City Manager's Update

Line:

Committee of the Whole | Council

November 18, 2024



Highlights

- Owen Sound's HockeyFest 2024 ran from November 14-16, celebrating the sport with games, on-ice clinics, and community events.
- Kick-Off to the holiday season Staff supported the installation of the Festival of Northern Lights displays in Harrison Park and the Downtown River District
- Owen Sound-branded clothing is now available for purchase at The Attack Shack, both instore and online! Merchandise is also available at Tourism at the TOM
- In honour of Sharif Rahman, a memorial tree and plaque were installed at the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre, and a dedication ceremony was held on October 26. Thank you to the YMCA and Neighbourwoods North.
- Staff are near completion of preparing fields, washrooms, and other supporting infrastructure for the winter season.
- Lights were reinstated on the Manitoba masts and gave shape to this important landmark in the east harbourfront at night.



Highlights

- Fall planting of 32 street and 40 park trees was completed across the city.
- Street sweepers are out 24/7, and final preparations and training are occurring for Winter Control season.
- Permit issued for foundations for a new triplex in the East Court Residences
- Permit issued for Jersey Mikes in the Thomson Centres Plaza
- Inspections are ongoing for the new Freshco and PetSmart on the Heritage Grove site
- Façade and Structural Improvement Grant approved for Bluewater Quilters' Guild, 769 2nd Ave E for facade improvement and signage
- Façade and Structural Improvement Grant approved for the Chicago Building at 277 10th St E for facade improvement and signage
- Site work has commenced for Flato a residential development.
- Alpha Street reconstruction project full reopening Monday, November 25



Highlights









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Corporate Services Committee

Second Thursday of each month - 5:30 p.m. Lead Director: Kate Allan, ext. 1238

December 14

• Interim Tax Levy By-Law (May be moved to January)



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Operations Committee

Third Thursday of each month - 5:30 p.m. Lead Director: Lara Widdifield, ext. 1201

December 19

- Stormwater Management Master Plan PIC
- Genoe Landfill alternatives report
- Georgian Bluffs Boundary Road Agreement
- Report re transit working group
- Update on the DRP 2 Project



Community Services Committee

Third Wednesday of each month - 5:30 p.m. Lead Director: Pam Coulter, ext. 1252

December 18

- Parkland contributions Site Plan applications
- November Development Update
- Snowmobile Trail Land Use Agreement
- OSDSS Tennis Courts



Ad Hoc Committees

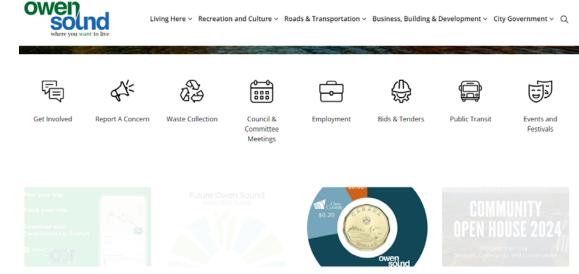
Service Review | December 11 (<u>www.Owensound.ca/servicereview</u>) – 9 a.m.

- Project 1b4 Customer Service Strategy
- Project 2b3 Policy for Mobile Technology
- Project 3a2 Parks Classifications
- Project 1a4 Standard Operating Procedure Overtime
- Project 5b1 Winter Maintenance
- Project 1a1 Onboarding
- Project 1c1 Hiring Freeze and Succession Plan
- Project 3b2 Document Services by Non-Residents
- Project 3b4 Request for the Province to review lower-tier responsibilities
- Project 3b1 Request a Committee at the County Council to review cost-sharing/restructuring Year One Update/Review



Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Engage

- December 9 9 a.m. • 2025 Draft Budget Review and **Presentations**
- December 16 5:30 p.m. Public ulletMeeting re: 2025 Draft Budget



2025 Budget Engagement Click here to learn more about the process of building the 2025 operating

budget and public engagement

opportunities.



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Join a Committee Make a Difference

Do you have expertise and energy to share? Joining a Committee of Council is a great way to get involved in your community, provide valuable insight, and gain experience with local government.

Committees gather public input and give advice to Council based on each committee's mandate.

Term begins: February 1, 2025

Please note that certain committee meetings take place during the day.

Committee Vacancies:

- Community Services Committee
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- Corporate Services Committee
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- Operations Committee
- Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee

Application Deadline: November 20, 2024

Complete an application form, including a resume and references to be considered for a position.

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In case you missed it - Media Advisories Issued October 16 – November 15

www.Owensound.ca/news

- 1. City of Owen Sound Achieves Significant Milestone with Completion of 2024 Non-Core Asset Management Plan
- 2. A Flurry of Festive Activities Begin in the River District on Saturday, November 16
- 3. Owen Sound Remembers
- 4. Future Owen Sound Vision 2050: We're Pleased to Introduce our Strategic Planning Session Co-Facilitators!
- 5. Discover Your City: Owen Sound Hosts Community Open House Tomorrow
- 6. City Seeks Engaged Citizens to Apply Now for Community Committees
- 7. Temporary 2nd Avenue Closures for Seasonal Cross-Street Lighting Installation
- 8. Fall Operating Hours begin for Owen Sound Leaf and Yard Waste Site on November 4
- 9. Upcoming Strategic Planning Sessions for Future Owen Sound Vision 2050
- 10. Parkview Park and Bruce Side Trail (Fitness Trail through Harrison Park) Closed for Urgent Ash Tree Removals
- 11. City Has Completed Annual Hydrant Flushing Program





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