



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

April 14, 2025

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East

5:30 p.m. - Open Session - Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ian Boddy (via video)
Deputy Mayor Scott Greig
Councillor Travis Dodd
Councillor Jon Farmer
Councillor Brock Hamley
Councillor Marion Koepke
Councillor Suneet Kukreja
Councillor Carol Merton
Councillor Melanie Middlebro'

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Kate Allan, Director of Corporate Services
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Lara Widdifield, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Allison Penner, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Greig called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and noted that Mayor Boddy was attending the meeting virtually.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 2.a Councillor Farmer Re: Flag Raising for Parkinson's Awareness
- 2.b Councillor Koepke Re: Green Bins and the Leaf and Yard Waste Site
- 2.c Councillor Merton Re: Small Community Solutions Conference
- 2.d Mayor Boddy Re: Canadian Nuclear Association Conference

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.a Councillor Hamley – Report CR-25-038 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: 2025 Court Security and Prisoner Transport, Report CR-25-042 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: 2025 Provincial Gas Tax Letter of Agreement, By-law No. 2025-028, By-law No. 2025-030, and Bylaw No. 2025-032

Councillor Hamley declared a conflict of interest with Items 11.a, 11.c, 21.b., 21.d and 21.f due to his personal employment with the Government of Ontario.

- 3.b Councillor Dodd – Deputation from Susan Davey, Linda VanAalst and Tim Brown, Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound Re: 100th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound - Request to Waive Rental Fee for Gala

Councillor Dodd declared a conflict of interest with Item 7.a due to being a member of the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound.

- 3.c Councillor Koepke – Deputation from Susan Davey, Linda VanAalst and Tim Brown, Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound Re: 100th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound - Request to Waive Rental Fee for Gala

Councillor Koepke declared a conflict of interest with Item 7.a due to being a member of the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

- 4.a Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on March 10, 2025
- 4.b Minutes of the Special County of Grey Joint All Councils meeting held on March 21, 2025
- 4.c Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 24, 2025

R-250414-001

Moved by Councillor Dodd

Seconded by Councillor Farmer

"THAT the minutes of following Council meetings be adopted as printed:

- 1. The Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on March 10, 2025;**
- 2. The Special County of Grey Joint All Councils meeting held on March 21, 2025; and**
- 3. The Regular Council meeting held on March 24, 2025."**

Carried.

5. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-240414-002

Moved by Councillor Dodd

Seconded by Councillor Farmer

"THAT City Council now move into Committee of the Whole to consider public meetings, deputations and presentations, public forum, matters arising from correspondence, reports of City staff, consent agenda, committee minutes, matters postponed, motions for which notice was previously given and additional business."

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

There were no public meetings.

7. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 7.a Deputation from Susan Davey, Linda VanAalst and Tim Brown, Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound Re: 100th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound - Request to Waive Rental Fee for Gala

Ms. Davey, Ms. VanAalst, and Mr. Brown advised that the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound has been operating since 1925 and noted a selection of the Club's projects that have benefited the City over the past 100 years. Ms. Davey, Ms. VanAalst, and Mr. Brown requested the City of Owen Sound sponsor the Club's 100th anniversary gala by waiving the Bayshore Community Centre room rental fee for the event.

Having declared conflicts of interest with Item 7.a, Councillor Dodd and Councillor Koepke left the Council Chambers.

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Community Services advised that the City has a policy for waiving fees for events put on by community groups when an event is in support of an identified City program, service or capital project. Ms. Coulter noted that the value of the room rental fee waiver is approximately \$1500.

In response to a question from Council, Ms. VanAalst advised that the gala itself is not a fundraiser, but a celebration of all the work done by the Club since its inception. Ms. VanAalst noted that all members of City Council are invited to attend.

R-250414-003

Moved by Mayor Boddy

"THAT in consideration of a deputation on April 14, 2025 from members of the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound (the "Kiwanis Club") respecting the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club and a request to waive the rental fee at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, City Council, acknowledging the history of capital projects and ongoing programs of the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound and notwithstanding Policy No. CRC37 for waiving of rental fees for City Parks and Facilities:

- 1. Waives the Harry Lumley Bayshore Centre room rental fee for the 100th anniversary gala in 2025; and**
- 2. Directs staff to transfer the applicable rental fee from the Council Grant Budget to Facility Bookings."**

Carried.

Councillor Dodd and Councillor Koepke returned to their chairs.

- 7.b Deputation from Joachim Ostertag, Earth Day Grey Bruce Re: 2025 Earth Day Celebration - Request for Support

Mr. Ostertag showed a video overview of the 2024 Earth Day Grey Bruce celebration and gave a PowerPoint presentation about the 2025 Earth Day celebration. Mr. Ostertag noted that the event will take place on April 26, 2025, and provided an overview of the event schedule and presenters.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Ostertag advised that the event would take place regardless of weather.

In response to a question from Council, the City Manager advised that the City would promote the event through social media and suggested that the organizing committee submit the event details for inclusion in the City's community events calendar.

8. PUBLIC FORUM

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

- 9.a Correspondence from the County of Grey Re: Centralized Planning Model - Request for Support In-Principle

The Director of Community Services provided an overview of the correspondence.

In response to a question from Council, the City Manager advised that there are two upcoming Closed session meetings respecting the training and education of Council members regarding strong mayor powers.

R-250414-004

Moved by Councillor Merton

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the County of Grey on April 14, 2025 respecting the Centralized Planning Model - Request for Support In-Principle, City Council postpones the matter until the Regular Council meeting scheduled for April 28, 2025."

Carried.

10. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

- 10.a Report OP-25-014 from Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Water Treatment Plant Filter Upgrade Project Update

The Director of Public Works and Engineering provided an overview of the report.

R-250414-005

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-25-014 respecting Water Treatment Plant Filter Upgrade Project Update, City Council:

- 1. Approves the project budget increase of \$216,850; and**
- 2. Authorizes the Manager of Corporate Services to execute Contract Change Orders for engineering and construction-related activities deemed necessary to complete the project."**

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Greig provided an overview of the most recent meetings of Grey County Council and noted actions taken relating to financial matters, the Zoning By-law, green development and climate change. Deputy Mayor Greig further noted that County Council approved the creation of a joint municipal services committee.

- 10.b Verbal Report from the Deputy Mayor Re: Grey County Council

R-240414-006

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided April 14, 2025 from Deputy Mayor Greig respecting Grey County Council, City Council receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Greig resumed the position of Chair.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Councillor Hamley declared a conflict of interest at this time with Items 21.b, 21.d and 21.f due to his employment with the Government of Ontario. Having previously declared a conflict of interest with Items 11.a and 11.c, Councillor Hamley left the Council Chambers.

- 11.a Report CR-25-038 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: 2025 Court Security and Prisoner Transport

- 11.b Report CR-25-040 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) Lending Agreement - Amendment

- 11.c Report CR-25-042 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: 2025 Provincial Gas Tax Letter of Agreement

- 11.d Report CR-25-045 from the Manager of Human Resources Re: Ratification of Tentative Settlement – CUPE Local 1189-01 Outside Workers
- 11.e Report OP-25-013 from the Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: Flixbus Transit Service Use of Owen Sound Transit Terminal Contract Extension
- 11.f Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library Board Meeting held on November 28, 2024
- 11.g Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Police Service Board meeting held on February 26, 2025
- 11.h Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
- Jersey Mike's, a sub shop located at 1660 20th Avenue East
 - Muse Medical Aesthetics by Leah, a medical aesthetics business located at 345 8th Street East
 - Pure Harmony Mobile Wellness, a mobile wellness service located at 1352 3rd Avenue East
 - Chui Chun Kit is the new owner of Hong Thai, a restaurant located at 101 10th Street East
- 11.i Final Approvals issued for the following City Hall Illumination Request:
- Enterprise Canada on behalf of the Canadian Medical Association for Doctors' Day
- 11.j Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council
- R-240414-007
- Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of the items listed on the April 14, 2025 Consent Agenda, City Council:

- 1. Receives Items 11.a to 11.j; and**
- 2. Approves the recommendations contained in Items 11.a to 11.e. "**

Carried.

Councillor Hamley returned to his chair.

R-250414-008d

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt listed on the April 14, 2025 Consent Agenda respecting the Owen Sound Police Service Board meeting held on February 26, 2025, City Council directs staff to attach the Owen Sound Sun Times article that includes Police Chief Ambrose's comments on the resumption of arrests for public drug use to the April 14, 2025 agenda when it is re-published."

Defeated.

Mayor Boddy provided comments on the letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting strong mayor powers contained within Item 11.j, noting that Council and staff will be seeking additional information and that two special meetings are scheduled to begin the education process.

12. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

- 12.a Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on March 19, 2025
R-250414-009
Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on March 19, 2025 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Greig relinquished the position of Chair to Councillor Dodd to present the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on March 20, 2025. Councillor Dodd assumed the position of Chair.

- 12.b Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on March 20, 2025
R-240414-010
Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on March 20, 2025 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Greig resumed the position of Chair.

13. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no postponed matters.

14. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

15. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 15.a Flag Raising for Parkinson's Awareness

Councillor Farmer advised that he recently attended a flag raising for Parkinson's Awareness Day and Month. Councillor Farmer noted that the goal of the 2025 campaign is to raise awareness of the non-motor symptoms of Parkinson's Disease, as well as to promote resources for people living with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers.

- 15.b Green Bins and the Leaf and Yard Waste Site

Councillor Koepke advised that the City will begin weekly curbside collection of compost during the first week of June. Councillor Koepke noted that green bin receptacles and information will be distributed to eligible homes during the month of May.

Councillor Koepke advised that the City's Leaf and Yard Waste site opened for the season on April 14.

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that residents of the City of Owen Sound, Township of Georgian Bluffs, and Municipality of Meaford are eligible to access the Leaf and Yard Waste site.

- 15.c Small Community Solutions Conference

Councillor Merton advised that she attended the Small Community Solutions Conference held on March 29 and provided an overview of events, key themes and insights. Councillor Merton noted a final report about the conference will be made publicly available through the Harmony Centre.

15.d Canadian Nuclear Association Conference

Mayor Boddy advised that he is attending the Canadian Nuclear Association Conference in Ottawa from April 15 to April 17. Mayor Boddy noted the various sectors represented at the conference and noted the potential economic development benefits Owen Sound could realize by attracting businesses from this sector.

16. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-240414-011

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report."

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

17. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-240414-012

Moved by Councillor Dodd

Seconded by Councillor Farmer

"THAT the action taken in Committee of the Whole in considering public meetings, deputations and presentations, public forum, matters arising from correspondence, reports of City staff, consent agenda, committee minutes, matters postponed, motions for which notice was previously given and additional business be confirmed by this Council."

Carried.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

19. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Prior to moving into Closed Session, Deputy Mayor Greig advised that for those who are watching the meeting live on Rogers Cable TV or the Rogers TV website, the Rogers feed will not reconnect to the meeting upon Council returning to the open session to report out of the Closed Session and review the by-laws. If anyone would like to view the remainder of the open session, they can watch the livestream on the City's Council and Committees webpage at www.owensound.ca/meetings. The video recording of the meeting will also be posted on this webpage following the meeting.

R-240414-013

Moved by Councillor Dodd

Seconded by Councillor Farmer

"THAT City Council now move into 'Closed Session' to consider:

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on March 19, 2025;**
- b. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on March 24, 2025;**
- c. One matter regarding the proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, respecting property on 6th Street East;**
- d. One matter regarding the proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality respecting property on 21st Street East; and**

e. One matter regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals respecting board and committee public appointments."

Carried.

20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that Council returned to the open session at 8:25 p.m. All Council members and staff noted above were present except for Councillor Hamley.

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that in Closed Session, City Council:

- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on March 20, 2025;
- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on March 24, 2025;
- Discussed one matter regarding the proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, respecting property on 6th Street East, and direction was provided to staff;
- Discussed one matter regarding the proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality respecting property on 21st Street East, and direction was provided to staff; and
- Discussed one matter regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals respecting board and committee public appointments, and direction was provided to staff.

21. BY-LAWS

21.a By-law No. 2025-027

"A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound held on the 14th day of April, 2025"

21.b By-law No. 2025-028

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a second amending agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation respecting the Community Transportation Grant Program"

21.c By-law No. 2025-029

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Amending Agreement with the Township of Centre Wellington and a Second Amending Agreement with the Township of Chatsworth, Township of Wellington North, Northern Credit Union, and 6 & 10 Mini Mart, respecting bus stops for the Guelph Owen Sound Transportation (GOST) bus service"

21.d By-law No. 2025-030

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General respecting the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Program"

21.e By-law No. 2025-031

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Master Servicing Agreement with Bayshore Street Developments Inc. respecting 3195 East Bayshore Road"

21.f By-law No. 2025-032

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Letter of Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation respecting the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program"

21.g By-law No. 2025-033

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Lending Agreement with the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) respecting funds to renovate the GSCA Administration Centre"

21.h By-law No. 2025-034

"A By-law to ratify the Memorandum of Settlement between The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1189-01 Outside Workers (CUPE 1189-01) and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Collective Agreement with CUPE 1189-01"

R-250414-014

Moved by Councillor Dodd

Seconded by Councillor Farmer

"THAT By-law Numbers 2025-027, 2025-028, 2025-029, 2025-030, 2025-031, 2025-032, 2025-033, and 2025-034 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Deputy Mayor Greig adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Scott Greig

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk