



City Manager's Update

Committee of the Whole | Council

February 24, 2025

Highlights

- 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.
- The double HVAC replacement project at the Art Gallery remains on schedule with the exhibition spaces temporarily closed. Tourism and Art Gallery services desk remains open to the public Monday – Friday 10am to 4:30pm.
- Nominations for the 2025 Arts, Culture, and Volunteer Awards are open. The City of Owen Sound is inviting the public to submit a nomination to help recognize the significant contributions of the local arts and culture community and volunteers. Nominations can be completed online at OwenSound.ca/Awards and close on Saturday, March 15, at midnight.
- 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.

Highlights

- Harrison Park Good Cheer Rink is experiencing an exceptional skating season and has been in continuous use since January 10. The weather forecast suggests that the streak is likely to continue.
- Winter trail maintenance in Harrison Park and Nine Bends provides exercise opportunities to residents
- The Bayshore Arena Floor and Boards project was successfully awarded to CIMCO Refrigeration. The project will begin in May 2025 and finish in September 2025.
- The campground registration for 2025 opened on February 3. All bookings, including the cabin – are online. There has been a strong response to the start with just over 200 bookings to date. www.owensound.ca/campgrounds

Highlights

- Registration for Summer Camps opened on February 18. Week-long camps begin mid-June and continue to mid-August.
- Please visit the City's website for details about the following camps and for registration.

Soccer Camp

Lacrosse Camp

Harrison Park Sports Camp

Hockey Camp

Power Skating Program

Hockey Skills Program

Camp TOM: Summer Art Adventures

www.owensound.ca/youthprograms

Corporate Services Committee

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

Lead Director: Kate Allan, ext. 1238

March 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
- Climate Action Strategy Annual Report
- Property Tax s.357 Report
- FOI Annual Review Report

April 10

- Corporate Website Analytics and Overview
- Policy Review Project Annual Review
- Fire Truck Purchase and Refurbishment Update

Operations Committee

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

March 20

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

April 17

Community Services Committee

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

Lead Director: Pam Coulter, ext. 1252

March 19

- Grey County's 2024 Annual Report (Economic Development, Tourism and Culture)
- Community Waterfront Heritage Centre Agreement (extension)
- Wall Mural replacement – 851 2nd Avenue East
- Building Services Update

April 16

- Presentation from Georgian College Students on the Projects from the Bayshore and JMRRC
- Report from MHBC Planning regarding OP and Zoning Bylaw Update and Urban Design Guidelines
- Building Services Update

Other Committee Meetings

Strategic Planning | March 5 – 9 a.m.

Service Review | April 9 – 9 a.m.

OurCity – Engagement

Short-Term Rentals (STRs) One-Year Review

As part of our ongoing commitment to the community, we are conducting a one-year review of the STR licensing program and would greatly appreciate your input.

Whether you're an STR operator, a visitor, or a neighbour, your feedback is invaluable. Please take a few moments to complete the survey. It will be open until March 14, and the staff report will be presented to the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee on April 9.

For all STR information, visit the City's website at www.owensound.ca/str

In case you missed it - Media Advisories Issued January 25 – February 20

www.Owensound.ca/news

- Owen Sound's Snow Response in Full Force
- Share Your Voice on City's Short-Term Rental One-Year Review Survey
- City Facilities Closing Early Today; Key Weather Safety Reminders
- Owen Sound Celebrates the Canadian Flag's 60th Anniversary
- Council to Consider Vision 2050 this Spring
- Summer Camp Registration Opens February 18: Camp TOM returns Joining the Sports Lineup
- Registration Open for 2025 Home and Cottage Expo Vendors
- Owen Sound Approves Responsible 2.52% Tax Increase to Maintain Services
- Nominations for Arts, Culture, and Volunteer Awards Open February 7
- Online Reservations for Harrison Park Campground Opens February 3, 2025
- City Announces New Term for Public Committee Members
- Owen Sound Applauds Provincial Investment in Ontario Pumped Storage Project
- Downtown River Precinct Phase 2 Nears Finish Line

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