



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

November 4, 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 (via video)
Councillor Brock Hamley
Councillor Suneet Kukreja
Councillor Carol Merton
Councillor Melanie Middlebro' (via video)

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Councillor Marion Koepke

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
Janet Ashfield, Manager of Human Resources
Andy O'Leary, Facilities Booking Coordinator
Desiree Van Dijk, Information and Privacy Coordinator
Jennifer Wright, Events and Activation Coordinator
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 Farmer Re: Strong Towns Webinars and Halloween
- 2.b Deputy Mayor Greig Re: Honouring Our Local Veterans Event
- 2.c Councillor Dodd Re: November Events
- 2.d Mayor Boddy Re: Mayor's Update

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.a Mayor Boddy – Closed Session Agenda Item

Mayor Boddy declared a conflict of interest with an item on the Closed Session Agenda.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

- 4.a Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on October 21, 2024

R-241104-001

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

Seconded by Councillor Merton

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on October 21, 2024 be adopted as printed."

Carried.

5. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-241104-002

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

Seconded by Councillor Merton

"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 Events and Activation Coordinator Re: HockeyFest 2024

The Events and Activation Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation to give an overview of the [HockeyFest 2024](#) event taking place November 14 to November 16 at various locations in Owen Sound.

7.b Deputation from Tim Lanthier, Chief Administrative Officer, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Re: 2025 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Budget and Administration Building Renovation

Mr. Lanthier gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an update to Council about the work of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) and noting the City's expected 2025 levy based on the GSCA draft budget. Mr. Lanthier advised that the budget will be considered by the GSCA Board at its November meeting, and that a revised version will be re-circulated in January.

Mr. Lanthier gave a PowerPoint presentation respecting the upcoming updates to the GSCA Administration Building renovation and noted that cost to the City is expected to be \$33,000 per year for 15 years.

The Events and Activation Coordinator and the Facilities Booking Coordinator left 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

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

10. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

10.a Report CS-24-095 from the Manager of Planning and Heritage Re: Proposed Niagara Escarpment Development Permit Application at 318087 Highway 6 & 10 in the Municipality of Meaford and City Policy CS81

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

R-241104-003

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-095 respecting a proposed Niagara Escarpment Development Permit Application at 318087 Highway 6 & 10 in the Municipality of Meaford and City Policy CS81, City Council:

- 1. Endorses the comments within this report, including that:**
 - a. The Provincial Policy Statement and City Official Plan policies do not support the extension of municipal water or sanitary services outside of settlement areas; and**
 - b. The City does not consent to the upgrading or extension of municipal services (water or sanitary infrastructure) to service the proposed development;**
- 2. Directs staff to provide a copy of this report, together with Council's resolution on the matter, to the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the Municipality of Meaford, and the County of Grey as the City's comment on the application;**
- 3. Requests a copy of the County of Grey's and the Municipality of Meaford's comments on the application;**
- 4. Requests a copy of any further notice on the matter from the Niagara Escarpment Commission; and**
- 5. Requests the Niagara Escarpment Commission to clarify the interpretation of the Niagara Escarpment Plan with respect to the proposed development."**

Carried.

R-241104-004

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-095 respecting a proposed Niagara Escarpment Development Permit Application at 318087 Highway 6 & 10 in the Municipality of Meaford and City Policy CS81, City Council directs staff to seek professional guidance and provide a report to Council with respect to the City's responsibilities pertaining to the City-maintained waterlines outside of the municipal boundaries."

Carried.

- 10.b Report CS-24-094 from the River District Coordinator Re: Catenary Lighting in the River District

R-241104-005

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-094 respecting Catenary Lighting in the River District, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute agreements with The Hi-Rise Group Inc., Grey Bruce Property Rentals Inc. and Sundays Service Inc. for the installation of catenary lighting in Carneys Lane and Artists' Alley."

Carried.

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

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that he had nothing to report from Grey County Council.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- 11.a Report CR-24-119 from the Manager of Human Resources Re: HR019 Salary Administration Policy and HR015 Vacation Management Policy
- 11.b Memorandum from the Junior Planner Re: External Planning Comment Summary for July through October 2024
- 11.c Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force Meeting held on October 18, 2024
- 11.d Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Police Services Board Meeting held on July 2, 2024
- 11.e Community Flag Flying Request - Great Lakes Métis Council for Louis Riel Day
- 11.f Community Flag Flying Request - Zonta Club for Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 11.g Community Flag Flying Request - Pflag for Trans Day of Remembrance
- 11.h Community Flag Flying Request - Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 6 Owen Sound for Poppy Flag/Remembrance Day
- 11.i Final approvals issued for the following Business Licence:
 - Dave's Eatz, a mobile food business
- 11.j Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council
R-241104-006
Moved by Councillor Kukreja

"THAT in consideration of the items listed on the November 4, 2024 Consent Agenda, City Council:

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

Carried.

The Manager of Human Resources left the meeting.

12. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

R-241104-007
Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT the minutes of the Closed Session of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on October 9, 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.
- 12.b Minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on October 10, 2024

R-241104-008
Moved by Councillor Middlebro'

"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on October 10, 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved save and except Item 8.d.1."

Carried.

R-241104-009

Moved by Councillor Middlebro'

"THAT Item 8.d.1 contained in the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on October 10, 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

- 12.c Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on October 16, 2024

R-241104-010

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on October 16, 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

- 12.d Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on October 17, 2024

R-241104-011

Moved by Councillor Merton

"THAT the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on October 17, 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

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 Strong Towns Webinars and Halloween

Councillor Farmer advised that he recently attended two webinars hosted by Strong Towns, the first related to how faith communities can use location and space to transform communities and the second related to community empowerment around road safety.

Councillor Farmer thanked the organizers and businesses participating in the River District "Trick or Treat Trail" in advance of Halloween.

15.b Honouring Our Local Veterans Event

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that he attended the Honouring Our Local Veterans event held at the Owen Sound Legion.

15.c November Events

Councillor Dodd noted several upcoming events in the month of November, including:

- Community Open House at the Bayshore Community Centre on November 7
- [Visioning sessions](#) for the City of Owen Sound's Strategic Plan, taking place at various times between November 8 and November 10.

- Remembrance Day on November 11th.
- Christmas tree sales by the Kiwanis Club beginning November 15th.
- Events on November 16th, including HockeyFest, Holiday Magic in the River District and the Santa Claus parade.

15.d Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy advised that the City is recruiting public members for several of its boards and committees, with applications being accepted until November 20th.

Mayor Boddy noted the upcoming National Indigenous Veterans Day gathering at Gichi-Name Wiikewedong on November 8th at 11 a.m. and the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph on November 11th at 11 a.m.

16. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-241104-012

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

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

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

17. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-241104-013

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

"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-241104-014

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

Seconded by Councillor Merton

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

- Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on October 21, 2024; and**
- One matter regarding a plan or instruction to be applied to negotiations respecting an agreement for 1144 1st Avenue West"**

20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that Council returned to the open session 7:45 p.m. In Closed Session, City Council:

- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on October 21, 2024; and
- Discussed one matter regarding a plan or instruction to be applied to negotiations respecting an agreement for 1144 1st Avenue West.

Mayor Boddy resumed the position of Chair.

21. BY-LAWS

21.a By-law No. 2024-115

"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 4th day of November, 2024"

21.b By-law No. 2024-116

"A By-law to adopt MAT Revenue Allocation Policy AF008"

21.c By-law No. 2024-117

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Hansa Financial & Property Management Inc., respecting 1144 1st Avenue West (former BCK lands)"

21.d By-law No. 2024-118

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Sand Springs Development Ltd. and Grey Bruce Property Rentals Inc., respecting catenary lighting in Carney's Lane"

21.e By-law No. 2024-119

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Sunday Service Inc. and Grey Bruce Property Rentals Inc., respecting catenary lighting in Artists' Alley"

R-241104-015

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

Seconded by Councillor Merton

"THAT By-law Numbers 2024-115, 2024-116, 2024-117, 2024-118 and 2024-119 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Allison M. Penner, Deputy Clerk