



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

September 26, 2022

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
Mike Crone, Acting 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 Koepke Re: Local Tribute

4.b Councillor Tamming Re: Homelessness, Fire Department Negotiations Update, Poutine Fest, and Wedding Services

4.c 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 Regular Council meeting held on September 12, 2022

R-220926-001

Moved by Councillor Merton

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on September 12, 2022 as printed be adopted."

Carried.

7. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-220926-002

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 David Adair, Georgian Bay Symphony Re: 50+1 Years of Music

Sandy Stevenson, Director on the Georgian Bay Symphony Board of Directors provided a deputation on the Georgian Bay Symphony's 50+1 Years of Music. Ms. Stevenson provided an overview of the history of the symphony. Ms. Stevenson advised that the Georgian Bay Symphony is in its 51st year, has approximately 50 musicians, and plays five concerts per year. The symphony was required to pivot due to COVID-19 and began offering its concerts virtually. Ms. Stevenson shared two video clips of symphony members performing, and then shared a video that highlights the upcoming concert season.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

10.a David McLaren, Neyaashiinigamiing resident asked the following question respecting housing and homelessness:

What policy does the City of Owen Sound have for dealing with homelessness and addictions?

The City Manager advised that the City issued a memo in February 2022 that specifically discusses homelessness and how the City coordinates its actions with the County of Grey who lead homelessness initiatives with the province. The City and the County are also working with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) who take leads on this portfolio.

Respecting addictions, Mr. Simmonds advised that AMO recently released a document titled 'An Integrated Approach to Mental Health and Addictions' which was recently supported by Council.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary added that the County of Grey has recently transferred housing initiatives from the YMCA to the County. Each homeless person will be

provided with a case manager who will work with them to find housing and address the root cause of their homelessness.

- 10.b Rob Rolfe, Owen Sound resident asked the following question respecting housing and homelessness:

Will Council support immediate action to develop and adopt a plan to address the issue of homelessness?

The Director of Community Services advised that the City's Official Plan references homelessness and affordable housing, noting that the County of Grey has completed a housing and homelessness strategy with targets for affordable housing. The City is working in consultation with the County to achieve the targets of the County's housing and homelessness 10-year plan when considering new development applications.

- 10.c Ray Botten, Owen Sound resident asked the following question respecting housing and homelessness:

Is it possible to be kind and listen to the needs of those who are homeless?

Mayor Boddy thanked Mr. Botten for his question.

- 10.d Ray Whitfield, Owen Sound resident asked the following question respecting housing and homelessness:

What is the City doing to assist the homeless population in Owen Sound?

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that all levels of government must collaborate to address the issue of homelessness as it is something that is happening nationwide.

Mayor Boddy advised that the County of Grey is working with the homeless population by locating temporary housing while working to address the underlying causes of each individual's homelessness. Owen Sound Police Services and the Canadian Mental Health Association are reaching out to the homeless population to ensure they are being taken care of.

- 10.e Chris Neudorf, Owen Sound resident asked the following question respecting homelessness:

Can the City take immediate action to provide some relief to the homeless population in Owen Sound before winter?

Mayor Boddy advised that the Owen Sound Police Service and Canadian Mental Health Association's main priority is keeping everyone alive so they may be helped and treated.

- 10.f Patti Waterfield, Owen Sound resident asked the following questions respecting affordable housing:

1. Is the proposed development at the former RCA site going to be affordable housing?
2. Can Owen Sound create a policy that forces developers to develop mixed housing?

Mayor Boddy advised that the proposed development will not be an affordable housing development as it is a private development. Mayor Boddy noted that 22 percent of houses constructed in Owen Sound in the past five years are considered affordable and that the Owen Sound Housing Company is currently in the process of opening Odawa Tower, a 60-unit affordable housing complex.

Mayor Boddy added that private builders do not have the ability to make their developments affordable due to the cost of construction and noted that funds will need to be provided by other levels of government for developers to be able to construct affordable housing units. There are funds available through the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation for developers to construct attainable housing.

Respecting a policy that forces developers to develop mixed housing, Mayor Boddy advised municipalities must operate in accordance with Ontario planning laws and policies and creating such a policy would contravene these laws and policies and would not be permissible.

- 10.g Jim Ansell, Owen Sound resident asked the following questions respecting the birds at Harrison Park:
1. Is the care of the birds at Harrison something that is contracted out, or done by City staff?
 2. Is the City going to continue to operate the bird area at Harrison Park?

The Director of Community Services advised that the care of the birds is done by the City's Parks Division staff. Ms. Coulter advised that the pheasant area was isolated in the spring when the avian flu was discovered. The City has been following recommended procedures by limiting staff access and taking precautions when entering and exiting the bird area.

Respecting the continuation of the bird area, Ms. Coulter advised that in 2023, the City will be reviewing and updating the Harrison Park Master Plan. The future of the bird area will be included in the review of this master plan.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

- 11.a Correspondence received on September 21, 2022 from Jill Umbach, Planning Network Coordinator, Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force Re: Request for Formal Representation to the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force

R-220926-003
Moved by Councillor Merton

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received on September 21, 2022 from Jill Umbach, Planning Network Coordinator, Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force respecting a Request for Formal Representation to the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force, City Council directs staff to:

- 1. Include the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force Community Organization in the 2023 Board and Committee By-law; and**
- 2. Specify that one (1) Council member shall be appointed to the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force."**

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	9	0

Carried.

12. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

- 12.a Report CS-22-119 from the Senior Planner Re: Recommendation Report – Proposed ZBA No. 38 - 3195 East Bayshore Road by SkyDev Bayshore Owen Sound LP

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

R-220926-004

Moved by Councillor Tamming

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-22-119 respecting Zoning By-law Amendment No. 38 at 3195 East Bayshore Road, to facilitate a multi-building residential apartment development, City Council:

- 1. In consideration of the staff reports and recommendations, technical reports and oral and written submissions, finds that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and the goals and objectives and intent of the City's Official Plan and represents good planning; and**
- 2. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to pass Amendment No. 38 to the City's Zoning By-law No. 2010-078 and give Notice in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*."**

Carried.

R-220926-005

Moved by Councillor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-22-119 respecting Zoning By-law Amendment No. 38 at 3195 East Bayshore Road, to facilitate a multi-building residential apartment development, City Council requests that staff forgo the shadow study and wind assessment as a requirement of site plan approval."

Carried.

Councillor Thomas left the Council Chambers at this time.

- 12.b Report CS-22-127 from the Senior Planner Re: Recommendation Report – Proposed ZBA 39 1905 8th Street East and Proposed Red line revisions to Draft Plan 42T-15501

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

R-220926-006

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-22-087 respecting Zoning By-law Amendment No. 39 and Amendment of Draft Plan of Subdivision 42T-15501 at 1905 8th Street East to permit an increased building height and facilitate redline revisions, City Council:

- 1. In considering the staff reports, technical reports and oral and written submissions, finds that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and the goals and objectives and intent of the City's Official Plan and represents good planning;**
- 2. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 39 to the City's Zoning By-law No. 2010-078 and give notice in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*;**
- 3. Directs staff to give Notice of the Passing of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 39 in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*;**
- 4. Grants approval of the redlined changes to Draft Plan of Subdivision 42T-15501 prepared by Crozier Consulting Engineers dated June 24,**

2022 attached in Schedule 'D' subject to the amended conditions outlined in Schedule 'E'; and

- 5. Directs staff to give notice of approval of the Draft Plan of Subdivision redline revision and amended draft plan conditions in accordance with Sec. 51 of the *Planning Act*."**

Carried.

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

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that the County of Grey is in support of the regional electric vehicle (EV) charging network, and has been working with the counties of Bruce, Dufferin, Huron, Perth, Wellington, and the City of Guelph and Nuclear Innovation Institute to develop a regional EV charging network strategy. Based on network, needs, and community feedback, 17 level 3 fast charging stations were recommended, including locations in Durham, Flesherton, and Thornbury. Grey County's contribution for the project is \$9,578.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that the inaugural meeting of the 2022-2026 Grey County Council will be held on December 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Grey County Administration Building.

R-220926-007

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided September 26, 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 OP-22-044 from the Engineering Technologist Re: Site Plan Control Agreement for 2125 16th Street East – Heritage Grove Centre Inc. Cost Recovery
- 13.b Report CR-22-091 from the Manager of Corporate Services Re: Award of RFP-22-042 - Preselection of Filter Upgrade Equipment: Underdrains, Blowers and Filter Media for the Owen Sound Water Treatment Plant Filter Upgrade Project
- 13.c Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Minutes of the River District Board meeting held on May 11, 2022
- 13.d Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
- The Owen Sound Agriculture Society was issued a Hawker and Peddler licence for the Owen Sound Fall Fair held from September 8-12, 2022
- 13.e Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council

R-220926-008

Moved by Councillor Merton

"THAT City Council receives Items 13.a to 13.e on the Consent Agenda dated September 26, 2022, and further

THAT the recommendations contained in Items 13.a and 13.b be approved."

Carried.

14. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

14.a Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on July 26, 2022

R-220926-009

Moved by Councillor Merton

"THAT the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on July 26, 2022 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

Councillor Thomas returned to his chair.

14.b Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on September 21, 2022

R-220926-010

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on September 21, 2022 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved, save and except Item 8.a.4."

Carried.

R-220926-011

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT Item 8.a.4 contained in the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on September 21, 2022 be received and the recommendation contained therein be approved."

Carried.

14.c Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on September 13, 2022

R-220926-012

Moved by Councillor Greig

"THAT the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on September 13, 2022 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 Local Tribute

Councillor Koepke advised that she recently attended a tribute to celebrate the life of former Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Bill Murdoch. Councillor Koepke noted that many people were in attendance, including local musical artists providing entertainment. Councillor Koepke thanked Mayor Boddy for the kind words that he shared about Bill Murdoch during the tribute.

Councillor Koepke advised that proceeds from the event are being provided to the Bruce Grey Country Music Hall of Fame.

17.b Homelessness, Fire Department Negotiations Update, Poutine Fest, and Wedding Services

Councillor Tamming advised that homelessness is something that is addressed through the County of Grey using funds received from Grey County's member municipalities. In Grey County, Councillor Tamming noted that those experiencing homelessness tend to find themselves in either Hanover or Owen Sound. These communities must then work with the County to address and take action on the issue.

Councillor Tamming advised that negotiations with the Owen Sound Fire Department are ongoing. Councillor Tamming noted that the number of grievances filed by the Fire Department has gone down considerably over the past four years. This is due in part to the City's Human Resources division, and to the need and desire within the Fire Department to de-escalate situations as they arise to keep them from becoming formal grievances. Councillor Tamming advised that the City was successful at arbitration and was able to reduce the number of firefighters required at a fire call from five to four. This success does not reduce the total number of firefighters required under the collective agreement but does reduce the cost of overtime, thereby saving the taxpayer money. Councillor Tamming advised that the City is currently involved in arbitration with the Fire Department with the goal of reducing the total number of suppression firefighters that are required to be on staff as per the collective agreement. The arbitration is ongoing and has been delayed several times. A decision is anticipated to be released by summer 2023. If the City is successful in this arbitration it will save the taxpayer a considerable amount of money annually.

Councillor Tamming noted that he recently received a call from a resident advising that they enjoyed the Wiarton Poutine Fest.

Lastly, Councillor Tamming advised that his daughter was recently married at City Hall through the City's marriage service. Councillor Tamming commended the City's marriage services and thanked Lee-Anne Kazarian, Licencing and Marriage Coordinator for putting together a wonderful marriage ceremony.

17.c Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy advised that September 30 is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and encouraged everyone to attend events that are taking place to listen, think, and reflect.

Mayor Boddy advised that 2022 Owen Sound Sports Hall of Fame Inductees dinner is taking place on September 30, 2022. Mayor Boddy noted that Director of Community Services, Pam Coulter is being inducted as a member of the Owen Sound 1996 Leon's Ladies Fastball Team.

Lastly, Mayor Boddy advised that this meeting will be Deputy Clerk Jamie Eckenswiller's last Council meeting with the City of Owen Sound. Mayor Boddy noted that Mr. Eckenswiller has accepted the position of Director of Legislative Services/Clerk with the Municipality of West Grey and wished him well in his new role.

18. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-220926-013

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-220926-014

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. 2022-101

"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 26th day of September, 2022"

21.b By-law No. 2022-102

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Shaiqua Rahman Restaurants Ltd. for the operation of a food and beverage café at the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre"

21.c By-law No. 2022-103

"A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2010-078, respecting lands located at 3195 East Bayshore Road (ZBA No. 38)"

21.d By-law No. 2022-104

"A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2010-078, respecting lands located at 1905 8th Street East (ZBA No. 39)"

R-220926-015

Moved by Councillor Merton

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT By-law Numbers 2022-101, 2022-102, 2022-103, and 2022-104 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk