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Information Report



Service Area	Public Services
Date	Friday, January 12, 2018
Subject	Open Space Planning – 2017 Q4 Capital Project Update
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Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

The Parks and Recreation Department continues to work on a significant number of Council approved capital projects that involve changes and improvements in existing parks and the implementation of new parks and/or trails. This report is to provide an update on the status of projects the Open Space Planning team is project managing to the end of Q4, 2017.

Key Findings

- All of Open Space Planning team's capital projects are in various stages of progress or completion.
- Capital projects that have Council approved funding were a primary focus for Open Space Planning staff in the 2017 Parks and Recreation Department work plan.
- In 2017 all capital projects were managed following the Project Management Office's Risk Management Principles.

Financial Implications

There are no financial impacts at this time. All projects are being completed within existing Council approved budgets.

Report

Council responds to numerous public inquiries throughout the year on projects that have started, will start, or are planned within the City parks and open spaces. This report is to update Council on the progress and timelines for the current Open Space Planning capital funded projects.

The Open Space Planning team has been managing 37 capital projects that are in various states of progress or completion with an overall budget of approximately \$8,000,000. The projects vary in scope and complexity from completing a study, constructing a park amenity building, implementing new trails, planning a new park, or replacing play equipment. The project budgets range from several thousand to over a million dollars. The projects, their current status and timelines have been detailed below by ward.

Ward 1

Arthur Street – Riverwalk

Project Status: In progress.

Planned Completion: Phase 1 Riverwalk is constructed.

Project Details: The Arthur Street Riverwalk is located on the south side of Speed River spanning from Macdonell Street to Neeve Street. The project involves the establishment of a pedestrian trail along the river in coordination with the Metalworks residential development. The installation of the project is being completed in partnership with Fusion Homes who is overseeing the construction tender for the Riverwalk. The City's financial contribution is to accommodate upgraded amenities such as hard surfacing, ornamental planting and irrigation. The Riverwalk will be implemented in four phases of which the first phase has been constructed and currently being enjoyed by the public. Fusion Homes is the lead on the project and City staff is currently working with them on deficiencies and warranty commencement. The budget to construct the subsequent phases of the Riverwalk has been identified in the 2018 – 2026 capital budget and forecast as part of the Downtown program of work for Council consideration.

Downtown Pedestrian Bridge

Project Status: In progress.

Planned Completion: PLANT Architect Inc. has been hired to provide community engagement services and design the aesthetic character of the first bridge and associated trails. Community Engagement for the first bridge is to occur during Q1 and Q2 of 2018. It is anticipated that a 50% design will be completed in Q3 2018 and will include budget information for consideration in the Capital Budget Program.

Project Details: The Environmental Assessment (EA) completed in June 2017 determined two locations for pedestrian bridges in the downtown. In the same month, an Information Report notifying of the EA completion was provided to Council followed by a public notice being placed in the City News section of the Guelph Tribune. The first bridge will be located adjacent to the Guelph Junction Railway (GJR) right-of-way between Macdonell Street and Arthur Street. The second bridge location will be located adjacent to 43 Arthur Street (heritage building) and 53 Arthur Street (Phase 1 of the Metalworks). The second bridge will

be designed and tendered for construction at a future time as need and budget are approved.

Phase 1 of the community engagement process is currently underway and is expected to be complete in Q2 2018. Phase 1 will examine the conceptual bridge aesthetic and conceptual trail alignment. Phase 2 of the community engagement process will begin in Summer 2018 and will include the overall conceptual layout for the project. The completed design will also include proposed construction costs to inform the 2019 capital budget. Construction of the pedestrian bridge is currently scheduled for 2019 pending Council approval of budget as part of the annual capital budget program.

Mico Valeriot Park Master Plan

Project Status: In progress. Master Plan completed and the detailed design will commence in Q1 2018.

Planned Completion: The Master Plan process is complete and an Information Report was circulated to Council on December 15, 2017. The construction work is scheduled to be tendered Q1 2018.

Project Details: In November 2017, staff circulated a preferred conceptual park layout for community input with the local neighbourhood surrounding Mico Valeriot Park to finalize a master plan. Community engagement is now complete and the project is currently in detail design. Removal of the wading pool and implementation of the Master Plan is scheduled for Summer 2018 and will be complete in Q4 2018.

Ward 2

Cedarvale Avenue Park

Project Status: In progress. Community engagement has commenced.

Planned Completion: Park to be complete Q4 2018.

Project Details: Cedarvale Avenue Park, located at 32 Cedarvale Avenue, is a 0.25 hectare new neighbourhood park in the city's east end. Community engagement to receive input on the selection of new park amenities and develop a master plan has commenced and will be complete in Q1 2018. Upon completion of the master plan, an Information Report will be circulated to communicate the preferred concept identified through community engagement. Funding to construct the park was included in the 2018 capital budget and was approved by Council.

Eastview Community Park – Facility Building

Project Status: In progress. Construction of facility currently underway.

Planned Completion: Q1 2018 with deficiencies.

Project Details: A new amenity building that includes washrooms, change rooms, referee rooms, concession, storage, and mechanical room for the future splash pad is currently under construction. The tender closed March 8, 2017 and the contract completion date is January 15, 2018. The final completion of the building will be extended but still complete within Q1 2018. Due to the time of year and the scheduled completion of the building, site deficiencies will be addressed in Q2 2018 including landscape work and exterior paving.

Eastview Community Park – Volleyball Courts

Project Status: Project complete.

Project Details: Open space planning staff have completed the installation of six new beach volleyball courts at Eastview Community Park. The new courts have been installed closer to the park central area of the new facility building. The new volleyball courts at the community park will replace existing volleyball courts that are currently located in Silvercreek Park and Eramosa River Park.

Nima Developments – Trail Development

Project Status: Ongoing, schedule is determined by the developer.

Planned Completion: Phase 1 of the overall subdivision trail will be implemented as part of site servicing.

Project Details: The Nima/Guelph Lake subdivision developer has revised the project scope to include a Phase 1a and Phase 1b. As a result the majority of the trail work will be completed within the Phase 1b scope of work. Timing for this work is dictated by the developer and has not been confirmed. The trail includes approximately 700 metres of new trail. The trail will be built by the developer following a developer-build model, with the City contributing funds. This co-ordination will result in a completed trail that will be available to new residents prior to them moving into their homes. This trail will connect with the Guelph Lake Sportsfields and the Northview Trail system described below.

Northview Trail

Project Status: Project complete.

Planned Completion: Trail construction completed June 2017.

Project Details: Northview Trail is an off-road recreation trail that is approximately 600 meters in length. New trail access is located at 79 Mullin Drive, across from Northview Park. The access includes seating and information signage about the trail. The trail connects users with Beverley Robson Park, Guelph Lake Sportsfields and Woodlawn Road.

Northview Park

Project Status: Project complete.

Project Details: Northview Park is a new park located adjacent to Wideman Boulevard, Mullin Drive, Norma Crescent and Bowen Drive. In the Fall of 2016 park construction commenced to implement a splash pad, play structure, ice rink, shade structure, and landscaping in the park following the 2015 Council approved Master Plan. The park opened to the public in July 2017.

Riverside Park – Play Equipment Replacement

Project Status: In progress, the tender for construction closed on December 14 2017.

Planned Completion: The construction contract is planned to be awarded January 2018 with construction starting in Q1 2018, and is anticipated to be complete in time for the Canada Day celebrations.

Project Details: This project received significant public feedback, resulting in project scope modifications and schedule revisions to accommodate the wide range of comments. The proposed play equipment delivers an integrated design that provides play ability for a range of ages and skills. Once construction starts, the play equipment will not be available for public use until the project is complete. Construction of the new play equipment is expected to take three to four months to complete.

Riverside Park – Train Amusement Ride Building

Project Status: Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is complete.

Planned Completion: Project complete.

Project Details: A supportive EIS has been completed to determine the potential for constructing a new building to house the train amusement ride. The building is planned to be located in the same area as the amusement ride and allow better protection of the amusement ride when not in use. A new building will be an enhancement to the amusement ride by providing a staging area and overhang for train riders to enter/exit the ride.

Skov Park – Tennis Courts Replacement

Project Status: Contract awarded.

Planned Completion: Q2 2018.

Project Details: The existing two tennis courts in Skov Park are at the end of their service life and will be replaced. The contract was tendered in early Summer 2017 with all bids received over budget, which resulted in project delays. Funds have been allocated and the contract is now awarded with work scheduled to begin Q2 2018.

Speedvale Avenue Underpass and Trail Linkage – Studies

Project Status: Ongoing.

Planned Completion: Staff have been directed by Council to report back in 2018 on alternative trail design options. Staff will consult with internal and external stakeholders to determine acceptable options and report back Q4 2018.

Project Details: The Speedvale Avenue Underpass and Trail Linkage as outlined within the Environmental Impact Study has been identified as not being in compliance with various City of Guelph approved plans, guidelines, and by-laws, and work has been stopped pending further input from the public.

Ward 3

Trans Canada Trail – North Section

Project Status: In progress.

Planned Completion: A conceptual trail routing will be determined as part of the Guelph Trail Master Plan scope of work.

Project Details: The current project is a routing study to determine the alignment of the final Guelph section of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) from Riverside Park through Woodlawn Memorial Park to the Kissing Bridge Trail in Guelph-Eramosa Township, which would connect it with the main Trans Canada Trail route and the Guelph to Goderich Trail. This routing study has been included in the scope of the Guelph Trail Master Plan Update project so that it receives the assistance of a specialist consulting team. Finalizing a preferred alignment will inform the timing and remaining steps to complete the trail including: studies, design, construction cost estimate, land owner agreements and partnerships. Council consideration and approval of the trail alignment and construction budget will be included as part of the annual capital budget program.

Ward 4

Ellis Creek Park

Project Status: Project complete.

Project Details: A park master plan was approved by Council February 2017. Construction of the park was completed November 2017 and the park is open for public use.

West End Community Centre – Outdoor Amenity Replacements

Project Status: In progress, a consultant has been retained for design consulting services.

Planned Completion: Construction is scheduled to commence Q2 2018 and expected to be complete Q4 2018.

Project Details: The outdoor splash pad, play structure and trails around the storm water management facility were all installed in the early 2000's when the West End Community Centre was built. Now reaching the end of their service life, the splash pad and play equipment are scheduled for replacement. Project planning has already commenced with completion anticipated Q4 2018. All upgrades will align with Canadian Safety Association standards and the City of Guelph Facility Accessibility Design Manual. Once construction commences it is expected to take four months to complete. During construction the splash pad, play equipment and trails will not be available for public use.

Ward 5

Crane Park Trail Development

Project Status: In progress.

Planned Completion: An Environmental Impact Study (EIS) has commenced and is to be completed Q2 2018.

Project Details: The current scope of work for Crane Park is to complete an EIS that will inventory where trails both formal and informal currently exist in the park, what natural heritage elements exist, and where it would be appropriate to place trails within the park. The EIS is underway for a three-season review and inventory of flora and fauna finishing with winter field surveying in Q1 2018. Crane Park is located adjacent to the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) land that includes the Kortright Waterfowl Park, where a number of informal trails in Crane Park have alignments that enter onto GRCA lands. The EIS will have consideration for the adjacent conservation authority lands and the larger overall context of the area as information is available. Staff has met with GRCA staff to coordinate environmental work as the GRCA completes a management plan for the Kortright Waterfowl Park lands adjacent to Crane Park. Currently, the City has no agreement with GRCA to promote public access from City lands onto the GRCA lands. The GRCA anticipates that the management plan will take two years to complete, as they undertake detailed environmental studies possibly over eight seasons. It is anticipated that the City's EIS and the GRCA's Management Plan will be coordinated as the studies progress.

Royal City Park – New Trail Connections

Project Status: Project planning has been initiated.

Planned Completion: Q3 2018.

Project Details: The project involves detailed design and construction of three stone dust trails from 40 Wellington Street (an adjacent commercial development) and the baseball diamond through the central park area to the existing park trail. The project budget includes a \$12,000 contribution received from the 40 Wellington Street developer. The new trails will allow accessible pedestrian movement between the park amenities, commercial site, Gordon Street and Wellington Street and are anticipated to be complete at the end of the construction year 2018.

Speed River West Trail (between Edinburgh Road and the Hanlon Expressway on the north side of the Speed River)

Project Status: In progress, construction work underway.

Planned Completion: An Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was completed in Summer 2017 with design and construction of the trail complete September 2017. The project has been awarded to a contractor and construction is underway.

Project Details: A scoped EIS was completed in May 2017 to determine if there are any environmental concerns within the project area for installing a trail along the Speed River that includes seating, replacement of a picnic shelter, signage and a pedestrian crosswalk over Wellington Street. River Systems Advisory Committee (RSAC) and GRCA provided initial comments, all of which were accommodated in the revised design, including trail re-routing, the re-use of existing paved surfaces, the elimination of existing paved surfaces, and the creation of new turtle nesting habitat. A permit from the GRCA has been approved and work has begun. The work is anticipated to be complete and open in Q2 2018 in accordance with the conditions of the Federal Canada 150 grant funding that the City received.

Ward 6

Colonial Drive Park – New Ice Rink Service

Project Status: Project complete.

Project Details: The Colonial Park ice rink was approved as part of the Colonial Park Master Plan. Construction occurred over the Summer 2017 season and experienced delays due to contractor performance issues. The project was completed following the termination of the original site contractor.

Jubilee Park Phase 2

Project Status: Project complete.

Project Details: The final phase of construction on Jubilee Park is complete. The Phase 2 construction scope included implementing a natural playground, splash pad and tennis courts.

South End Community Park – Trail Improvements

Project Status: Project complete.

Project Details: The stone dust spine pathway that starts from the washroom building and runs the length of the baseball diamonds will be upgraded to an asphalt pathway. The upgrade improved year round accessibility and maintenance practices. The trail was installed as part of the City's annual paving contract. The work was rescheduled to accommodate park programming and is now complete with minor deficiencies that will be addressed in Q1 2018.

City Wide Projects

2017 Playground Equipment Replacements

Project Status: In progress.

Planned Completion: A total of ten playgrounds will receive their replacement equipment Q3 2018.

Project Details: The following parks are scheduled to have the playground equipment replaced:

Carter Park	Ward 2
Guelph Lake Sports Fields	Ward 2
Waverley Park	Ward 2
Kimberley Park	Ward 3
Springdale Park	Ward 3
Centennial Park	Ward 5 (installation complete)
Hugh Guthrie Park	Ward 5
Jenson Boulevard Park	Ward 6
Mollison Park	Ward 6
Oak Street Park	Ward 6

The ten playgrounds listed above are made up of 2016 and 2017 playground replacements. The 2016 playgrounds were tendered but not awarded because the tendered prices came in over budget. The playground replacements will not only include new play equipment, drainage infrastructure and safety surfacing but also include accessibility improvements such as: pathways to the equipment, transition ramps into the play pits, and safety surfacing and seating to comply with current accessibility standards. All works will be completed in alignment with the Canadian Safety Association (CSA) standards.

Bicycle Skills Facility

Project Status: Council report is complete, project ongoing.

Planned Completion: Staff will commence community engagement in 2018.

Project Details: On November 6, 2017 staff presented report PS-17-30 – Bicycle Skills Facility to Committee of the Whole and recommended that the community be engaged to plan and design a bicycle skills facility at Eastview Park and to revise the Eastview Community Park Master Plan. Community engagement will commence in 2018 and the result of that community engagement will be communicated.

Guelph Trail Master Plan Update

Project Status: In progress.

Planned Completion: End of Q4 2018.

Project Details: The Guelph Trail Master Plan recommends an update be completed at least every five years; however, this has not been done since the plan was approved in 2005. It is important to review and update the plan to ensure it takes advantage of trail development opportunities that arise, re-evaluate and confirm priorities, encapsulate new policies and standards, identify funding to support the trail network, and engage the public to understand their needs.

Parkland Dedication By-law Update

Project Status: In progress, the consultant is in the process of finalizing draft report background information. The consultant-led stakeholder engagement process and best practise review is complete.

Planned Completion: Q2 2018.

Project Details: The Planning Partnership was hired in March 2017 to provide consulting services for the Parkland Dedication By-law Update. The current parkland dedication by-law approved in 1989, 1990 and 2007 needs to be revised to implement policies adopted by Council under Section 7.3 of Official Plan Amendment 48, to improve service delivery to external stakeholders and to streamline staff procedures.

Internal stakeholder consultation and external key stakeholder consultation to receive input for the first phase of the project have been completed and the background research findings report is underway. Public and stakeholder consultation is currently ongoing.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications at this time. All projects are being completed using existing Council approved project budgets.

Consultations

N/A

Corporate Administrative Plan

Overarching Goals

Service Excellence
Financial Stability
Innovation

Service Area Operational Work Plans

Our Services - Municipal services that make lives better
Our People- Building a great community together
Our Resources - A solid foundation for a growing city

Attachments

N/A

Departmental Approval

N/A

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Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Proposed New Regulation to be made under the Electricity Act, 1998	Energy	January 12, 2018	<p>The purpose of the proposed regulation is to ensure the appropriate siting of renewable energy generation facilities in relation to residential areas and prime agricultural land.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The Province's 2017 Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) commits to enhance Ontario's net metering framework to give customers new ways to participate in clean, renewable electricity generation. In accordance with this commitment, the Ministry of Energy intends to expand net metering eligibility to include new ownership models and to ensure appropriate consumer protection provisions and siting restrictions are in place. The Ministry of Energy intends to propose regulatory changes to enable new ownership models, as well as other regulatory measures in support of an expanded and enhanced net metering framework, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enable third-party ownership of net-metered generation facilities and virtual net metering demonstration projects• Adapt and enhance the existing energy consumer protection framework to support	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.</p> <p>A joint response will be prepared through EWaCC and Climate Change Office</p>	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach with energy planning.</p> <p>Restrictions on siting of renewable energy generation systems may impact the city's ability to meet targets for local renewable generation in the Community Energy Initiative</p>	Climate Change Office	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM0MDM0&statusId=MjAzODk3&language=en

			<div>the introduction of third-party ownership arrangements</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that prescribed types of renewable energy generation facilities are sited appropriately.				
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Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Policy Proposal Notice Food and Organic Waste Framework	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	January 15, 2018	<p>An EBR notice has been posted (013-1814) as a Policy Proposal Notice. The Ministry has developed a proposed Food and Organic Waste Framework as part of its commitments in the Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building a Circular Economy. The Framework consists of two complementary components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part A: Proposed Food and Organic Waste Action Plan which outlines strategic commitments to be taken by the province to address food and organic waste; and,• Part B: Proposed Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016, which provides direction to the province, municipalities, producers, IC&I sector, waste management sector, and others to further the provincial interest in waste reduction and resource recovery as it relates to food and organic waste. <p>The proposed Framework strives towards the achievement of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce food and organic waste• Recover resources from food waste and organic waste• Support resource recovery infrastructure• Promote beneficial uses of recovered resources <p>The proposed Framework includes actions and policies which support Ontarians as they prevent food and organic waste, rescue surplus food, recover resources from food and organic waste, and find sustainable end-uses for products made from organic materials.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	<p>Staff response on the proposed Framework will be consistent with our comments given at our invited participation at Ministry Food Waste Consultation Sessions.</p> <p>The City of Guelph has a vested interest in diverting food and organic waste from landfill through the operation of our Organic Waste Processing Facility, thereby reducing our carbon footprint and increasing our diversion rate.</p> <p>Further, due to some of the proposals in the framework, there may be considerations related to City operations, capacity, promotion/education, etc.</p>	Solid Waste Resources, Environmental Services	https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTI0&statusId=MjAzNzAz&language=en

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Developing a Voluntary Carbon Offsets Program for Ontario	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change	January 15, 2018	<p>The province is looking for feedback regarding the development of a program that enables the creation of carbon offset credits in Ontario's voluntary carbon offsets program.</p> <p>Ontario's proposed voluntary carbon offsets program will create a clear set of rules and requirements for anyone who wants to facilitate the creation of carbon offsets projects and to sell the credits generated from these projects to others. Ontario's program for quality branded voluntary carbon offsets would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a mechanism for government , the private	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline. A joint response will be prepared through EWaCC and Climate Change Office</p>	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach to energy planning.</p> <p>City energy-related projects will often result in lower carbon emissions, and may be eligible for the program. Further, the City already obtains credits for captured biogas at the Eastview decommissioned landfill site, and this program may impact the credit sale process.</p>	Climate Change Office	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNzM0&statusId=MjAzMzg0&language=en

			<div>sector and others to reduce both their carbon and ecological footprints;</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate participation by Indigenous, northern and agricultural communities and municipalities in the carbon market;• Promote additional environmental co-benefits; and• Drive innovation and support the transition to a low carbon economy.				
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Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Climate Change Adaptation	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	January 21, 2018	<p>The Province is seeking feedback regarding its climate change adaptation approach.</p> <p>Ontario has made progress on a number of climate change adaptation actions, and this proposal outlines the next set of actions to help ensure communities and their partner organizations, governments, private businesses and individual Ontarians have the information they need to build resilience in a changing climate</p>	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.</p> <p>A joint response will be prepared through EWaCC and Climate Change Office</p>	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach to climate change mitigation strategies and adaptation planning.</p> <p>Given that climate change is affecting Guelph, it is the City's desire to ensure provincial programming assists with our adaptation planning.</p>	Climate Change Office	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNjA3&statusId=MjAzMTcz&language=en

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
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Tire Regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA)	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)	January 22, 2018	<p>The MOECC is proposing a regulation under the RRCEA that would make tire producers environmentally accountable and financially responsible for recovering resources and reducing waste associated with tires that they supply into the Ontario market.</p> <p>The regulation would require producers to meet resource recovery standards and to establish an accessible and convenient tire collection network across Ontario to reduce the amount of tires lost to disposal, among other things.</p> <p>On December 1, 2017, the draft RRCEA tire regulation was posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Registry for a 52-day consultation period (Dec. 1, 2017 – Jan. 22, 2018). The proposed regulation outlines a number of requirements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting resource recovery and collection standards;• Providing a free and convenient used tire collection network in Ontario;• Educating consumers;• Registering with and reporting to the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority; and,• Other requirements, including record keeping and third-party audits. <p>The proposed regulation also includes phased-in implementation dates for requirements to enable a seamless transition for the management of tires in Ontario.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the EBR Registry and provided to Council following the consultation deadline.	<p>The City of Guelph has a vested interest in diverting tires from landfill, fostering the continued growth and development of the circular economy, and providing Guelph residents with accessible and well-communicated diversion services.</p> <p>Managing our resources more effectively will benefit Guelph residents, our environment and economy and support our efforts to fight climate change.</p>	Environmental Services	For details about the draft RRCEA regulation for tires, visit the EBR Registry

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Regulatory Proposal for Province-Wide Implementation of Green Button	Ministry of Energy	January 22, 2018	<p>The Green Button program is about appropriate access to smart meter data—and the ability to share that data with innovative applications, products, services, and solutions. It can therefore help Ontario households and businesses conserve energy and better manage their electricity bills.</p> <p>The proposed regulation would mandate the implementation of Green Button data management by electricity and natural gas utilities as the common standard for energy data and protocol for the secure transfer of energy data, upon authorization by the customer, to third parties of the customer's choice.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach to climate change mitigation strategies.</p> <p>The ability for customers to access electricity and natural gas meter data (or allow their data to be accessed by third parties) will help customers to understand their energy usage, and to work on reducing it.</p>	Climate Change	https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTk1&statusId=MjAzODI3&language=en

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
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Establishment of a regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (EBR 013-1840)	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)	February 20, 2018	<p>The proposed regulation would apply to municipal residential drinking water systems when they are proposing new or expanded systems with water sources that are within a source protection area, delineated in accordance with the Clean Water Act. The proposal would require owners of municipal residential drinking water systems to pass municipal council resolutions in support of any necessary amendments to the applicable assessment report(s) and source protection plan(s) prior to submitting an application for a new or an amendment to their existing drinking water works permit.</p> <p>The ministry is also proposing amendments to Ontario Regulation 287/07 "General" under the Clean Water Act which sets out the requirements for the preparation, approval and amendments of assessment reports and source protection plans (see separate posting EBR #013-1839 for details). These proposed amendments address implementation challenges and increase transparency related for minor plan amendments, including those related to properly decommissioned wells and intakes of municipal residential drinking water systems.</p>	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.</p> <p>Additionally, a Water Services representative will attend a public consultation event hosted by the MOECC.</p> <p>City of Guelph's position: If passed, the proposed Regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act would require a council resolution from other affected municipalities within our Source Water Wellhead Protection Area (Guelph/Eramosa, Puslinch and/or Milton) to pass a council resolution on the feasibility of new source water for Guelph before the source is approved by the Ministry.</p> <p>As the Environmental Assessment Process (EA) will scientifically assess the feasibility of a qualified source, a council resolution from a neighbouring municipality should not be required. Adoption of this requirement could allow for political interference and impede progress regardless of the conclusions of the EA.</p> <p>Water Services is recommending that a council resolution from an affected neighbouring</p>	<p>The EA Assessment Process is science based and will determine the feasibility of potential new drinking water sources for the City of Guelph. As such, adding the requirement to have a council resolution from a neighbouring municipality will not "add an additional level of assurance that drinking water is being protected at the source" that the Ministry indicates is the rationale for the proposed regulation. Furthermore, this proposal could have the unintended consequence of politicizing an already challenging science based process for new municipal water supply approval.</p>	Water Services	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTUx&statusId=MjAzNzUy&language=en

				<p>municipality be removed as a requirement to achieving Ministry approval to commission a new water source.</p> <p>This position will be articulated in the response to the ER posting and expressed during the public consultation.</p>			
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Guideline on Community Emissions Reduction Planning	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	March 4, 2018	<p>The Ministry is seeking feedback on a draft Guideline, which will help municipalities to complete greenhouse gas inventories and develop community emissions reduction plans. This Guideline supports actions on climate change and Growth Plan policies.</p> <p>The purpose of the Guideline is two-fold:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide implementation support to Growth Plan, 2017, policy 4.2.10 which requires municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to incorporate climate change policies in their municipal official plans and encourages them to complete greenhouse inventories, set targets, and develop emission reduction strategies; and,2. Support municipalities in conducting community energy and emissions planning under the Municipal Action Plan Program (name and program details still being developed) under the Five-Year Climate Change Action Plan.	<p>Staff to provide written comments to the MOECC prior to the deadline.</p> <p>Staff comments will be provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.</p>	<p>City staff want to ensure the Community Energy Initiative is in compliance with the guideline, along with the Official Plan and any other relevant policies and plans. Compliance may be an eligibility requirement for new funding programs disbursing the proceeds from the Cap and Trade system.</p>	Climate Change Office – support from Planning	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM0MjUy&statusId=MjA0MjMy&language=en

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Protecting Water for Future Generations: Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring	Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA)	March 7, 2018	<p>The Province is seeking input on a study area for potential Greenbelt expansion to protect water resources in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH).</p> <p>The study area is based on locations with high concentrations of important water features under pressure from current or forecasted urban development.</p> <p>The focus of this consultation is to seek input on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The province's approach to identifying moraines, coldwater streams and wetlands as important features for protecting water in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe • The process followed for mapping a study area based on the locations of these features • Other factors to be considered when mapping a proposed Greenbelt boundary, such as accommodating forecasted population and employment growth, and other provincial interests including agriculture, natural heritage, mineral aggregates and infrastructure, and any other local considerations. <p>The province has identified seven features and areas within their study area.</p> <p>Guelph is identified within the Province's study area.</p> <p>Natural heritage features and water resource areas that support the City's drinking water supply are adjacent to the City and may also be considered</p>	<p>A report to Council is scheduled for February 26, 2018 in order to endorse the City's comments.</p> <p>Community consultation can take place directly with Province via submission of comments through the EBR and/or through attendance at a public session.</p>	<p>Public consultation process is being led by the Province.</p> <p>The council report will provide formal City comments from a corporate/ technical planning perspective.</p> <p>The Province is seeking public input from all stakeholders directly through the EBR posting and public consultations that will be held in late January – February of 2018.</p> <p>Council can encourage members of the public to participate by submitting comments to the Province directly.</p>	<p>Planning Policy and Urban Design</p> <p>With input from Engineering and Capital Infrastructure - Source Water Protection & Services and Water Services</p>	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNzcz&statusId=MjAzNDU4&language=en

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			<p>through the review, along with the City's river corridors.</p> <p>There may also be implications effecting the City's long term growth management.</p>				



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January 8, 2018

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Reference: Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act (Bill 148)

Dear Honourable Wynne:

Please be advised that at the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on November 13, 2017 the attached resolution was passed and subsequently ratified by Council on December 15, 2017.

This resolution endorses and further strengthens the Township of Montague resolution 104-2017, a copy of which is attached, regarding the requirement for clarify in the act, specifically for municipal employers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve McDonald".

Steve McDonald,
CAO

c.c. Hon. Kevin Daniel Flynn, Minister of Labour
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario municipalities

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Agenda Item 7.c. 4.

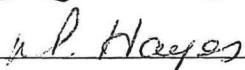
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MOVED BY:



SECONDED BY:



WHEREAS The Township of Muskoka Lakes is a responsible employer of choice with a union protected complement of public works employees;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Muskoka Lakes maintains a motivated and well-functioning volunteer fire department;

AND WHEREAS changes proposed in the Employment Standards Act by Bill 148 will result in exorbitant tax increases to maintain public and fire prevention services in a rural municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs have submitted position papers to the Ontario government;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Committee of the Whole recommend to Township Council that The Township of Muskoka Lakes requests that Bill 148 specifically state the relationship to other legislation and that Bill 148 requirements do not override statutory obligations that municipal governments are required to provide for public safety;

AND that The Township of Muskoka Lakes requests that Bill 148 provide an exemption to the 4-day scheduling requirement [s.21.5] for public safety needs including but not limited to snowplowing, child care, long-term care, water operations, emergency landing at municipal airports, emergency services (police/fire/EMS), emergency management (e.g.: floods, fire, safety threats, extreme weather events);

AND that The Township of Muskoka Lakes requests that Bill 148 provide an exemption from s. 21.4 for all municipal employees who are required to be on call to provide legislated obligated public safety services;

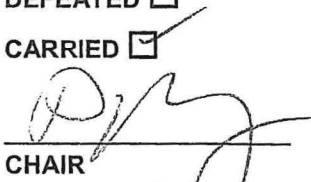
AND that The Township of Muskoka Lakes requests that Bill 148 maintain the exemptions for firefighters as defined by section 1(1) of the Fire Prevention and Protection Act from hours of work, daily rest periods, time off between shifts, overtime, public holidays and clarify a new exemption from paid personal emergency leave days;

AND that The Township of Muskoka Lakes requests that Bill 148 specifically exempt all firefighters as defined by section 1(1) of the Fire Prevention and Protection Act from the minimum three-hours rule (s. 21.3) as it is built into their work responsibilities;

AND that the Township of Muskoka Lakes request that the government of Ontario conduct a full economic impact study of Bill 148 to study the effect of the Bill on businesses and municipalities across Ontario;

AND that this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Labour Kevin Daniel Flynn, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

RECORDED VOTE:	NAYS	YEAS
COUNCILLOR BARANIK (Deputy Mayor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILLOR BARRICK-SPEARN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILLOR CURRIE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILLOR HARDING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILLOR HAYES (Acting Deputy Mayor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILLOR LEDGER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILLOR MCTAGGART	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILLOR NISHIKAWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MAYOR FURNISS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTALS	_____	_____
Recorded Vote Requested by: _____		

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October 2nd, 2017

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building - Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto Ontario, M7A 1A1
Via Email

Dear Premier Wynne,

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Montague passed the following resolution at its meeting of Committee of the Whole of September 19th, 2017:

MOVED BY: K. Van Der Meer RESOLUTION NO: 104-2017
SECONDED BY: I. Streight DATE: September 19, 2017

WHEREAS The Township of Montague maintains a motivated and well-functioning volunteer fire department;

AND WHEREAS changes proposed to on-call provisions in the Employment Standards Act by Bill 148 will result in exorbitant tax increases to maintain fire prevention services in a rural municipality;

AND WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities will be unable to maintain fire services if this change is enacted;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has submitted a position paper to the Ontario government specifically requesting the exemption of all municipal volunteer firefighters;

NOW THEREFORE The Township of Montague requests that all municipal employees be specifically exempted from the on-call changes proposed by Bill 148;

AND That the Township of Montague request that the government of Ontario conduct a full economic impact study of Bill 148 to study the effect of the Bill on businesses and municipalities across Ontario;

AND That this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Labour Kevin Daniel Flynn, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Jasmin Ralph
Clerk

Cc: Minister of Labour Kevin Daniel Flynn;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities