



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

May 29, 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
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 Farmer Re: Community Conversation on Engagement with Municipal Government
- 2.b Mayor Boddy Re: Mayor's Update

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.a Councillor Hamley - Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on May 17, 2023

Councillor Hamley declared a conflict of interest with Item 12.a, specifically Item 8.b.1 of that meeting, due to his personal employment with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

- 3.b Mayor Boddy - Report CS-23-065 from the Director of Community Services and the Manager of Planning and Heritage Re: Appeal of Council's Approval of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 44

Mayor Boddy declared a conflict of interest with Item 10.e due to him being the solicitor for a party who has an interest in the property subject to the appeal.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

- 4.a Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on April 17, 2023

4.b Minutes of the Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 19, 2023

4.c Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on May 8, 2023

R-230529-001

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

Seconded by Councillor Merton

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

a. Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on April 17, 2023;

b. Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 19, 2023; and

c. Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on May 8, 2023."

Carried.

5. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-230529-002

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

Seconded by Councillor Merton

"THAT City Council now move into Committee of the Whole to consider public meetings, deputations and presentations, public question period, matters arising from correspondence, reports of City staff, consent agenda, committee minutes, matters postponed, motions for which notice was previously given and additional business."

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

6.a Development Charges By-law Update

Mayor Boddy declared the Public Meeting open at 5:34 p.m. and read the following announcement:

- This is a statutory public meeting pursuant to Section 12 of the *Development Charges Act*, which mandates such a meeting prior to Council's passage of a Development Charges By-law.
- Any person or organization may appeal a development charge by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal by filing with the clerk of the municipality on or before the last day for appealing the by-law, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons supporting the objection.
- The purpose of the meeting is to give the public an opportunity to ask questions, provide comments, and make representations on the proposed Development Charges By-law.

The City Clerk explained that notice of the Public Meeting was posted on the City's website and published in The Sun Times on May 9, 2023. The background study and proposed draft by-law were made available on the City's website on May 15, 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 *Development Charges Act, 1997* and that the information collected will be

used to complete the Development Charges By-law update and will form part of the public record. Questions about this collection should be addressed to the City Clerk.

The Director of Corporate Services introduced Stefan Krzeczunowicz from Hemson Consulting who will be providing a presentation to Council on the Development Charges Background Study. Ms. Allan advised that this public meeting is Council's opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Krzeczunowicz about the development charges process and provide input. Staff will return to Council at its meeting on July 24 with a recommendation report that will include all public feedback received. The earliest the by-law will be presented to Council for approval is September.

Mr. Krzeczunowicz provided a presentation to Council on the Development Charges Background Study and the proposed draft Development Charges By-law. The presentation highlighted the following:

- Overview of development charges;
- Requirements under the *Development Charges Act*;
- Reasons for updating the Development Charges By-law at this time, which includes bringing the by-law into conformity with changes arising from Bill 23;
- Development Charges Background Study process;
- Development forecast for 2023-2041;
- Proposed rates, which are the maximum rates that Council could impose under the legislation;
- Rate comparisons with neighbouring municipalities;
- Implementation options;
- Existing exemptions in Development Charges By-law No. 2020-112;
- Policy recommendations; and
- Next steps.

Mayor Boddy invited members of the public to ask questions or provide comments on the development charges by-law update.

Ted Stewart, Owen Sound resident proposed that Council enact the maximum development charge as soon as possible. For example, the maximum development charge for a \$570,000 home represents 5% of that amount. Once this amount is amortized over 20 years, it does not equate to a large amount of money. Mr. Stewart noted that the City is falling behind on capital repairs and upgrades, and development charges are one of the few opportunities that the City has to acquire more money to put towards these repairs and upgrades both now, and in the future. With new development, once the City assumes ownership over new infrastructure, then it assumes the cost of maintaining them which is not fully recouped in the cost of water and sewage. Mr. Stewart indicated that there is expected to be a steady rate of inflation and Council would be missing an opportunity to collect development charges now to put into reserves for those future infrastructure repairs and upgrades to these new developments. Mr. Stewart commented that individuals will indicate that they can build a home in the Township of Georgian Bluffs at a lower cost and will have their own septic system and well; however, the value of a reliable source of clean, drinking water is a huge benefit to the owner of that property. Individuals who build in the country will have increasing costs to maintain their septic system and may not be able to get clean drinking water in the future. Those individuals who build within the City limits will have reliable water for now and for as long as we have Great Lakes.

Rod Rice of Rice Development, South Bruce Peninsula resident, noted that his company has been planning to develop lands within the Sydenham Heights Planning Area and are hoping to register the plan by the end of 2023. He is concerned about the impact of development charges on the cost of housing because his company is interested in trying to develop attainable housing. Mr. Rice asked Council to take into consideration that it is ultimately the homeowner who will pay these development charges, not the developer. As Council and developers try to bring new homeowners into the area, it is important that they do everything they can to have the houses be as relatively inexpensive as possible. Mr. Rice advised that he would be deeply concerned to see the full imposition of development charge rates as these fees would not reflect what his company has been planning for when they do begin development.

Dave Milliner, Development and Project Coordinator for Grey and Dufferin representing Flato Developments, advised that their development within the City is Greystone Village in the area of 8th Street East and 16th Avenue East. This residential development is proposing 119 single-family dwellings, 141 townhomes, 289 back-to-back townhomes with lower price points, and two apartment buildings for a total of 160 rental units. Mr. Milliner noted that while Flato Developments does support development charges to provide the services needed by new community members and all the residents of Owen Sound, they do have some concerns respecting the Development Charges Background Study and proposed Development Charges By-law. These concerns include:

- The condition that rental housing developments are exempt from development charges if a building permit is issued within two years following zoning and site plan approval of a project is not enough time. Their development has two apartment rental unit buildings that will be part of two different phased projects. These apartments will be located across from Georgian College and the Grey County Sydenham Campus as student rental options. Flato Developments would support agreements that ensure these apartment units remain as rental stock in the community.
- The development forecast information related to growth projections of dwelling units and population over the 10 and 20 year planning periods use growth numbers of 592 dwelling units from 2023 to 2032 and 421 from 2033 to 2042 or a total of 1,013 new homes over the next 20 years. Mr. Milliner suggested Hemson Consulting complete a more in-depth review of this information because the correct growth forecast numbers based on development projections are important to the calculation of a development charge. Their development project alone will exceed the forecast of 592 dwelling units indicated in the Background Study, and they believe that this is a very conservative number when used to calculate the development charge rates.
- Flato Developments has already pre-sold 51 homes to date with on-site promotion signs being installed this week to support their sales efforts. Mr. Milliner requested that Council consider providing transition scaling of the development charge rates due to the large increase and to make them more manageable for homebuyers.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Allan advised that the development charges in 2014 were \$7,000 and had been phased in over five years. Mr. Krzeczunowicz noted that there are other municipalities who have passed and enacted a similar significant increase in their development charge rates, including municipalities within South Simcoe. In terms of appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal for development charges, Mr. Krzeczunowicz advised that the amount of the rate increase does not have any bearing on the merits of the appeal.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Allan noted that she can provide Council with a historical summary of development charge fees that have been waived or deferred over the past six years for both the full development charge holiday and the existing exemption for purpose-built rental, as part of the staff report that will come forward on July 24. Mr. Krzeczunowicz advised that any development charge holiday, exemption, or discount over and above what is required by the legislation cannot be funded through higher development charges on other forms of development. These funds will then have to come from taxation. In the past few years, if the City has not had enough funds in its development charge reserve to pay for a growth-related capital project, then it has been using tax dollars to fund those projects. If Council continues to discount the development charge rates, then this practice of using taxation funds to pay for growth-related capital projects will continue.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Krzeczunowicz advised that most fast-growing municipalities (i.e., municipalities in the GTA) do charge the maximum development charge rate, and the extent to which slower growing municipalities provide exemptions varies considerably. For the surrounding areas, Mr. Krzeczunowicz noted that the Town of the Blue Mountains and most municipalities within Simcoe County are imposing the maximum development charge rates, and Grey County is imposing the maximum development charge rate for residential development as well as phasing in a rate for a recently introduced non-residential rate. Both the Township of Southgate and Municipality of Grey Highlands have substantial development charge rates.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Milliner noted that Flato Developments did pay full development charges for its development in the Township of Southgate.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Krzeczunowicz advised that Council can charge any rate, up to and including the maximum development charge rate. Under Bill 23, one of the new accounting requirements is that municipalities spend or allocate, on an annual basis, 60% of their development charge reserve funds for water, sewer, and roads. Most municipalities will not be able to spend 60% of these funds every year; however, if Council has identified a list of priority works for each year for those funds, then they can be allocated through the capital budget for future years. Mr. Krzeczunowicz noted that Council is permitted to impose separate development charge rates on different areas within the City, but they cannot impose separate charges for individual developments or developers as this would be bonusing. Respecting the development forecast information provided in the Development Charges Background Study, Mr. Krzeczunowicz noted that if another 500 units are to be added to the forecast, it would also need to consider how much additional cost would be incurred (i.e., capital program sufficient to accommodate increased traffic, roads program, etc.). There are provisions in the *Development Charges Act* that provide municipalities with the flexibility to deal with the situation where the growth projections might not be accurate when you get to that point in time.

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Krzeczunowicz noted that for the development forecast information, they look at housing demand on a regional basis. The level of growth in Grey County has been growing rapidly since 2016 and through COVID; however, it has slowed a bit in the past 12 months. They do not assume that the level of growth that has been seen in the past couple of years will continue at that pace to 2041. It is always better to be conservative with development charge forecasts because if you over forecast, it could lead to municipalities over building infrastructure. And if the municipality is then relying on development charge revenue to pay for that infrastructure, and the development does not occur, then that is more of a problem than collecting more revenue than you anticipated and having those funds in the development charge reserve. Mr. Krzeczunowicz advised that if a developer has already paid for a

portion of a project that is included in the Development Charges Background Study, then the City is required to give them a credit on their development charge fees.

There being no other comments, Mayor Boddy declared the Public Meeting closed at 6:55 p.m.

7. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.a Presentation from the City Manager Re: Monthly Update

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

Mr. Simmonds noted that:

- Harrison Park and Kelso Beach Campgrounds have opened;
- Harrison Park Pool is scheduled to open on June 19 and the Kelso Beach Splash Pad is now open;
- The inaugural Junior Firefighters program offered in the City has been highly successful with 40 children aged 10 - 11 participating;
- The Visitor Centre opened on the May long weekend;
- The Short-Term Rental (STR) survey and consultation begins on Thursday, June 1;
- Provincially-mandated planning application review timelines are being met and surpassed;
- A new Additional Residential Units Guide will be posted on the City's website later this week;
- The spring maintenance program has begun which includes street sweeping, sod repair, cleaning the River District, and line painting;
- The sidewalk condition survey is underway; and
- The second reading of Bill 5 "Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022" is scheduled for May 30.

Lastly, Mr. Simmonds noted the reports that will be presented to the Corporate Services Committee, Operations Committee, and the Community Services Committee in the coming months.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

8.a Dianne McIntosh, Owen Sound resident asked the following questions respecting short-term rentals:

Has Council considered attached units that do not have insulation between the units and the noise impacts that short term rentals in these types of units may have on the attached unit? How will Council address complicated parking situations and repeated inconveniences to residents from short-term rentals, such as damage to resident's vehicles, obstructing a right-of-way, and parking on resident's properties.

Mayor Boddy advised that all these items will be considered as part of the staff report and survey results that will come forward to the Corporate Services Committee at its meeting on July 13, 2023. Mayor Boddy encouraged Ms. McIntosh and the community to complete the survey which can be found at [OurCity.OwenSound.ca](https://www.owensound.ca/OurCity).

8.b Micheline Mann, Owen Sound resident emailed the following question to the City Clerk prior to the meeting respecting Sunday business closures:

Will or can the City make or influence any changes to the Sunday lockdown rule enforced by landlords who demand closure on Sundays?

The Director of Community Services advised that the City cannot influence commercial lease arrangements. There are several initiatives in the River District that the City does to promote and encourage businesses to be open on Sundays, such as Summer Sundays, and promoting the Christmas shopping season. Ms. Coulter noted that a few years ago, a survey was completed through the Community Development, Tourism and Culture Advisory Committee for River District businesses about Sunday shopping. There were 74 responses, and 75% of respondents indicated that they chose not to open on Sundays, with reasons being not seeing a return on investment, needing a day off, and difficulty finding staff.

- 8.c Terri Hope, Owen Sound resident emailed the following questions to the City Clerk prior to the meeting respecting vehicular traffic on 2nd Avenue East and the City's harbourfront:

Is the City willing to promote a program that would bar vehicular traffic to 2nd Avenue East one day per week during the summer (Sunday perhaps)? What is the City doing now to enhance the harbour experience? Specifically, has the City got a plan to add ice cream, awnings, bistro tables, coffee shops, live music, and well-planted and tended garden spaces?

The Director of Community Services advised that in December 2020, Council and the River District Board of Management approved a three-year River District Action Plan which has four parts: branding, maintenance, experience development, and promotion. The Experience Development pillar discusses researching and investigating closing a section of the River District to traffic on an ongoing and scheduled basis during year 3 of the Plan. Staff have not started this project yet, but will engage with the public, River District building owners, and businesses when they do.

Ms. Coulter noted that the Harbour Nights Concert Series, Harbourfest, Canada Day festivities, and the Visitor Centre and bike rentals are all located within the area of the harbour. The City tries to create a canvass for businesses to succeed in this area. The Community Improvement Plan includes the Façade & Structural Improvement Grant, Landscape Grant, and Business Start Up grant, that could be utilized by entrepreneurs to start a business in the harbour area that could include ice cream, coffee shops, and live music.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

10. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

- 10.a Report CS-23-046 from the Manager of Planning and Heritage Re: Recommendation Report - OPA No. 12 and ZBA No. 45 - 1555 18th Avenue East (Calloway REIT)

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

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Community Services advised that the road detail design would be finalized through the site plan approval process and will take safety into consideration.

R-230529-003

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-046 respecting the proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 12 and Zoning By-law Amendment No. 45 by Calloway Real Estate Investment Trust Inc (Heather Jenkins) through GSP

Group (Eric Saulesleja) at 1555 18th Avenue East to permit a two-phased residential development, City Council:

- 1. In consideration of the staff reports, recommendations, technical reports, and oral and written submissions including public comments, finds that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement; conforms to the goals and objectives of the City's Official Plan; and represents good planning;**
- 2. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 12 to the City's Official Plan (2021) and give notice in accordance with Section 22 of the *Planning Act*; and**
- 3. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to pass Amendment No. 45 to the City's Zoning By-law No. 2010-078, as amended and give notice in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*."**

Carried.

- 10.b Report CS-23-064 from Aleah Clarke and Dave Aston, MHBC Planning Re: Recommendation Report - ZBA No. 46 - 1043 and 1057 3rd Avenue East (St. Clare Place)

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 same parking ratio has been applied successfully with St. Francis' Place. The reasons behind the parking reduction for St. Clare Place include the type of housing, location, proximity to transit and other multi-modal forms of transportation, indoor mobility parking, and municipal parking nearby in the River District. Donald Statham, on behalf of the applicant, advised that many of the residents at St. Francis' Place do not have vehicles and with the individuals that will be living in St. Clare Place, there will likely be even less people who will have vehicles.

R-230529-004

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-064 respecting the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment No. 46 by Lutheran Outreach Ministries at 1043 and 1057 3rd Avenue East to permit a mixed-use building that includes a ground floor commercial unit and 40 apartment units proposed as affordable housing, City Council:

- 1. In consideration of the staff reports, recommendations, technical reports, and oral and written submissions including public and agency comments, finds that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement; conforms to the goals and objectives of the City's Official Plan; and represents good planning; and**
- 2. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to pass Amendment No. 46 to the City's Zoning By-law No. 2010-078, as amended and provide notice in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*."**

Carried.

- 10.c Report CS-23-067 from the Manager of Planning and Heritage Re: Recommendation Report - ZBA No. 47 - 1032 2nd Avenue West (Masonic Temple)

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

R-230529-005

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-067 respecting the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment No. 47 by Owen Sound Masonic Temple (Bill Moran) through Ron Davidson Land Use Planning at 1032 2nd Avenue West to permit the residential conversion of the existing building, City Council:

- 1. In consideration of the staff reports, recommendations, technical reports, and oral and written submissions including public and agency comments, finds that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement; conforms to the goals and objectives of the City's Official Plan; and represents good planning; and**
- 2. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to pass Amendment No. 47 to the City's Zoning By-law No. 2010-078, as amended and provide notice in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*."**

Carried.

- 10.d Report CR-23-056 from the Manager of Corporate Services Re: Approval of Non-Standard Procurement - Online Permit Software

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

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Corporate Services advised that it is normal practice to pay an annual fee for software programs. The annual fee for this program is volume driven and would reflect future volume if that were to change. The costs for staff training and IT support would be part of the current operating budget and would not require an increase. Ms. Allan noted that this software will bring efficiencies and will improve our level of service by enhancing our ability to work directly with the development community and is addressing a current gap in service.

R-230529-006

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-23-056 respecting Approval of Non-Standard Procurement – Online Permit Software, City Council:

- 1. Approves the purchase of Online Building Permit Software from Cloud Permit for \$188,764.80, including the City's non-refundable allocation of HST; and**
- 2. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Agreement."**

Carried.

Having declared a conflict of interest with Item 10.e, Mayor Boddy left the Council Chambers at this time and Deputy Mayor Greig assumed the position of Chair.

- 10.e Report CS-23-065 from the Director of Community Services and the Manager of Planning and Heritage Re: Appeal of Council's Approval of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 44 by Villarboit (Owen Sound) Holdings Limited Partnership and Heritage Grove Centre Inc.

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

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Community Services advised that there will be a significant delay until a hearing date is scheduled. Ms. Coulter noted that there could be a significant cost to the City in terms of not being represented at the hearing because a decision could be made that is not in the best interests of the City or the public and does not uphold the policies of the City's Official Plan.

R-230529-007

Moved by Councillor Merton

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-065 respecting an Appeal of Council's Approval of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 44 by Villarboit (Owen Sound) Holdings Limited Partnership and Heritage Grove Centre Inc. under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, City Council:

- 1. Directs staff to advise the Ontario Land Tribunal that:**
 - a. Council, having considered the grounds for the Appeal, and having considered the staff technical reports, recommendations, and oral and written submissions from the public and agencies, confirms its support and approval of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 44 as being consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, conforming to the goals, objectives and policies of the City's Official Plan and representing good planning; and**
 - b. The City of Owen Sound requests party status in the matter; and**
- 2. Directs staff and/or the City's planning consultant to prepare for and represent the City as a party at the Hearing, together with legal counsel."**

Carried.

Mayor Boddy returned to Council Chambers and resumed the position of Chair.

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

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that on May 11, 2023, County Council endorsed recommendations from the Community Services Committee to:

- Enter into a one-year agreement with Safe 'n Sound to establish a warming centre from November 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024 as a pilot project with funding of \$150,000 from the Safe Restart Funding reserve; and
- Offer fare-free transit on weekends from May 20 to September 4, 2023 on the Grey Transit Route as a trial. This travel is between Owen Sound and westerly to Wiarton and Sauble Beach through a partnership agreement with Bruce County, southerly to Orangeville through a partnership agreement with Dufferin County, and easterly to the Town of the Blue Mountains.

Deputy Mayor Greig noted that County Council received a presentation regarding proposed lot creation policies and their potential impact for agricultural practices and land in Ontario.

R-230529-008

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided May 29, 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-23-055 from the Manager of Corporate Services Re: Award of RFP-23-005 - Consulting Services - Storm Water Management Master Plan
- 11.b Report CR-23-050 from the Deputy Clerk Re: Appointment to the Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation and Owen Sound Housing Company Boards

- 11.c Report CR-23-051 from the Manager of Legislative Services Re: Encroachment Application – 1000 6th Street East
- 11.d Report OP-23-027 from the Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Renewal of Transport Canada Lease C0307108 for the City's Water Intake Pipe
- 11.e Report CS-23-063 from the Director of Community Services and the City Clerk Re: Stop Up and Close and Declare Land Surplus – 7th Avenue West between 23rd and 24th Streets West
- 11.f Memorandum from the Junior Planner Re: External Planning Policy Comments - January to May 2023
- 11.g Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board meeting held on March 22, 2023
- 11.h Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board meeting held on March 9, 2023
- 11.i Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: River District Board of Management meeting held on March 8, 2023
- 11.j Community Flag Flying Request Re: Grey Bruce Pride - Pride Month
- 11.k Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
- Indian Desire, a restaurant located at 669 10th Street West
 - Bell Canada, a retail store located at 1350 16th Street East
 - Bryan General Contracting, a home occupation located at 885 10th Avenue East
 - Burger Chief Inc., a mobile food truck
- 11.l Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council
- R-230529-009
- Moved by Councillor Kukreja

"THAT City Council receives Items 11.a to 11.l on the Consent Agenda dated May 29, 2023, and further

THAT the recommendations contained in Items 11.a to 11.e be approved."

Carried.

Having declared a conflict of interest with Item 12.a, Councillor Hamley left the Council Chambers.

12. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

- 12.a Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on May 17, 2023
- R-230529-010
- Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on May 17, 2023 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

Councillor Hamley returned to his chair.

- 12.b Minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on May 11, 2023

R-230529-011

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on May 11, 2023 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

- 12.c Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on May 18, 2023

R-230529-012

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on May 18, 2023 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

- 12.d Minutes of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee meeting held on May 12, 2023

R-230529-013

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT the minutes of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee meeting held on May 12, 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

Mayor Boddy relinquished the Chair to present his motion.

Deputy Mayor Greig assumed the position of Chair.

- 14.a Motion for Which Notice was Previously Given by Mayor Boddy at the May 8, 2023 Regular Council meeting Re: Vacant Lands on 23rd Street East

R-230529-014

Moved by Mayor Boddy

"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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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."

Carried.

Mayor Boddy resumed the position of Chair.

15. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

15.a Community Conversation on Engagement with Municipal Government

Councillor Farmer advised that on May 24, 2023, he spoke at a community conversation on engagement with municipal government, along with the City's Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness, Michelle Palmer, and the Owen Sound Hub editor, Anne Finlay-Stewart. They discussed frameworks for engagement and opportunities to strengthen these frameworks. The second half of the evening involved people breaking out into smaller groups to discuss what was important to them and ways to move those ideas forward. Councillor Farmer noted that there are some municipalities that host meet and greets with staff and Council in more informal settings. The video from the presentation is available on Rebound Owen Sound's YouTube page.

15.b Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy discussed the following:

- He attended the Kiwanis Music Festival 91st Annual Festival of Stars and congratulated all those involved in this event.
- He met with Georgian College President and CEO, Kevin Weaver.
- He attended an announcement by the Minister of Colleges and Universities, Jill Dunlop, and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Sylvia Jones, at Georgian College respecting the Learn and Stay Grant Program. The new full degree nursing program at the Owen Sound Campus is included in this grant program. The program provides funding for students to learn and work in the region where they studied by paying for some tuition and books.
- He attended the 125th Annual Review of the 42 Grey & Simcoe Foresters Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.
- He and Councillor Koepke attended the Grey County Women's Institute District Annual meeting.
- He and Township of Georgian Bluffs Mayor Sue Carleton met with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss transportation opportunities, specifically uber-style transportation. The Owen Sound Police Service does have a by-law that permits ride-sharing businesses within the City of Owen Sound. The Chamber of Commerce will follow up with some of their businesses who may be interested in starting a service like this within the City.
- He attended Hawk's Nest at the Roxy Theatre, hosted by Bruce Community Futures Development. There were approximately 200-300 people in attendance and seven presentations were made by local entrepreneurs.
- He attended the Grand Opening of Wing'n it Express.

16. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-230529-015

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

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

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

17. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-230529-016

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

Seconded by Councillor Merton

"THAT the action taken in Committee of the Whole in considering public meetings, deputations and presentations, public question period, matters arising from correspondence, reports of City staff, consent agenda, committee minutes, matters postponed, motions for which notice was previously given and additional business be confirmed by this Council."

Carried.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

18.a Councillor Farmer Re: Scoring Tool for Assessment of Public Applications to City Committees

Councillor Farmer presented the following Notice of Motion that was supported by Councillor Dodd:

WHEREAS City Council currently has no tool or mechanism by which to compare applications for public appointments to City Committees;

AND WHEREAS City Staff have previously developed a scoring tool to assist the Community Services Committee in assessing nominees for the various volunteer of the year awards;

AND WHEREAS this tool helps to focus the assessment of nominees and supports the comparison of perspectives prior to debate and deliberation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a draft scoring tool to support the assessment of public applications to committees for consideration as part of the Board and Committee By-law review in September 2023.

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-230529-017

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

Seconded by Councillor Merton

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

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on May 8, 2023; and**
- b. One matter regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals respecting appointments to the Operations and Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committees."**

Carried.

Council moved into the Closed Session at 8:32 p.m.

20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Boddy advised that Council returned to the open session at 8:43 p.m. In Closed Session City Council:

- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on May 8, 2023; and
- Discussed one matter regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals respecting appointments to the Operations and Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committees, and direction was provided to staff.

21. BY-LAWS

21.a By-law No. 2023-053

"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 29th day of May, 2023"

21.b By-law No. 2023-054

"A By-law to amend Fireworks By-law No. 2022-050 to allow the City of Owen Sound to use high hazard fireworks or high hazard flares or signals without requiring an exemption"

21.c By-law No. 2023-055

"A By-law to Adopt a Policy Respecting Taxes for the City of Owen Sound"

21.d By-law No. 2023-056

"A By-law to stop up and close and declare surplus municipal property described as part of the 7th Avenue West road allowance, between 23rd and 24th Street West (PIN 37044-0130)"

21.e By-law No. 2023-057

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Lease Agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Transport respecting Sound Street Beach (Lease C1215170)"

21.f By-law No. 2023-058

"A By-law to amend Board and Committee By-law No. 2023-010 to appoint Selwyn Hicks and remove Alan Barfoot from the Owen Sound Non-profit Housing Corporation and the Owen Sound Housing Company"

21.g By-law No. 2023-059

"A By-law to amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 2022-066 respecting fees related to the Harrison Park Pool"

21.h By-law No. 2023-060

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Circular Materials Ontario for eligible community promotion and education respecting blue box collection services"

21.i By-law No. 2023-061

"A By-law to adopt Amendment Number 12 to the Official Plan for the City of Owen Sound"

21.j By-law No. 2023-062

"A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2010-078, respecting lands located at 1555 18th Avenue East (ZBA No. 45 – Calloway REIT)"

21.k By-law No. 2023-063

"A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2010-078, respecting lands located at 1043 and 1057 3rd Avenue East (ZBA No. 46 – St. Clare Place)"

21.l By-law No. 2023-064

"A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2010-078, respecting lands located at 1032 2nd Avenue West (ZBA No. 47 – Masonic Temple)"

21.m By-law No. 2023-065

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Tatham Engineering Ltd., respecting a Stormwater Management Master Plan, in accordance with RFT-23-005"

R-230529-018

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

Seconded by Councillor Merton

"THAT By-law Numbers 2023-053, 2023-054, 2023-055, 2023-056, 2023-057, 2023-058, 2023-059, 2023-060, 2023-061, 2023-062, 2023-063, 2023-064, and 2023-065 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk