Item: CO-23-59

Community and Operations Services Committee - November 13, 2023

Improvement for location of accessible parking at Delpark Homes Centre (Ward 1)

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas at the April 24, 2023 meeting of the Community and Operations Committee, motion CO-23-27 was introduced and carried; and,

Whereas this motion addressed a concern raised by staff at the Delpark Homes Centre (DHC) during the Mayor and CAO's spring Employee Town Hall that some members of the public are having difficulties with the location of accessible parking at the DHC, finding it is too great a distance to travel to the library/pool and Oshawa Seniors Community Centres 55+ services provided in the DHC, and,

Whereas staff were directed to learn more the concerns and investigate ways on how the accessible parking for the public with special needs can be improved, and report back to the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Community and Operations Services Committee; and,

Whereas staff met with Oshawa Seniors Community Centres 55+ staff to discuss the nature of the difficulties and how accessible parking locations could be improved; and,

Whereas staff investigated Oshawa Accessible Design Standards as they apply to the DHC parking lot; and,

Whereas staff determined an additional six accessible parking spaces can be added to the south parking lot by converting some of the standard parking spaces; and,

Whereas, the additional parking spaces will provide closer accessible parking options for entry to the DHC; and,

Whereas staff presented this option to the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee on September 19, 2023 and received endorsement from the Committee;

Therefore, be it resolved that pursuant to CS-23-59 that staff proceed with the conversion of standard parking spaces into an additional six accessible parking spaces at the Delpark Homes Centre.