



City Manager's Update

Committee of the Whole | Council

April 29, 2024

Highlights

- The TOM welcomed 277 students, parents, and teachers from Keppel Sarawak Elementary School to celebrate the collaborative art project Upcycling TOM.
- On April 11, Owen Sound's OPEN Team members Aidan Ware and Tim Nicholls Harrison, presented at the national conference for Canadian Museums in Niagara Falls. The presentation highlighted their collaborative work in establishing the OPEN Card and the launch of Pollinate Owen Sound.
- The City of Owen Sound's Arts, Culture & Volunteer Awards presentation took place at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery on April 14, welcoming more than 181 attendees to celebrate the outstanding achievements of members in our community.
- Starting May long weekend, Tourism Services will be provided at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery and will continue there until the end of 2024 as part of the Pilot program.
- Municipal Accommodation Tax has started. Staff along with Councillor Middlebro attended the first meeting of the Eligible Tourism Entity and we look forward to seeing the positive impact of these funds in the community.

Highlights

- Kelso Beach at Nawash Park bollards replacement project has been initiated utilizing internal resources. Park signs have been built, painted, and are being installed by our staff around the City at several parks, including Parkview, Owen Heights, Centennial Tower Scenic Lookout, Duncan McLellan, Westmount, Victoria, and Timber McArthur.
- Docks at both the East and West Boat launch were installed on April 23 – boat launch passes – at City Hall or online.
- In support of building a Park Asset Management inventory, a project to inventory park assets across the city was commenced with the support of Geomatics Specialist.
- Summer Camps are full! Ice rentals continue to be strong! Spring Allocation (April-June) is up more than 25%.
- Service Review Ad Hoc Committee – launched the landing page Owensound.ca/servicereview
- Issued STR permits to 8 providers
- 2023 Financial Audit is underway

Highlights

- The TRANSIT APP is now live, connecting riders with schedules and real-time information.
- Decorative streetlight poles are due in soon for the capital replacement program to occur later this season.
- Annual River District cleanup has gotten started this week as well preparation for the Brightshores ball hockey tournament on May 4. This includes Banner installation with Parks department on 2nd Ave E today (April 29) and tomorrow.
- Public Works will be undertaking sidewalk and streetlight condition inspections.
- Sidewalk sweeping is underway. Road sweeping will be continuing for the next 6 weeks; we are working in the subdivisions now - Winter sod damage repairs – estimated one month of work.
- Have started catchbasin cleaning with our own hydro-vac truck.
- The intersection line painting tender has been awarded and Centerline painting occurs later, once street sweeping is complete.

Corporate Services Committee

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

Lead Director: Kate Allan, ext. 1238

May 9

- User Fees and Charges
- Water Rate and Sewer Surcharge Update
- Tax Policy Changes in 2024 Provincial Budget
- Multi-Year Capital Plan - Corporate Services
- Multi-Year Capital Plan - Fire Services
- Holiday Closure Schedule Revisions
- Physician Recruitment Update
- IT Needs Assessment Update

June 13

- Council Composition and Establishment of Ward Report
- T1 Financial Update

Operations Committee

Third Thursday of each month - 5:30 p.m.
Lead Director: Lara Widdifield, ext. 1201

May 16

- Drinking Water Quality Audit
- Flixbus Transit Service – Contract for use of Bus Terminal
- Kenny Drain Long-Term Works Plan
- Street Occupation Permit By-Law Review

June 20

- Capital Project Updates
 - Alpha Street Reconstruction
 - River District Phase 2

Community Services Committee

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

Lead Director: Pam Coulter, ext. 1252

May 15

- Report on Committee feedback and draft recommendations – Harrison Park Master Plan
- Report on Capital Priorities
- Report on Capital Priorities and partnership – Owen Sound Minor Soccer

June 19

- Request to process Heritage Property Tax Relief program rebates for 2023 tax year
- Request to increase Heritage Property Tax Relief program budget (this might be able to be combined with the above report)
- Request to designate 791 2nd Ave W and 795 2nd Ave W (Kennedy Terrace)

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