



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

September 9, 2024

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

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

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
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 Merton Re: Crime Stoppers Grey Bruce
- 2.b Councillor Farmer Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2024 Conference and Sweetwater Music Festival
- 2.c Deputy Mayor Greig Re: Terry Fox Run

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Councillor Hamley - Report CR-24-089 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: 2024 Provincial Gas Tax Funding; Report OP-24-039 from the Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: By-law to Execute Housing Enabling Water System Grant Transfer Payment Agreement; By-law 2024-104; By-law 2024-106; and Item 2.d contained within Item 11.i - Correspondence Received which is Presented for the Information of Council

Councillor Hamley declared a conflict of interest with Items 11.a, 11.c, 21.e, 21.g, and with discussions arising out of correspondence item 2.d contained within Item 11.i of the agenda due to his employment with the Government of Ontario.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

- 4.a Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on June 17, 2024
- 4.b Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Council meeting held on June 24, 2024
- 4.c Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on July 22, 2024

- 4.d Minutes of the Emergency Council meeting held on July 29, 2024
- 4.e Minutes of the Special County of Grey Joint All Councils meeting held on August 8, 2024
- R-240909-001
Moved by Councillor Dodd
Seconded by Councillor Farmer

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

- 1. The Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on June 17, 2024;**
- 2. The Closed Session of the Special Council meeting held on June 24, 2024;**
- 3. The Regular Council meeting held on July 22, 2024;**
- 4. The Emergency Council meeting held on July 29, 2024; and**
- 5. The Special County of Grey Joint All Councils meeting held on August 8, 2024."**

Carried.

5. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-240909-002
Moved by Councillor Dodd
Seconded by Councillor Farmer

"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.

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

There were no public meetings.

7. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 7.a Deputation from Jill Umbach and Francesca Dobbyn Re: Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force Update

Jill Umbach, Coordinator of the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force and Francesca Dobbyn, Executive Director of United Way Bruce Grey provided a presentation about the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Umbach advised of programming provided by partners that teaches cooking skills to children and families. Ms. Dobbyn noted that typically people experiencing food insecurity have cooking skills but don't have enough income to buy food. Ms. Umbach advised that many of the services offered by Community Food Centres elsewhere are available in Grey Bruce, but that funding is not available to bring them under one roof.

In response to a question from Council, Ms. Umbach noted members of other municipal Councils participate in the Poverty Task Force without having been formally appointed to do so.

In response to a question from Council, Ms. Dobbyn advised that poverty is an income issue and stated that long-term planning to support children is important.

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Dobbyn advised that learnings from the Timmins summit on the opioid crisis in small and medium municipalities will be shared with City Council through the Poverty Task Force minutes. Ms. Dobbyn noted the key message that many solutions and partnership are needed to respond to the opioid crisis.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

8.a Tamara Sargent, Owen Sound resident, stated concerns regarding proposed amendments to the Procedural By-law.

8.b Dianne McIntosh, Owen Sound resident, emailed the City Clerk prior to the meeting with the following question respecting law enforcement:

Why is illegal behaviour seemingly permitted in public spaces, such as openly using illegal drugs, Possession of Illegal Drugs, Loitering, etc. in Owen Sound?

In response to Ms. McIntosh's question, Mayor Boddy advised that law enforcement is the responsibility of the Owen Sound Police Services Board. Mayor Boddy read a response provided by Police Chief Ambrose, noting that the Owen Sound Police Service is enforcing the law in the same manner as other police services.

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 CS-24-073 from the Senior Planner Re: Recommendation Report – Zoning By-law Amendment No. 53 (ZBA 53) – 10th Avenue Estates

The Director of Community Services provided a presentation and an overview of the report.

R-240909-003

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-073, respecting proposed Zoning By-law Amendment No. 53 by 10th Avenue Estates Inc. through Ron Davidson Land Use Planning required to facilitate an 85-unit residential development consisting of 63 apartment dwellings and 22 cluster townhouse dwellings on lands at the eastern end of the terminus of 10th Avenue East (Roll No. 425901000633806), City Council:

- 1. In consideration of the staff reports, recommendations, technical reports, and oral and written submissions, including public and agency comments received, finds that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, confirms to the goals and objectives of the City's Official Plan, and represents good planning; and**
- 2. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to pass Amendment No. 53 to the City's Zoning By-law (2010-078, as amended), and provide notice in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*."**

Carried.

Councillor Dodd left the Council Chambers.

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

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that County Council received a deputation from the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus about the group's current priorities, provided support for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's position respecting the opioid crisis, and heard an update about the Supportive Outreach Services (SOS) program.

R-240909-004

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided September 9, 2024 from Deputy Mayor Greig respecting Grey County Council, City Council receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

Councillor Dodd returned to his chair.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Having previously declared a Conflict of Interest, Councillor Hamley left the Council Chambers.

- 11.a Report CR-24-089 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: 2024 Provincial Gas Tax Funding
- 11.b Report OP-24-038 from the Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: By-law to Renew Land Lease C0108101 with Crown for 10th Street Bridge
- 11.c Report OP-24-039 from the Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: By-law to Execute Housing Enabling Water System Grant Transfer Payment Agreement
- 11.d Report CS-24-072 from the Junior Planner Re: Requests for Designation and Proposed Eligibility under the Heritage Property Tax Relief Program - 791 2nd Ave W and 795 2nd Ave W (Kennedy Terrace)
- 11.e Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Minutes of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board meeting held May 22, 2024
- 11.f Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Minutes of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board meeting held July 24, 2024
- 11.g Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Minutes of the Owen Sound Police Services Board meeting held May 29, 2024
- 11.h Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
 - Cedar Cottage Counselling Group, a mental health counselling service located at 1104 8th Street East
 - The Climbers Crush, an indoor rock climbing gym, located at 1580 20th Street East
 - Fierce Deer Jewelry Inc., a wholesale and online retailer of costume jewelry located at 748 2nd Avenue East
 - The Gathering Table, a retail store located at 777 2nd Avenue East
 - Mindful Fitness Training, a fitness studio relocated to 1935 17th Street East
 - Northern Fight Club, a fitness studio located at 789 2nd Avenue East
 - Panda Garden Chinese Restaurant, a restaurant located at 229 9th Street East
 - PK's Carribbean Cuisine, a restaurant located at 208 8th Street East
 - STEMVOX Inc., a private alternative STEM school and tutoring service located at 1130 8th Street East

- Grow Your Mind Hypnotherapy, a home occupation located at 366 7th Street East
- Penble Inc. o/a Wooden Cove Woodworks, a home occupation located at 745 3rd Avenue East
- Hawker and Peddler Licence issued to the 2024 Summerfolk Festival, taking place August 16 to 18, 2024

11.i Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council

R-240909-005

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of the items listed on the September 9, 2024 Consent Agenda, City Council:

- 1. Receives Items 11.a to 11.i; and**
- 2. Approves the recommendation contained in Items 11.a to 11.d. "**

Carried.

Councillor Hamley returned to his chair.

Councillor Hamley declared a conflict of interest at this time with discussions arising out of an item on the correspondence package due to his employment with the Government of Ontario and left the Council Chambers.

R-240909-006d

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received within the September 9, 2024 Information Package, City Council:

- 1. Supports the comments of Colin Best, as contained within Item 2.d of the September 9, 2024 Information Package; and**
- 2. Directs staff to send this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Rick Byers, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound."**

Defeated.

Councillor Hamley returned to his chair.

12. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

There were no committee minutes with recommendations for approval.

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

15a. Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce

Councillor Merton advised that [Crime Stoppers Grey Bruce](#) is seeking funding to continue operations, as well as seeking volunteers for its Board of Directors.

15.b The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2024 Conference

Councillor Farmer requested an update on the AMO conference from Council members who were able to attend.

Councillors advised that many of the conference presentations and materials are available on the [AMO website](#) and highlighted their key learnings including those relating to the opioid crisis, healthy democracy, lifecycle of recreation facility infrastructure, homelessness, and the net zero energy transition.

Councillor Farmer advised that the Sweetwater Music Festival takes place September 11 to 15 and includes free and paid events for people of all ages.

15.d Terry Fox Run

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that the Owen Sound Terry Fox run takes place on September 15 and suggested that the East Side Fitness Trail be renamed in honour of Terry Fox. Deputy Mayor Greig advised he will be bringing this forward to the Community Services Committee for consideration.

16. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-240909-007

Moved by Councillor Dodd

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

Carried.

17. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-240909-008

Moved by Councillor Dodd

Seconded by Councillor Farmer

"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

Mayor Boddy relinquished the position of Chair so that he could provide a Notice of Motion. Deputy Mayor Greig assumed the position of Chair.

Mayor Boddy presented the following Notice of Motion that was supported by Councillor Kukreja:

“WHEREAS municipalities have a responsibility to ensure the safety and security of their residents; and

WHEREAS efficient and effective law enforcement is crucial for maintaining public order, preventing crime, and protecting citizens; and

WHEREAS joint municipal police services can lead to enhanced resource allocation, improved coordination, and greater operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS the consolidation of police services can provide access to specialized units and advanced technology that may not be feasible for individual municipalities to sustain independently; and

WHEREAS joint municipal police services can lead to cost savings through shared resources, reduced administrative overhead, and bulk purchasing; and

WHEREAS neighboring municipalities often face similar public safety challenges and can benefit from a unified approach to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS joint municipal police services can enhance the ability to respond to emergencies and large-scale incidents through combined personnel and equipment; and

WHEREAS collaborative police services can strengthen community relations by fostering a sense of shared responsibility and partnership among municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorses the exploration and potential implementation of joint municipal police services with the Municipality of West Grey; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council directs the City Manager to initiate discussions with representatives from the Municipality of West Grey, the West Grey Police Services Board, and the Owen Sound Police Services Board to evaluate the feasibility, benefits, and potential structure of a joint municipal police service."

Mayor Boddy resumed the position of Chair.

19. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Prior to moving into Closed Session, Mayor Boddy advised that for those who are watching the meeting live on Rogers Cable TV or the Rogers TV website, the Rogers feed will not reconnect to the meeting upon Council returning to the open session to report out of the Closed Session and review the by-laws. If anyone would like to view the remainder of the open session, they can watch the livestream on the City's Council and Committees webpage at www.owensound.ca/meetings. The video recording of the meeting will also be posted on this webpage following the meeting.

R-240909-009

"THAT City Council now move into 'Closed Session' to consider:

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on July 22, 2024;**
- b. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special County of Grey Joint All Councils meeting held on August 8, 2024; and**
- c. Five matters regarding labour relations and employee negotiations and personal matters about identifiable individuals respecting City staffing."**

Carried.

20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Boddy advised that Council returned to the open session at 8:31 p.m. with all Council members and the City Manager, City Clerk and Deputy Clerk in attendance. In Closed Session, City Council:

- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on July 22, 2024;
- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the County of Grey Joint All Councils meeting held on August 8, 2024; and
- Discussed five matters regarding labour relations and employee negotiations and personal matters about identifiable individuals respecting City staffing, and no direction was provided."

21. BY-LAWS

21.a By-law No. 2024-100

"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 9th day of September, 2024"

21.b By-law No. 2024-101

"A By-law to designate the property located at 791 2nd Avenue West as being of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Kennedy Terrace)"

21.c By-law No. 2024-102

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Heritage Conservation and Maintenance Agreement with Angela Jewel, respecting property located at 791 2nd Avenue West (Kennedy Terrace)"

21.d By-law No. 2024-103

"A By-law to designate the property located at 795 2nd Avenue West as being of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Kennedy Terrace)"

21.e By-law No. 2024-104

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Infrastructure, respecting the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund"

21.f By-law No. 2024-105

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Operating Agreement and Lease with the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce respecting the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre"

21.g By-law No. 2024-106

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Letter of Agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario, respecting the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program"

21.h By-law No. 2024-107

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an amendment to Lease #C0108101 with His Majesty the King in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Transport, respecting land and land covered by water on the north side of the Giche-name-wiikwedong Bridge (10th Street Bridge; Amendment No. 7)"

21.i By-law No. 2024-108

"A By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2010-078, respecting lands located at the eastern terminus of 10th Avenue East (ZBA No. 53 – 10th Avenue Estates)"

21.j By-law No. 2024-109

"A By-law to govern the proceedings of Council and committees"

R-240909-010
Moved by Councillor Dodd
Seconded by Councillor Farmer

"THAT By-law Numbers 2024-100, 2024-101, 2024-102, 2024-103, 2024-105, 2024-107, and 2024-108 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Councillor Hamley left the Council Chambers.

R-240909-011
Moved by Councillor Dodd
Seconded by Councillor Farmer

"THAT By-law Numbers 2024-104 and 2024-106 be passed and enacted"

Carried.

Councillor Hamley returned to his chair.

R-240909-012d
Moved by Councillor Merton
Seconded by Councillor Farmer

"THAT City Council waives the notice provision in the Procedural By-law in order to deal with a time-sensitive matter relating to the Procedural By-law."

Prior to the vote, Councillor Merton requested a recorded vote.

	In Favor	Opposed
Councillor Dodd		X
Councillor Farmer	X	
Councillor Hamley		X
Councillor Koepke	X	
Councillor Kukreja	X	
Councillor Merton	X	
Councillor Middlebro'		X
Deputy Mayor Greig		X
Mayor Boddy		X

The resolution was defeated with four (4) votes in favour and five (5) votes opposed.

"THAT By-law Number 2024-109 be passed and enacted."

Prior to the vote, Councillor Merton requested a recorded vote.

	In Favor	Opposed
Councillor Dodd	X	
Councillor Farmer		X
Councillor Hamley	X	
Councillor Koepke	X	
Councillor Kukreja	X	
Councillor Merton		X
Councillor Middlebro'	X	
Deputy Mayor Greig	X	
Mayor Boddy	X	

The resolution was carried with seven (7) votes in favour and two (2) votes opposed.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk