



# City Manager's Update

Committee of the Whole | Council

November 18, 2024

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# 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 in-store 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 Neighbourhoods 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



# 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)

# 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** ([www.Owensound.ca/servicereview](http://www.Owensound.ca/servicereview)) – 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 Meeting re: 2025 Draft Budget**

The screenshot shows the Owen Sound website homepage. At the top is the Owen Sound logo with the tagline "where you want to live". Below the logo is a navigation menu with categories: Living Here, Recreation and Culture, Roads & Transportation, Business, Building & Development, and City Government. A search icon is also present. Below the navigation menu is a row of eight service icons with labels: Get Involved, Report A Concern, Waste Collection, Council & Committee Meetings, Employment, Bids & Tenders, Public Transit, and Events and Festivals. Below this row are four featured content blocks: 1. "Transit App" with a green background, showing a smartphone screen and text about tracking rides. 2. "Future Owen Sound - Vision 2050" with a blue and green background, showing a fan-like graphic and text about the municipal landscape. 3. "2025 Budget Engagement" with a blue background, showing a gold coin and text about learning more about the budget process. 4. "Community Open House 2024" with a grey background, showing a calendar icon and text about an in-person event on Thursday, November 7.

# 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
- Corporate Services Committee
- 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](http://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

# Stay Connected

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[www.OurCity.OwenSound.ca](http://www.OurCity.OwenSound.ca)

[www.OwenSound.ca/Reportaconcern](http://www.OwenSound.ca/Reportaconcern)

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[www.owensoundriverdistrict.ca](http://www.owensoundriverdistrict.ca)

[www.owensoundtourism.ca](http://www.owensoundtourism.ca)