



# City Manager's Update

Committee of the Whole | Council

January 27, 2025

# Highlights

- The Gallery has re-launched art camps for kids! The first session will be March Break week which will be held at Harrison Park. Campers will explore the outdoors and experiment with painting, drawing, and sculpture using eco-friendly materials. Registration for this is open now. Summer art camps for kids ages 8-12 will open for registration in February.
- The Home and Cottage Show, May 3 and 4, 2025, is already 50 per cent sold. The outside vendor space has been revamped and will include a fenced-in area, marketplace vendors, outdoor specialty vendors, plus a Kid's Zone.
- Preparations are underway for SNOwen Sound Frolics 2025 which will run February 1-28. This is an annual free outdoor adventure featuring online clues, riddles, and activity instructions, plus bonus family fun over Family Day Weekend. Prizes are awarded throughout the month to encourage community participation.
- 12th annual celebration of Savour Owen Sound highlighting local cuisine throughout the month of March. Featuring weekly themes and a showcase of exceptional local dishes, the event invites residents and visitors to enjoy the diverse and delicious Owen Sound.



# Highlights

- The Good Cheer Rink in Harrison Park opened for the season on Friday, January 10. Staff are optimistic for a better skating season with more seasonal winter temperatures forecast over the next few weeks.
- Permit issued for a new indoor baseball training facility
- Permit issued for new indoor child play facility

# Corporate Services Committee

Second Thursday of each month - 5:30 p.m.

Lead Director: Kate Allan, ext. 1238

## February 6

- Fire and Emergency Services Annual Report
- Bi-annual summary of Awarded Tenders and Proposals between \$50,000 and \$249,000 from July 1 to Dec. 31, 2024
- 2025 Committee Introduction and Department Workplans

## March 6

- Property Tax s.357 Report

# Operations Committee

Third Thursday of each month - 5:30 p.m.

Lead Director: Lara Widdifield, ext. 1201

## February 20

- 2025 Committee Introduction and Department Workplans
- 2024 Annual Management Review – Water/Wastewater
- 2024 Annual Water Report
- DWQMS Operational Plan Commitment and Endorsement
- Household Hazardous Waste Charge Rates for Municipal Partners
- Update on GOST – Guelph to Owen Sound Transit

## March 20

- 2024 Annual Wastewater Reports
- 2025 Road Rehabilitation Locations
- 2024 DWQMS Audit Report

# Community Services Committee

Third Wednesday of each month - 5:30 p.m.

Lead Director: Pam Coulter, ext. 1252

## February 19

- 2025 Committee Introduction and Department Workplans
- Extended Parking along the Harbor during the Annual Fishing Derbies
- CIP Wrap-Up (tentative)
- Building Services Update

## March 19

- Building Services Update

# Other Committee Meetings

**Service Review | February 12 – 9 a.m.**

**Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory | February 5 – 2 p.m.**

**Strategic Planning | February 12 – 5:30 p.m.  
March 5 – 9 a.m.**

**River District Board | March 12 – 5:30 p.m.**

# Welcome New Committee Members

## Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library

Janet Walker      Term ending November 14, 2026

## Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation and Owen Sound Housing Company

Ellen Anderson      Term ending January 31, 2028

Selwyn Hicks      Term ending January 31, 2028

## Community Services Committee

Brendon Haeffling      Term ending January 31, 2028

Morgan Kemick      Term ending January 31, 2028

## Corporate Services Committee

Trish Meekins      Term ending January 31, 2028

## Operations Committee

Michele Hawkins      Term ending January 31, 2028

Arlene Blue Indoe      Term ending January 31, 2028

## Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee

Jane McKerroll      Term ending January 31, 2026

Kelsey Starr      Term ending January 31, 2027

Lynda Montgomery      Term ending January 31, 2028

Laurie Coish      Term ending January 31, 2028



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

**[www.Owensound.ca/news](http://www.Owensound.ca/news)**

- Alpha Street Set to Re-Open on Monday, November 25, On Budget and Ahead of Schedule
- Public Consultation Required as City Undertakes Stormwater Management Master Plan Project
- Stormwater Management Master Plan: Notice of Public Information Centre 1
- Fire in Local Grocery Store Extinguished
- Owen Sound Gears Up with 24/7 Winter Control
- Winter Is On Its Way – Stay Safe and Prepared
- Shop Local and Win in the River District this Holiday Season
- Owen Sound Releases 2025 Draft Operating Budget, Highlighting Commitment to City Services and Financial Sustainability
- 2025 Waste Management Calendar Now Available Online: Enhanced Recycling and Green Bin Programs Launching Next Year
- Flags at City Facilities Half-Masted in Honour of National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- Take Part in Owen Sound's New Year's Eve Family Celebration
- Owen Sound Launches Easy Pet Licensing with DocuPet Partnership
- Major Park Renewal Project in Partnership with Scenic City Order of Good Cheer at Kelso Beach at Nawash Park
- What's Open & Closed in Owen Sound this Holiday Season
- Changes to Owen Sound Transit Fares and Routes for 2025
- Honouring Former Owen Sound Mayor, Stew Taylor
- Tom Thomson Art Gallery Exhibition Spaces to Temporarily Close for HVAC Replacement
- Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting - ZBA No. 54
- Leaf and Yard Waste Composting Site to Close for the Season
- Just Say Yes Valentine's Day Weddings at City Hall
- Owen Sound Earns Clean Audit Opinion, Showcasing Commitment to Financial Transparency
- 2025 Waste Management Calendar and New Waste Program Update Reminder
- Good Cheer Rink at Harrison Park Opens Today!
- Savour Owen Sound 2025 Call to Restaurants
- Downtown Excess Snow Removal Reminder!

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