



City Manager's Update

Committee of the Whole | Council

July 24, 2023

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Highlights -

- Last week, tickets went on sale for “*A Deadly Pairing*”, a major fundraising event at Coffin Ridge Winery on September 8 to support the Tom Thomson Art Gallery. The event will feature 10 tasting stations, music by Higher Funktion, and the launch of the limited-edition Tom Thomson-inspired bourbon barrel-aged Marquette wine *Night Spirit*.
- The Sound Waterfront Festival saw record attendance and included Youth Day on Friday, June 30, at the Owen Sound Visitor Centre, including Indigenous ceremonies and youth activities at the Reconciliation Garden. The Canada Day Celebrations on Saturday, July 1, took place at Kelso Beach at Nawash Park.
- Summerfolk and Salmon Spectacular were issued tent permits for their summer events.
- The removal of Ash Trees is underway, and although much of the wood from the fallen trees is in poor condition, Staff have worked to start putting these trees on a website called govdeals.com and have found some initial success – thus avoiding future handling costs that include chipping, etc.
- Owen Sound and the County met with MPP Rick Byers to discuss Affordable/Attainable housing and a number of other issues; on a separate occasion also met and discussed physician recruitment.
- Recommendations and Actions from Service Review are now moving forward from the July 17 Special Council Meeting. The full report is now available on the city's website's Reports/Studies/Plans section – this is a requirement of the Ontario Modernization Grant funding.
- No Council or Committee Meetings in August.

Highlights –



- The Harrison Park Cabin has successfully launched for weekly-rentals offering a new campground opportunity. Formerly known as the “Kitchen”, the re-use of the building also retains heritage assets.

Corporate Services Committee

Second Thursday of each month - 5:30 p.m.
Lead Director: Kate Allan, ext. 1238

September 14

- Draft Business Licensing By-law that includes Short Term Rentals and Proposed Set Fines
- Capital Budget Policy - Update
- Human Resources Metrics – Recruitment, Selection, and Turnover
- Land Acknowledgement

Operations Committee

Third Thursday of each month 5:30 p.m.

Lead Director: Lara Widdifield, ext. 1201

September 21

- Winter Operations Plan - Update to the 2015 Document
- Update to Subdivision Policies and Engineering Design Standards
- Cigarette Butt Update (Recycling Pilot Project)

Community Services Committee

Third Wednesday of each month 5:30 p.m.

Lead Director: Pam Coulter, ext. 1252

September 20

- Summer Rec Wrap-Up
- Weaver's Creek Boardwalk
- Development Update

Community Development, Tourism, and Culture

Quarterly Meetings: Second Friday of the month 8:30 a.m.

Lead Director: Pam Coulter, ext. 1252

September 8

- Ridesharing Owen Sound
- Use of Hydrogen in City Vehicles
- Tourism and Culture Update
- Verbal Report from Grey County Economic Development and Tourism