



City Manager's Update

Committee of the Whole | Council

March 25, 2024

Highlights

- March Break – The TOM had a busy week hosting Queen of Hearts Youth Club – Art & Design Campers and GB Arts campers, and many people enjoyed the Free Public Skating during the week!
- The Owen Sound Arts, Culture, and Volunteer Awards on Sunday, April 14, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery.
- The Home and Cottage Show taking place on May 11 and 12 currently has more than 125 booths booked, and the front lobby will feature Green Energy booths, including an electric mobility scooter from KIA. City Staff will be there promoting Additional Residential Units (ARUs).
- Sydenham Sportsmen will have a tent at the Home and Cottage Show with an activity for kids to build and paint birdhouses.
- Tourism is working on custom apparel collaborations with Harrison Park Campground and the Tom Thomson Art Gallery for launch in 2024.

Highlights

- Park Operations, with support from Public Works , collaborated to address ash tree and stump removals at Kiwanis Park, Kelso Beach at Nawash Park, and Greenwood Cemetery. Staff has completed the removal of ash trees at Kiwanis Park (166 trees), Tom Williams Ball Park and Harrison Park Mile Drive.
- Registrations opened for City summer camps – some camps are already full!!
- HP campground and cabin bookings opened March 1 – revenue of \$100,000 this month.
- Successful launch of Cloudpermit for Building Permits. This allows applicants for building permits to apply, submit drawings, pay, and receive their permit without ever having to come into City Hall.
- Spring cleanup is underway despite the snow event this past week. Sweeping has begun, and potholes are under control due to the intermittent snowfall this winter. Sod repairs will begin later in the Spring.

Corporate Services Committee

Second Thursday of each month - 5:30 p.m.

Lead Director: Kate Allan, ext. 1238

April 11

- 2023 Year End Financial Report
- 2024 Tax Policy Update
- Holiday Closure Schedule Revisions
- Animal Control 2023 Review Report
- Fire Hall Building Condition Assessment Results and Pre-Design Study

May 9

- 2024 Tax Rates Approval (By-law to Council to follow Committee Meeting)
- Virtual City Hall Implementation Update

Operations Committee

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

Lead Director: Lara Widdifield, ext. 1201

April 18

- 2023 Collision Report Analysis
- Street Occupation Permit By-law Review
- Transit – Where's My Bus App

May 16

- Drinking Water Quality Audit

Community Services Committee

April 17

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

Lead Director: Pam Coulter, ext. 1252

- City-Wide Development Update
- Building Update
- Draft Recommendations for Harrison Park Master Plan
- Heritage Conservation Maintenance Agreement- Update for Grey Gallery (former Coates and Best) - 883 2nd Ave E
- Pilot project relocating Tourism to the TOM
- Community Waterfront Use of Space
- SEAT – Special Events Activation Team – verbal report and presentation

May 15

- Request to Activate the Tax Increment Equivalent Grant Program (TIEG)
- Soccer Complex – Capital Priorities and Tree Planting

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