



# City Manager's Update

Committee of the Whole | Council

November 20, 2023

## Highlights -

- Incredible start to the Holiday Season – HockeyFest, Holiday Magic, Kiwanis Santa Claus Parade, and Festival of Northern Lights.
- Fire Hall Administrative Area Floor Replacement
- OS Police Station Mechanical Equipment Replacements
- City Facility Winterization (washroom buildings, storm windows, quarterly HVAC maintenance, etc.)
- Bayshore is busy with local use, Owen Sound Attack and numerous hockey tournaments
- Removal of wall panels at Georgian Landing development to satisfy the conditions of the Unsafe Building Order
- Building permits issued for former Sun-Times building for interior alterations for new tenants
- Demolition of existing building on 3rd Avenue East by Lutheran Social Services to allow for future housing
- The site plan for Lutheran Social Services 40-unit residential development was approved by staff

## Highlights -

- 21 Trees have been replaced in the River District
- The banners – featuring Georgian College – were placed along 10th Street
- Kelso Beach re-naming and new signs installed for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- Veterans Day was celebrated on November 11 at the Cenotaph –
- First time to also recognize Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8 at the Reconciliation Garden
- OPA and Zoning for the redevelopment of the courthouse continue to move forward – and the appeal period relating to council's approval is now Final
- The Site Plan for SkyDev – 712 purpose-built residential units on the former RCA site was approved.
- On December 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Gallery is opening a major exhibition of historical photographs by local photographer J. James, illuminating the history of Owen Sound.
- The exhibition, J. James: Living Histories, will be accompanied by a collection of personal family photographs and stories shared by locals, and in addition, the Gallery will present never-before-seen images that could possibly be Tom Thomson that were also submitted to the project by a community member.

## Corporate Services Committee

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

### December 1 (9 a.m.)

- Special Council Meeting – 2024 Operating Budget

### December 7

- Employee Benefits Overview and Update
- Capital Budget Policy Update
- Virtual City Hall Platform
- Municipal Insurance Renewal
- 2024 Interim Tax Levy By-Law

## Operations Committee

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

Lead Director: Lara Widdifield, ext. 1201

### December 14

- Hazardous Waste – Costs Related to Participating Municipalities
- Waste Management Contract Renewal and Service Expansion
- Leaf and Yard Waste Compost Site - Process Review and Business Plan
- Update of Municipal Emergency Response Manual - Winter/Snow Portion
- Winter Operations Plan and Know Your Plan for Snow

## Community Services Committee

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


Lead Director: Pam Coulter, ext. 1252

### December 13

- Tourism and Culture December Update
- Tree Inventory Update
- Hydro at JMRRC and Bayshore
- Fence By-law
- HP Master Plan Engagement Update
- Building Update

## Get Involved

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### Join a City Board or Committee

Joining a board or committee of Council is a great way to get involved in your community, provide valuable insight, and gain experience with local government.

The City of Owen Sound is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment that recognizes and celebrates all dimensions of diversity, types of disabilities, and demographics of its community. The City of Owen Sound recognizes that the City is best served by committees which generally reflect the diversity of its community. In the City's **Inclusion Strategy**, one of the four Pillars of Inclusion is 'Workforce and Committees' with a specific objective of "attract and recruit a talented and diverse workforce, and committee membership, that is reflective of the labour market and community."

As a commitment to our Inclusion Strategy, the membership of the City's various boards and committees should reflect the community we serve.

There are several vacant positions where you'll have opportunities to guide recommendations, and share your input, advice and expertise.

For information on the City's Boards and Committees, their mandates, and meeting dates and times, please visit our [Council and Committees webpage](#).

### Public Vacancies

Board/Committee	Vacancies	Term
Community Services Committee	2	February 1, 2024 - January 31, 2027
Corporate Services Committee	2	February 1, 2024 - January 31, 2027
Operations Committee	1	February 1, 2024 - January 31, 2027
Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee	1	February 1, 2024 - January 31, 2027
Council Remuneration Review Task Force <b>Terms of Reference</b>	5	February 1, 2024 - January 31, 2027
River District Board of Management More information on how to apply can be found	1	Immediately - November 14, 2026

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