



Minutes

Operations Committee

March 20, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Scott Greig
Vice Chair Carol Merton
Member Donald Anderson
Member Mike Crone
Member Robert Droine
Councillor Brock Hamley (via video)
Member Michele Hawkins

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Member Arlene Blue Indoe
Councillor Suneet Kukreja

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Lara Widdifield, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Chris Webb, Manager of Engineering Services
Bryce McDonald, Manager of Water & Wastewater
Spencer Hamill, Engineering Technologist
Manon Monga, Engineering Technologist
Ashley Ford, Water and Wastewater Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Deputy Mayor Greig called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

2.a Councillor Merton Re: Acknowledgement of King Charles III's Coronation Medal

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on February 20, 2025

"THAT the Operations Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on February 20, 2025."

Carried.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.a Deputation from Tatham Engineering Re: 9th Avenue East Rehabilitation - Superior Street to 6th Street East

The Manager of Engineering Services introduced Mark Figueroa of Tatham Engineering to provide the deputation regarding 9th Avenue East rehabilitation.

In response to a question from Committee, Mr. Figueroa confirmed that they will consider the accessibility component regarding the location of the audible buttons on the new poles.

In response to a question from Committee, staff confirmed that they would request that the consultant review the presentation files for accessibility going forward.

In response to a question from Committee, staff explained that the project is currently being proposed as a multi-year capital project, but depending on the contractor's staffing and ability, there is a chance it could be completed in one construction year similar to the Alpha Street project.

Committee raised concerns with leaving some lanes open. Staff explained that there is only one access street (6th Street East) for all the businesses on that road, so they need to maintain through access.

Staff noted that considering recent tariffs, staff would like to recognize that Tatham Engineering is a Collingwood based, Canadian-owned company, and the engineering fees associated with this project are supporting a Canadian engineering firm.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions or comments from the public.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED

7.a Correspondence from City of Toronto - Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) - Residual Waste

The Director of Public Works and Engineering summarized the Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) – Residual Waste.

OP-250320-002

Moved by Member Hawkins

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided from City of Toronto - Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) - Residual Waste, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the correspondence for information purposes."

Carried.

8. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

8.a Engineering

8.a.1 Report OP-25-006 from Manager of Engineering Services Re: 2025-2026 Road Rehabilitation Locations

The Manager of Engineering provided an overview of the report.

In response to a question from the Committee, staff confirmed that they can bring back an update on the Road Condition Assessments to compare to the previous report (2021) at the next meeting.

OP-250320-003

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-25-006 respecting 2025-2026 Road Rehabilitation Locations, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

8.a.2 Report OP-25-011 from Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: 2024 Collision Statistics

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

In response to concerns from Committee regarding the cyclist data, staff explained that these statistics are provided by the Police to City staff to interpret. Staff could reach out to the Police on what fields they are tracking and offer suggestions on how this data could be more aimed at safe streets.

OP-250320-004

Moved by Vice Chair Merton

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-25-011 respecting 2024 Collision Statistics, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

8.b Environment

None.

8.c Public Works

None.

8.d Transit

None.

8.e Water and Wastewater

8.e.1 Report OP-25-002 from Manager of Water and Wastewater Re: 2024 Annual Wastewater Reports (Collection and Treatment)

The Manager of Water and Wastewater provided an overview of the report.

OP-250320-005

Moved by Member Anderson

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-24-002 respecting the 2024 Annual Wastewater Reports, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

8.e.2 Report OP-25-001 from Manager of Water and Wastewater Re: DWQMS Audit Report - January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

The Manager of Water and Wastewater provided an overview of the report.

OP-250320-006

Moved by Vice Chair Merton

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-25-001 respecting DWQMS Audit Report – January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the

Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

9. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no matters postponed.

10. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

- 10.a Motion for Which Notice was Previously Given by Councillor Merton at the February 10, 2025 Regular Council meeting Re: Snow Windrow Clearing Program

OP-250320-007

Moved by Vice Chair Merton

"WHEREAS the average annual snowfall in Owen Sound is the most in Ontario at 130.1 inches;

AND WHEREAS 27.2% of the population of the City of Owen Sound is over the age of 65, compared with 18.3% of the population of Ontario and 19% in Canada overall;

AND WHEREAS other municipalities have implemented a snow windrow clearing program for older adults/seniors and those with physical disabilities to remove the accumulation of snow at the end of residential driveways resulting from road plowing operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council directs staff to bring forward a report back to Council within three (3) months outlining the options and cost of implementing a snow windrow clearing program for older adults/seniors and those with disabilities."

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Chair Merton requested a recorded vote.

	In Favour	Opposed
Member Anderson	X	
Member Crone		X
Member Droine	X	
Member Hawkins	X	
Councillor Hamley	X	
Vice Chair Merton	X	
Chair Deputy Mayor Greig		X

The resolution was carried with five (5) votes in favour and two (2) votes opposed.

11. CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION

There were no correspondence items presented for information.

12. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

12.a King Charles III's Coronation Medal

Councillor Merton congratulated Member Anderson as he was nominated by the Canadian National Institute of the Blind and was awarded the King Charles III's Coronation Medal.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Deputy Mayor Greig adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.