



Minutes

Operations Committee

February 16, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chair Scott Greig
Vice Chair Marion Koepke
Member Roger Bloom
Member Lauren Donkersgoed
Councillor Brock Hamley
Councillor Carol Merton
Member Meghan Robertson

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Member Mike Crone
Member Edward Marchewka

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Lara Widdifield, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Michelle Palmer, Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness
Matt Prentice, Manager of Public Works
Chris Webb, Manager of Engineering Services
Heidi Jennen, Supervisor of Environmental Services
Maggie Murakami, Climate Action
Ashley Ford, Water and Wastewater Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Manager called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The City Manager welcomed Committee members and held introductions. The City Manager opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair for the Operations Committee.

Councillor Koepke nominated Deputy Mayor Greig for the position of Chair. Deputy Mayor Greig accepted the nomination. The City Manager asked for any further

nominations. There being no further nominations, the City Manager declared nominations closed. Deputy Mayor Greig was acclaimed as Chair of the Operations Committee and assumed the position of Chair.

Chair Greig opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair for the Operations Committee. Member Bloom nominated Councillor Koepke for the position of Vice Chair. Councillor Koepke accepted the nomination. Chair Greig asked for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, Chair Greig declared nominations closed. Councillor Koepke was acclaimed as Vice Chair of the Operations Committee.

3. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

3.a City Manager Re: Seasonal Load Restrictions Now in Effect in Owen Sound

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.a Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on January 26, 2023

Councillor Brock Hamley joined the meeting at 5:39 pm.

OP-230216-001

Moved by Member Robertson

"THAT the Operations Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2023."

Carried.

6. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.a Presentation from Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Operations Committee Introduction 2023

The Director of Public Works provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the key projects and tasks of the Operations Department to the Committee.

Committee questioned whether there is a Feasibility Study or discussion about another bridge in Owen Sound. Staff explained that in the 2010 Transportation Master Plan, one objective was to consider other bridge locations in the City of Owen Sound. Staff also explained that adding an additional bridge would impact the roads network significantly especially on the east side. Staff are currently working to optimize existing infrastructure and the roads network through timing of traffic signals, turning lanes, and active transportation facilities.

6.b Deputation from Dillon Consulting Re: Waste Management Strategy Update

Alida Kusch, Dillon Consulting, provided an update to the Committee regarding the Waste Management Strategy.

Some of the options presented included the economic feasibility, social impact, and environmental impact of the following 16 options:

1. Green Bin Collection.
2. Backyard Compost Program.
3. Long-term operations at the City Compost Site.
4. Transition Plan for Individual Producer Responsibility.
5. Enhancing Service Levels such as weekly garbage collection.
6. Evaluate curbside service level options.
7. Enhance promotion of the goods exchange day.
8. Explore options for increasing the number of HSP Drop-off events.
9. Enhance public space container management and systems.
10. Develop a strategy for managing litter.
11. Develop a promotion and education strategy.
12. Update the solid waste by-laws.
13. Enhance enforcement mechanisms of the solid waste by-law.
14. Improve waste management services in the River District.
15. Explore opportunities with neighbouring Municipalities.
16. Establish climate change targets/policies for waste management.

Committee discussed:

- Projected household waste savings with a Green Bin implementation option;
- Current backyard composters;
- Non eligible sources and how that will impact the City of Owen Sound;
- Compost site and limiting it to just City of Owen Sound residents; and
- Goods exchange day and the remaining items at the end of the event.

“THAT in consideration of the presentation provided on February 16, 2023, from Dillon Consulting respecting the Waste Management Strategy Update, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council requests that Dillon Consulting:

- 1. Include the feedback provided at the February 16, 2023, Operations Committee meeting into the final draft Waste Management Strategy and circulate a copy of the Draft strategy to the Operations Committee for information purposes at the March 16, 2023 meeting;**
- 2. Bring forward the final draft Waste Management Strategy to the April 20, 2023, Operations Committee for review; and**
- 3. Bring forward the final draft Waste Management Strategy to Council in May of 2023.”**

Carried.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

9. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

9.a Engineering

None.

9.b Environment

- 9.b.1 Report CM-23-001 from Senior Manager Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness Re: Climate Action Strategy - Inventory and Proposed Targets**

Michelle Palmer, Senior Manager Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness and Maggie Murakami, Climate Action, provided a PowerPoint presentation to Committee regarding the Climate Action Strategy.

Committee requested that staff work towards bringing back a previously utilized document that presented each of the City's Building's energy usage and how repairs and capital projects have lowered the emissions.

OP-230216-003

Moved by Vice Chair Koepke

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CM-22-012 respecting Climate Action Strategy – Inventory and Proposed Targets and Launch of Climate and Environmental Implications Section for Staff Reports, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council:

- 1. Approves the proposed community and corporate targets for the climate mitigation plan; and**
- 2. Approves the addition of a Climate and Environmental Implications Section for staff reports."**

Carried.

9.b.2 Report OP-23-006 from Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: Household Hazardous Waste Charge Rates for Municipal Partners - 2023 Adjustment

Maggie Murakami left the Council Chambers.

The Supervisor of Environmental Services provided an overview of the report.

Responding to a question from Committee, the Supervisor of Environmental Services advised that if a resident of a non-participating Municipality attended a City household hazardous waste day, they could look into whether the individual could pay at the event.

OP-230216-004

Moved by Member Robertson

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-23-006 respecting Household Hazardous Waste Charge rates for Municipal Partners – 2023 Adjustment, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council:

- 1. Approve increasing the per-vehicle charge to participating municipalities using the Canada or Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2020, 2021 and 2022, raising the per-vehicle fee from \$45.00 to \$50.00 in 2023;**
- 2. Approve increasing the annual administration fee to participating municipalities using the Canada or Ontario CPI for 2020, 2021 and 2022, raising the annual administration fee from \$1,400 to \$1,565 in 2023; and**

3. **Direct staff to bring forward a by-law to execute the 2023 Hazardous and Special Products Agreements with Georgian Bluffs, Grey Highlands, Meaford and Chatsworth municipalities."**

Carried.

9.c Public Works

None.

9.d Transit

- 9.d.1 Report OP-23-004 from Associate Supervisor of Environmental Services
Re: Grey County Transit - Stop Agreement

The Manager of Engineering Services provided an overview of the Grey County Transit Bus Stop Agreement report.

OP-230216-005

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-23-004 respecting Grey County Transit Bus Stop Agreement, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the use of the City of Owen Sound transit terminal and existing bus stop by the County of Grey for a bus stop for the Grey County Transit bus."

Carried.

9.e Water and Wastewater

- 9.e.1 Report OP-23-005 from Manager of Public Works Re: DWQMS and WWQMS Management Review

The Manager of Public Works provided a detailed summary of the 2022 DWQMS and WWQMS Management Review Report and associated minutes.

OP-230216-006

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-23-005 respecting 2022 DWQMS and WWQMS Management Review, the Operations

Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

10. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no matters postponed.

11. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

12. CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION

12.a January 26, 2023 - Climate Action Team Meeting Update

12.b Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2022

12.c Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes - July 22, 2022

OP-230216-007

Moved by Member Bloom

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the February 16, 2023 Operations Committee agenda, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive Items 12.a to 12.c for information purposes."

Carried.

13. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

13.a Seasonal Load Restrictions Now in Effect in Owen Sound

The City Manager reminded Committee that a Media Release was issued on February 15, 2023, declaring that Seasonal Load Restrictions are now in effect in the City of Owen Sound.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Greig adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.