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Council Highlights

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2022 application for deeming by-law

Council received the report respecting an application for deeming by-law approval for the property municipally addressed as 411 Bouchier St. and approved the recommendation to deem lot 9, Town plot of Keswick, not to be a lot on a registered plan of subdivision for the purpose of Section 50(3) and in accordance with Section 50(4) of the Planning Act. The subject property is a lakeside property located in Roches Point, west of Metro Road North and on the south side of Bouchier Street. The owner is proposing to demolish and replace the existing detached garage and carriage house.

Credit facilities approval for 2022 fiscal year

Council received the report regarding the credit facilities approval for the 2022 fiscal year. Council approved the recommendation to authorize the Mayor and treasurer to jointly enter into borrowing agreements, should the unanticipated need arise, by way of promissory note, the amounts required to meet the current expenditures of the corporation in 2022, until property taxes are collected and other revenues received.

Motion regarding OHIP covered eye care fees

Council endorsed a motion calling on the Ontario government to address the issue of underfunding of eye care:

Whereas routine eye care is critical to overall health, quality of life, and early detection of eye disease, such as glaucoma, cataracts and macular degeneration; and,

Whereas OHIP payments for eye care have increased by nine per cent over the last 30 years, which is outpaced by inflationary costs to provide eye exams such as rent, staff, utilities, equipment, taxes, supplies, and investment in modern technology to allow for earlier detection of eye disease; and,

Whereas the optometrists have reported absorbing approximately \$173 million annually in the cost to deliver eye care to Ontarians; and,

Whereas Ontario optometrists took action after the 2021 Ontario Budget did not address OHIP-insured eye care, and voted to withdraw OHIP services beginning Sept. 1, 2021, unless the government agrees to legally-binding negotiations to provide cost recovery for these services; and,

Whereas this job action will jeopardize the provision of eye care and will have the greatest impact on vulnerable groups, including children and the elderly.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Council strongly encourages the provincial government enter into negotiations with Ontario optometrists to address OHIP-insured eye care and to fund these services at least to the cost of delivery, and,
2. That the Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Christine Elliott – Minister of Health, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney – Minister of Transportation, Member of

Parliament for York-Simcoe Scot Davidson, the Regional Municipality of York and the Ontario Association of Optometrists to seek their support, and be made publicly available.

Closed session

In regard to Closed Session Item No. 18.1.a, being a personal matter about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees under Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act;

1. That the Mayor and staff proceed as directed by Council.

Additional Council Information

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