

City Council Committee Reports for 2023

Date: June 20, 2023 Recorder: McCauley

Community Service Committee

Councillors Attending		Others Attending	Address
James McCauley	<i>m</i>	<i>Molly Ettenborough</i>	<i>Sustainability Dir</i>
Jennie Donahue	<i>m</i>	<i>Andrew Levine</i>	<i>CoS</i>
Connie Preston	<i>m</i>	<i>Jessica Atherton</i>	<i>Acting Head Librarian</i>
Byron J. Lane		<i>Jane Snow</i>	
Ed Cameron		<i>Stephanie Nikitec</i>	
Heather L. Shand	<i>x</i>		
Afroz Khan			
Bruce L. Vogel			
Christine E. Wallace	<i>x</i>		
Sharif I. Zeid			
Mark Wright			

AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION TAKEN

<i>Approval of Previous Minutes</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>COMM 489 Acting Head Librarian</i>	<i>Recommend 3-0</i>
<i>Comm 490 Bike Feasibility Locations</i>	<i>Recommend 3-0</i>
<i>ORDR 455 ACO Intermunicipal Agreement</i>	<i>Recommend 3-0</i>
<i>ORDR 468 Wheelabrator Contract</i>	<i>Recommend 3-0</i>

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Agenda Items

Chair Cllr McCauley, Cllr Preston, Cllr Donahue

Approval of Previous Minutes N/A Committee:

Comm489 Acting Head Librarian

With the resignation and departure of the current Head Librarian, the Administration is naming Jessica Atherton to the position of Acting Head Librarian during the search for a permanent replacement. Jessica was present to discuss her appointment and to provide insights to the committee. Jessica gave us an overview of her experience: 10yrs, work in reference library, experience with work scheduling, always some challenges but the staff and community have been supportive. Reinstated Summer programming and reading.

Cnlr Preston: Curious if you would be a candidate for the permanent position?. Ans: No, work-life balance. What is the hiring environment? Ans: we think it is good, meaning candidates are available.

Cnlr Donahue: congratulated Jessica, and hears things are going smoothly. She is supportive.

Cnlr McCauley: How did the plan by the previous Librarian for cross-training impact this transition? Ans: it allowed us to continue our operations.

Committee: Recommend 3-0

Comm490 Bike Feasibility Locations

This was an update to the conditional approval of CPA funds for a bike study. In addition to March's Hill, 5 sites were names to be equally evaluated. No further request made.

Committee: Recommend 3-0

ORDR450 ACO Intermunicipal Agreement

This order is the result of a review of the existing agreement between Nbpt and WNby in the sharing of Animal Control Officer Resources. The original framework assumed that the work would be 70-30 with Nbpt having the bulk of the workload. Over time this is not accurate. This agreement realigns the % split. The new agreement will be for 2years and costs will be allocated 70-30 in year 1 (due to timing of WNbry already approved budget) moving to 65-35 in year 2.

Cnlr Donahue: Is there discrepancy in volume of Dog Licenses? Ans: unknown CoS Levine will follow up. Comment: Feels ACO does a good job.

Cnlr Preston: So we are shifting costs due to real data, will we be tracking this data and possibly adjust again? Ans; Yes, tracking, and Yes, could adjust again.

Committee: Recommend 3-0

ORDR468 Wheelabrator contract

Molly Ettenborough was present to walk us through the renewal agreement with our current vendor. This is an extension of the same terms from 2023 thru 2028. The contract has the same terms as we have been under. The only change is the pricing table. The table has ben updated to reflect the economic realities of waste management. Committee discussed longer term options: increase composting, unmanned trash collections, limit size of bins etc. City creates ~5400 tons of waste per year. For now, this contract is the best outcome we can manage.

Committee: Recommend 3-0

Motion to adjourn 3-0.