



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

June 13, 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
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Mike Crone, Acting Director of Public Works and Engineering
Michelle Palmer, Senior Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness
Amy Cann, Manager of Planning and Heritage
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk

The meeting convened in Open Session at 5:45 p.m. with the above noted Council and staff members except for the Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness, the Manager of Planning and Heritage, and Councillor Hamley.

1. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

R-220613-001

Moved by Councillor Tamming

Seconded by Councillor Thomas

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

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on May 9, 2022;**
- b. One matter regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual respecting an appointment to the Owen Sound Municipal Non-profit Housing Corporation and Owen Sound Housing Company;**
- c. One matter regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality respecting the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre; and**
- d. One matter regarding a proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege,**

including communications necessary for that purpose respecting a City road allowance."

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 6:46 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 May 9, 2022;
- Discussed one matter regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual respecting an appointment to the Owen Sound Municipal Non-profit Housing Corporation and Owen Sound Housing Company and direction was provided to staff;
- Discussed matter regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality respecting the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre and direction was provided to staff; and
- Discussed one matter regarding a proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting a City road allowance and direction was provided to staff.

4. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 4.a Councillor Dodd Re: Young Professionals Network Event
- 4.b Deputy Mayor O'Leary Re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference
- 4.c Councillor Tamming Re: Adult Soccer at the Kiwanis Complex
- 4.d Mayor Boddy Re: Mayor's Update

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 May 9, 2022

R-220613-002

Moved by Councillor Tamming

Seconded by Councillor Thomas

"THAT the minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on May 9, 2022 as printed be adopted."

Carried.

6.b Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on May 30, 2022

R-220613-003

Moved by Councillor Tamming

Seconded by Councillor Thomas

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on May 30, 2022 as printed be adopted."

Carried.

7. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-220613-004

Moved by Councillor Tamming

Seconded by Councillor Thomas

"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

8.a Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) No. 37 - 1665 18th Avenue East

Mayor Boddy declared the Public Meeting open at 7:04 p.m. and read the following announcement:

- Every person who attends a statutory public meeting required under the *Planning Act* shall be given an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed by-law.
- All submission materials for these applications are available on the City's website and at the Planning Division, City Hall during regular business hours.
- If a person or public body would otherwise have the ability to appeal the decision of the City of Owen Sound to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Owen Sound before the *Planning Act* applications are passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.
- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Owen Sound before the *Planning Act* applications are passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

The City Clerk explained that notice of the Public Meeting was posted on the subject property, circulated to the prescribed persons and bodies, and placed on the City's website on May 24, 2022.

The City Clerk advised that personal information is collected under the authority of the *Planning Act* and the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and that the information collected will be used to complete the *Planning Act* application process and will form part of the public record. Questions about this collection should be addressed to the City Clerk.

The City Clerk advised that any person wishing to receive notice of the decision of the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound on the proposed *Planning Act* application must make a written request to the City of Owen Sound care of the City Clerk.

The Manager of Planning and Heritage provided a presentation on Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) No. 37 for a proposed laundromat. Ms. Cann highlighted the location of the subject property and noted that the lands are currently designated as East City Commercial and are zoned as Light Industrial (M1) with Special Provision 14.88. Ms. Cann advised that the proposed rezoning does not necessitate any changes to the current site design.

Ms. Cann highlighted the ZBA process to date and advised a recommendation report is scheduled to be presented to Council on June 27, 2022 with an enacting by-law being presented for approval thereafter.

There were no comments from members of the public

There being no other comments, Mayor Boddy closed the Public Meeting at 7:11 p.m.

The Manager of Planning and Heritage left the meeting at this time.

9. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9.a Presentation from the City Manager Re: Upcoming Council/Committee Items

The City Manager provided an overview of key highlights since his last update.

Mr. Simmonds noted that:

- the Waste Management Strategy was awarded to Dillon Consulting;
- the Tom Thomson Art Gallery is celebrating its 55th anniversary;
- banners and hanging baskets have been installed in the River District;
- the Visitor Centre on the west harbour is now open;
- all 2022 Community Improvement Grants have been allocated; and
- Simply Voting, has been contracted to provide internet and telephone voting platforms for the municipal election later this year.

Lastly, Mr. Simmonds noted the reports that will be presented to Council and Committees in the coming months.

9.b Deputation from Mike McInerney, Canadian Territory Manager, Bang the Table Re: Community Engagement Platform

Mike McInerney, Canadian Territory Manager at Bang the Table provided a presentation on Bang the Table's community engagement platform. Mr. McInerney advised that the community engagement platform utilizes tools to gather input and feedback from the public on City projects.

Mr. McInerney advised that the engagement platform is accessible and works with screen readers and smartphones. The platform provides an opportunity for those who may not be able to attend a public meeting to provide feedback and input. The registration process allows users to remain anonyms on the public-facing site but requires registrants to provide relevant information through registration so the City knows who is using the program.

City Council enquired about the name of Owen Sound's engagement platform. The Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness advised that the platform is titled 'Our City'.

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-22-009 from the Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness Re: Community Engagement and E-Participation

The Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness provided a presentation on the City's new Community Engagement and e-Participation platform, titled 'Our City Owen Sound'.

Ms. Palmer advised that the City's Strategic Plan identifies Collaborative City as a priority to manage and improve relationships. This strategic priority states that the City will develop and implement an engagement framework policy and tools to increase public input on projects/initiatives by June 2022.

Ms. Palmer advised that the community engagement platform is being launched using a phased approach, with phase one being the implementation of the platform, and phase two being a community engagement review.

Ms. Palmer provided an overview of the engagement website and advised that the projects being launched initially will include:

- Community Engagement Review;
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategy;
- Kelso Beach at Nawash Park Master Plan; and
- Waste Management Strategy.

Lastly, Ms. Palmer advised that using a formalized framework for engagement allows for clear and consistent guidelines for staff, Council, and the public to know how and when engagement will be facilitated.

R-220613-005

Moved by Councillor Thomas

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CM-22-009 respecting Community Engagement Review and Online Community Engagement Platform, City Council receives the report for information purposes."

Carried.

12.b Report CR-22-063 from the Purchasing and Risk Management Coordinator Re: Award RFT-22-024, 16th Street East Rehabilitation, Ph. 2

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

R-220613-006

Moved by Councillor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-22-063 respecting Award of RFT-22-024 16th Street East Rehabilitation, Phase 2, City Council:

- 1. Awards the above noted tender to E.C. King Contracting, the lowest compliant bid received at \$981,005.00, including contingency and provisional 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.c Verbal Report from the Deputy Mayor Re: Grey County Council

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that through the County of Grey, he and Mayor Boddy will be participating in several delegations at the upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference. Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that the delegations being participated in will include:

- Ministry of Health:
 - need for increased access to supportive housing in Grey County;
 - community paramedicine supportive outreach service.
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing:
 - request for additional tools to support the development of affordable housing.
- Ministry of Long-Term Care:
 - requirements in fixing Long-Term Care Act related to infection prevention and control.
- Ministry of Transportation:
 - funding for maintaining and expanding transit service in rural Grey and Bruce Counties.
- Ministry of Education:
 - improving access to licensed child care by supporting wage enhancements, and staffing/counseling enhancements related to mental health and addictions.
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry:
 - management of general use areas, risk and liability.

R-220613-007

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided June 13, 2022 from Deputy Mayor O'Leary respecting Grey County Council, City Council receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

- 13.a Report CR-22-059 from the City Clerk Re: Comments on River District Board Name Change and Draft Constitution
- 13.b Report CR-22-057 from the City Clerk Re: Election 2022 – General Report No. 3
- 13.c Report CR-22-065 from the City Clerk Re: Noise By-law Exemption Request – 739 3rd Avenue East
- 13.d Report CR-22-066 from the City Clerk Re: Updates to the Appointed Officers By-law
- 13.e Report CS-22-078 from the Facilities Booking Coordinator Re: Georgian Bay Folk Society 47th Annual Summerfolk Music and Craft Festival – August 19-21, 2022

- 13.f Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board meeting held on April 27, 2022
- 13.g Community Flag Flying Request Re: Grey Bruce Pride
- 13.h Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
- Owen Sound River District, Hawker and Peddler Licence for the Hottest Street Sale on July 9, 2022
 - Tee 2 Green Limited, Hawker & Peddler Licence for the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre from July 15-19, 2022
 - Waqas Ahmed, new owner of Zong Convenience and Smoke Shop at 156 9th Street East

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

R-220613-008

Moved by Councillor Tamming

"THAT City Council receives Items 13.a to 13.i on the Consent Agenda dated June 13, 2022, and further

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

Carried.

14. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

14.a Minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on June 7, 2022

R-220613-009

Moved by Councillor Greig

"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on June 7, 2022 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved, save and except Item 8.i.1. respecting Physician Recruitment."

Carried.

R-220613-010

Moved by Councillor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Item 8.i.1 respecting Physician Recruitment contained within the Corporate Services Committee dated June 7, 2022, City Council directs the City Manager to:

1. **Revise the current intergovernmental relations plan to include physician recruitment;**
2. **Send correspondence from the City requesting the eligibility of the provincial physician recruitment programs be expanded to include Owen Sound and request any other assistance with physician recruitment to the appropriate Minister(s) and Ministry(s); and**
3. **Work with the Family Health Team to develop a Community Ambassador Program."**

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 Young Professionals Network Event

Councillor Dodd advised that the Young Professionals Network (YPN) event is taking place on June 21, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Still Fields Brewery in Meaford. Councillor Dodd noted that the YPN event is geared toward the 20 to 40-year-old age bracket and provides an opportunity for younger individuals to network and make connections in the area.

17.b Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that he recently attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference. Deputy Mayor O'Leary noted that many regions in Canada are experiencing similar issues such as climate change and housing affordability. Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that he attended a plenary session titled 'The Future of Canadian Municipalities in the 21st Century', adding that the discussion focused on the requirement for more municipal funding from higher levels of government to deal with their infrastructure demands related to road services and the present-day housing challenges. Deputy Mayor O'Leary noted that there were also discussions on Indigenous relations, climate change, and affordable housing.

17.c Adult Soccer at the Kiwanis Complex

Councillor Tamming advised that after a two-year break, adult soccer for those 18 years of age and over has returned to the Kiwanis Soccer Complex. Councillor Tamming advised that this is a great opportunity for newcomers to Owen Sound to get involved in the community.

17.d Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy advised that he recently attended the Billy Bishop Museum's exhibit on the Afghanistan conflict and the Canadian soldiers involved in it. Mayor Boddy noted that there are many Afghanistan veterans in the Owen Sound area. The exhibit features QR codes that can be scanned to display recounts of what veterans saw in Afghanistan. Anyone who was involved in the Afghanistan conflict that was not contacted for this video can reach out to the Billy Bishop Museum directly to participate in the exhibit.

18. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-220613-011

Moved by Councillor Tamming

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

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

19. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-220613-012

Moved by Councillor Tamming

Seconded by Councillor Thomas

"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: Short Term Rentals

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

"WHEREAS Owen Sound currently has no express by-laws for the regulation of short-term rental accommodations (STR);

WHEREAS non-owner occupied STRs are often plagued with capacity issues, noise by-law infractions, trash accumulation, and traffic congestion;

WHEREAS non-owner-occupied STRs comprise the de facto injection of roving motel-like establishments into residential neighbourhoods - bereft of, even minimally, an on-site manager;

WHEREAS as such non-owner occupied STRs are completely incompatible with residential neighbourhoods;

WHEREAS Owen Sound is not primarily a cottage-oriented community;

WHEREAS other communities such as Goderich, Ontario have seen the wisdom in an outright ban on STRs in residential areas save and except for traditional bed and breakfasts; and

WHEREAS notwithstanding this motion City staff and Council can both ban these obvious threats to neighbourhoods today and still proceed in the months ahead with its plans to regulate and tax other kinds and locations of STRs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council:

1. Cause City staff to enact a by-law effective January 1, 2023, which:
 - i. expressly prohibits STRs from areas zoned residential, save and except for traditional bed and breakfast operations where the dwelling is owner occupied at the time of rental and only part of the dwelling, not its entirety, is subject to rental;
 - ii. provides for substantial penalties for infractions of such by-law;
2. Cause City staff to widely disseminate and publicize such by-law; and
3. Cause City staff to use all measures to enforce such by-law once enacted."

21. BY-LAWS

21.a By-law No. 2022-059

"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 13th day of June, 2022"

21.b By-law No. 2022-060

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a second amending agreement with Pattison Outdoor Advertising LP, by its general partner Pattison Outdoor Advertising Ltd. respecting transit advertising"

21.c By-law No. 2022-061

"A By-law to rename the Owen Sound Downtown Improvement Area to the River District and to adopt a constitution to govern the affairs of the River District members and board of management and to repeal By-law No. 1973-5 and By-law No. 2006-113"

21.d By-law No. 2022-062

"A By-law to establish a Compliance Audit Committee, adopt Terms of Reference for the committee and delegate authority to appoint members of the committee to the City Clerk"

21.e By-law No. 2022-063

"A By-law to amend Appointed Officers By-law No. 2015-054 to appoint a Deputy Treasurer and remove a By-law Enforcement Officer"

21.f By-law No. 2022-064

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Lease and Management Agreement with Experience Grey Bruce Corp., respecting the East Side and West Side Boat Launches"

R-220613-013

Moved by Councillor Tamming

Seconded by Councillor Thomas

"THAT By-law Numbers 2022-059, 2022-060, 2022-061, 2022-062, 2022-063, and 2022-064 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk