



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

May 13, 2024

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

5:30 p.m. - Open Session - Council Chambers

No Closed Session

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mayor Ian Boddy
Deputy Mayor Scott Greig
Councillor Jon Farmer
Councillor Brock Hamley
Councillor Marion Koepke
Councillor Suneet Kukreja
Councillor Carol Merton
Councillor Melanie Middlebro'

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Councillor Travis Dodd

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Kate Allan, Director of Corporate Services
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Lara Widdifield, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Staci Landry, Deputy Clerk
Allison Penner, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Boddy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

2.a Councillor Koepke Re: Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference and Recognition of Carter George

2.b Councillor Farmer Re: Road Safety

2.c Mayor Boddy Re: Moose Hide Campaign Day

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 29, 2024

4.b Minutes of the Emergency Council meeting held on May 7, 2024

R-240513-001

Moved by Councillor Farmer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as printed:

- 1. Regular Council meeting held on April 29, 2024; and**
- 2. Emergency Council meeting held on May 7, 2024."**

Carried.

5. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-240513-002

Moved by Councillor Farmer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT City Council now move into Committee of the Whole to consider public meetings, deputations and presentations, public question period, matters arising from correspondence, reports of City staff, consent agenda, committee minutes, matters postponed, motions for which notice was previously given and additional business."

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

There were no public meetings.

7. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no deputations or presentations.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from members of the public.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

10. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

10.a Report OP-24-025 from the Engineering Technologist III Re: 9th Avenue East Looping Water Main Phase 2 Easement and Delegation of Authority for Easement Approvals

The Director of Public Works and Engineering provided an overview of the report.

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that staff will notify Council of any future easements approved by delegated authority.

R-240513-003

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-24-025 respecting 9th Avenue East Looping Water Main Phase 2 Easement and Delegation of Authority for Easement Approvals, City Council:

- 1. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an easement agreement with the property owner of 595 9th Avenue East (Grey County) and the property owner of 1010 Superior Street to establish a new easement in the City's favour to allow municipal water and wastewater infrastructure to be**

constructed between 6th Street East and Superior Street through 595 9th Avenue East and 1010 Superior Street; and

- 2. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to amend the Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works and Engineering and the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to transfer easements to and from the City as outlined in the report."**

Carried.

- 10.b Report OP-24-029 from the Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Alpha Street Reconstruction Project Geotechnical Allowance

The Director of Public Works and Engineering provided an overview of the report.

In response to questions from Council, the Director of Public Works and Engineering noted that the purpose of the inclinometers is to monitor the surface of the slope adjacent to an existing guide rail along the edge of the hill near the ravine, which is the point with the most potential instability. Inclinometers precisely measure very small movements, allowing for early response should slippage of the slope surface begin.

R-240513-004

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-24-029 respecting Alpha Street Reconstruction Project Geotechnical Allowance, City Council directs staff to approve the Contemplated Change Order submitted by Moorefield Excavating for \$131,168.64, including the non-refundable allowance of HST, as outlined in the report."

Carried.

- 10.c Verbal Report from the Deputy Mayor Re: Grey County Council

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that County Council endorsed planning comments regarding Bill 185 which were similar to the recent submission from City staff. County Planning staff provided a report about municipal considerations regarding battery energy storage (BES) systems, including current gaps in policy at the County and municipal levels resulting from the repeal of the *Green Energy Act*. County staff recommend that each member municipality review their Official Plan, Zoning By-law, and Site Plan Control By-law as they may be mechanisms for future regulation of BES.

Deputy Mayor Grieg noted that County Council received an update regarding Grey Roots Museum and Archives, which saw visitor levels in 2023 return to 2018 levels. The 20th Anniversary of the current Grey Roots facility will be celebrated at a gala on November 8, 2024.

R-240513-005

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided May 13, 2024 from Deputy Mayor Greig respecting Grey County Council, City Council receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- 11.a Report CR-24-044 from the Purchasing and Claims Coordinator Re: Award of RFQ-24-008 Agricultural Land Lease – 217641 Concession 3 Derby
- 11.b Report OP-24-024 from the Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: GTR Bus Stop Amending Agreement No. 2 City of Owen Sound
- 11.c Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force meeting held on April 19, 2024
- 11.d Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board meeting held on March 27, 2024
- 11.e Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library Board meeting held on February 29, 2024
- 11.f Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Police Services Board meeting held on February 21, 2024
- 11.g Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: River District Board of Management meeting held on March 13, 2024
- 11.h Community Flag Flying Request - Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) - VON Week
- 11.i Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
 - Canna Cabana Inc., a cannabis retail store located at 1660 20th Avenue East
 - Sylvia Meadows is the new owner of Chatters Salon and Beauty Superstore, a hair salon located at 1969 16th Street East
 - Hawker and Peddler Licence issued to Kim Valla to operate Cirque Bouglione USA, a circus at the Heritage Place Mall from May 9 to 12, 2024
 - Hawker and Peddler Licence issued to United Way of Bruce Grey to operate Banditfest at the Farmers' Market on July 21, 2024
- 11.j Final approvals issued to the owner(s) of the following Short-Term Rental locations:
 - 247 6th Street East
 - 919 5th Avenue East
 - 113 13th Street West
 - 910 26th Street East
- 11.k Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council

R-240513-006

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of the items listed on the May 13, 2024 Consent Agenda, City Council:

- 1. Receives Items 11.a to 11.k; and**
- 2. Approves the recommendations contained in Items 11.a and 11.b. "**

Carried.

12. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

- 12.a Minutes of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on April 26, 2024

Mayor Boddy relinquished the position of Chair so that he could provide an overview of the minutes of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on April 26, 2024. Deputy Mayor Grieg assumed the position of Chair.

R-240513-007

Moved by Mayor Boddy

"THAT the minutes of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on April 26, 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

Mayor Boddy resumed the position of Chair.

13. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no postponed matters.

14. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

15. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 15.a Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference and Recognition of Carter George

Councillor Koepke advised that she attended the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference (OSUM) held May 1-3, 2024. Councillor Koepke noted the topics covered in the conference sessions and highlighted the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's continued efforts to undertake a social and economic prosperity review in partnership with other levels of government to consider the complex social challenges that municipalities must address with limited resources.

Councillor Koepke noted the various accomplishments of Owen Sound Attack player Carter George and requested that the Mayor send a letter of recognition on behalf of Council to Mr. George.

- 15.b Road Safety

Councillor Farmer noted concerns about road safety in the City and inquired as to what Council and the public can do to make streets safer.

Mayor Boddy suggested that road safety concerns may be brought forward to the Operations Committee for consideration.

The City Manager noted that both the Operations Committee and the Engineering Services Division are available to hear safety concerns.

The Director of Public Works and Engineering noted that Council has adopted the [Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Policy](#), which outlines a process for requests to add traffic calming measures. The Director of Public Works and Engineering further noted that road design changes may not be warranted, and that education and enforcement are the first-line tools used in enhancing road safety.

Council noted a recent report presented to the Operations Committee that detailed a reduction in traffic collisions in 2023 as compared to 2022, and that most collisions occurred in clear, dry conditions. The report further detailed that unsafe pedestrian behaviour and high traffic volumes also contributed to the collisions.

15.c Moose Hide Campaign Day

Mayor Boddy advised that Moose Hide Campaign Day is an Indigenous-led, grassroots day of action taking place on May 16. This is a day of ceremony in which all Canadians are called to join together to take a stand against violence towards women and children and take practical steps toward the collective journey of reconciliation. More information is available at MooseHideCampaign.ca.

16. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-240513-008

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report."

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

17. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-240513-009

Moved by Councillor Farmer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT the action taken in Committee of the Whole in considering public meetings, deputations and presentations, public question period, matters arising from correspondence, reports of City staff, consent agenda, committee minutes, matters postponed, motions for which notice was previously given and additional business be confirmed by this Council."

Carried.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

19. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

21. BY-LAWS

21.a By-law No. 2024-063

"A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound held on the 13th day of May, 2024"

21.b By-law No. 2024-064

"A By-law to Adopt a Policy Respecting Taxes for the City of Owen Sound"

21.c By-law No. 2024-065

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Agricultural Lease Agreement with Sharedon Farms Ltd., respecting 217641 Concession 3 Derby, in accordance with RFQ-24-008"

21.d By-law No. 2024-066

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute agreements with The Corporation of the County of Grey and 2779300 Ontario Inc. respecting easements for a watermain (595 9th Avenue East and 1010 Superior Street)"

21.e By-law No. 2024-067

"A By-law to amend Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2014-109 to update the delegation of powers and duties respecting agreements for easements to and from the City"

21.f By-law No. 2024-068

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a second amending agreement with The Corporation of the County of Grey respecting bus stop locations for the Grey Transit Route (GTR)"

21.g By-law No. 2024-069

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Amending Heritage Conservation and Maintenance Agreement with Zwaantjen Anne Dondertman and John Norman Laughlin respecting property located at 883 2nd Avenue East"

R-240513-010

Moved by Councillor Farmer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT By-law Numbers 2024-063, 2024-064, 2024-065, 2024-066, 2024-067, 2024-068, and 2024-069 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk