



**Minutes**  
**Owen Sound City Council**  
**March 1, 2021**  
**City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East**  
**6:15 p.m. - Closed Session - Basement Boardroom**  
**7:00 p.m. - Open Session - Council Chambers**

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Mayor Ian Boddy  
  
Deputy Mayor Brian O'Leary  
Councillor Travis Dodd  
Councillor Scott Greig  
Councillor Brock Hamley  
Councillor Marion Koepke  
Councillor Carol Merton  
Councillor John Tamming  
Councillor Richard Thomas

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Tim Simmonds, City Manager  
Kate Allan, Director of Corporate Services  
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services  
Dennis Kefalas, Director of Public Works and Engineering  
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk  
Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk  
Aidan Ware, Director and Chief Curator, TTAG

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The meeting convened in Open Session at 6:15 p.m. All members and staff noted above were present. The Fire Chief and the Human Resources Manager were also present.

**1. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

R-210301-001

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**"THAT City Council now move into Closed Session to consider:**

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on February 8, 2021;**
- b. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Council meeting held on February 18, 2021;**
- c. One matter regarding labour relations or employee negotiations and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality respecting CUPE 1189; and**
- d. One matter regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees and labour relations or employee negotiations respecting a City position."**

Carried.

## **2. DECLARATION TO MOVE TO THE OPEN SESSION**

The business of the Closed Session having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the Closed Session at 6:37 p.m. Council moved to the Regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. All Council and staff members listed above were present.

## **3. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Boddy advised that in Closed Session City Council:

- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on February 8, 2021;
- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Council meeting held on February 18, 2021;
- Discussed one matter regarding labour relations or employee negotiations and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality respecting CUPE 1189, and direction was provided to staff; and
- Discussed one matter regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees and labour relations or employee negotiations respecting a City position, and no direction was given.

## **4. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

### **4.a City Manager Re: A/V Upgrades and Meeting Management**

The City Manager advised that this Council meeting is the first meeting being conducted with the upgrades to the audio-visual system and new meeting management software. Mr. Simmonds thanked staff for the work they put in to ensure the new upgrades were completed successfully.

### **4.b Mayor Boddy Re: Mayor's Update**

### **4.c Councillor Dodd Re: Savour Owen Sound**

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **5.a Councillor Tamming - Presentation from Richard-Yves Sitoski, Poet Laureate Re: Poem Reading**

Councillor Tamming declared a non-disqualifying interest with Item 9.a due to his sponsorship of the Poet Laureate program.

## **6. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **6.a Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on February 8, 2021**

R-210301-002

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**"THAT the minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on February 8, 2021 as printed be adopted."**

Carried.

6.b Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 8, 2021

R-210301-003

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**"THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 8, 2021 as printed be adopted."**

Carried.

6.c Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Council meeting held on February 18, 2021

R-210301-004

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**"THAT the minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Council meeting held on February 18, 2021 as printed be adopted."**

Carried.

6.d Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on February 18, 2021

R-210301-005

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**"THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on February 18, 2021 as printed be adopted."**

Carried.

## **7. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

R-210301-006

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**"THAT City Council now move into Committee of the Whole to consider public meetings, deputations and presentations, public question period, matters arising from correspondence, reports of City staff, consent agenda, committee minutes, matters postponed, motions for which notice was previously given and additional business."**

Carried.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **8. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

There were no public meetings.

### **9. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

9.a Presentation from Richard-Yves Sitoski, Poet Laureate Re: Poem Reading

Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library CEO Tim Nicholls

Harrison introduced Poet Laureate, Richard-Yves Sitoski and provided an overview of the Poet Laureate program.

Mr. Sitoski read a poem titled "A Defiant Little Poem for Uncertain Times" which highlighted the importance of poetry in the uncertain times of COVID-19.

9.b Presentation from the Director and Chief Curator of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Re: Art Gallery Expansion Ad Hoc Committee

The Director and Chief Curator of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery provided a presentation on the challenges currently being encountered at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery. Ms. Ware advised that the Art Gallery is facing a shortage of space to store the Art Gallery's collection, meaning that there is currently no room for growth in the gallery.

Ms. Ware noted that art pieces are currently being stored improperly due to the lack of space. Currently, the gallery is using the art studio for additional storage space. In addition to the lack of storage space, Ms. Ware noted that there is insufficient workspace at the gallery, requiring some staff to work in spaces that were designed to be closets, and others working in part of the art studio.

Ms. Ware noted that the gallery does not have a staff breakroom, and faces issues with accessibility. Ms. Ware advised that the Gallery needs to be updated to bring it back to its full potential.

Lastly, Ms. Ware provided an overview of the proposed Tom Thomson Art Gallery Expansion Ad Hoc Committee, and reviewed the Terms of Reference.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

12. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

12.a Report CS-21-016 from the Intermediate Planner Re: Technical Report for Zoning By-law Amendment No. 33 Thompson Centres Inc.

The Director of Community Services provided an overview of the report.

R-210301-007

Moved by Councillor Hamley

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-016 respecting the proposed multi-unit commercial development at 1960 16<sup>th</sup> Street East, City Council directs staff to continue to process Zoning By-law Amendment No. 33 in accordance with the process outlined in this report."**

Carried.

12.b Report OP-21-006 from the Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: 10th Street Bridge Dedication Plaque Wording Approval

The Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that Staff Report OP-21-006 is being pulled from the agenda, and will be brought back to the March 15, 2021 Council meeting with updated information.

- 12.c Report CR-21-024 from the Manager of Human Resources Re: City of Owen Sound Customer Service Standards Policy

The Director of Corporate Service provided an overview of the report.

R-210301-008

Moved by Councillor Dodd

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-21-024 respecting Accessible Customer Service Standards Policy, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to adopt the Accessible Customer Service Standards Policy attached to this report."**

Carried.

- 12.d Report CR-21-020 from the Deputy Clerk Re: Public Appointments to the Community Services and Operations Committees

The Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the report.

R-210301-009

Moved by Councillor Koepke

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-21-020 respecting Public Appointments to the Community Services and Operations Committees, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to amend the Board and Committee By-law to:**

- 1. Remove Sharif Rahman and Krista Youngblood from the Community Services Committee;**
- 2. Appoint Mark Barbosa to the Community Services Committee with a term beginning immediately, and ending on January 31, 2022;**
- 3. Remove Graham Jordan from the Operations Committee; and**
- 4. Appoint Sally Wylie to the Operations Committee with a term beginning immediately, and ending on January 31, 2022."**

Carried.

- 12.e Report CR-21-026 from the City Clerk Re: 2021 Council Seating

The City Clerk provided an overview of the report. Mayor Boddy drew Councillors' names from an envelope at random to determine where each member will sit beginning on March 15, 2021.

R-210301-010

Moved by Councillor Thomas

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-21-026 respecting 2022 Council Seating, City Council receives the report for information purposes."**

Carried.

- 12.f Verbal Report from the Deputy Mayor Re: Grey County Council and Grey Bruce Board of Health

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that Grey County received funding through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, totaling \$2,312,900 for phase one, with an additional \$1,227,247 in phase two. The funds are

aimed to support individuals in community housing, supportive housing, those with low income, and those experiencing homelessness.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary added that the County of Grey has an investment plan for Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative and will be one percent of its annual budget to housing each year.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that as of February 28, 2021, Grey and Bruce Counties have had a total of 703 case of Covid-19 to date, with 12 active case, one case currently hospitalized, and two deaths. Deputy Mayor O'Leary added that as of March 1, 2021, the Grey Bruce Health Unit has moved to green in the provincial framework.

Regarding Covid-19 vaccination efforts, Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that all staff and residents in long-term care homes, and home healthcare workers in Grey and Bruce Counties have been vaccinated. Deputy Mayor O'Leary added that the Hockey Hub will be put into operation to act as a mass immunization clinic as vaccine distribution scales up.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that the Grey Bruce Health Unit has received and reviewed re-opening plans for locations that were closed due to Covid-19 and are conducting inspections where needed. Contact tracing in Grey and Bruce continue to exceed provincial targets with all contacts being traced within 24 hours.

Lastly, Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that there has been no change taken by the Grey Bruce Health Unit respecting the opioid crisis, and that the health unit is finalizing contracts with EMS in Grey and Bruce to have EMS dispense naloxone. Additionally, a sharps disposal unit has been installed in Owen Sound as a trial program.

R-210301-011

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided March 1, 2021 from Deputy Mayor O'Leary respecting Grey County Council and Grey Bruce Board of Health, City Council receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."**

Carried.

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 13.a Report CS-21-014 from the Senior Manager of Property and Parks Re: Harrison Park Community Centre Enabling Accessibility Grant Extension
- 13.b Memorandum from the Junior Planner Re: External Planning Policy Comment Summary – December 2020 and January 2021
- 13.c Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
  - Georgian Waters Counselling, a counselling service located at 1142 2nd Avenue East
  - Moonfire Cannabis, a retail cannabis store located at 1050 2nd Avenue East, Unit 5
  - Maple and Moon Studio, a woodworking and craft studio located at 295 8th A Avenue East

- 13.d Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council

R-210301-012

Moved by Councillor Koepke

**"THAT City Council receives Items 13.a to 13.d on the Consent Agenda dated March 1, 2021, and further**

**THAT the recommendation contained in Report 13.a be approved, and further**

**THAT Item 7 contained within Item 13.d on the Consent Agenda be referred to the Corporate Services Committee for information purposes."**

Carried.

#### **14. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

- 14.a Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on February 23, 2021

R-210301-013

Moved by Councillor Hamley

**"THAT the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on February 23, 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."**

Carried.

Councillor Dodd left the Council Chambers at this time.

- 14.b Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on February 17, 2021

R-210301-014

Moved by Councillor Koepke

**"THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on February 17, 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."**

Carried.

- 14.c Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on February 9, 2021

Councillor Dodd returned to his chair.

R-210301-015

Moved by Councillor Hamley

**"THAT the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on February 9, 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."**

Carried.

- 14.d Minutes of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee meeting held on January 27, 2021

R-210301-016

Moved by Councillor Tamming

**"THAT the minutes of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee meeting held on January 27, 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."**

Carried.

**15. MATTERS POSTPONED**

There were no postponed matters.

**16. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN**

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

**17. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

17.a A/V Upgrades and Meeting Management

This Item was discussed during Item 4.a.

17.b Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy asked the Director of Community Services to provide an overview of the upcoming Special Meeting of Council. The Director of Community Services advised that the Special Council Meeting will take place on March 15, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to discuss the City's draft Official Plan. Anyone wishing to participate in the meeting is asked to contact the City Clerk to register.

Mayor Boddy advised that Grey and Bruce Counties have returned to the green stage of the provincial re-opening framework, adding that this is an amazing accomplishment. Mayor Boddy reminded everyone to continue watching their distance, washing their hands, and wearing a mask when distancing proves difficult. Mayor Boddy advised that if we continue to remain vigilant in our efforts to stop Covid-19, we may be able to avoid a potential third wave locally.

Mayor Boddy advised that the City has recently launched its 'Work from Home Capital of Canada' promotion for Owen Sound. Mayor Boddy advised that he has conducted approximately eight radio interview about the campaign, with positive feedback from all of them. Mayor Boddy advised that a land developer recently reached out to him about the prospect of working from home who was excited to help make Owen Sound the Work from Home Capital.

17.c Savour Owen Sound

Councillor Dodd advised that the Savour Owen Sound event is taking place for the month of March that encourages individuals to get out and visit local restaurants. The event features several local restaurants that will be offering a three-course meal with dine-in and take-out options. By visiting two or more participating restaurants, patrons can submit their signed receipts to enter a draw for a chance to win a Savour Foodie Basket valued at \$1,000.



**18. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT**

R-210301-017

Moved by Councillor Koepke

**"THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report."**

Carried.

**FORMAL SESSION**

**19. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

R-210301-018

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**"THAT the action taken in Committee of the Whole in considering public meetings, deputations and presentations, public question period, matters arising from correspondence, reports of City staff, consent agenda, committee minutes, matters postponed, motions for which notice was previously given and additional business be confirmed by this Council."**

Carried.

**20. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**21. BY-LAWS**

21.a By-law No. 2021-019

"A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound held on the 1st day of March, 2021"

21.b By-law No. 2021-020

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Letter of Agreement with Her Majesty The Queen In Right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario, respecting the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program"

21.c By-law No. 2021-021

"A By-law to authorize the use of internet and telephone voting in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election"

21.d By-law No. 2021-022

"A By-law to adopt Policy No. CMA66 Video Surveillance"

21.e By-law No 2021-023

"A By-law to adopt Policy No. CrS-HR62 Accessible Customer Service Standards"

21.f By-law No. 2021-024

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a second amendment to the Grant Agreement with Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Employment and Social Development respecting the Harrison Park Community Centre Accessibility Project"

21.g By-law No. 2021-025

"A By-law to amend Board and Committee By-law No. 2021-004 to remove certain committee members who have resigned and appoint Mark Barbosa to the Community Services Committee and Sally Wylie to the Operations Committee"

R-210301-019

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**"THAT By-law Numbers 2021-019, 2021-020, 2021-021, 2021-022, 2021-023, 2021-024, and 2021-025 be passed and enacted."**

Carried.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Mayor Ian C. Boddy

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Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk