



## **Minutes**

### **Owen Sound City Council**

**April 25, 2022**

**City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East**

**5:45 p.m. - Closed Session - Council Chambers**

**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  
Mike Crone, Acting Director of Public Works and Engineering  
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services  
Michelle Palmer, Senior Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness  
Brent Fisher, Manager of Community Development and Marketing  
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk  
Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk

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The meeting convened in open session at 5:45 p.m. with the above-noted members present except for The Director of Public Works and Engineering, the Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness, and the Manager of Community Development and Marketing. The Human Resources Manager, Fire Chief, and City Solicitor were also present.

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

R-220425-001

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Merton

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

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on February 28, 2022;**
- b. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Owen Sound Housing Company Board meeting held on January 18, 2022;**
- c. One matter regarding labour relations or employee negotiations and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting the Fire Department; and**

- d. **One matter regarding labour relations or employee negotiations and personal matters about identifiable individuals including municipal employees respecting grievances."**

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 6:22 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 28, 2022;
- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Owen Sound Housing Company Board meeting held on January 18, 2022;
- Discussed one matter regarding labour relations or employee negotiations and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting the Fire Department and no direction was provided; and
- Discussed one matter regarding labour relations or employee negotiations and personal matters about identifiable individuals including municipal employees respecting grievances and no direction was provided.

**4. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- 4.a Councillor Thomas Re: Ontario Good Roads Association Conference and Earth Day
- 4.b Mayor Boddy Re: Mayor's Update
- 4.c Councillor Koepke Re: Owen Sound Attack

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES**

- 6.a Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on February 28, 2022

R-220425-002

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Merton

**"THAT the minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on February 28, 2022 as printed be adopted."**

Carried.

- 6.b Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 28, 2022

R-220425-003

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Merton

**"THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 28, 2022 as printed be adopted."**

Carried.

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

R-220425-004

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Merton

**"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 Grey County Deputy CAO Randy Scherzer Re: Hanover Owen Sound Task Force Summary**

Grey Count Deputy CAO Randy Scherzer provided a deputation on the Hanover Owen Sound Task Force. Mr. Scherzer advised that the Task Force was established to examine the challenges that Hanover and Owen Sound experience and to identify opportunities to address these challenges. The Task Force was mandated to assess available social and economic data for Hanover and Owen Sound and to develop a report that includes recommendations and a workplan to address opportunities and areas of concern for the benefit of the two municipalities and the County as a whole.

Mr. Scherzer noted that the task force received presentations from community partners and municipal and County staff relating to:

- housing;
- poverty and community safety and well-being;
- mental health and addictions;
- social services;
- labour and employment;
- youth and senior supports;
- policing;
- planning and development; and
- community transportation.

Mr. Scherzer advised that the challenges within each of these themes are interconnected which will require a multi-pronged approach to address them. The challenges identified align with what was heard during community consultation for Grey County's new Official Plan - Recolour Grey. Mr. Scherzer noted that the implementation of Recolour Grey is in process and is implementing policies designed to address some of the challenges discussed with the Task Force.

Mr. Scherzer noted that the final report contains background on Hanover and Owen Sound, a high-level review of each meeting and key discussion points, data summaries and key findings, next steps, and a proposed workplan. The workplan identifies opportunities and actions for each theme to address the challenges discussed with the task force, suggested next steps, and performance measurements to track progress.

Mr. Scherzer noted that there are 55 actions identified in the workplan, and highlighted the key actions as;

- housing;
- poverty and community safety and well-being;
- mental health and addiction opportunities;
- policing;
- social services; and
- transportation.

Lastly, Mr. Scherzer advised that the next step in the process is to develop and implement a prioritization workplan based on common alignment with various plans and strategies with local municipalities and community partners to move forward with the actions and track progress through performance measures.

9.b Presentation from Mayor Boddy Re: Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) Awards of Excellence - Planning and Strategic Development Award (Under 100,000 population) River District Action Plan

Prior to presenting awards from the Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO), Mayor Boddy noted that the City of Owen Sound was the recipient of five awards of achievement from the Festival and Events Ontario which were presented in March. This awards program recognizes exceptional events, municipalities, suppliers, volunteers, and sponsors for their dedication and innovation to the festivals and events industry despite changing parameters. Mayor Boddy noted that Music at the Market, TD Harbour Nights, Canada Day, Snowen Sound Frolics, and Savour Owen Sound received awards of achievement.

Mayor Boddy advised that in 2021 the City and the River District were nominated for EDCO awards for the 'Work from Home Capital of Canada' initiative and the 'River District Action Plan' initiative. At the recent EDCO conference, each of these initiatives received awards.

The City's 'Work from Home Capital of Canada' initiative won the award in the Workforce Development and Resident Attraction (Rural) category. This initiative was created to capitalize on the desire and ability of people to work from home on a more permanent basis during the global pandemic.

The River District Action Plan, a collaborative marketing, branding, and action strategy between the City of Owen Sound and the River District Board of Management, took home the EDCO Award in the Planning and Strategic Development (Rural) category. Mayor Boddy acknowledged the work that went into developing these successful initiatives of City staff and the River District Board of Management. Mayor Boddy presented the EDCO Award to River District Board Chair Dave Parsons who thanked Council and staff for their continued support.

9.c Presentation from Mayor Boddy Re: Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) Awards of Excellence - Workforce Development and Resident Attraction Award (Under 100,000 population) Work from Home Capital of Canada

This Item was discussed during Item 9.b.

## 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.

Deputy Mayor O’Leary left the Council Chambers at this time.

## **12. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF**

- 12.a Report CM-22-003 from the Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness Re: Municipal Government Priorities for the 2022 Provincial Election

The Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness provided an overview of the report.

Deputy Mayor O’Leary returned to his chair.

R-220425-005

Moved by Councillor Dodd

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CM-22-003 respecting, City Council endorses the AMCTO Local Government Priorities for the 2022 Provincial Election document as follows:**

- 1. Priority 1: Municipal resilience requires stable, predictable funding and investment:**
  - a. Stabilize and, if possible, increase the funding allocation for Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF); avoid cuts to cost-sharing arrangements;**
  - b. Continue investing in important infrastructure projects, including broadband expansion and local accessibility projects; and**
  - c. Commit to meaningful joint and several liability reform and work with the sector to investigate increasing costs to municipal insurance rates; and**
- 2. Priority 2: Support continuous improvement through strengthened Municipal-Provincial Partnership:**
  - a. Engage municipal partners to tackle areas of significant burden that are detrimental to local government administration and service delivery;**
  - b. Reduce provincial red tape on municipally provided services;**
  - c. Collaborate with and consult AMCTO on core legislation; and**
  - d. Ensure digital government policy and implementation work seamlessly, municipal impacts are reduced, and the best outcomes for service delivery to our residents are achieved."**

Carried.

- 12.b Report CR-22-050 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: Infrastructure Ontario Debenture - 10th Street Bridge and Bayshore SPS Upgrade

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

R-220425-006

Moved by Councillor Greig

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-22-050 respecting Infrastructure Ontario Debenture – 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and Bayshore SPS Upgrade, City Council directs staff to:**

1. **Submit an application to the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for financing; and**
2. **Bring forward a by-law to execute a financing agreement with the OILC to issue debentures and to execute all other documentation necessary to give effect to the agreement."**

Carried.

- 12.c Report CR-22-045 from the Purchasing and Risk Management Coordinator Re: Award RFT-22-021 East Bayshore Road (Grey Road 15) - Road Reconstruction - Phase 3

The Director of Public Works and Engineering provided an overview of the report.

R-220425-007

Moved by Councillor Koepke

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-22-045 respecting RFT-22-021 East Bayshore Road (Grey Road 15) - Road Reconstruction - Phase 3, City Council:**

1. **Awards the above noted to MacDonnell Excavating Ltd., the lowest compliant bid received at \$3,891,503.50 including contingency and excluding HST; and**
2. **Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement."**

Carried.

- 12.d Report CR-22-044 from the Purchasing and Risk Management Coordinator Re: Award RFT-22-018 Sydenham Crescent Sanitary Pump Station Construction

The Director of Public Works and Engineering provided an overview of the report.

R-220425-008

Moved by Councillor Thomas

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-22-044 respecting RFT-22-018 Sydenham Crescent Sanitary Pump Station Construction, City Council:**

1. **Awards the above noted to Straightline Group Inc., the lowest compliant bid received at \$326,400.00 including contingency and excluding HST; and**
2. **Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement."**

Carried.

- 12.e Verbal Report from the Deputy Mayor Re: Grey County Council

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that he Chairs the Grey County Mental Health and Addictions Task Force and recently suggested a change to the curriculum in schools in an effort to educate children on the dangers of smoking cigarettes, chewing tobacco, consuming alcohol, and drug experimentation beginning at approximately grade seven. Dr. Ian Arra suggested that these teachings be commenced in primary school. The Task Force recently approved a resolution calling on the Government of Ontario to implement a mental health education curriculum beginning in primary school to provide children with the tools to support ongoing resilience and mental wellness.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that the Climate Change Action Plan has been presented to Grey County Council. Extensive community engagement was used to help formulate the Climate Change Action Plan. Deputy Mayor O'Leary noted that a discussion on the declaration of an emergency resulted in Grey County Council declaring a climate emergency. Municipalities are well-positioned to respond to climate change with over 50 percent of greenhouse gas emissions being under the direct influence of local governments. Grey County is presently on track to achieve net-zero emissions by 2046.

R-220425-009

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

**"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided April 25, 2022 from Deputy Mayor O'Leary respecting Grey County Council, City Council receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."**

Carried.

R-220425-010d

Moved by Councillor Koepke

**"THAT City Council waives the Notice of Motion provision in the Procedural By-law to discuss a motion relating to climate action initiatives."**

Defeated.

Mayor Boddy advised that through the agenda management process, City staff will facilitate a presentation from Grey County respecting the Climate Change Action Plan.

### **13. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 13.a Report CM-22-005 from the Senior Manager of Strategic Initiative and Operational Effectiveness Re: Service Review 2022 – April Update
- 13.b Report CR-22-043 from the Deputy Clerk Re: 2021 Council, Committee, and Board Attendance
- 13.c Report CS-22-037 from the Facilities Booking Coordinator Re: Owen Sound Agricultural Society – 7th Annual Barn Dance Fundraiser – Victoria Park May 28, 2022
- 13.d Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Housing Company Closed Session Board meeting held on January 18, 2022
- 13.e Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Police Services Board meeting held on February 23, 2022
- 13.f Community Flag Flying Request Re: Grey Bruce Labour Council - Workers' Day of Mourning
- 13.g Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council

R-220425-011

Moved by Councillor Koepke

**"THAT City Council receives Items 13.a to 13.g on the Consent Agenda dated April 25, 2022, and further**

**THAT the recommendations contained in Items 13.a to 13.c be approved."**

Carried.

14. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

14.a Minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on March 24, 2022  
Councillor Dodd left the Council Chambers at this time.

R-220425-012  
Moved by Councillor Greig

**"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on March 24, 2022 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."**  
Carried.

14.b Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on April 12, 2022  
Councillor Dodd returned to his chair.

R-220425-013  
Moved by Councillor Greig

**"THAT the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on April 12, 2022 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved save and except Item 8.d.1 (Resolution No. OC-220412-004)."**  
Carried.

R-220425-014  
Moved by Councillor Greig

**"THAT City Council waives the Notice of Motion provision in the City's Procedural By-law to permit a time-sensitive motion respecting the transit service pilot project."**  
Carried.

R-220425-015  
Moved by Councillor Greig

**"THAT City Council reconsiders a previous decision of Council relating to the transit service pilot project (Resolution No. R-220214-005)."**  
Prior to a vote on the motion, Councillor Koepke 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	9	0

Carried.



**"THAT Item 8.d.1 (Resolution No. OC-220412-004) contained within the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on April 12, 2022 be received and the recommendation contained therein be approved."**

Prior to a vote on the motion, Councillor Koepke 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	9	0

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 Ontario Good Roads Association Conference and Earth Day**

Councillor Thomas advised that he recently accompanied fellow Councillors and the Director of Corporate Services to the Ontario Good Roads Association's annual conference. Councillor Thomas noted that he attended a session on smart connected communities hosted by the World Council on City Data. This company has created the first ISO standard for cities through the International Organization for Standardization. The company uses a data portal to input basic information about the community which is then compared to key performance indicators from other cities around the world. The objective is for the data to attract investment and economic development in the community.

Councillor Thomas attended a presentation on the results of the 2022 Edelman Trust Barometer which is an international survey of the public on a variety of questions pertaining to trust. The survey found that approximately 6 in 10 respondents reported being distrustful of something until being provided evidence that it is trustworthy.

Councillor Thomas attended a presentation from Charles Marohn, founder of the Strong Towns organization. The presentation highlighted the history of how transportation systems developed and how we are building roads incorrectly. Mr. Marohn advised that to be made safer, roads should be made narrower as

opposed to wider. The event was well-attended with exceptional exhibits and presenters.

Lastly, Councillor Thomas extended thanks and congratulations to the organizers of the Earth Day celebration that took place at the Farmers' Market on April 23, 2022.

#### 17.b Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy advised that the Ontario Government has announced that it will be investing \$6,007,900 through a new addictions recovery fund to immediately enhance access to mental health and addictions treatment in Owen Sound. The funding will be provided to expand access to a total of 36 new addiction treatment beds at Grey Bruce Health Services, bringing the total number of beds to 45 which will help many Grey-Bruce residents access specialized addiction treatment.

Mayor Boddy noted that Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound MPP Bill Walker announced that the Owen Sound Police Services Board will receive provincial funding over a three-year period. Owen Sound Police Services will receive \$1,194,799 for its Community Oriented Response and Enforcement (CORE) Unit, \$538,559 for its part-time officer program for the support of full-time officers during peak call periods, and \$150,000 for the mental health crisis response team which is known locally as the Mobile Mental Health Addictions Response team.

Mayor Boddy advised that the City received notice from the provincial government that it will be receiving \$585,000 for the rehabilitation of 16th Street East - Phase 2 through the connecting links program.

Mayor Boddy advised that the Grey Bruce Catholic District School Board has announced that it has received provincial funding to replace St. Mary's High School, noting that this announcement speaks to both the growth of education in Owen Sound and the City as a whole.

Mayor Boddy advised that he recently attended the Owen Sound and District Chamber of Commerce's Annual General Meeting along with Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillor Tamming, the City Manager, and the Manager of Community Development and Marketing. The Ontario Chamber of Commerce CEO was in attendance as a guest speaker and gave a speech about supporting the removal of barriers to business, streamlining the planning process to build homes quicker and at a reduced cost, and projects such as the TC Energy Pump Storage project pending its approval.

Mayor Boddy advised that he recently attended the Canadian Nuclear Association conference along with Grey County's Manager of Economic Development. Mayor Boddy noted that there is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of the clean energy frontier program led by the Nuclear Innovation Institute which focuses on growing energy storage needs. Nuclear-generated electricity provides the ability to reach net-zero emissions targets. Mayor Boddy noted that nuclear isotopes from Bruce Power account for approximately 60 percent of what was used worldwide to sterilize objects with respect to COVID-19 over the past two years. Newer isotopes will be used in the treatment of cancer patients. Mayor Boddy also noted that the federal government released a green bond framework with parameters on how the federal government plans to invest in clean energy technologies which did not include nuclear energy. Through the City Manager, Owen Sound authored a letter to the federal government urging the government to include nuclear energy as part of clean energy technology.

Mayor Boddy acknowledged the exceptional attendance at the Earth Day event at the Farmer's Market on April 23 and advised that he attended a Field Naturalists event presented by Hap Wilson.

Lastly, Mayor Boddy advised that he, along with Deputy Mayor O'Leary, and Councillors Koepke and Dodd recently participated in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey-Bruce's Bowl For Kids' Sake event.

17.c Owen Sound Attack

Councillor Koepke wished the Owen Sound Attack good luck in their first round of playoffs.

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

R-220425-017

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-220425-018

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Merton

**"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**

20.a Councillor Tamming Re: Removal of Municipal Councillors Under Prescribed Circumstances

Councillor Tamming presented the following Notice of Motion that was supported by Councillor Koepke:

"WHEREAS in our sister County of Bruce, the Town of Kincardine has just experienced an appalling instance of misogyny and hatred expressed by one councillor to another;

WHEREAS there have been repeated instances of such misogyny in other municipal councils in recent years; and

WHEREAS the powers of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner do not include the ability to recommend expulsion of councillors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council correspond with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request that such ministry study the merits of allowing the impeachment of municipal councillors under carefully prescribed circumstances including displays of hatred, misogyny and all forms of discrimination."

**21. BY-LAWS**

21.a By-law No. 2022-042

"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 25th day of April, 2022"

21.b By-law No. 2022-043

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Amendment and Restatement of License Agreement with Roger Amyot, Catherine Amyot and Chase Amyot respecting the operation of Putt N Paddle at Harrison Park"

R-220425-019

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Merton

**"THAT By-law Numbers 2022-042 and 2022-043 be passed and enacted."**

Carried.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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Mayor Ian C. Boddy

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Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk