



City Manager's Update

Committee of the Whole | Council

June 16, 2025

Highlights

- TD Harbour Nights is on week 3 with an amazing turnout so far! 2 incredible bands have taken the stage at the Community Waterfront Heritage Centre with an engaged audience.
- River District hanging baskets and bridge baskets are now out – spring and summer clean-up and maintenance is ongoing. New street banners were installed and staff have been busy replacing a number of benches and waste receptacles. A new set of banners will be installed on 10th Street in the coming weeks highlighting major tourism events throughout the summer.
- Mid Week Music begins June 18, Wednesday's from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm at various accessible locations in Owen Sound. Full concert details are available from the City's website under Events.
- 9th Avenue Rehabilitation is getting off the ground. The first lane closures are expected this week. Limits are from 6th Street to Superior Street. Detours will be marked; there will be changes to bus routes to avoid the work zone.

Highlights

- Road Centreline painting has been completed. Stop bars, directional arrows and parking spaces will be completed in the next phase.
- Together with other departments, Public Works Staff attended the HIEC (Halton Industry Education Council) and participate in the Career Lab held at St. Mary's High School for grade 9 and 10 students.
- The City's water meter replacement project is approximately 30% complete.
- The arboriculture team had a productive Spring planting trees with the installation of 65 street trees, 100 park trees and 200 seedlings. A variety of seedling species were introduced on the sloped area along East Bayshore Road where a significant number of ash trees were removed in 2024 due to the Emerald Ash Borer.
- Arena staff removed the west rink ice at the JMRRC in May, making way for Ball Hockey and Minor Lacrosse to start for the season.

Highlights

- Demolition on the Bayshore project wrapped up at the end of May. Contractors have begun installing the main header refrigeration piping and will be leveling out the sand floor to begin installing insulation and remaining piping in mid-June.
- Planning and Building Services are busy: May Building Statistics

Construction value of:

\$15,829,767



37 Building Permits
Issued

Including all building, plumbing,
demolition, heritage, and tents.

200

Building Inspections
were conducted in total
this month.

Corporate Services Committee

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

Lead Director: Kate Allan, ext. 1238

July 10

- Tax Collection Policy
- Surety Bonds
- Water Arrears Update

Operations Committee

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

Lead Director: Lara Widdifield, ext. 1201

June 26

- Annual Transit Report
- Collection of Non-Eligible Sources Post Blue Box Transition December 31, 2025
- Great Lakes Coastal Cleanup
- Roads Condition Update
- Traffic By-law Amendments
- Water Use Bylaw (Water Bylaw Consolidation)
- Winter Maintenance Summary for 2024-2025

July 17

- Bus Stop Agreement - Calloway Real Estate Investment Trust Inc 1555 18th Ave East
- Bus Stop Agreement - Skyline Retail Real Estate Holdings Inc fronting East side Shoppers Drug Mart
- There will be a Public Information Session starting at 4:30 p.m., held in the foyer of Council Chambers, Re: 16th Avenue East – 17th St E to 20th St E – Sanitary Sewer Replacement, followed by a public presentation to Committee – Jeff Graham and Timothy Larose, GSS Engineering

Community Services Committee

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

Lead Director: Pam Coulter, ext. 1252

June 25

- Request to Rename Ryerson Park
- Design Elements - Owen Heights and Comme-R-ette Park
- Q1|2025 Community and Business Development Update
- Building Services Update

July 16

- Update on the Arena Floor, Boards and Glass Project at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre
- Agreement - City of Owen Sound and the OS Minor Soccer Association Respecting the Kiwanis Soccer Complex
- Design and Location of the Commemorative Forest Monument
- Building Services Update

Other Committee Meetings

Special Council Meeting | June 23 12:30 p.m.

- Summary of Committee Feedback for the 2026-2030 Multi-year Capital Plan
- Centennial Tower Update
- Technical Report - ZBA 56 for Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board (28th Avenue East)

Strategic Planning | June 18 – 9 a.m.

Service Review | July 9 – 9 a.m.

**NOTE: No Committee or Council Meetings in August.
Meetings begin again on September 8 (Council).**

Canada Day – Let's Celebrate

- A full day of family activities, food trucks, vendors, entertainment, live music, interactive LEGO display, pony rides, big canoe tours, and tons of family-friendly activities.
- The evening ceremonies start at 7 pm with messages from the Mayor, MPP, and MP, and then the audience will get ready to rock the waterfront as Chris Scerri Presents Rock of Fame — the ultimate tribute to Canadian music, featuring the area's most experienced musicians! Canadian Idol's Drew Wright, Tara and Trevor MacKenzie, Jaret Koop, Jon Zaslow, Holly Sled, John Hume, Drew McIvor, and Mike Weir.
- Kicking off the night is rising star Gracie Jet, setting the stage with her powerful voice and fresh energy!

It's all happening at Kelso Beach at Nawash Park — and admission is FREE!
For more information, please visit owensound.ca/canadaday

Get Involved!



Open House - July 17

Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, where staff and MHBC Planning will be present to answer questions and provide more details in a more informal setting.

For more information and FAQs regarding
Official Plan Update, Zoning Bylaw Update, and Urban Design Guidelines

ourcity.OwenSound.ca/planning

Green Bin is here!



- Collection has begun in June on the same day as garbage collection.
- **Weekly Collection**

For more information and FAQs regarding the Green Bin program, please visit OwenSound.ca/GreenBins

In case you missed it - Media Advisories Issued May 12 – June 13

www.owensound.ca/news

1. Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste and Goods Exchange Days Offer Disposal Options
2. Owen Sound Seeks Public Feedback on Playground Replacements at Owen Heights and Comm-R-Ette Parks (Survey closed and in person open houses complete, but worth noting this level of great community engagement).
3. City Seeking Community Sponsors for Free Wednesday Evening Swims at Harrison Park Pool (two dates remain available, as far as I know)
4. Owen Sound Invites Community Input on Key Planning Policy Updates (Survey closes today, June 13)
5. Owen Sound's Green Bins Delivered, Weekly Collection Begins in June
6. The City of Owen Sound Releases Line-Up for Live Summer Music (TD Harbour Nights and Mid Week Music events throughout the summer)
7. Balancing Tradition and Public Safety with New Derby Camping Rules for Fall Fishing Derbies in Owen Sound
8. Notice of Public Meeting - Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) No. 56 - 28th Avenue East
9. Join the Festivities to Celebrate Owen Sound's Downtown River Precinct 2 Project (Happened Friday, June 6)
10. City Seeks Volunteers to Apply Now for Corporate Services Committee (accepting applications until June 24, 2025)
11. Rehabilitation of 9th Avenue East from Superior Street to 6th Street East Beginning June 18 (major construction project!)
12. Owen Sound Introduces New Fish Derby Camping Permit System (passes go on sale Tuesday, June 17)

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