



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

April 28, 2025

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ian Boddy
Deputy Mayor Scott Greig
Councillor Travis Dodd (via video)
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
Viveca Gravel, River District Coordinator
Andy O'Leary, Facilities and Booking Coordinator
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Allison Penner, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Boddy called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Mayor Boddy noted that Councillor Dodd was attending the meeting virtually.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 2.a Councillor Farmer Re: Upcoming Events
- 2.b Councillor Koepke Re: Garbage Cans
- 2.c Deputy Mayor Greig Re: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Tree Sale, Earth Film Festival, and National Flag Flying Policy and Etiquette

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.a Councillor Hamley - Item 11.b - Report OP-25-020 from the Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Housing Enabling Water System Grant Transfer Payment Agreement

Councillor Hamley declared a conflict of interest with Item 11.b due to his personal employment with the Province of Ontario.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

- 4.a Minutes of the Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on March 19, 2025
- 4.b Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on March 24, 2025
- 4.c Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 14, 2025

R-240428-001

Moved by Councillor Farmer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greig

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

- 1. The Closed Session of the Community Services Committee meeting held on March 19, 2025;**
- 2. The Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on March 24, 2025; and**
- 3. The Regular Council meeting held on April 14, 2025."**

Carried.

5. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-240428-002

Moved by Councillor Farmer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greig

"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.

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

There were no public meetings.

7. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 7.a Presentation from the Mayor Re: Volunteer of the Year Award, Youth Volunteer of the Year Award, Senior of the Year Award

Mayor Boddy was joined by Councillor Koepke, Chair of the Community Services Committee, and MPP Paul Vickers to present the 2025 Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Mayor Boddy provided remarks in recognition of all volunteers and presented the following awards:

- Olive Barowski, Youth Volunteer of the Year Award.
- Dave Barber, Volunteer of the Year Award.
- Jeff Nickel, Volunteer of the Year Award.
- Evelyn Barnes, Senior of the Year Award.

MPP Paul Vickers congratulated the award winners and thanked them for their contributions.

- 7.b Presentation from the Mayor and the River District Coordinator Re: Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA) Special Events Award of Excellence

Mayor Boddy was joined by the River District Coordinator to acknowledge the members of the team responsible for the Wheel & Ride Safety Festival. Mayor Boddy congratulated the group on its recent receipt of the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA) Special Events Award of Excellence. Co-recipients include Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound, Optimist Club of Sydenham and

District, Owen Sound and District Junior Optimists, Scenic Cycle, Owen Sound Police, and the Owen Sound River District.

The River District Coordinator provided an overview of the Wheel & Ride Safety Festival and noted that the 2025 event will take place on May 3.

The River District Coordinator and the Facilities and Booking Coordinator left the meeting.

7.c Presentation from the City Manager Re: City Manager's Update

The City Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation and noted:

- Several upcoming events around Owen Sound;
- Spring maintenance work underway by City staff related to parks, sidewalks, and streets;
- Reports that will be presented to upcoming meetings of the Corporate Services Committee, Operations Committee, Community Services Committee, as well as the dates of other meetings;
- Weekly curbside green bin organics collection beginning June 1;
- The water meter replacement program now underway; and
- A listing of media advisories issued over the past month.

In response to questions from Council, the Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that green bins will be delivered to residents' driveways, and that it would be the responsibility of each resident to store them. Ms. Widdifield advised that the timeframe in which green bin drop offs will occur will be communicated to the public.

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Community Services advised that while reports respecting the development of the updated Official Plan and Zoning By-law will be considered by the Community Services Committee, they will be circulated to all of Council for information.

8. PUBLIC FORUM

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

10. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

10.a Report OP-25-019 from the Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Intersection Improvement Options - 9th Ave E at 6th St E

The City Manager advised that staff negotiations with the owner of the subject property are ongoing and requested that Council postpone consideration of this matter until the next Regular Council meeting.

R-250428-003

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-25-019 respecting Intersection Improvement Options - 9th Ave E at 6th St E, City Council postpone consideration of the report until May 12, 2025."

Carried.

- 10.b Report CR-25-047 from the Manager of Corporate Services Re: Approval of Non-Standard Procurement – Budgeting Software

The Director of Corporate Services provided an overview of the report.

R-250428-004

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-25-047 respecting Approval of Non-Standard Procurement – Budgeting Software, City Council:

- 1. Approves the purchase of Budgeting Software from Euna Solutions Inc. for \$325,292.46, including the City's non-refundable allocation of HST; and**
- 2. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement."**

Carried.

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

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that Grey County Council recently acknowledged Mayor Boddy's receipt of the Municipal Government Stewardship Award from the Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council. Deputy Mayor Greig provided an overview of the most recent meeting of Grey County Council and advised of land procurements to support road improvements at Grey Road 1 and 14th Street West, the approved transfer of a \$4.4 million budget surplus to reserves, and the approval of a \$45,000 expenditure to support the City's securing of land for affordable housing in partnership with the Owen Sound Non-Profit Housing Company.

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that the County is currently undertaking consultation on its Forest Management By-law, Beaver and Coyote By-law, and transportation matters within Owen Sound including Legion Corner intersection upgrades and urban road transfers.

R-240428-005

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided April 28, 2025 from Deputy Mayor Greig respecting Grey County Council, City Council receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

Having previously declared a conflict of interest with an item on the Consent Agenda, Councillor Hamley left the Council Chambers.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- 11.a Report CR-25-050 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: Development Charges Exemption Agreement – SkyDev Bayshore Rental Housing
- 11.b Report OP-25-020 from the Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Housing Enabling Water System Grant Transfer Payment Agreement
- 11.c Report CR-25-048 from the Manager of Corporate Services Re: Award of RFT-25-007 - Replacement of Watermain Cathodic Protection - Phase 9
- 11.d Report CS-25-044 the Manager of Planning and Heritage Re: Extension Request for Draft Plan of Subdivision 42T-15501
- 11.e Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force meeting held on March 21, 2025

11.f Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:

- Diamond Baseball & Fitness, an indoor batting cage, simulator, and personal training facility located at 2045 20th Avenue East
- Kim Stewart & Associates, an insolvency services business located at 945 3rd Avenue East
- Hawker and Peddler licence issued to the River District and Owen Sound Events for 2025 special events hosted by the River District and Owen Sound Events at various locations throughout the City

11.g Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council

R-240428-006

Moved by Councillor Farmer

"THAT in consideration of the items listed on the April 28, 2025 Consent Agenda, City Council:

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

Carried.

Councillor Hamley returned to his seat.

12. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Boddy relinquished the position of Chair to Deputy Mayor Greig to present the minutes of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on April 9, 2025. Deputy Mayor Greig assumed the position of Chair.

12.a Minutes of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on April 9, 2025

R-240428-007

Moved by Mayor Boddy

"THAT the minutes of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on April 9, 2025 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved, save and except Item 10.a. respecting a review of the Short-Term Rental licensing program."

Carried.

R-250428-008

Moved by Mayor Boddy

"THAT Item 10.a contained within the minutes of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on April 9, 2025 respecting a review of the Short-Term Rental licensing program be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

R-250428-009

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT City Council in consideration of Item 10.a contained within the minutes of the Service Review Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on April 9, 2025 respecting a review of the Short-Term Rental licensing program be postponed until the matter can be considered by the River District Board of Management at its meeting scheduled for May 14, 2025."

Carried.

Mayor Boddy resumed the position of Chair.

12.b Minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on April 10, 2025

R-250428-010

Moved by Councillor Middlebro'

"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on April 10, 2025 be approved and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

12.c Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 16, 2025

R-250428-011

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 16, 2025 be approved and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

12.d Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on April 17, 2025

R-250428-012

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on April 17, 2025 be approved and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

13. MATTERS POSTPONED

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

Mayor Boddy provided an overview of the correspondence.

R-250428-013d

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"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:

- 1. Receives the correspondence for information purposes; and**
- 2. Directs staff to notify the County of Grey that the City of Owen Sound is opting out of the County's development of the hybrid planning service delivery model."**

Prior to a vote on the motion, Councillor Koepke requested a recorded vote.

	In Favour	Opposed
Councillor Dodd	X	
Councillor Farmer		X
Councillor Hamley	X	
Councillor Koepke	X	
Councillor Kukreja	X	
Councillor Merton		X
Councillor Middlebro'		X
Deputy Mayor Greig		X
Mayor Boddy		X

The resolution was defeated with four (4) votes in favour and five (5) votes opposed.

R-250428-014d
Moved by Councillor Farmer

"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 directs staff to provide correspondence to the County of Grey noting the City's support in-principle for the hybrid planning service model until more information is available."

Prior to a vote on the motion, Councillor Koepke requested a recorded vote.

	In Favour	Opposed
Councillor Dodd		X
Councillor Farmer	X	
Councillor Hamley		X
Councillor Koepke		X
Councillor Kukreja		X
Councillor Merton		X
Councillor Middlebro'	X	
Deputy Mayor Greig	X	
Mayor Boddy	X	

The resolution was defeated with four (4) votes in favour and five (5) votes opposed.

Council recessed from 7:24 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

R-250428-015d
Moved by Councillor Merton

"THAT City Council reconsider the decision to decline to provide support in-principle for the County of Grey's hybrid planning service model."

Prior to a vote on the motion, Councillor Koepke requested a recorded vote.

	In Favour	Opposed
Councillor Dodd		X
Councillor Farmer	X	
Councillor Hamley		X
Councillor Koepke		X
Councillor Kukreja		X
Councillor Merton	X	
Councillor Middlebro'	X	
Deputy Mayor Greig	X	
Mayor Boddy	X	

The resolution was defeated with five (5) votes in favour and four (4) votes opposed.

The City Clerk advised that the motion had been defeated because a motion to reconsider requires the support of two-thirds of the whole of Council (6).

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 Upcoming Events

Councillor Farmer advised that Owen Sound Partner Day takes place on May 4, and that Owen Sound residents have access to the YMCA Health, Fitness, and Aquatics Facility for free on that day.

Councillor Farmer advised that there will be an event on May 5 at the Gichi-Name Wiikwedong Reconciliation Garden in recognition of the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2-Spirited People.

15.b Garbage Cans

Councillor Koepke inquired about when garbage cans will be returned to community parks.

The Director of Community Services advised that staff are working to complete spring maintenance and noted that garbage cans are expected to be back in parks by mid-May.

15.c Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Tree Sale, Earth Film Festival, and National Flag Flying Policy and Etiquette

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority's annual tree sale will take place on Saturday, May 3.

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that the Earth Film Festival will take place on May 8 at the Roxy Theatre with a screening of a film titled "All Too Clear".

Deputy Mayor Greig noted an example of improper flag etiquette involving use of City Hall flag poles by a community group and inquired about the process to report and resolve any future instances.

Councillor Kukreja left the Council Chambers.

The City Manager advised that staff will consider the matter of resolving instances of improper flag etiquette and provide a future update to Council.

16. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-240428-016

Moved by Councillor Farmer

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

Carried.

17. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-240428-017

Moved by Councillor Farmer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greig

"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, Mayor Boddy 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-240428-018

Moved by Councillor Farmer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greig

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

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on April 14, 2025; and**
- b. One matter regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals respecting board and committee public appointments."**

Carried.

20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Boddy advised that Council returned to the open session at 7:54 p.m. All Council members and staff listed above were present except for the Facilities and Booking Coordinator and the River District Coordinator.

Mayor Boddy advised that in Closed Session, City Council:

- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on April 14, 2025; 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. 2025-036

"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 28th day of April, 2025"

21.b By-law No. 2025-037

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Contribution Agreement with Scenic City Order of Good Cheer respecting the playground and splash pad at Kelso Beach at Nawash Park"

21.c By-law No. 2025-038

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an amending agreement with FlixBus, Inc. respecting access and use of the Owen Sound Transit Terminal"

21.d By-law No. 2025-039

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Second Lease Amending Agreement with the Community Waterfront Heritage Centre, respecting access and use of the front entrance area and an office at the Canadian National Railroad building"

21.e By-law No. 2025-040

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with 1406973 Ontario Ltd., operating as C.P. Systems, respecting the replacement of Watermain Cathodic Protection - Phase 9, in accordance with RFT-25-007"

21.f By-law No. 2025-041

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Euna Solutions Inc. respecting budgeting software"

R-240428-019

Moved by Councillor Farmer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT By-law Numbers 2025-036, 2025-037, 2025-038, 2025-039, 2025-040, and 2025-041 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk