



*City of Sarnia*

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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The following are highlights of the May 7 Regular Sarnia City Council Meeting:

The Go Green Awards were presented to the following winners:

- Deb’s Shoe Gallery – Business Stewardship (Small business – up to 20 employees),
- Western Research Park – Business Stewardship (Medium-Large business > 20 employees)
- Mike Kent – Eco-Warrior
- The Cluster Parishes of St. Benedict, Our Lady of Mercy and St. Joseph – Community Stewardship
- Rosedale Public School – Ms. Lumley’s Grade 5 Class – Sarnia’s Greenest Classroom
- Royal Thunder Robotics – Youth or Youth Group

Approved an amendment to the Zoning By-Law at 338 Christina Street South deleting all commercial “Permitted Uses” and permitting a multiple dwelling containing three dwelling units.

Approved Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments at 220 Mitton Street North and 327 George Street, redeveloping the former Sarnia General Hospital site as follows:

- North Block: eight single family residential lots, a crisis care facility and medical and commercial uses;
- South Block: repurposing the former records building, construction of a new medical office building, and three new single family residential lots.

Heard delegations from 6 members of the public in support of the bike lane program and 4 members opposed.

Directed staff to proceed with the implementation of the 2018 bike lane program. The proposal includes a road diet on Colborne Road between the 402 and Cathcart as well as installing bike lanes on:

- Russell Street North from London to Maxwell (no parking as existing);
- Capel Street from Maxwell to Exmouth (remove 2 hour parking on east side);
- Capel Street from Exmouth to 402 (reduce from 4 lanes to 2);
- Colborne Road from 402 to Cathcart reduced from 4 lanes to 3 lanes (remove parking from both sides);
- Colborne Road from Cathcart to Lakeshore (remove parking on west side); and
- Cathcart Boulevard from Colborne to Christina (remove parking on south side).

Heard a delegation from a member of the public in opposition to the proposed Centennial Park Beer Garden.

Heard a delegation from Tracy Drysdale, Pathways, regarding concerns to the proposed beer garden in Centennial Park.

Deferred consideration of the concession services and beer garden proposal in Centennial Park, and any similar urban plaza proposals, pending the outcome of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Masterplan.

Amended the Transit Special Service Area to update the boundary based on a radius of 450 meters from current conventional transit routes, taking into consideration new development and excluding properties assessed as farmland or managed forest.

Approved an administrative update to the Emergency Management Response Plan.

Granted the following Noise By-Law exemptions:

- Seasonal exemption to Paddy Flaherty's Irish Pub on Friday and Saturday evenings until midnight from June 1 to September 15, 2018 on a one year trial basis;
  - Granted an additional exemption for the amplification of live music on Sunday, July 22, 2018 until midnight;
- BorderFest event until 12:30 a.m. from July 26-28, 2018 in Centennial Park. Bluewater BorderFest includes concerts in Centennial Park and will be back in 2018 for a second year on the evenings of July 26-28;
- Artwalk for outdoor concerts until 11:00 p.m. on June 1 and 2, 2018 at 157 Christina St N (Parkway Parking Lot Main Stage) and at 137 Davis St. (Refined Fool Brewing Company Stage);

- Ministry of Transportation of Ontario during the period of April 1 to November 30, 2019 for overnight construction associated with the rehabilitation of the Airport Road Underpass and Interchange on Highway 402;
  - Permits overnight construction activities for up to a total of seven consecutive nights at each of the four interchange ramps;
  - Signage will be posted on Airport Road and Highway 402 seven days in advance of the construction taking place.

Received 2017 preliminary year-end operating results for all budgets with a surplus of \$1,043,553 (.77%) and approved a series of transfers of surplus funds to reserve funds:

- A surplus of \$551,161 to the Operating Contingency Reserve;
- A surplus of \$359,983 to the Sarnia Police Operating Contingency Reserve;
- A surplus of \$77,420 to the Capital Sewer Infrastructure Reserve; and
- A surplus of \$54,989 to the Capital Infrastructure Water Reserve.

Received information regarding the expansion of the Ontario Naloxone (Narcan) Program to fire services and authorized the redistribution of Naloxone to Sarnia Fire Rescue Services by the County of Lambton Public Health Unit.

- Sarnia Fire Rescue Services staff have received Naloxone administration training from Lambton Public Health Unit;
- Naloxone (Narcan) Overdose Prevention Kits are available from Lambton Public Health to any person at risk for opioid overdose and family members, friends or other persons able to help someone at risk of an opioid overdose.

Accepted an agreement extension with SS Greenhouses for required bus shelter cleaning and snow removal services for one year with a 7.5% rate increase.

Accepted the \$109,341 proposal by Abram Sheet Metal (including non-rebateable HST), for the required roof top HVAC unit replacement at the Sarnia Public Library, funded from the approved 2018 Sarnia Library Renovations & Accessibility Upgrades capital budget.

Accepted the following proposals for as-needed electrician services:

- Preferred Electric for wastewater related electrical services;
- 3-Phase Electrical for Harbour electrician services; and
- Lockhart Electric for general electrician related services and Sarnia Police Service electrician services.

Accepted the quote of \$88,371 (including non-rebateable HST) by Merchants Paper for the estimated three year term, for supply and delivery of paper

towels, toilet tissue, and the required supply and installation of dispensers at City facilities.

Amended the current Sarnia Bay Marina Operating Agreement to:

- Adjust the revenue minimum guarantee for 2018 to \$80,000; and
- Extend the Operating Agreement to 2026 with the proposed minimum guaranteed payment schedule beyond 2018 as follows: \$90,000 in 2019, \$100,000 in years 2020-2023, and \$110,000 in years 2024-2026, with profit sharing above the minimum amount.

Directed staff to produce a report to change the overnight parking restrictions to the period of October 31<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently overnight parking restrictions are in effect until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Directed staff to provide a report for council within 60 days regarding the introduction of specialty swings for children with special needs.

Endorsed Mental Health Week, May 7-13, 2018, and resolved to light up City Hall in green for the remainder of the week.

Resolved to move towards electronic voting for Council by preparing a terms of reference for the methodology with details learned from best practices in other cities for Council's consideration at the regular meeting in June.

Received the Corporate Strategic Plan - 2017 Annual Report Card, available online at <http://www.sarnia.ca/city-government/city-council/strategic-plan>.

Approved the agreement to accept a grant from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs to fund contract staff to support the Age-Friendly Action Plan and a project for revitalizing vacant buildings in the City.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held May 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

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