



City Manager's Update

Committee of the Whole | Council

July 22, 2024

Highlights

- The TOM is launching the TOM Art Club this summer for young artists aged 7-13 on Saturday afternoons in July and August.
- The fifth edition of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery annual fundraising calendar is now available at the Gallery and at retailers across Grey-Bruce and Simcoe counties. \$100,000 has been raised during the 5-year calendar campaign to support the TOM.
- Community Art Project in the TOM studio for the One World Festival-Grey Bruce, celebrating inclusion and diversity. The TOM welcomed more than 700 hundred students and visitors into the Gallery that day for the colourful handprint art project and to see the new exhibitions.
- Outdoor Neighborhood Movie Nights: *Wish* at the Community Waterfront Heritage Centre on August 9 and *Jungle Cruise* at Harrison Park on August 16. Movies start at 7 pm and feature drinks and snacks for kids 12 and under.
- Waterfront Festival was another huge success this year, taking place over 4 days, Friday, June 28 to Monday, July 1 at Kelso Beach at Nawash Park

Highlights

- Parks have been busy across the city, including the River District, with the planting of 43 annual beds, 147 hanging baskets, 37 decorative pots, and planter boxes on three core area bridges.
- Summer youth camps are full and great feedback was received from recently completed soccer and lacrosse camps.
- Permit issued for the conversion of the former Breckenridge-Ashcroft Funeral Home to 6 residential units
- Courthouse and Jail – site plan application – deemed complete
- Proposed partnership between the City of Owen Sound and Georgian College Power Engineering Technology faculty and students on a capstone project.
- Mayor Boddy hosted a Development Dialogue with Key Industry Leaders and residential developers

Corporate Services Committee

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

Lead Director: Kate Allan, ext. 1238

September 12

- Bi-annual summary of Awarded Purchases between \$50,000 and \$249,000 from January 1 to June 30, 2024
- City Grants to Community Groups Update
- FS25 – Capital Budget Policy Update
- Human Resources Metrics – Recruitment and Retention
- Fire Station Renovation and Expansion Pre-Design Study

October 10

- 2023 Year-End Audit
- 2025 Operating Budget Presentation
- 2024 Climate Mitigation Plan Annual Update
- 2024 Department Work Plan Update

Operations Committee

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

Lead Director: Lara Widdifield, ext. 1201

September 19

- Traffic Bylaw amendments – addition of a barrier-free space on 1000 block of 4th Ave E and housekeeping revisions
- Sydenham Sportsmen's Association Lease renewal at Derby Landfill property
- Transport Canada Lease Renewal for 10th St Bridge

October 17

- 2025 Operating Budget Presentation
- Capital Project and Workplan Status Update

Community Services Committee

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

Lead Director: Pam Coulter, ext. 1252

September 18

- Recommendation report regarding ZBLA 53 by Graham Design
- OLT decision re Heritage Grove and Sydenham Square appeals

October 16

- Update from Chamber of Commerce regarding Municipal Accommodation Tax
- 2025 Operating Budget Presentation for Community Services and Gallery
- Summer events wrap up

Ad Hoc Committees

Strategic Planning | September 4 – 9 a.m.

- Strategic Plan – Vision 2050 Highlighting the findings of the community survey/feedback

Service Review | October 9 (www.Owensound.ca/servicereview) – 9 a.m.

Reports on the following Service Review Actions

- 1a1 Onboarding
- 1a4 Standard Operating Procedures - Overtime
- 1a5 Civil Marriages - update
- 1b1 Teams
- 4a3 Strengthen Annual Workplan
- 1d1 Fleet Management Strategy
- 1d2 Fleet add-ons
- 3b3 Partnership Policy/Toolkit
- 5b1 Winter Maintenance
- 4a1 Establish KPIs and revenue targets for all city divisions as part of the annual budget process
- 3a2 Parks Classifications

In case you missed it - Media Advisories Issued May 25– July 17

www.Owensound.ca/news

1. City Saves More Than \$1.8M in purchase of Replacement Fire Truck
2. Notice of Intention to Pass Fees and Charges By-law
3. New FlixBus Transit Service Connects Owen Sound to Pearson Airport and Union Station
4. The City of Owen Sound Releases Summer Line-Up of Live Music
5. Council Approves Final Draft of Harrison Park Master Plan
6. Getting Married? Online Licence Application Now Available in Owen Sound
7. Future Owen Sound – Vision 2050 Needs Community Stakeholders to Have Their Say
8. Premier Doug Ford Visits Specialized Medical Isotope Packaging Company Stevcon in Owen Sound
9. Post-Storm Clean Up Efforts Ongoing
10. City Launches New Online Option to Report By-law Concerns
11. Cooling Centres and Emergency Resources for High Heat Weather
12. Notice of Complete Applications and Public Meeting – ZBA No. 53
13. Harrison Park Pool Opens for the Season
14. City Announces Approval of Green Bin Organics Program and New Contract with Miller Waste Systems
15. River District Blooms Returns!
16. The Sound Waterfront Festival and Canada Day Celebrations Kick off Friday, June 28
17. Owen Sound Hosts Successful Development Dialogue with Key Industry Leaders
18. Know Where To Go: Public Washroom Facilities and Hours in Owen Sound
19. The Hottest Street Sale Returns to the River District
20. City of Owen Sound and YMCA Announce a New 20-Year Operational Agreement
21. City Enters into Agreement to Provide Georgian Bluffs with Fire Prevention Services
22. Notice of Study Commencement: Owen Sound Stormwater Management Plan
23. Tom Thomson Art Gallery Hosts Michael Belmore for Artist Talk & Workshop Weekend
24. Engage in the City of Owen Sound's 2025 Budget Process: Opportunities for Local Residents
25. Tom Thomson Art Gallery Launches Summer Programs

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Vision 2050



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2025 Operating Budget Engagement – [Open until August 12](https://www.ourcity.owensound.ca)
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