



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

May 8, 2023

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East

5:30 p.m. - Open Session - Council Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mayor Ian Boddy
Deputy Mayor Scott Greig
Councillor Travis Dodd
Councillor Jon Farmer
Councillor Brock Hamley
Councillor Marion Koepke
Councillor Suneet Kukreja
Councillor Carol Merton
Councillor Melanie Middlebro'

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Kate Allan, Director of Corporate Services
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Lara Widdifield, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Sabine Robart, Manager of Planning and Heritage
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Staci Landry, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Boddy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 2.a Councillor Merton Re: AMO Housing and Homelessness Symposium
- 2.b Councillor Farmer Re: Earth Day 2023 Event, National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People, and Community Conversation Sessions
- 2.c Deputy Mayor Greig Re: Owen Sound Field Naturalists Earth Day and Bruce and Grey Counties Federations of Agriculture Politicians Meeting
- 2.d Mayor Boddy Re: Mayor's Update
- 2.e Director of Community Services Re: Provincial Day of Action on Litter in Ontario

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

- 4.a Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on March 27, 2023
- 4.b Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Council meeting held on April 3, 2023
- 4.c Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 17, 2023

R-230508-001

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Kukreja

"THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as printed:

- a. Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on March 27, 2023;**
- b. Closed Session of the Special Council meeting held on April 3, 2023; and**
- c. Regular Council meeting held on April 17, 2023."**

Carried.

5. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-230508-002

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Kukreja

"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

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 6.a Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) No. 46 - 1043 and 1057 3rd Avenue East (St. Clare Place)

Mayor Boddy declared the Public Meeting open at 5:33 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 this application 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 an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of The Corporation 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 Corporation of the City of Owen Sound before the Zoning By-law Amendment is 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 Corporation of the City of Owen Sound before the Zoning By-law Amendment is 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 April 18, 2023. All comments received prior to the agenda

being published were attached to the agenda. The City Clerk encouraged those present for the public meeting to sign the sign-in sheet located on the table outside of Council Chambers.

The City Clerk advised that personal information is collected under the authority of the *Planning Act* and that the information collected will be used to complete the Zoning By-law Amendment 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 Zoning By-law Amendment application must make a written request to the City of Owen Sound.

The Manager of Planning and Heritage provided a presentation on Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) No. 46 put forward by Ron Davidson Land Use Planning Consultant Inc. on behalf of Lutheran Outreach Ministries for a six-storey mixed-use building with a commercial unit on the ground floor and supporting residential uses in the remainder of the building at 1043 and 1057 3rd Avenue East. The building is proposed to contain forty residential units, including five 2-bedroom units and thirty-five 1-bedroom units. The commercial unit on the ground floor is proposed to be used for community rental. Ms. Robart highlighted the location of the subject lands, noting that the lands are designated River District Commercial in the City's Official Plan. The lands are zoned as Core Commercial with Special Provision 14.90 in the City's Zoning By-law.

Ms. Robart highlighted the ZBA process to date and advised that a recommendation report and enacting by-law are tentatively scheduled to be presented to Council on May 29, 2023.

Ron Davidson of Ron Davidson Land Use Planning Consultant Inc. advised that St. Clare Place will provide affordable rental housing to seniors in the downtown core. Mr. Davidson noted that the current zoning permits a four-storey residential apartment building on the property. A ZBA is required to increase the building height to permit a six-storey residential apartment building. The City's Official Plan (OP) allows for high-rise apartment buildings up to eight storeys in the River District Commercial area. The OP has urban design policies and Grant Diemert of G.M. Diemert Architect has addressed these policies through a series of drawings, renderings, and an Urban Design Study. The OP stresses the importance of ensuring that everyone within the City has housing, and quality, affordable, seniors housing is needed within the City. The OP also encourages infilling, intensification, compact form development, and the efficient use of land and municipal services, and this development meets all those goals. The ZBA conforms to the OP and is supported by the Provincial Policy Statement.

Donald Statham, on behalf of Lutheran Social Services (LSS), noted that LSS is a registered charity that is associated with The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour. Their existing facilities include:

- St. Francis' Place, a 78-unit apartment building for seniors and physically challenged individuals that is a mix of market and subsidized units;
- Corbet Place, a 24-unit life lease condo building; and
- Transitional housing that includes four apartments for homeless individuals to be used while they transition to permanent housing.

LSS has applied to the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for funding under the Rapid Housing Initiative Program for St. Clare Place and as a condition of the application for this program, all the units will be subsidized. The funding announcement should be made in early June 2023, and Mr. Statham advised that the project will not proceed if they are not successful in their funding application. Mr. Statham noted that Grey County will be contributing \$3 million towards the project and some of these funds will be designated for capital

investments and the remaining funds will be designated for rent subsidy. The tenants for St. Clare Place will be 65 years and older and will be selected from Grey County's waiting list for subsidized housing. If LSS does not receive funding from CMHC, then they will explore other funding program options.

No members of the public were present to speak in support of or in opposition to the application.

There being no comments, Mayor Boddy declared the Public Meeting closed at 5:51 p.m.

6.b Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) No. 47 - 1032 2nd Avenue West (Masonic Temple)

Mayor Boddy declared the Public Meeting open at 5:52 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 this application 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 an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of The Corporation 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 Corporation of the City of Owen Sound before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.
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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 April 18, 2023. All comments received prior to the agenda being published were attached to the agenda. The City Clerk encouraged those present for the public meeting to sign the sign-in sheet located on the table outside of Council Chambers.

The City Clerk advised that personal information is collected under the authority of the *Planning Act* and that the information collected will be used to complete the Zoning By-law Amendment 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 Zoning By-law Amendment application must make a written request to the City of Owen Sound.

The Manager of Planning and Heritage provided a presentation on Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) No. 47 put forward by Ron Davidson Land Use Planning Consultant Inc. on behalf of the Owen Sound Masonic Temple for the conversion of the existing building, which formerly contained a day nursery, to contain two residential dwelling units as a 'Dwelling, Duplex' at 1032 2nd Avenue West. Ms. Robart highlighted the location of the subject lands, noting that the lands are designated Residential in the City's Official Plan. The lands are zoned as Institutional in the City's Zoning By-law.

Ms. Robart highlighted the ZBA process to date and advised that a recommendation report and enacting by-law are tentatively scheduled to be presented to Council on May 29, 2023.

Ron Davidson of Ron Davidson Land Use Planning Consultant Inc. noted that rezoning the subject lands to residential is compatible with the surrounding land uses in the area. The Owen Sound Masonic Temple will continue to be the landowners and will rent the two units separately.

No members of the public were present to speak in support of or in opposition to the application.

There being no comments, Mayor Boddy declared the Public Meeting closed at 5:58 p.m.

7. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no depositions or presentations.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from members of the public.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

- 9.a Letter from Casey R. Churko, Napoli Shkolnik Canada Re: Invitation to Participate in Class Action Litigation on Opioid Epidemic

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Simmonds advised that by completing the questionnaire from Napoli Shkolnik Canada, it would not bind the City to participate in the class action litigation.

R-230508-003

Moved by Councillor Merton

"THAT in consideration of the correspondence received April 10, 2023 from Napoli Shkolnik Canada respecting an invitation to participate in class action litigation on the opioid epidemic, City Council:

- 1. Directs staff to respond to the request to participate in a class action litigation on the Opioid Epidemic initiated by the law firm Napoli Shkolnik by completing and submitting the questionnaire to identify the impact of the opioid epidemic on our community and recover damages incurred to abate the opioid crisis that has and is still affecting our community and others throughout Canada; and**
- 2. Supports the primary goal of this class action that is to secure compensation to establish a fund for opioid abatement programs that are specifically designed for and managed by Canadian municipalities. These programs will focus on addressing the ongoing opioid crisis and providing support for addiction treatment, education, prevention initiatives, and other programs that are tailored to the needs of each community."**

Carried.

10. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

- 10.a Report CS-23-050 from Aleah Clarke and Dave Aston, MHBC Planning Re: Technical Report - ZBA No. 46 - 1043 and 1057 3rd Avenue East (St. Clare Place)

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

R-230508-004

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-050 respecting the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment No. 46 by Lutheran Outreach Ministries at 1043 3rd Avenue East, City Council directs staff to continue to process the applications in accordance with the *Planning Act* as outlined under next steps in the report."

Carried.

- 10.b Report CS-23-045 from the Manager of Planning and Heritage Re: Technical Report - ZBA No. 47 - 1032 2nd Avenue West (Masonic Temple)

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

In response to questions from Council, the Director of Community Services advised that the existing building will remain and will be converted to a duplex with one unit on the main floor and the second unit on the top floor. Ms. Coulter noted that the process that the City is required to follow to change a zone from Institutional to Medium Density Residential is prescribed under the *Planning Act*, including providing notice of complete application and public meeting to the applicant and the public, preparing a technical report, holding a public meeting, and bringing a recommendation report to Council for approval.

R-230508-005

Moved by Councillor Middlebro'

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-045 respecting the proposed residential conversion of the existing building at 1032 2nd Avenue West, City Council directs staff to continue to process Zoning By-law Amendment No. 47 in accordance with the process outlined in this report."

Carried.

The Manager of Planning and Heritage left the meeting.

- 10.c Report CR-23-038 from the Manager of Legislative Services and the Manager of Parks and Open Space Re: Encroachment Applications and Transport Canada Lease - Sound Street Beach (ENC2022-001 & ENC2022-002)

The City Clerk provided an overview of the report.

R-230508-006

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-23-038 respecting encroachment applications and a Transport Canada Lease for Sound Street Beach, City Council:

- 1. Denies both encroachment applications;**
- 2. Designates Sound Street Beach as a public open space area subject to the City's Parks By-law; and**
- 3. Directs staff to:**
 - a. Bring forward a by-law to execute a lease with Transport Canada for Sound Street Beach;**
 - b. Add Sound Street Beach to the City's inventory of parks and open spaces as a neighbourhood park; and**
 - c. Create a municipal address for Sound Street Beach."**

Carried.

- 10.d Report CS-23-039 from the Director of Community Services and the City Clerk
Re: Intention to Declare Surplus and Dispose of Municipal Property - Portion of
Unopen Road Allowance - 7th Avenue West between 23rd and 24th Streets West

The City Clerk provided an overview of the report.

R-230508-007

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"That in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-039 respecting the Intention to Declare Surplus and Dispose of Municipal Property - Portion of Unopen Road Allowance - 7th Avenue West between 23rd and 24th Streets West, City Council directs staff to:

- 1. Provide notice and invite public comment on the City's intention to stop up and close, declare surplus and dispose of lands described as a portion of the 7th Avenue West unopen road allowance between 23rd and 24th Streets West (the "subject lands");**
- 2. Provide notice on the City's website and in The Sun Times; and**
- 3. Dispose of the subject lands as follows:**
 - a. Parcel 'a' by direct sale; and**
 - b. Parcel 'b' and 'c' by listing with the City's Realtor or direct sale."**

Carried.

- 10.e Report CS-23-051 from the Director of Community Services Re: River District
Patios - Ontario Traffic Council Guidelines for Patios within the Right of Way

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

In response to questions from Council, the Director of Community Services advised that the recommendation in the staff report deals with the three existing patios that are currently on-street with existing agreements from 2022 to 2024. The report also notes that new approvals for on-street patios in the River District would be put on hold until staff complete the review of the City's Street Furniture & Sidewalk Patio Design Guidelines as part of the overall City policy update project.

Ms. Coulter noted that in speaking with the Manager of Engineering Services, these barriers could be used by the Public Works and Engineering Department during the months when they are not required for the patios. If sidewalk patios cease to be required in the future, then the City could consider selling the barriers or retaining them for other purposes.

Ms. Coulter advised that the Community Improvement Plan was amended in 2020 to include patios; however, they must be permanent patios on private property to be eligible for funding.

Ms. Coulter noted that in the Ontario Traffic Council (OTC) Guidelines for Patios within the Right of Way, if pedestrians were to be diverted around the patio, this diversion would still require the same type of protection.

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that the OTC is an organization that advises the industry on best practices. This is a guideline and not a regulation or standard. The issue that Council has to weigh on whether or not to conform to this guideline is the liability and risk involved.

In response to questions from Council, the Director of Community Services noted that Council could ask the River District Board of Management if they would

support the purchase of the barriers; however, the Board is cautious about spending the funds in their reserves.

Ms. Coulter advised that there are white barriers and that if approved, staff would try to purchase the white barriers. Staff would also work to minimize the number of barriers required by combining the two patios on the west side of 2nd Avenue East. The OTC Guideline recommends that the barriers interlock with no space between them.

R-230508-008

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-051 respecting River District Patios – Ontario Traffic Council Guidelines for Patios within the Right of Way, City Council receives the report for information purposes."

Carried.

R-230508-009

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-051 respecting River District Patios - Ontario Traffic Council Guidelines for Patios within the Right of Way, City Council requests a follow up report to include, but not limited to, consistency amongst businesses, consultation with the River District Board of Management, costing information, and funding opportunities."

Carried.

R-230508-010

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-051 respecting River District Patios - Ontario Traffic Council Guidelines for Patios within the Right of Way, City Council directs staff to follow the same requirements for River District patios in 2023 as were used for 2022."

Carried.

- 10.f Report OP-23-023 from the Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: Leaf and Yard Waste Compost Site - Residential Usage Agreement with the Township of Georgian Bluffs

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

In response to questions from Council, the Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that monitoring at the compost site is completed through a security company, and when they are at the site, they are counting vehicles and recording demographics. Ms. Widdifield noted that the compost is available for residents to pick up free of charge. There has been a lot of usage by residents at the site since monitoring began at the beginning of April.

The City Manager advised that a fulsome business case for the compost site will be brought forward to the Operations Committee in September 2023 and as part of this review, staff will be looking at alternative revenue options.

In response to questions from Council, the City Manager noted that the Municipality of Meaford has its own compost site and they are doing more marketing to promote the use of their facility for their residents. Mr. Simmonds advised that the security company will continue to monitor the compost site on an infrequent basis during the busier days of the week.

R-230508-011

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-23-023 respecting the 2023 Leaf and Yard Waste Compost Site - Residential Usage Agreement with the Township of Georgian Bluffs, City Council:

- 1. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the 2023 Leaf and Yard Waste Compost Site Residential Usage Agreement with the Township of Georgian Bluffs as outlined in the report; and**
- 2. Directs staff to utilize the \$26,000 in funding from the Township of Georgian Bluffs towards grinding at the Leaf and Yard Waste Compost Site."**

Carried.

10.g Verbal Report from the Deputy Mayor Re: Grey County Council

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that on April 27, 2023, County Council received a deputation from Dave Shorey, Executive Director of Georgian College Owen Sound Campus where he thanked Grey County for its support of the campus, including contributions to the health and wellness wing, facilitating the nursing program and marine training program, and transportation opportunities. County Council received and supported a request to call upon the Ministry of Health to extend by six months a program that established temporary funding for healthcare providers to treat those without coverage under OHIP. County Council was supportive of furthering the tax policy changes consistent with the direction of Owen Sound Council, reducing the ratio for the multi-residential property tax class by 0.25%.

R-230508-012

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided May 8, 2023 from Deputy Mayor Greig respecting Grey County Council, City Council receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- 11.a Report CR-23-047 from the Manager of Corporate Services Re: Award of RFT-23-007 - Phase I - 9th Avenue East Watermain Looping Project
- 11.b Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Housing Company meeting held on March 21, 2023
- 11.c Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation meeting held on March 21, 2023
- 11.d Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
 - Quick Serve Restaurants Ltd. is the new owner of Wendy's located at 1411 16th Street East
 - Hock Stars Owen Sound, a second hand retail store located at 884 2nd Avenue East
 - Hawker and Peddler Licence issued to Grey Bruce Pride for the Owen Sound Pride Parade Vendor's Market on June 17, 2023 at the Owen Sound Farmers' Market

- Hawker and Peddler Licence issued to Phatboy Fireworks for the sale of fireworks in the parking lot at the Heritage Place Shopping Centre from May 14, 2023 to May 13, 2024

11.e Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council

R-230508-013

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT City Council receives Items 11.a to 11.e on the Consent Agenda dated May 8, 2023, and further

THAT the recommendation contained in Item 11.a be approved."

Carried.

12. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

12.a Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 19, 2023

R-230508-014

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 19, 2023 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved, save and except Item 8.a.1."

Carried.

Councillor Dodd noted that the request to consider Parkview Park as a community garden location was withdrawn requiring that the motion approved by the Community Services Committee be updated.

R-230508-015

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of Item 8.a.1, Staff Report CS-23-043 presented at the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 19, 2023 respecting Community Gardens – Updated Draft Policy and Draft License Agreement, City Council, in considering the reports, public feedback, and agency and staff input:

- 1. Finds that the updated policy is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms to the County of Grey and City of Owen Sound Official Plans and City Zoning By-law (2010-078, as amended);**
- 2. Finds that the public engagement feedback respecting community gardens has been sufficiently incorporated into the policy;**
- 3. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to approve the updated Community Gardens Policy;**
- 4. Approves an amendment to the Property & Landscaping Improvement Grant Program Guidelines to include a Community Garden located on City property with an approved Agreement that meets the requirements of the Policy and has an executed agreement (maximum one grant per year, maximum grant 50% up to a maximum of \$5,000 relating to the provision of water);**
- 5. Approves the Draft Licence Agreement, subject to review by the City Solicitor; and**
- 6. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to amend the Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2014-109 to delegate approval authority for:**

- a. **Community Garden Applications to the Director of Community Services and City Manager, acting jointly, provided that the application is consistent with the Community Gardens Policy; and**
- b. **The execution of Community Garden Agreements to the Director of Community Services and City Manager, acting jointly, provided that the Community Garden Application has been approved.”**

Carried.

12.b Minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on April 13, 2023

R-230508-016

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on April 13, 2023 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

12.c Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on April 20, 2023

R-230508-017

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT the minutes of the Operation Committee meeting held on April 20, 2023 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

13. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no postponed matters.

14. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

15. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

15.a AMO Housing and Homelessness Symposium

Councillor Merton advised that she attended the AMO Housing and Homelessness Symposium on May 3 and 4 with the Director of Corporate Services. The speakers offered perspectives on the root causes of homelessness, including income insecurity, insufficient supply of affordable housing, insufficient responses to mental health and addiction challenges, and the policy responses required. Governments, community and healthcare partners, and the private sector all have a role to play. This symposium provided an important opportunity to understand experiences from across the province, share ideas with peers, and build and strengthen coordinated and strategically aligned solutions. The next steps will be for AMO to present the learned experiences and suggestions for improvements and collaboration at the AMO Conference in August 2023. Councillor Merton noted that until you provide the wraparound services of addiction management and mental health care, the cycle of housing and homelessness will continue. Housing for the groups that are disadvantaged require those wraparound services.

15.b Earth Day 2023 Event, National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People, and Community Conversation Sessions

Councillor Farmer noted that he attended the Earth Day Event on April 22 at the Owen Sound Farmers' Market. There were several local groups with information tables set up to share what they are doing. City staff had a booth to introduce the Climate Change Mitigation Plan. There was a presentation from a group of students at Keppel Sarawak School who explored the need for safer ways for students and families to walk and bike to their school. The students conducted their own traffic studies and concluded that they need sidewalks and biking infrastructure to increase safety.

Councillor Farmer attended an event on May 5 at the Reconciliation Garden hosted by M'Wikwedong to recognize the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People. The event included ceremony, music, and reflection, and was attended by many people.

Councillor Farmer advised that there are two community conversation events taking place in May:

- The Climate Action Team of Owen Sound is hosting a Community Conversation about the Owen Sound Climate Mitigation Draft Plan at the Harmony Centre on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn more about the draft plan and to encourage people to complete the survey.
- Rebound Owen Sound is hosting a conversation about community engagement in the political process and with different levels of government on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for people to learn more about ways to engage with the City.

15.c Owen Sound Field Naturalists Earth Day and Bruce and Grey Counties Federations of Agriculture Politicians Meeting

Deputy Mayor Greig attended the 8th Annual Earth Day Event on Sunday, April 23 presented by the Owen Sound Fields Naturalists aboard the Chi-Cheemaun. The event titled "Good of the Earth" featured keynote speaker, Lenore Keeshig, who shared stories of Anishinabek culture oriented around the connection between Mother Earth and Father Sky.

Deputy Mayor Greig noted that he attended the Bruce and Grey Counties Federations of Agriculture Politicians Meeting in Keady on Saturday, March 25. MP Alex Ruff, MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, and MPP Rick Byers were in attendance. Topics of conversation included local federation updates, Bill 23 impacts, and updates from dairy farmers, Bruce Grey soil and crop, local sheep and beef producers, and Georgian Bay fruit growers. Bill 23 impacts had considerable discussion, including the recognition that sufficient space had been identified to meet Ontario's required housing construction without increasing urban boundaries or touching the Greenbelt.

15.d Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy advised that he attended the Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting (AGM). The keynote speaker was Larisa Yurkiw interviewed by Dave Carr. Mayor Boddy thanked the outgoing Chair, Marg Benedict, and the outgoing Past Chair, Syd Austin, and congratulated the new Chair, Jason Hemstock, Vice Chair, Rhonda White, and second Vice Chair, Natalie Barber.

Mayor Boddy noted that he and Councillor Kukreja attended Police Service Board training that was put on jointly with the Municipality of West Grey, Town of Hanover, and City of Owen Sound, where they learned about the relationship between police boards and Councils.

15.e Provincial Day of Action on Litter in Ontario

The Director of Community Services advised that the Provincial Day of Action on Litter is on Tuesday, May 9 and the City is planning an employee clean up in and around the River District. The City will also be launching part of the Locals Love It Here Program. It will be a simplified way to work with the City to do community clean up. The City will have clean up kits that can be borrowed from the City, free of charge, and can be booked either through the City's website or the River District website.

16. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-230508-018

Moved by Councillor Koepke

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

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

17. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-230508-019

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Kukreja

"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.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

Mayor Boddy left the Chair to present a Notice of Motion.

Deputy Mayor Greig assumed the position of Chair.

18.a Mayor Boddy Re: Vacant Lands on 23rd Street East

Mayor Boddy presented the following Notice of Motion that was supported by Councillor Hamley:

WHEREAS there is growing interest from developers to invest in commercial and industrial lands in the City of Owen Sound;

AND WHEREAS the City is owner of vacant lands on 23rd Street East, legally described as Range 9 EGR Part of Park Lot 7, described as Part 2 on Reference Plan 16R-8804, and Part 2 on Reference Plan 16R-8752, estimated to be approximately 13 acres;

AND WHEREAS soils removed from downtown during the Second Avenue East "Big Dig" infrastructure replacement in 2000 were deposited on the said lands;

I THEREFORE GIVE NOTICE that I will move at the Regular Council meeting on May 29, 2023, that staff provide a report within six (6) months to the Operations Committee, outlining the requirements and estimated costs to remove the soils and prepare the lands for sale, as well as the estimated fair market value for the lands after completion.

Having presented his Notice of Motion, Mayor Boddy resumed the position of Chair.

19. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Prior to moving into Closed Session, Mayor Boddy advised that for those who are watching the meeting live on Rogers Cable TV or the Rogers TV website, the Rogers feed will not reconnect to the meeting upon Council returning to the open session to report out of the Closed Session and review the by-laws. If anyone would like to view the remainder of the open session, they can watch the livestream on the City's Council and Committees webpage at www.owensound.ca/meetings. The video recording of the meeting will also be posted on this webpage following the meeting.

R-230508-020

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Kukreja

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

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on April 17, 2023;**
- b. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 19, 2023; and**
- c. 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 Boards."**

Carried.

20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Boddy advised that Council returned to the open session at 8:00 p.m. In Closed Session, City Council:

- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on April 17, 2023;
- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 19, 2023; and
- 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 Boards, and direction was provided to staff.

21. BY-LAWS

21.a By-law No. 2023-046

"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 8th day of May, 2023"

21.b By-law No. 2023-047

"A By-law to adopt Community Gardens Policy FPR001"

21.c By-law No. 2023-048

"A By-law to amend Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2014-109 to update the delegation of powers and duties respecting community gardens applications and agreements"

21.d By-law No. 2023-049

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs respecting access and use of the City's Leaf and Yard Waste Composting Site"

21.e By-law No. 2023-050

"A By-law to amend Traffic By-law No. 2009-075 to add stop signs on 4th Avenue West and 20th Avenue East and add no parking areas on 20th Avenue East"

21.f By-law No. 2023-051

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Moorefield Excavating Ltd., respecting Phase 1 of the 9th Avenue East Watermain Looping project, in accordance with RFT-23-007"

21.g By-law No. 2023-052

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an amending agreement with Miller Waste Systems Inc. to extend the City's waste collection and disposal contract"

R-230508-021

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Kukreja

"THAT By-law Numbers 2023-046, 2023-047, 2023-048, 2023-049, 2023-050, 2023-051, and 2023-052 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk