



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

September 27, 2021

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

No Closed Session

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

1. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

2. DECLARATION TO MOVE TO THE OPEN SESSION

There being no Closed Session, Mayor Boddy called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council and staff members listed above were present.

Mayor Boddy acknowledged with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinaabe Peoples whose traditional territories we gather on, and whose ancestors signed Treaties 82, 45 1/2, and 72 with our ancestors. Mayor Boddy also recognized the Great Lakes Metis whose ancestors shared this land and these waters.

3. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

4. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 4.a Councillor Tamming Re: Sweetwater Music Festival, Intersections and Steven Hogbin, Non-Resident Parking, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and Derelict Properties
- 4.b Councillor Greig Re: REACH Centre Grey Bruce Ribbon Cutting
- 4.c Mayor Boddy Re: Mayor's Update

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 5.a Councillor Hamley - Report CS-21-129 from the Manager of Arena Operations
Re: Ontario Trillium Foundation – Community Building Fund, Capital Stream –
Application for the Bayshore Community Centre

Councillor Hamley declared a conflict of interest with Item 12.d due to his
employment with the Government of Ontario.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

- 6.a Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on September 13, 2021

R-210927-001

Moved by Councillor Merton

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**"THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on September 13,
2021 as printed be adopted."**

Carried.

7. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-210927-002

Moved by Councillor Merton

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 Deputation from MaryLynn West-Moynes, President and CEO and Steve Lowe,
Georgian College Board of Governors Re: Recent Economic Development

MaryLynn West-Moynes, President and CEO of Georgian College and Steve
Lowe, Georgian College Board of Governors joined the meeting electronically
and provided a deputation on Georgian College's recent economic development.

Dr. West-Moynes advised that earlier in 2021, Georgian College shared the
results of an economic impact. The study demonstrates how Georgian College
adds value to Owen Sound and enhances the lives of students. The study found
that Georgian College has added \$1.7 billion to the local economy in the areas
surrounding the college's seven campuses. Based on data from 2019-2020, the
Owen Sound campus added \$93.5 million to the local economy through
operational and student spending, and alumni impact.

Dr. West-Moynes advised that Georgian College has worked diligently to support
students and the community throughout the pandemic, and will be welcoming
Dave Shorey as the new Executive Director in October, 2021. Mr. Shorey's
expertise will be vital to community partnerships. Georgian also conducted the
world's first blended power propulsion pilot courses using iCloud simulation that
allowed students to participate, practice, and troubleshoot the operation of an
engine powerplant from their homes on a server located in Norway. Dr. West-

Moynes added that the City's past financial investment in marine activities has been greatly appreciated and has delivered extensive impact to the local community.

Dr. West-Moynes advised that Georgian College received an overwhelming response in applications to the one-time accelerated personal support worker (PSW) program which began in May 2021 at the Owen Sound campus. The provincial government provided funding to cover student tuition, as well as compulsory and ancillary fees. The accelerated PSW program was designed to quickly get PSWs into the healthcare sector due to the increased demand for the role brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

With respect to COVID-19, Georgian College's practical nursing students have been assisting at the Grey Bruce Health Unit's mass immunization clinics, providing students with an excellent hands-on learning experience.

Dr. West-Moynes advised that Georgian College is proud of its achievements in evolving the way people learn, work, and support college partners in recent years. This has been exceptionally evident in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. At present, Georgian College is focused on three strategic priorities being digital innovation; equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging; and fostering an agile culture.

Dr. West-Moynes noted the recent crisis in healthcare and highlighted the nursing shortage currently plaguing the Province of Ontario, and announced Georgian College's investment in a four-year Honours Bachelor of Science - Nursing (BScN) program, the first of its kind for Central Ontario, that is scheduled to be launched in September 2022. This program will allow students to complete all four years full time at the Owen Sound or Barrie campuses. The Owen Sound campus must undergo a transformation to be able to support the BScN program through updated equipment, transforming technology, and creating new scholarships and awards to support future nursing students.

Steve Lowe advised that it is an incredible opportunity for both the City and the college to be able to offer a home-grown BScN at the Owen Sound campus that will also be able to provide practical experience in Owen Sound, where previously, students would have been required to gain practical experience in a larger urban centre. Mr. Lowe advised that there is a looming nursing shortage across the country, and Owen Sound is not immune to this. Owen Sound will benefit from the continued level of excellence in local healthcare now, and into the future.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from members of 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 CM-21-023 from the City Manager Re: Owen Sound Billy Bishop Airport Declaration of Surplus Land

The City Manager provided an overview of the report.

R-210927-003

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CM-21-023 respecting declaring the Owen Sound Billy Bishop Regional Airport to be surplus land, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to declare the following property, comprising the Owen Sound Billy Bishop Regional Airport, surplus to the

needs of the municipality in accordance with Disposition of Land By-law No. 2012-195:

1. **LT 20 CON 1 NCR SYDENHAM; LOT 20 CON 2 NCR SYDENHAM PT 1, 2 16R3434; S/T SY14307; MEAFORD, also knows as 203807 Highway 26; and**
2. **PT LT 19-20 CON 1 SCR SYDENHAM PT 1-3 16R3585 & AS IN R266818 (SECONDLY); S/T R271880: S/T R300648; MEAFORD, also known as 203816 Highway 26."**

Prior to a vote on the motion, Councillor Merton requested a recorded vote.

	In Favor	Opposed
Councillor Dodd	X	
Councillor Greig	X	
Councillor Hamley	X	
Councillor Koepke		X
Councillor Merton		X
Councillor Tamming	X	
Councillor Thomas	X	
Deputy Mayor O'Leary	X	
Mayor Boddy	X	
Results	7	2

Carried. (7 to 2)

- 12.b Report CR-21-087 from the City Clerk Re: Electronic Participation for Public Question Period

The City Clerk provided an overview of the report.

R-210927-004

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-21-087 respecting Electronic Participation for Public Question Period, City Council directs staff to include electronic participation for public question period in the Procedural By-law update as outlined in the report."

Carried.

- 12.c Report CS-21-128 from the Junior Planner Re: Site Plan Approval (ST2021-009) – 615 6th Street 'A' East – Bayview Wellness and Treatment Centre

The Director of Community Services provided an overview of the report and noted that Naomi Vodden from Grey Bruce Health Services has joined the meeting electronically to respond to any questions that arise respecting the operation of the Bayview Wellness and Treatment Centre.

Responding to questions of Council, Ms. Vodden advised that there is currently a treatment centre located next to the Grey County building which would be moving to 615 6th Street 'A' East. The new location will allow for an expansion of the current program with an additional 34 staff being hired. The focus will be on Grey and Bruce residents with a health impact assessment being completed which will include neighbourhood engagement.

R-210927-005

Moved by Councillor Thomas

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-128 respecting Site Plan Approval (ST2021-009) for a proposed change of use from an Elementary School to a Public Use and the reconfiguration of the existing parking area and site access at 615 6th Street 'A' East, City Council:

- 1. Approves the Site Plan by G.M. Diemert Architect Inc., dated August 10, 2021, subject to the conditions outlined in Schedule 'E'; and,**
- 2. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Site Plan Agreement, and any other items for implementing Site Plan Approval (ST2021-009) at 615 6th Street 'A' East."**

Carried.

- 12.d Report CS-21-132 from the Manager of Community Development and Marketing
Re: Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada Sponsorship Packages

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

R-210927-006

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-132 respecting Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada 2022 Sponsorship Packages, City Council:

- 1. Approves the attached sponsorship packages for Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada 2022;**
- 2. Directs staff to work with the Rogers sponsorship consultant to secure sponsorships for the event;**
- 3. Directs staff to retain Harron Marketing to produce the Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada Commemorative Program generally as outlined in the report; and**
- 4. Approves the signing authority for sponsorship as outlined in the report."**

Carried.

- 12.e Report CS-21-113 from the Director of Community Services Re: Agreement of Purchase and Sale – Former 8th Street Water Reservoir

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

R-210927-007

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-113 respecting the Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the former 8th Street Water Reservoir, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the execution of all documents necessary to complete the transaction."

Carried.

Having declared a conflict of interest, Councillor Hamley left the Council Chambers at this time.

- 12.f Report CS-21-129 from the Manager of Arena Operations Re: Ontario Trillium Foundation – Community Building Fund, Capital Stream – Application for the Bayshore Community Centre

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

R-210927-008

Moved by Councillor Thomas

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-129 respecting an application by the City of Owen Sound to the Community Building Fund – Capital Stream at the Bayshore Community Centre, City Council approves an application for replacement of the refrigeration plant compressors, condenser, and shell and tube chiller with a project value of \$496,682.20."

Carried.

Councillor Hamley returned to his chair.

Councillor Dodd left the Council Chambers.

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

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that throughout this term, Grey County Council has made significant contributions to Georgian College, specifically in the areas of education assistance, electrical, construction and maintenance, industrial electricians, automotive service technicians and boilermaker apprenticeship, electrical pre-apprenticeship in partnership with Bruce Power, accelerated Personal Support Worker cohort, marine advanced integrated simulator, and the four-year Bachelor of Science - Nursing by contributing \$1 million to the program.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services has approved the Grey Bruce Health Unit's (GBHU) funding plan and has recognized the GBHU's leadership in prioritizing the delivery of 'Healthy Babies, Healthy Children' services in the last year as a key part of the COVID-19 response given high levels of risk and vulnerabilities families are experiencing. The Ministry has recognized the innovative approaches to service delivery that the GBHU is employing to support the 'Healthy Babies, Healthy Children' program, including recruiting temporary staff to backfill for nurses who have been redeployed to support pandemic efforts, implementing streamlined assessment processes, and delivering virtual services to families.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that there was a vaccine distribution error by Indigenous Services Canada that resulted in several individuals in the Saugeen First Nation receiving expired COVID-19 vaccinations. Saugeen First Nation staff and the GBHU were not involved in the handling or administration of the vaccines related to this incident. The GBHU has supported the community health team by verifying and evaluating the error.

Councillor Dodd returned to his chair.

Lastly, Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that the GBHU continues to offer public health services and activities unrelated to COVID-19.

R-210927-009

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided September 27, 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 Community Flag Flying Request Re: Zonta Club of Owen Sound

13.b Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:

- Fin City Fish and Chips, a fish and chip restaurant located at 1405 2nd Avenue West, Unit 4

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

R-210927-010

Moved by Councillor Merton

"THAT City Council receives Items 13.a to 13.c on the Consent Agenda dated September 27, 2021."

Carried.

R-210927-011

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of correspondence from Dennis Kalichuk listed on the September 27, 2021 Consent Agenda respecting Ontario Petition for Change regarding homelessness, mental health and addictions in Ontario, City Council directs staff to send a letter of support to Mr. Kalichuk."

Carried.

14. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

14.a Minutes of the Community Development, Tourism and Culture Advisory Committee meeting held on September 10, 2021

R-210927-012

Moved by Councillor Thomas

"THAT the minutes of the Community Development, Tourism and Culture Advisory Committee meeting held on September 10, 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

14.b Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on September 15, 2021

R-210927-013

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on September 15, 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

14.c Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on September 14, 2021

R-210927-014

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on September 14, 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 September 1, 2021

R-210927-015

Moved by Councillor Tamming

"THAT the minutes of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee meeting held on September 1, 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 Sweetwater Music Festival, Intersections and Steven Hogbin, Non-Resident Parking, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and Derelict Properties

Councillor Tamming advised that the Sweetwater Music Festival took place once again at the Harmony Centre, and featured several talented musicians. The festival wrapped up with a backyard riverfront concert that ended with an encore piece. Councillor Tamming extended congratulations to those who organized and performed in the festival.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary left the Council Chambers.

Councillor Tamming advised that he recently attended a brainstorming session for Steve Hogbin, owner and operator of 'Intersections'. Mr. Hogbin is a world-class wood craftsman who is aging and no longer able to operate the facility in the same way he once was. Councillor Tamming advised that a group of individuals recently convened at Intersection to discuss how to preserve Mr. Hogbin's legacy and keep his grand vision alive. The session ended with volunteers signing up to be part of a steering committee to find solutions to keep the organization going. Councillor Tamming encourage anyone with a passion for or interest in Mr. Hogbin's work to contact Intersections or Maryanne at the Ginger Press.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary returned to his chair.

Councillor Tamming advised that during the December 3, 2020 budget meeting, Council directed staff to bring forward a report on non-resident paid parking at various locations throughout the City. Councillor Tamming added that no decision has been made on the matter as the report has yet to be presented to Council. Councillor Tamming asked the City Manager when Council can expect the report to be brought forward for Council's consideration. The City Manager advised that staff will work to present the report at the October 18, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Councillor Tamming advised that he recently visited several areas in Owen Sound and noted that there are many buildings that are empty, derelict, or in disrepair. Councillor Tamming presented images of select locations in the City and enquired whether anything could be done from a by-law enforcement perspective, or through the creation of a department or committee of civic beauty to beautify the City. Councillor Merton raised a point of order, stating that some of these buildings are recognizable to the public and the owners of these buildings may be easily identified by Councillor Tamming's images. Councillor Merton advised that by displaying these images, Council may be insulting or creating a

negative impression of the owners of these buildings. Mayor Boddy ruled that Councillor Tamming was permitted to finish the discussion of this item without making reference to specific properties.

Lastly, Councillor Tamming noted that September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Councillor Tamming advised that he is privileged to know two leaders of the local Nawash First Nation, being Wilmer Nadjiwon and Basil Johnston. Councillor Tamming noted that each of these individuals attended the Spanish Residential School. Councillor Tamming encouraged anyone interested in starting on the path to reconciliation to pick up a copy of Mr. Johnston's book titled 'Indian School Days' that recounts his time at the residential school. Councillor Tamming also recommended Mr. Nadjiwon's book 'Not Wolf, Nor Dog', that highlights Nadjiwon's time in the residential school system, as well as his time after when he became an Indigenous leader in the community.

17.b REACH Centre Grey Bruce Ribbon Cutting

Councillor Greig advised that he and Councillor Thomas recently attended the REACH Centre Grey Bruce ribbon cutting in place of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Councillor Greig noted that REACH Centre Grey Bruce has officially opened at their new location at 369 8th Street, Owen Sound. REACH Centre Grey Bruce works to enrich the lives of adults with developmental disabilities. These individuals were more negatively impacted by COVID-19 than most due to restrictions that were put in place.

REACH Centre Grey Bruce formerly conducted their programs from a church four days per week, but has since secured a property, and with the help of donations from the community, has transformed its new space into a warm and welcoming space offering a variety of programs from arts to life skills. On behalf of Council, Councillor Greig thanked those who donated to the organization and extended congratulations to everyone involved with securing and enhancing the new space.

17.c Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy advised that he recently attended a flag raising ceremony at City Hall for Franco-Ontarian Day to celebrate French culture and language in the community. Mayor Boddy added that Owen Sound is home to École catholique Saint-Dominique-Savio, a French-only school with approximately 175 students.

Mayor Boddy advised that he recently participated in a video conference with Mayor Michelle Collins, Mayor of Miamisburg, Ohio, Owen Sound's twin city. Both communities share similarities such as historic downtowns along the edges of rivers. Mayor Boddy advised that both communities hope to revive their cross-boarder friendships and do exchanges to share ideas and hospitality as has been done in the past. Mayor Boddy encouraged Owen Sound's service clubs to reach out to their counterparts in Miamisburg to become virtual pen-pals. Mayor Boddy noted that he and Mayor Collins will meet virtually in the coming weeks to share ideas on how to strengthen the relationship between Owen Sound and Miamisburg for the mutual benefit of each community.

Mayor Boddy advised that he recently participated in a teleconference where he got to speak with, and answer questions from the grade two classroom of Timothy Christian School.

Mayor Boddy noted that he will be meeting with Veronica Smith, new Chief of the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation to bring greetings on behalf of the City of Owen Sound.

Lastly, Mayor Boddy advised that Thursday, September 30, 2021 marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. There are several events taking place in Owen Sound to commemorate the day, including a sacred fire

ceremony from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at M'Wikwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre, a sacred fire ceremony at the Gitche Namewikwedong Reconciliation Garden at Kelso Beach followed by a community gathering. Mayor Boddy noted that there is sculpture at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery created by Tracey-Mae Chambers that is part of the Hope for Healing Canada Project. The sculpture uses red yarn to tie a tree together to symbolize connectivity between each other, ourselves, the community, and the environment.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Boddy encouraged everyone to do something active on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to help raise awareness and educate ourselves and our families.

18. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-210927-016

Moved by Councillor Merton

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

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

19. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-210927-017

Moved by Councillor Merton

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. 2021-112

"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 27th day of September, 2021"

21.b By-law No. 2021-113

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Collective Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound and the Canadian Union of Public Employees and its Local 1189-01 (CUPE 1189-01)"

21.c By-law No. 2021-114

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Municipal Access Agreement with Xplornet Communications Inc., respecting infrastructure for telecommunications or broadcasting services"

21.d By-law No. 2021-115

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute all documents necessary to complete the release of a right of way over property known municipally as 1240 4th Avenue East"

21.e By-law No. 2021-116

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Assignment and Amendment of Lease Agreement with Dr. Deniz Akyurekli Medical Professional Corporation and The Centre for Personal Enhancement Inc. respecting Transit Terminal rooms and related parking spaces"

21.f By-law No. 2021-117

"A By-law to declare property located at 203807 and 203816 Highway 26, Meaford surplus to the needs of the City (Owen Sound Billy Bishop Airport)"

21.g By-law No. 2021-118

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute all documents necessary to complete the sale of lands, described as Pts 1-8, 10, 11 8th Street East, to 2837340 Ontario Corporation (former 8th Street East Water Reservoir)"

R-210927-018

Moved by Councillor Merton

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT By-law Numbers 2021-112, 2021-113, 2021-114, 2021-115, 2021-116, 2021-117, and 2021-118 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk