



Minutes

River District Board of Management

January 8, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dave Parsons
Vice Chair Richard Thomas
Councillor Travis Dodd
Member Tim Dwyer
Member Kathy Hannen
Councillor Suneet Kukreja
Member Denis Langlois
Member Winnifred Walcott

STAFF PRESENT: Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Josh Gurney, Owen Sound Police Service Sergeant
Viveca Gravel, River District Coordinator
Allison Penner, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parsons called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Chair Parsons provided a land acknowledgement.

The Board discussed Item 10.a at this time.

10.a Verbal Report from the Owen Sound Police Service Re: Police Update

Sergeant Gurney advised that during the month of November, the Owen Sound Police Service (OSPS) conducted 95 hours of foot patrol in the River District, as well as 102 hours of patrol under the CORE grant. During the month of December, the OSPS conducted 62 hours of foot patrol in the River District, as well as 46 hours of patrol under the CORE grant.

Sergeant Gurney advised that a new member is joining the CORE team and will be making introductions to business owners soon, and the auxiliary members raised more than \$7,000 for holiday food drives.

RD-250108-001

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided January 8, 2025, from Sergeant Gurney respecting a Police Update, the River District Board of Management receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

Sergeant Gurney left the meeting.

2. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RD-250108-002

Moved by Member Hannen

"THAT the River District Board of Management now move into 'Closed Session' to consider one matter regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals respecting appointments to the River District Board of Management."

Carried.

3. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Chair Parsons advised that the Board returned to the Open Session at 5:53 p.m.

In Closed Session, the River District Board of Management discussed one matter regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals respecting appointments to the River District Board of Management, and direction was provided to staff.

4. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.a Minutes of the River District Board of Management meeting held on November 13, 2024

RD-250108-003

Moved by Member Hannen

"THAT the minutes of the River District Board of Management meeting held on November 13, 2024 be approved as printed."

Carried.

7. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no deputations or presentations.

8. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

10. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

10.a Verbal Report from the Owen Sound Police Service Re: Police Update

Item 10.a was discussed after Item 1.

10.b Report CR-25-005 from the Deputy Clerk Re: Director Appointments to the River District Board of Management

The Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the report.

RD-250108-004

Moved by Vice Chair Thomas

“THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-25-005 respecting Director Appointments to the River District Board of Management, the River District Board of Management directs staff to send a memo to City Council requesting that the appointment of Jennifer Smith and Olivia Legate to the River District Board of Management with a term ending November 14, 2026 be approved.”

Carried.

10.c Report CS-25-002 from the River District Coordinator Re: 2024 Year End Events, Activations and Promotions Wrap-Up

The River District Coordinator provided an overview of the report.

In response to a question from the Board, Ms. Gravel advised that she attributes the strong social reach of the Concours d'Lemons to the silliness and fun associated with the event.

RD-250108-005

Moved by Member Dwyer

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-25-002 respecting 2024 Year End Events, Activations & Promotions Wrap Up, the River District Board of Management receives the report for information purposes."

Carried.

- 10.d Report CS-25-003 from the River District Coordinator Re: 2025 Events, Activations and Promotions Plan

The River District Coordinator provided an overview of the report.

RD-250108-006

Moved by Member Langlois

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-25-003 respecting 2025 Events, Activations & Promotions Plan, the River District Board of Management approves the 2025 Events, Activation, and Promotions Plan as outlined in the report."

Carried.

RD-250108-007

Moved by Member Langlois

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-25-003 respecting 2025 Events, Activations & Promotions Plan, the River District Board of Management postpones appointment of River District Board Members to the Membership Event Working Group for 2025 until the March 12, 2025 meeting."

Carried.

- 10.e Verbal Report from the Board Treasurer Re: Board Finances

The Board Treasurer provided a verbal report respecting board finances. The Board Treasurer advised that the total current banking balance is \$162,021.55 and the account earned \$420.00 in December and earned a total of \$5,778 in interest in 2024.

RD-250108-008

Moved by Member Walcott

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided January 8, 2025, from the Board Treasurer respecting Board Finances, the River District Board of Management receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

11. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no matters postponed.

12. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

13. CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION

13.a Memorandum from the Deputy Clerk Re: River District 2025 Budget

13.b Final approvals issued for the following Business Licence:

- Haven & Brew, a cafe located at 158 9th Street East

RD-250108-009

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the January 8, 2025 River District Board of Management (RDBM) agenda, the RDBM receives items 11.a and 11.b for information purposes."

Carried.

14. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Parsons adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.