



City Manager's Update

Committee of the Whole | Council

February 26, 2024

Highlights –

- City Arborist continues to focus on ash tree removal adjacent to sports fields at Kiwanis Park. Staff have removed approximately 180 ash trees plus numerous clumps of buckthorn. Plans are in place to complete stumping by April of this year.
- Staff are developing a reforesting/planting plan that will be implemented in the Spring or Fall of this year based on staff resource availability.
- Tourism created a mobile merchandise display in City Hall that featured Owen Sound-themed merchandise, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, and tote bags.
- Bayshore has been busy hosting events in the past two months: the Stars on Ice event (December), the Grey and Bruce Counties Job Fair, and the Glorious Sons Concert.
- The winter edition of Escarpment Magazine features on the cover *Northern Lights* by Tom Thomson from the Gallery's collection and also a full-length feature article.
- New restaurants, including Mary Brown's Chicken, Fat Bastard Burrito, and Fresh Slice Pizza, are close to finishing, occupancy in the next couple of weeks.
- Permit issued for Zehrs for major interior renovation.

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- Public Works Staff have been doing winter maintenance and asphalt repair, catch basin repair, and sign replacement when there hasn't been any snow removal.
- All STR website, application materials, and guides have been completed – the City's MAT comes into effect March 1.
- The "Just Say Yes" marriage event returned to City Hall February 14 with 12 couples that "Said Yes".
- City Joined with Community Partners to Host a Regional Job Fair on February 14 – the event had more than 850 people attend and visit with more than 90 prospective employers.
- Substantial completion of TTAG renovations.
- The first phase of Cloud Permit has been finalized.
- Cloud-based updates to the records management system have been completed.
- Capital Budget Approved.
- Positive uptake to tax and water pre-authorized debit enrollments received since the beginning of December.

Corporate Services Committee

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

March 7

- 2023 By-law Enforcement Overview and Property Standards By-law Review
- 2024 Corporate Services Workplan
- FS25 - Capital Budget Policy - Update
- Owen Sound Fire Station Building Condition Assessment and Pre-Design Study
- Policy Review Project - annual update

April 11

- 2023 Year End Financial Report
- 2024 Tax Policy Update
- Holiday Closure Schedule Revisions

Operations Committee

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

Lead Director: Lara Widdifield, ext. 1201

March 11 – Council

- Contract Award – Alpha Street Reconstruction Project
- Contract Award – Downtown River District Phase 2

March 21

- Wastewater treatment and wastewater collection annual reports
- DWQMS and WWQMS Management Reviews
- Transit Update
- Downtown Building Hoarding

Community Services Committee

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

Lead Director: Pam Coulter, ext. 1252

March 11 – Council

- Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA 52) - Removal of Holding - 2198 3rd Avenue East (Former Russel Brothers Property)
- TOM Expansion Feasibility Study – Presentation by Diamond Schmitt

March 20

- Proposed Amendments to the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Program Guidelines
- 2024 Summer Events Report
- Monthly Building Update

April 17

- City-Wide Development Update
- Building Update

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