going to BSC prior to Council
Social	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	Q3 2020	
Social	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.			Return requested for Q1 2020
None	2019-40	2-Dec-19		That staff report back to Council with a schedule for Deputy Mayors	LCS	Q3 2020	
None	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		

Follow Up Reports

Relation to Strategic Plan	ORL #	Requested	Requested by	Request	Lead Dept.	Expected Return Date	Comments
Economic	2020-03	15-Jul-19	Porter	Living Wage Employer Implementation Plan, including financial impacts to the City.	CSS	September	Follow up report. Initial report (CAO-144-2019) approved July 15, 2019
Environmental	2020-08	03-Jun-20	Porter	That staff prepare a report and budget in advance of the 2021 budget deliberations regarding a cul-de-sac program	MW		Follow up report. Initial report (FMS-085-2020, Sub-Item 10.2) approved June 3, 2020. See minutes of June 3, 2020 General Committee Meeting for additional information requested for inclusion in the report.

Relation to Strategic Plan	ORL #	Requested	Requested by	Request	Lead Dept.	Expected Return Date	Comments
Social	2020-02	13-Jan-20	Townsend	E-Scooter report with results of consultation with stakeholder groups and risk management analysis	EDTS / EFES / MW		Follow up report. Initial report (EDTS/CRCS-006-2020) approved January 13, 2020
Social	2020-07	24-Feb-20	Porter	Revised Graffiti Program: Consult with the community, the relevant cultural committees and downtown stakeholder groups to modernize the graffiti program and by-law by 2021.	PBS	Q4 2020	Follow up report. Initial report (PBS-010-2020) approved February 10, 2020
Social	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		Update report going to Council in November 2020

Reports Affected by COVID-19

Relation to Strategic Plan	ORL #	Requested	Requested by	Request	Lead Dept.	Expected Return Date	Comments
Economic	2019-45	16-Dec-19	Porter	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	2021	Due to COVID-19, Council approved deferring the proposed budget engagement plan until the 2022 budget cycle and that the Telephone Town Hall continue for the 2021 budget process.
Social	2019-12	15-Apr-19	Porter	Review of Citizen Appointments to Boards and Committees Policy	LCS	Q4 2020	Postponed due to COVID-19 until Q4 2020
Social	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	Q2 2020	Staff report will come forward following the neighbourhood association forum. Forum was scheduled for March 28 but was postponed to a later date due to COVID-19
Social	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 2021	Given the financial implications of COVID-19, this report will be deferred to Q3 2021 for the 2022 budget deliberations.



Corporate Report City Council

Report from: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Report Date: July 24, 2020 **Meeting Date:** July 27, 2020

Report Number: CAO-108-2020 **File:** 10.4.19

Subject: COVID-19 Update – July 27, 2020

Strategic Pillar:



Recommendation

That report CAO-108-2020, regarding COVID-19 Update – July 27, 2020, be received for information purposes. FORTHWITH

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with ongoing updates on the City's Municipal Emergency Control Group's (MECG) planning activities to address the rapidly evolving global COVID-19 pandemic from a strategic and proactive approach. The report illustrates the MECG's ongoing commitment to their four objectives and three considerations for reopening facilities and services.

This report provides an update on the City's recovery process, an overview of the impact of implementation strategies with respect to public outdoor space, and an update regarding the impact of implementing stage three of reopening, as announced by the Province of Ontario, to commence Friday, July 24, 2020 for the Niagara Region.

For the latest information on the City's recovery, visit <http://www.EngageSTC.ca> and the City's social media platforms.

Relationship to Strategic Plan

City staff is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic as it has affected the economic, social, environmental and cultural sustainability of the city. City staff have prioritized their objectives to heavily focus on recovery efforts of COVID-19 to mitigate the impact on the community and support the sustainably pillars through new and innovative ways.

Background

On March 12, 2020, the City of St. Catharines partially activated its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), to support the work of the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) in their response to COVID-19 pandemic and the provision of essential services.

In March 2020, Provincial Orders resulted in the closure of various businesses and services, which impacted municipalities and their communities, to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

As the Province moved into stage one of its recovery, certain businesses and community service providers were able to open and/or provide services in a modified way, effective Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

On June 15, 2020, the Province announced that Niagara would be moving to stage two of reopening as of Friday, June 19, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. As a result, a number of businesses and public facilities were able to reopen with measures in place to help prevent the spread of infection.

On July 20, 2020, the Province announced that Niagara would be moving to stage three of reopening as of Friday, July 24, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. As a result, more businesses and public facilities were able to reopen with measures in place, and some restrictions were lifted regarding gatherings for both indoor and outdoor facilities.

In anticipation of the Province's reopening announcements, efforts were made through the City's Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG), the City's Recovery Team and many staff members, to draft a recovery plan for the City of St. Catharines titled STC Framework to Recovery, which was shared at the June 3, 2020 Council meeting. The plan has been updated when necessary and to align with Provincial reopening announcements.

This is the eighth update from the MECG regarding COVID-19. Details regarding preparedness, response, recovery and future planning can be found in the following previous reports to Council:

- [Report CAO-063-2020](#) – April 8, 2020 Council
- [Report CAO-070-2020](#) – April 22, 2020 Council
- [Report CAO-072-2020](#) – May 6, 2020 Council
- [Report CAO-077-2020](#) – May 20, 2020 Council
- [Report CAO-083-2020](#) – June 3, 2020 Council
- [Report CAO-087-2020](#) – June 22, 2020 Council
- [Report CAO-099-2020](#) – July 13, 2020 Council

Report

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a serious threat to the community as well as the City's ability to provide all levels of service in the same manner as they were previously delivered.

The MECG continues to respond to the pandemic proactively and has been diligently planning for potential future developments. The MECG continues to be dedicated to the safety of staff and the community, while ensuring essential services continue to be delivered without interruption and is focusing on recovery.

The MCEG remains committed to their four objectives with a heavy focus on the STC Framework to Recovery as the Province continues to lift restrictions and move into stage three of reopening.

MCEG's planning and decisions are guided by their four key objectives:

1. To focus on recovery while continuing to provide essential services.
2. To ensure the health, safety and security of the public and staff during the pandemic and through the recovery process.
3. To continue to be able to support Niagara Health, Public Health, Niagara Region and our other partners.
4. To ensure the organization remains in a financially stable condition during this pandemic.

Provincial Stage Three Announcement

On July 20, 2020, the Province announced that Niagara would be moving to stage three of reopening as of Friday, July 24, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. Nearly all businesses and public spaces will be able to gradually reopen in stage three, with public health and workplace safety restrictions in place, while some high-risk venues and activities will remain closed until they can safely resume operations. The following businesses will not be permitted to open under stage three:

- Amusement parks and water parks.
- Buffet-style food services.
- Dancing at restaurants and bars, other than by performers hired by the establishment following specific requirements.
- Overnight stays at camps for children.
- Private karaoke rooms.
- Prolonged or deliberate contact while playing sports.
- Saunas, steam rooms, bath houses and oxygen bars.
- Table games at casinos and gaming establishments.

As more businesses and activities reopen, the Chief Medical Officer of Health and public health experts will continue to closely monitor the evolving situation to advise when more regions can enter Stage three, if public health restrictions can be further loosened, or if they need to be tightened or reapplied.

STC Framework to Recovery Update

Facility Opening

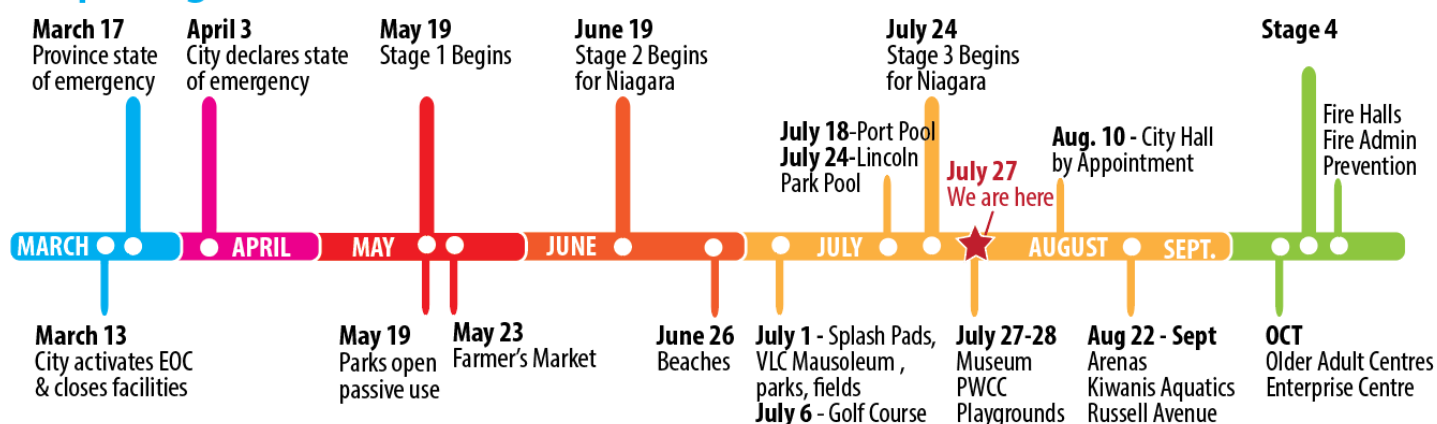
At the June 3, 2020 Council meeting, staff provided the STC Framework to Recovery as an appendix. The framework included a list of action items as part of City's recovery as well as a list of facilities and services and their planned reopening dates based on assumptions of when the Province will enter the various stages of recovery.



Staff remain committed to the STC Framework to Recovery regarding reopening dates and reopening strategies, with some adjustments. Adjustments include modified programming, scheduling and reduced capacities at program sites.


As City facilities begin to reopen to the public, there are safety measures that must be followed which restricts a business-as-usual ideology and for operations to return to their pre-pandemic position. The timeline of opening facilities is additionally affected by staff's ability to re-hire and re-locate staff. Some staff will be moved from their stage two positions to accommodate for stage three reopening plans, therefore reducing staffing levels in certain areas. Specifically, Municipal Works' levels of service such as grass cutting and street sweeping will remain at reduced levels. Staffing has increased in certain facilities to accommodate for cleaning protocol and mitigate the spread and exposure of the virus.

The following timeline and chart indicates key facilities and their opening and service level status as of the Stage 3 announcement:


Re-Opening Timeline



Stage	Facility	Reopening to Public	Comments
Stage 1 May 19 	Parks, open for passive use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Lawn Cemetery (excluding the mausoleum) • Skate Park • Dog Parks • City owned Tennis Courts • Passive and Active Parks (excluding playground equipment, washrooms, splash pads, pools and carousel) 	May 19	Municipal Works began efforts through removal of barricades, installing of signage, reinstalling park features, and general maintenance
	Happy Rolph's Animal Farm, open for passive park use, no animals	May 19	
	Farmers Market and Market Square	May 23, 2020	Open Saturdays only, 8am to 12noon, with several safety measures in place. Update: July 2 – Thursday Market Days added; New Hours, open 7am-1pm Working with Vendor Association to determine next steps.
Stage 2 June 19 	Victoria Lawn Cemetery Mausoleums	June 20, 2020	
	City Splash Pads (4)	July 1, 2020	Increased cleaning of associated washrooms continues. Stage 3 – Staff at splash pads moved to outdoor pools
	City Beaches	June 26, 2020, daytime use only, 8am – 9pm	Security commenced July 3, 2020 and has greatly increased to accommodate for ongoing issues
	City Sports Fields for user groups	Phased openings beginning July 1, 2020	Stage 3 – Open for bookings
	Kiwanis Field	July 1, 2020	Stage 3 – Open for bookings
	Parks, open for regular use	July 1, 2020	

Stage	Facility	Reopening to Public	Comments
	Garden City Golf Course	July 6, 2020	
	Port Dalhousie & Lincoln Park Pool	July 18 and July 25	Port Dalhousie Pool Opened July 18; Lincoln Park Pool July 25.
Stage 3 July 24 for Niagara 	Park Playgrounds	July 24, 2020	Removing signage on playground closures occurring in phases throughout parks. Replacing with new signage indicating playgrounds aren't sanitized and use at own risk. Starting in South end and work towards North end – completed by July 29. Splash pad parks are also priority. EFES staff have inspected and completed repairs to allow playgrounds to open.
	Port Weller Community Centre	July 27, 2020	Was Sept. 1 - The PWCC is currently staffed in order to provide washroom facilities for the splash pad and can therefore accommodate drop in recreational activities and modified programming starting on July 27, 2020.
	Museum and Welland Canals Centre	July 28, 2020	Was Sept. 1. – will be open to public July 28, 2020 with procedures put in place.
	Happy Rolph's Animal Farm: washrooms open, no animals	July 31, 2020	Washrooms will be available July 31. No animals
	Administrative Buildings: City Hall	August 10, 2020	All services that were offered through public entry are being offered electronically or by appointment. Facilities are prepared for reopening with minor modifications required as new requirements are implemented through the recovery team (ie. Masks,

Stage	Facility	Reopening to Public	Comments
			screening, additional signage, etc.)
	Arenas: Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre Bill Burgoyne Arena Garden City Arena	Aug. 22, 2020 Phased-in beginning with Seymour-Hannah	Was Sept. 1. – Beginning with Seymour-Hannah Centre, arenas will begin to reopen in a phased-in approach as staff are relocated from the various facilities of Stage 2 and casuals are re-hired
	Meridian Centre	Sept. 1, 2020	ASM Global planning for Sept. 1 reopen.
	Dry Floor at Rex Stimers Arena	Sept 1, 2020	Details for programming are required to ensure the appropriate staffing is available.
	Russell Avenue Community Centre	Aug. 22, 2020	Was Sept. 1 - Programming may be different from what is listed in the City's Leisure Guide and not all rental requests may be accommodated. Most programming held at Russell Avenue are confined to small spaces where distancing may not be possible. Staff is hopeful that programs can resume no later than Aug 22 based on learnings from Port Weller.
	Kiwanis Aquatics Centre	Aug 31, 2020	As staff move from outdoor pools to Kiwanis Aquatics Centre. Programming will be modified, with only leisure and lane swimming available from August 31 to September 20, 2020. Swim lessons, fitness classes and rentals to resume September 21, 2020 so that staff can be trained on modified approach and users and families can be informed.

Stage	Facility	Reopening to Public	Comments
	St. Catharines Enterprise Centre	Oct.5, 2020	Providing services virtually
	Older Adult Centres	Oct.5, 2020	Was Oct 1- recommending that the Older Adult Centres remain closed until at least October 4, 2020. CRCS will provide Council with further information should this projected reopening date change. Virtual programming is going well. Staff taking cautious approach to reopening to help mitigate risk for vulnerable population and staff.
Stage 4 Anticipating 2021 or vaccine 	Lakeside Park Carousel	2021	
	Morningstar Mill buildings	2021	
	Lion Dunc Schooley Pool	2021	
	Harriet Tubman Public School programming space	2021	
	Fire Halls, Administrative office at Station 1 and Fire Prevention office	2021	Not open to public until 2021. All non-emergency services are being offered electronically or by appointment.
	Happy Rolph's Animal Farm, with animals	2021	

Recovery Implementation

In addition to reopening, staff is in the process of implementing a number of key initiatives to ensure facility reopening is safe for staff and residents:

Return to Work Policy

Staff in in the process of publishing a "Return to Work" Policy and Procedure and Frequently Asked Questions document. The purpose of this document is to provide information regarding important policies or decisions that have been made for staff with respect to returning to the workplace, including working from home policy, social distancing within the workplace, and information regarding recognizing symptoms and characteristics of COVID-19.

Entrance and Public Traffic Control

As facilities begin to reopen to the public, managing entrances and traffic will be instrumental in maintaining safe environments where staff and residents can continue to social distance. Engineering, Facilities and Environmental Services (EFES) staff have identified primary entrances for residents at a number of facilities – including City Hall – and are continuing to assist staff in managing the flow of traffic for reopening. It should be noted that while entrances to certain facilities may be restricted, all entrances and exits will still be available in the event of an emergency.

Screening Policy

As facilities reopen, staff have identified a need to have a greeter at the primary entrance for each facility to:

- Control the amount of people within buildings, as permitted by the Province.
- Check for and request that masks are worn within the facility where required.
- Assist in keeping count, and restricting entrance where required.
- Passively screening residents for illness.

Remote Work Policy

Senior staff have approved a recommendation from the recovery team that will allow staff, where possible, to work remotely until December 31, 2020. This policy allows staff to continue to service residents as safely as possible by continuing to promote social and physical distancing, and reducing the number of people in any individual facility.

This policy will be implemented at the discretion of each department and working group and will remain applicable after facilities begin to reopen.

Appointment Booking Application

Corporate Support Services (CSS) has been developing an appointment booking application that can be used by Citizens First and other departments to allow residents to book appointments at various facilities throughout the corporation.

For example, Citizens First Appointment Bookings will allow for appointments related to:

- Taxes
- Water
- Other payments
- Commissioning
- Dog licensing
- Parking permits
- General Information

The application has been tested with various teams and over the next several weeks, departments will be working with IT on finalizing this application, scheduled to be ready for an August release.

Beaches

On Friday, June 26, 2020, the City of St. Catharines officially opened their beaches to the public. Beaches are open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

At the July 13, 2020 Council meeting, staff brought forward report [Report CAO-099-2020](#), which contained a list of various issues occurring at City beaches along with mitigation efforts made by staff, including engaging Security Company.

Although some issues have resolved, in many instances the public are finding more ways to ignore beach rules. Issues that were mainly isolated to Sunset Beach have since spread into Lakeside and Jones Beach.

Since the July 13, 2020 Council meeting, staff increased security for all three beaches to diminish the main issues, which are primarily parking infractions, consumption of alcohol, breaking Provincial Orders to properly social distance, boaters parking in the water and crowd control due to the many access points.

Security

Security commenced on July 3, 2020 with an estimate of \$5,900 per week before taxes, with a high focus on Sunset Beach. As security was able to mitigate many issues at Sunset Beach, Lakeside and Jones Beach began to experience a high volume of unfavourable behaviour, causing the scope and cost of security to increase to \$17,970 per week before taxes. Security provided at all three beaches is a mix of onsite guards as well as patrols during and after beach opening hours.

Staff have received positive feedback from local residents in regards to security efforts.

Parking and Parking Enforcement

Due to ongoing parking issues, parking enforcement will start earlier in the day with an increase in presence and patrols.

Parking enforcement presence will also significantly increase. Staff have already installed new prohibition signs in advance of today's meetings to deter illegal parking in local residential areas.

Report [FMS-105-2020](#) was tabled at the July 13, 2020 and presented at the July 27, 2020 council meeting, recommending approval to increase parking prohibition fines in problem areas around beaches from \$30 to \$100 and increase parking prohibition in those areas.

Below is the number of parking tickets issued at all three beach areas from June 26 (Official Beach Opening) up to and including July 22, 2020:

- Jones Beach Area – 3 tickets
- Lakeside Park Area – 20 tickets
- Sunset Beach Area – 147 tickets
- 11 tows total at all beaches

Increased Signage

Overall signage regarding behaviour, hours of operation, no alcohol and personal belongings being checked has increased. A large 'no admittance' sign has been installed to deter the public from attempting to park when the lot is full – staff don't want to encourage line-ups.

Additionally, large electronic signs have been installed on Arthur Street and Michigan Avenue to notify the public ahead of reaching residential beach areas that the beach is full.

Communications

The City is paying for Google ads that will pop up when the public search for beach keywords (Niagara Beaches, Sunset Beach, St. Catharines Beach, etc...) The ad will include messaging such as limited capacity, no alcohol, ticketing and towing, security searches and a link that brings them to the City website with more details.

A media release was sent to the GTA media with messaging that the City will now restrict capacity limits at beaches and more firmly enforce beach rules.

Communications continues to add messaging to the City's social media channels to inform the public of the beach rules, as well as the actions taking place to better manage the concerns with the beaches.

Staff have been scheduling weekly debrief meetings regarding beach issues and will adjust mitigation efforts as needed.

Board and Commissions

FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

The FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre (PAC) is approaching return to business in three distinct phases: virtual programming, outdoor activation and modified indoor public presentations. To date, the PAC has developed a robust digital livestream series that has to date employed over 50 local artists and musicians, and with Stage three set to begin July 24, 2020, the PAC will begin moving to outdoor programming, in tandem with the release of a new COVID-19 Safety Plan, 'Safety Lives Here'. Indoor business activities (livestreamed from Partridge Hall) will continue without public access. PAC staff are not anticipating having adapted or modified public performances until the fall at the earliest.

In commitment to the mandate of the PAC, and in addition to contributing to the economic recovery for the downtown core and support for the Canadian live arts and entertainment industry's safe return to business, PAC staff have designed a series of safe events for the remainder of the summer. These plans have been vetted through Niagara Public Health in addition to City officials, and are fiscally in accordance with PAC's (reduced) forecasted 2020 outlook presented to the Board in the spring.

Based on feedback from Public Health as well as from the City, PAC staff have adapted a Safety Lives Here plan as per the most recent Ontario guidelines. It is imperative that the PAC proceed in a way that places safety for staff, artists and the public at the highest level of importance.

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Programming plans for outdoor activities are designed to leverage important community partners, amplify PAC's commitment to showcasing marginalized voices in support of diversity, equity and inclusion, and support local arts ecology through hiring local artists and performers. Specific plans include programming over three weekends in August, with a mix of virtual and outdoor activities

St. Catharines Public Library

Library staff have been diligently preparing for reopening library services to the public in the last few weeks. The Library Board approved in June that the Library will add Monday hours to enhance services offered to the community when it reopens.

The Library currently provides Holds Pickup and Computer Access at the Central Library between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. Holds Pickup is also available at the Merritt Branch between 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, and between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

As of Stage three, the Library will offer additional services and extend service hours. Library hours and services have been scheduled to the end of September and are subject to change.

The Central Library will continue Holds Pickup and Community Access until August 8. Starting Monday August 10, all on-site services will be available to the public except the following: 3D printing, Interlibrary Loan, room rental and Visiting Library.

The Merritt Branch will start on-site services on Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

The Port Dalhousie Branch will start on-site services on Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

The Dr. Huq Branch will only provide Holds Pickup at this moment. On-site services will be offered to the public after the City opens the St. Catharines Kiwanis Aquatics Centre.

All Library staff is required to complete a health check questionnaire every day before arriving at work. Staff is also asked to wear masks in public spaces if they are not behind a physical barrier. Masks and hand sanitizers are available to staff and the public.

St. Catharines Transit Commission

The Transit Commission is already in full operations under Stage two, and continues to operate at that level for Stage three.

Funding Opportunities and Requests

Safe Restart Plan

On July 16, 2020, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that the federal government and the provinces/territories have reached an agreement on the Safe Restart Plan, an investment of over \$19 billion.

First announced in early June, the Premiers and the Prime Minister came to an agreement on the funding the federal government proposed giving to the provinces and

territories to help them reopen safely. The Prime Minister announced over \$19 billion for the provinces and territories “to protect the health of Canadians, help people get back to work safely, and prepare for a potential second wave.”

This funding comes with seven outlined “priority areas,” including increased testing and contact tracing, securing more personal protective equipment (PPE) and more support for the most vulnerable populations, including seniors. Prime Minister Trudeau also cited safe childcare options and paid sick leaves as top priorities and noted that the agreement includes increased support for municipalities and transit.

As part of the announcement, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland announced additional support for those working in long-term care facilities, those who need home and palliative care, and additional spaces in childcare facilities. She also announced paid sick leave so that all workers can take up to 10 days of sick leave if needed.

Premier Doug Ford said the province of Ontario would be receiving \$7 billion. First Ministers also agree to jointly provide support to municipalities to maintain the delivery of critical services.

The Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO)

Between April 28 and July 6, 2020, LUMCO joined the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) and the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) Mayors and Chairs in issuing repeated [requests for emergency funding for municipalities](#) from the federal and provincial governments. In a [statement](#) released on July 6, Mayors and Chairs from across Ontario warned that, in the absence of fiscal relief from other levels of government, municipalities would be forced to make difficult decisions to balance their budgets, including considering cost-saving service reductions and raising property taxes and user fees.

Financial Implications

The most recent updated financial forecast was provided to Council at the July 13, 2020 Council meeting, and estimated the 2020 year-end net tax levy deficit to be \$6.6 million (\$10.2 million total tax levy impact for 2020 less \$3.6 million cost containment implemented).

The City has reached Stage three earlier than anticipated in the STC Framework for Recovery Plan, and financial implications have changed given the new facility opening dates and the additional services being brought back online. The updated estimated net tax levy impact for 2020 is at \$7.0 million, the total estimated tax levy impact has increased to \$10.8 million, due mainly to the additional cost for increased security and fencing at the beaches, re-opening of outdoor pools, and increasing facility maintenance at arenas and community centres. However, this total impact is offset by cost containment amounts, which have increased to \$3.8 million mainly due to the impact of further delaying to fulfill full-time vacancies at the City.

In addition, the financial impacts of the parking services budget net deficit for 2020 remains at \$562,000 due to lower parking revenues and the increased enforcement required in the beach areas.

The water and wastewater 2020 budget is trending towards a breakeven yearend position for 2020 from a small surplus forecasted previously.

A comprehensive updated 2020 year-end forecast will be completed as part of the Q2 variance report.

Given the fluidity of the COVID-19 pandemic, and as the City continues to respond to COVID-19 and mitigate issues. The 2020 yearend financial position of the City continues to be unfavourable. Regular updates will be provided to Council as required.

Conclusion

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and is still a threat to the community. The MECG will continue to implement proactive responses and plan for potential developments with the safety and well-being of the community and staff at the forefront.

The MECG will continue to focus on recovery for the City of St. Catharines while remaining committed to the four objectives and three considerations for reopening facilities and services.

For the latest information on the City's recovery, visit <http://www.EngageSTC.ca> and the City's social media platforms.

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Corporate Report City Council

Report from: Engineering, Facilities and Environmental Services, Engineering and Construction

Report Date: July 7, 2020 **Meeting Date:** July 27, 2020

Report Number: EFES-120-2020 **File:** 18.20.205

Subject: P18-123 Replacement of Third Avenue Louth Bridge at Richardson Creek Award of Tender; Award of Engineering Services; and Budget Reallocation

Strategic Pillar: 

Recommendation

That staff be directed to award the tender for P18-123 Replacement of Third Avenue Louth Bridge at Richardson Creek to Anthony's Excavating Central Inc. for the tender amount of \$669,775.00 plus HST; and

That Council grant approval to reallocate \$500,000 of funding from the capital project P17-121 Third Line Louth / Glass Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project; and

That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary by-laws. FORTHWITH

Relationship to Strategic Plan

P18-123 Replacement of Third Avenue Louth Bridge at Richardson Creek supports the following:

Environmental Stewardship

Goal:

2.1 Establish area-specific plans for the redevelopment of key sites in the City to promote strong, compatible, connected neighbourhoods that enhance the quality of life.

Background

On Third Avenue Louth at Richardson Creek is a City owned bridge (see Appendix 1 for a location plan). The bridge (B009S) has a 3.5 m wide span and the original structure was extended on each end using a different style of construction. The City's biannual bridge inspections indicate that the structure is in poor condition and should be replaced immediately. Another 2019 City study also identified localized erosion concerns for Richardson Creek which can be addressed during bridge replacement.

The 2020 Capital Budget includes partial funding of the construction phase for this project and the approved 2021 forecast includes the remaining construction funds.

Also on Third Avenue, further west at Fifteen Mile Creek, is another bridge which has been identified for replacement and is currently posted with load restrictions. The bridge at Third Avenue Louth / Glass Avenue over Fifteen Mile Creek is jointly owned with the Town of Lincoln. Hence, costs associated with major bridge improvements are shared 50% / 50%. The City's share is included in the 2020 Capital Budget. Subsequent to the City's 2020 Capital Budget process, the Town of Lincoln advised that the Town intended to budget for their share of costs in 2021. Hence, City staff, who are project managing this joint project, recommend the City not proceed until 2021. Detailed design and review agency approvals are currently underway.

At both locations, long duration full road closures with detour routes are anticipated during construction. Also, construction timing at both locations will be subject to similar MNR construction windows to protect fisheries habitat.

In consideration of the above noted factors and existing bridge (BOO9S)'s deteriorated condition, staff recommended the replacement bridge on Third Avenue Louth at Richardson Creek proceed in 2020. Thus, a construction tender was prepared and called.

Report

The P18-123 Replacement of Third Avenue Louth Bridge at Richardson Creek construction tender closed on Tuesday, June 30, 2020. Seven tenders were received and opened. All extensions and totals for all tenders were checked. A mathematical error was found in three of the bids received, which were corrected. The low bid was not impacted by the corrections. The tender prices with corrections are listed on Table 1 below:

Table 1

Tender Submitted By:	Tender Price Submitted	Corrected Tender Price Submitted	Tender Price (Incl. 1.76% HST)	Tender Price (Incl. 13% HST)
Anthony's Excavating Central Inc.	\$669,775.00	\$669,775.00	\$681,563.04	\$756,845.75
Rankin Construction Inc.	\$689,976.00	\$689,976.00	\$702,119.58	\$779,672.88
Greenspace Construction Inc.	\$724,609.90	\$698,904.01	\$711,204.72	\$789,761.53
CRL Campbell Construction & Drainage Ltd.	\$702,343.16	\$702,343.21	\$714,704.45	\$793,647.83
Baiocco Construction Corp	\$714,301.40	\$714,301.40	\$726,873.15	\$807,160.58

Tender Submitted By:	Tender Price Submitted	Corrected Tender Price Submitted	Tender Price (Incl. 1.76% HST)	Tender Price (Incl. 13% HST)
2220742 Ontario Ltd. o/a Bronte Construction	\$764,071.00	\$747,871.00	\$761,033.53	\$845,094.23
Peter's Excavating Inc.	\$777,046.25	\$777,046.25	\$790,722.26	\$878,062.26

Staff recommend awarding the tender to the lowest bidder, Anthony's Excavating Central Inc., at its bid price of \$669,775.00 plus HST. In staff's opinion, Anthony's Excavating Central Inc. have the experience and technical expertise to complete the project.

Based on the low tender of \$669,775.00 plus HST by Anthony's Excavating Central Inc., staff prepared an updated total project cost estimate. Including contingency, engineering services, site inspection, material testing, non-refundable HST and other miscellaneous costs, the updated total project cost is estimated at \$890,000.

Total approved budget for this project is \$390,000. Staff had tendered this project with the understanding that the approved project funds would not be sufficient to cover the full project cost; however, as detailed in the background section, it was decided to move forward with tendering the project due to the existing condition of the structure and for coordination with other proposed City bridge rehabilitation projects.

The additional \$500,000 required funding to complete this project can be provided with the reallocation of funding from capital project P17-121 Third Avenue Louth / Glass Avenue Bridge at 15 Mile Creek to this project. Staff have recommended the reallocated funds be included in the draft 2021 Capital Budget to restore the original P17-121 Third Line Louth / Glass Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation funding.

Details of approved and required funding for this project are listed below:

Table 2

	Budget / Program	Account	Budgeted Amount
Existing Funding	Capital Budget – Gas Tax	P18-123 Third Line Louth Bridge @ Richardson Creek	\$60,000
Existing Funding	Capital Budget – Bridge & Culvert Replacement	P18-123 Third Line Louth Bridge @ Richardson Creek	\$330,000
Total Existing Project Funding			\$390,000
Additional Funding	Capital Budget – Bridge & Culvert Replacement	Transferred from 17-121 Third Avenue Louth/Glass Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation	\$500,000
Total Additional Funding from Existing Projects			\$500,000
Total Project Funding			\$890,000

Financial Implications

Table 3 contains the costs and related budget amounts identified to complete Project P18-123 Replacement of Third Avenue Louth Bridge at Richardson Creek.

Table 3

Project Cost and Funding	
Tender cost (excluding HST)	\$ 669,775
Other project costs	\$ 230,255
Net total project costs	\$ 890,000
Existing budget (details in Table 2)	\$ 390,000
Additional budget required (details in Table 2)	\$ 500,000

Staff recommend the project proceed as tendered. Retendering is unlikely to achieve lower prices. In addition, retendering will delay construction and completion of this project.

The City Treasurer confirms that the amounts shown in the table above are available for use towards Project P18-123 Replacement of Third Avenue Louth Bridge at Richardson Creek.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the essential services regulation currently in place throughout the Province of Ontario, the City of St. Catharines continues to deliver its capital project plan for 2020.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

The completion of this project will ensure that an existing natural watercourse will continue to flow and streambed improvements will enhance local fish habitat and reduce the potential for localized bank erosion near the bridge structure.

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Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Key Plan

Site Location – Key Plan