



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

October 21, 2024

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East

5:30 p.m. - Open Session - 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
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Lara Widdifield, Director of Public Works and Engineering (via video)
Janet Ashfield, Manager of Human Resources
Bradey Carbert, Manager of Corporate Services
Desiree van Dijk, Information and Privacy Coordinator
Allison Penner, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Boddy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All Council members and staff listed above were present except for the Director of Public Works and Engineering.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 2.a Councillor Merton Re: The Institute of South Georgian Bay Event
- 2.b Councillor Farmer Re: Strong Towns Webinar Update
- 2.c Councillor Koepke Re: Dementia-Friendly Communities Event and Local Government Week
- 2.d Mayor Boddy Re: Mayor's Update

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.a Mayor Boddy – Item 10.a Report CM-24-034 from the City Manager Re: Extension of Development Charge Exemption for Hansa Financial and Property Management 1144 1st Avenue West and an item on the Closed Session agenda.

Mayor Boddy declared a conflict of interest with Item 10.e of the agenda, due to his having previously acted for Hansa Financial and Property Management at his law office. Mayor Boddy declared a conflict of interest with an item on the Closed Session agenda.

- 3.b Councillor Hamley – Correspondence Item 2 contained within Item 11.e – Correspondence Received which is Presented for the Information of Council

Councillor Hamley declared a conflict of interest with discussions arising out of correspondence item 2 contained within Item 11.e of the agenda, due to his personal employment with the Government of Ontario.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on October 7, 2024

R-241021-001

Moved by Councillor Hamley

Seconded by Councillor Koepke

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on October 7, 2024 be adopted as printed."

Carried.

5. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-241021-002

Moved by Councillor Hamley

Seconded by Councillor Koepke

"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

7.a Presentation from the City Manager Re: City Manager Update

The City Manager provided a monthly update and noted:

- Recent activities of City Committees and staff;
- Reports that will be presented to the Corporate Services Committee, Operations Committee and Community Services Committee in November and December;
- Several upcoming opportunities for resident engagement with the City; and
- Recruitment taking place for volunteers to participate in the City Committees.

The Director of Public Works and Engineering joined the meeting.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from members of the public.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

9.a Correspondence from the Operations Manager, Georgian Bay Folk Society Re: Request for Council participation in the Georgian Bay Folk Society Board

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Community Services advised that staff have and will continue to collaborate with the Georgian Bay Folk Society to support the Summerfolk Festival.

In response to a question from Council, the City Manager advised that content on the City's website is limited to City-specific content unless staff are directed otherwise by Council, but that community organizations can make submissions to the community events calendar.

R-241021-003

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Georgian Bay Folk Society regarding a request for participation from Owen Sound City Council, City Council:

- 1. Receives the correspondence for information purposes; and**
- 2. Directs staff to send correspondence to the Georgian Bay Folk Society indicating that City Council declines the invitation to appoint a member to the organization's Board."**

Carried.

Having declared a conflict of interest with Item 10.a, Mayor Boddy left the Council Chambers and Deputy Mayor Greig assumed the position of Chair.

10. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

- 10.a Report CM-24-034 from the City Manager Re: Extension of Development Charge Exemption for Hansa Financial and Property Management 1144 1st Avenue West

The City Manager provided an overview of the report.

R-241021-004

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CM-24-034 respecting the Extension of Approvals Hansa Financial & Property Management - 1144 1st Avenue West aka BCK Property, City Council:

- 1. Approves an extension of the eligibility requirements for the deferral of Development Charges for purpose-built rental; and**
- 2. Authorizes staff to execute a deferral and exemption agreement, provided that a building permit is issued before March 31, 2025."**

Carried.

R-241021-005

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CM-24-034 respecting the Extension of Approvals Hansa Financial & Property Management - 1144 1st Avenue West aka BCK Property, City Council directs staff to assess the final building permit fees in accordance with the 2024 Building Permit Fee schedule."

Carried.

Mayor Boddy resumed the position of Chair.

- 10.b Report CS-24-088 from the Director of Community Services Re: Lease of 8 Parking Spaces in Municipal Lot 3 to Royal Rose Court

The Director of Community Services provided an overview of the report.

R-241021-006

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-088 respecting the Lease of 8 Parking Spaces in Municipal Lot 3, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Royal Rose Court with the terms generally as outlined in the report."

Carried.

- 10.c Report CS-24-092 from the Director of Community Services Re: Request from R. Graham Construction Ltd. regarding 297 18th Street East (Georgian Landing)

The Director of Community Services provided an overview of the report.

R-241021-007

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-092 respecting a Request by Graham Design and Construction Ltd. regarding 297 18th Street East (Georgian Landing), City Council:

- 1. Directs staff to advise the developer that:**
 - a. A minor amendment to the existing approved site plan is required to reflect the changes to the site with the existing agreements and conditions continuing; and**
 - b. An updated building permit is required in accordance with the Ontario Building Code."**

Carried.

R-241021-008d

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-092 respecting a Request by Graham Design and Construction Ltd. regarding 297 18th Street East (Georgian Landing), City Council:

- 1. Directs staff to waive the development charges, charge the regular fee for the minor site plan amendment, waive the building permit fee; and**
- 2. Directs staff to bring forward a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement for a development charges waiver."**

Defeated.

R-241021-009

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-092 respecting a Request by Graham Design and Construction Ltd. regarding 297 18th Street East (Georgian Landing), City Council directs staff to charge the development charges in full."

Carried.

R-241021-010

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-092 respecting a Request by Graham Design and Construction Ltd. regarding 297 18th Street East

(Georgian Landing), City Council directs staff to charge the fee for the minor modification to the site plan."

Carried.

R-241021-011

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-092 respecting a Request by Graham Design and Construction Ltd. regarding 297 18th Street East (Georgian Landing), City Council directs staff to waive the building permit fee."

Carried.

- 10.d Report CS-24-093 from the Director of Community Services Re: Addendum Report - Proposed County of Grey Centralized Planning Service Model

The Director of Community Services provided an overview of the report.

R-241021-012

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-093 respecting an Addendum Report – Proposed County of Grey Centralized Planning Service Delivery Model, City Council directs staff to provide a copy of this report to the County of Grey as the City’s feedback in response to County Staff Report PDR-CW-52-24."

Carried.

- 10.e Report CR-24-117 from the Deputy Clerk Re: Process to Amend the River District Constitution

The Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the report.

R-241021-013

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-24-117 respecting the process to amend the River District Constitution, City Council directs staff to provide correspondence to the River District Board of Management requesting their endorsement of amending the Constitution to reduce the number of City Council members appointed to the Board from two to one and to add one additional public member."

Carried.

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

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that County Council directed County staff to proceed with downloading roads within urban settlement areas to lower-tier municipalities and that approximately 15 kilometres of road that will be transferred to the City. Deputy Mayor Greig noted that County Council endorsed actions moving toward a regional housing strategy, which is necessary to enable access to funding through the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

R-241021-014

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided October 21, 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-24-112 from the Manager of Corporate Services and the Manager of Arena Operations Re: Community Sport and Recreation Fund Application
- 11.b Report OP-24-040 from the Manager of Engineering Services Re: Connecting Links Program Funding Application – Intake 10
- 11.c Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force meeting held on September 20, 2024
- 11.d Final approvals were issued for the following Business Licences:
 - Cut Master Salon, a hair salon located at 882 2nd Avenue East
 - FB Burrito Partnership, a fast food restaurant located at 1660 20th Avenue East
 - The Goods Kitchen Pastry Coffee, a cafe bakery located at 938 2nd Avenue East
 - Hawker and Peddler Licence issued to David Steffon for the 2024 Owen Sound Collectible Show and Sale, taking place November 3, 2024
- 11.e Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council

R-241021-015

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT in consideration of the items listed on the October 21, 2024 Consent Agenda, City Council:

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

Carried.

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-241021-016

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received on the October 21, 2024 Consent agenda respecting legislation governing bicycle lanes, City Council:

- 1. Endorses the statement of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario urging the province to respect local decision-making when considering transportation improvements; and**
- 2. Directs staff to send a letter to that effect to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and Rick Byers, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound."**

Carried.

Councillor Hamley returned to his chair.

12. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Boddy relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Greig to move a motion with respect to the Minutes of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on October 9, 2024. Deputy Mayor Greig assumed the role of Chair.

12.a Minutes of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on October 9, 2024

R-241021-017

Moved by Mayor Boddy

"THAT the minutes of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on October 9, 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

14.a Motion for Which Notice was Previously Given by Deputy Mayor Greig at the October 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Re: Interim Control By-law Prohibiting Further Development of Drive-thrus

R-241021-018

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"WHEREAS Owen Sound will be undertaking a future zoning by-law review; and

WHEREAS the community is attempting to respond to community emissions both at a local level and as part of the development of the Grey County Climate Adaptation plan; and

WHEREAS some studies recognize a link between fast food, obesity and the occurrence of subsequent health problems; and

WHEREAS there is promotion of one-time usage waste and subsequent environmental costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Owen Sound City Council ask staff for a report to evaluate an interim control by-law prohibiting the development of any further drive-thrus."

Carried.

15. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

15.a The Institute of South Georgian Bay Event

Councillor Merton advised that the Institute of South Georgian Bay has an upcoming virtual event on November 13 entitled Explore the Regional Community Affordable Housing Action Plan.

15.b Strong Towns Webinar Update

Councillor Farmer advised that he recently attended two webinars in the Strong Towns webinar series, about getting kids to school safely through active transportation and about creating neighbourhoods for people of all ages.

15.c Dementia-Friendly Communities Event and Local Government Week

Councillor Koepke advised that the Finding Your Way: Dementia-Friendly Community event will take place at the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library on October 23.

Councillor Koepke noted that Local Government Week takes place October 21 to 25, 2024, and that the purpose of the week is to raise awareness of local government.

15.d Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy advised that the City will be honouring Sharif Rahman with the planting of a memorial tree and installation of a commemorative plaque outside the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre, with a public ceremony taking place on October 25.

Mayor Boddy noted upcoming events that he will be attending and noted recent successes of Owen Sound athletes and musicians in world class events.

16. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-241021-019

Moved by Councillor Hamley

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

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

17. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-241021-020

Moved by Councillor Hamley

Seconded by Councillor Koepke

"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

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-241021-021

Moved by Councillor Hamley

Seconded by Councillor Koepke

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

- a. **Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on September 23, 2024;**
- b. **Minutes of the Closed Session of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on October 9, 2024; and**
- c. **One matter regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting an agreement for 1144 1st Avenue West."**

Carried.

20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Having declared a conflict of interest related to an item in Closed Session, Mayor Boddy relinquished the position of Chair to Deputy Mayor Greig to provide the report out of Closed Session.

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that Council returned to the open session at 8:16 p.m. All Council members and staff listed above were present except for the Manager of Corporate Services. In Closed Session, City Council:

- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on September 23, 2024;
- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Service Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on October 9, 2024; and
- Discussed on matter regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting an agreement for 1144 1st Avenue West, and no direction was provided.

Mayor Boddy resumed the position of Chair.

21. BY-LAWS

21.a By-law No. 2024-114

"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 21st day of October, 2024"

R-241021-022

Moved by Councillor Hamley

Seconded by Councillor Koepke

"THAT By-law Number 2024-114 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Allison M. Penner, Deputy Clerk