



**Community and Operations Services
Committee Minutes**

**February 10, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber**

Present: Councillor Gray
Councillor Lee
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Mayor Carter

Also Present: Councillor Kerr
Councillor Giberson
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McConkey
K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator
F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator
K. Alexander, Commissioner, Community and Operations Services
M. Harrington, Director, Parks and Roads Operations Services - Interim
B. Mullen, Director, Community Support Services
J. Naumovski, Director, Recreation Services
K. Koson, Director, Facility Operations and Maintenance Services
M. Whitbread, Manager, Operations Policy and Research
S. Gray-McQuat, Manager, Centralized Recreation Services
B. Browne, Manager, Programs
M. Sluggett, Manager, Traffic, Streetlighting and Parking
L. Davis, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk
E. Tompkins, Operations Policy and Research Analyst

Public Meeting

Councillor Gray called the meeting to order and stated that all members of the Committee were participating from the Chamber except Councillor Neal who was participating electronically. Also present in the Chamber were Councillors Giberson, Kerr and McConkey.

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations.

We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty people.

Additional Agenda Items

None

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Presentations

None

Delegations

None

Referrals from Council

None

Reports from Advisory Committees

None

Items Requiring Direction

CO-25-05 - Options for Expansion of Large Item Collection Program (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

That Report CO-25-05 be received for information.

Lost

Councillor Marimpietri entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Mayor Carter temporarily left the meeting at 10:23 a.m. and re-entered at 10:26 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Lee

That Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That based on Report CO-25-05 dated February 5, 2025, concerning the potential expansion of the Large Item Collection program:

1. That commencing in 2026, the City's Large Item Collection program be expanded in accordance with Option 1 as outlined in section 4.2.1 of said Report; and
2. That the 2026 annual operating budget be updated to reflect the change in program in accordance with Option 1 as outlined in section 5.0 of said Report; and,
3. That staff further amend the Waste Collection By-law 90-2024, as amended, and the Fees and Charges By-law 109-2024, as amended, to address the program changes outlined in section 4.2.1 of said Report.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

That the Low-Density Item Limit listed in Section 4.2.1 of Report CO-25-05 be amended to remain at 12.

Affirmative (2): Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Negative (4): Councillor Gray, Councillor Lee, Councillor Chapman, and Mayor Carter

Lost (2 to 4)

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

That Section 4.2.1 of Report CO-25-05 be amended to add the words 'ground level towns' after the words '8 or less'

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

That the amendment to add the words "ground level towns" be withdrawn.

Carried

The vote to adopt Option 1 as outlined in Report CO-25-05.

Affirmative (4): Councillor Gray, Councillor Lee, Councillor Chapman, and Mayor Carter

Negative (2): Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Carried (4 to 2)

Public Consent Agenda

Correspondence with recommendations

None

Staff Reports/Motions with recommendations

See Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda

CO-25-04 - Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (“L.E.A.F.”) Planting and Stewardship Programs and Agreement (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor Lee

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

Whereas L.E.A.F. is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about trees through the City’s Backyard Tree Planting program, as outlined in [Report CS-20-21](#) dated March 9, 2020, which involves planting native species in backyards; and,

Whereas in addition to the Backyard Tree Planting program, L.E.A.F. also promotes urban forest stewardship by engaging citizens in public space planting and educational activities; and,

Whereas L.E.A.F. has hosted several community tree planting and stewardship events since 2021 including volunteer plantings at Central Park, Russett Park and contributed to Oshawa’s Centennial programming which included an in-person tree tour delivered in the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens and community planting events at Gold Point Wildlife Reserve; and,

Whereas the City has entered into several short-term stewardship agreements with L.E.A.F. on an event-by-event basis to oversee the planning, communication, volunteer management and education component of the City’s annual community tree planting program on behalf of the City; and,

Whereas leveraging L.E.A.F.'s volunteers, expertise and fundraising capabilities have significantly benefited the community by:

- Organizing, promoting, and hosting seven planting events in various City parks, fostering community engagement;
- Planting and initially maintaining 2,266 native trees, shrubs, and perennials, enhancing local green spaces;
- Engaging 427 residents in community planting and stewardship events; and,

Whereas in addition to the community planting and stewardship activities, L.E.A.F. also utilizes volunteers to monitor each community planting site before an event, immediately after an event, two (2) years after the event and five (5) years after an event to assess survival rates and improve tree health through mulching activities; and,

Whereas the partnership with L.E.A.F. has significantly contributed to increasing the City's tree canopy and ensuring a healthy urban forest, which provides numerous environmental benefits such as improved air quality, reduced urban heat island effect, and enhanced biodiversity while also fostering civic engagement; and,

Whereas the annual tree planting operations of the City's Parks, Trails and Forestry division are enhanced by L.E.A.F.'s expertise in community engagement, stewardship and event management; and,

Whereas a multi-year stewardship agreement with L.E.A.F. would allow the City to leverage additional sponsorship opportunities to enhance L.E.A.F.'s services, creating additional opportunities for stewardship initiatives and activities in Oshawa; and,

Whereas demonstrating such partnerships is beneficial when applying for grants; and,

Whereas this partnership supports the Oshawa Strategic Plan Priority Area "Care: Safe & Sustainable Environment" with the goal to manage impacts on natural assets such as wetlands and waterways and enhance tree canopy;

Therefore, be it resolved that based on Item CO-25-04, a five (5) year partnership agreement with L.E.A.F. be approved to oversee the planning, communication, volunteer management and education component of the City's annual community tree planting program, to be executed by the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services and in a form and content satisfactory to the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services and the City Solicitor.

Carried

CO-25-06 - Potential Management Improvements at Lakeview Park (Wards 5)

Moved by Councillor Lee

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

That based on Report CO-25-06 dated February 5, 2025 concerning potential management improvements at Lakeview Park:

1. That staff be authorized to investigate the financial implications of installing occupancy sensor technology as outlined in Sections 4.5.3 of said Report and report back; and,
2. That the rental permit application timeline and process as outlined in Section 4.5.5 of said Report be approved by Council.

Affirmative (5): Councillor Gray, Councillor Lee, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Nicholson, and Mayor Carter

Negative (1): Councillor Neal

Carried (5 to 1)

Councillor Giberson left the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Items Introduced by Council Members

None

Items Pulled from the Information Package

None

Questions to Staff concerning the Committee's Outstanding Items List

None

Closed Consent Agenda

Closed Correspondence with recommendations

None

Closed Staff Reports/Motions with recommendations

None

Closed Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda

None

Items Requiring Direction

None

Matters Tabled

Report CO-23-11 concerning Memorials, Recognizing Unmarked Graves. (Tabled April 24, 2023)

No items were lifted from the table.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

That the meeting adjourn at 11:44 a.m.

Carried