



**Minutes**

**Owen Sound City Council**

**September 8, 2025**

**City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East**

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

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

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT/REGRETS:** Mayor Ian Boddy  
Councillor Travis Dodd

**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  
Phil Eagleson, Fire Chief  
Bradey Carbert, Manager of Corporate Services  
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk  
Christina McLean, Committee and Executive Support  
Coordinator

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Deputy Mayor Greig provided remarks in recognition of the passing of Ann Kelly, former City Councillor. Council observed a moment of silence in honour of Ms. Kelly.

**2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

2.a Councillor Farmer Re: Summerfolk Festival 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Upcoming Civic Engagement Opportunities

2.c Councillor Middlebro' Re: Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular and AMO Update

2.e Deputy Mayor Greig Re: Concours d'Elegance

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hamley - Item 21.i - By-law 2025-103 Re: Executing a Contribution Agreement with His Majesty in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation respecting a Connecting Links Program contribution - Intake 10 (Highway 26 at 16th St E pedestrian tunnel rehabilitation)

Councillor Hamley declared a conflict of interest with item 21.i due to his personal employment with the Province of Ontario.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES**

4.a Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on July 21, 2025

4.b Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on July 21, 2025

R-250908-001

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Kukreja

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

**1. The Special Council meeting held on July 21, 2025; and**

**2. The Regular Council meeting held on July 21, 2025."**

Carried.

**5. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

R-250908-002

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Kukreja

**"THAT City Council now move into Committee of the Whole to consider public meetings, deputations and presentations, public question period, 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 Representatives of the Owen Sound Attack Hockey Club Re: Owen Sound Attack Update

Bob Severs and Amelia Boyd of the Owen Sound Attack Hockey Club provided a PowerPoint presentation and update on the Owen Sound Attack operations, including past milestones, economic highlights, and information on the upcoming 2025/2026 hockey season.

**8. PUBLIC FORUM**

8.a Chris Long, Owen Sound resident

Mr. Long provided comments respecting vandalism and encampments in the City's downtown core.

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that notes from the community stakeholder discussion to foster a vibrant River District held on July 28th will be brought to a future meeting and may provide additional insight to these concerns.

8.b James Ball, Owen Sound resident

Mr. Ball provided comments respecting the need for increased cameras and police presence in the City's downtown core.

Councillor Merton advised that attending a future meeting of the Owen Sound Police Services Board would be a beneficial avenue to share these concerns.

In response to a question from Committee, the City Manager noted that the purchase and installation of downtown cameras came through staff reports to

Council, and that cameras are typically installed at central intersections to maximize the captured area.

8.c Chris Long, Owen Sound resident

Mr. Long provided additional comments respecting downtown video surveillance and the importance of increased quality cameras.

Mr. Simmonds advised that the current cameras are high definition.

**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 CR-25-117 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: Development Charges Deferral Request - Bayshore Terrace

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

Deputy Mayor Greig relinquished the position of Chair to speak to the report. Councillor Merton assumed the position of Chair. At the completion of his comments, Deputy Mayor Greig resumed the position of Chair.

R-250908-003d

Moved by Councillor Farmer

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-25-117 respecting Development Charges Deferral Request – Bayshore Terrace, City Council directs staff to collect Development Charges in accordance with the Act."**

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

	In Favor	Opposed
Councillor Farmer	X	
Councillor Hamley	X	
Councillor Koepke		X
Councillor Kukreja		X
Councillor Merton	X	
Councillor Middlebro'		X
Deputy Mayor Greig		X

The resolution was defeated with four (4) votes opposed and three (3) in favour.

R-250908-004

Moved by Councillor Koepke

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-25-117 respecting Development Charges Deferral Request – Bayshore Terrace, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a deferral agreement, including the appropriate securities."**

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

	In Favor	Opposed
Councillor Farmer		X
Councillor Hamley		X
Councillor Koepke	X	
Councillor Kukreja	X	
Councillor Merton		X
Councillor Middlebro'	X	
Deputy Mayor Greig	X	

The resolution was carried with four (4) votes in favour and three (3) opposed.

- 10.b Report CR-25-119 from the Manager of Corporate Services Re: Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre - Roof Rehabilitation - Project Update 1

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

R-250908-005

Moved by Councillor Farmer

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-25-119 respecting Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre – Roof Rehabilitation – Project Update #1, City Council approves the budget increase for this project from \$920,950 to \$1,270,950 to fund contemplated change orders and contingency allowance requirements related to unknown conditions that arise throughout the remainder of the project."**

Carried.

- 10.c Report CR-25-108 from the City Clerk Re: 2026 Board and Committee By-law Housekeeping

The City Clerk provided an overview of the report.

R-250908-006

Moved by Councillor Hamley

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-25-108 respecting 2026 Board and Committee By-law Housekeeping, City Council directs staff to undertake the 2026 board and committee recruitment process as outlined in the report."**

Carried.

- 10.d Report CR-25-110 from the City Clerk Re: 2026 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar

The City Clerk provided an overview of the report. Council expressed concern with the Special Meeting in January being the same date as the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference and the length of time between meetings due to the municipal election.

R-250908-007

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-25-110 respecting 2026 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar, City Council approves the 2026 Council and Committee meeting calendar as attached to the report."**

Prior to a vote on the motion, a motion to postpone was brought forward.

R-250908-008

Moved by Councillor Farmer

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-25-110 respecting 2026 Council and Committee Meeting Calendar, City Council postpones Resolution No. R-250908-007 until an additional staff report is presented at the Regular Council Meeting on September 22, 2025, which will address matters raised at the Council meeting of September 8, 2025."**

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Greig relinquished the position of Chair. Councillor Merton assumed the position of Chair.

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

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that Grey County Council received an update from County staff on the Future Ready Program, a program to advance energy efficient and sustainable development.

Deputy Mayor Greig added that the County has signed an agreement with the Province for approximately \$3,282,000 in homelessness prevention plan funding similar to last year, and that funds will be dispersed to community outreach and supports, emergency short-term accommodations and supportive housing. Additionally, Grey County Council has entered into a funding agreement with the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness for \$362,000 to support Grey County housing initiatives.

R-250908-009

Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

**"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided September 8, 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**

- 11.a Report CR-25-114 from the Purchasing and Claims Coordinator Re: Award of RFP-25-004 - Engineering Services for 4th Ave W Reconstruction - 15th St W to 20th St W
- 11.b Report CR-25-115 from the Purchasing and Claims Coordinator Re: Award of RFT-25-006 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Fine Screens
- 11.c Report CR-25-107 from the City Clerk Re: Appointment of Director to the River District Board of Management
- 11.d Report CM-25-028 from the Senior Advisor, External Relations and Investment Attraction Re: AMO 2025 Delegation Update
- 11.e Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Grey Bruce Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Advisory Committee held on August 12, 2025
- 11.f Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
  - Alnasser Syrian Food, a restaurant located at 132 9th St E
  - Olga's Cafe, a cafe located in Heritage Place Mall at 1350 16th St E
  - Indulgence VIP, a members only social club located at 966 2nd Ave E
  - Name change of DBazaar, a grocery and convenience store previously named Clarks of Silcote located at 1210 3rd Ave E

- Rajnarine Boodoo is the new owner of Cali Nails, a nail salon located in Heritage Place Mall at 1350 16th St E
- Nakd Basics, a wellness store, has relocated to 1095 1st Ave W
- Gentle Feather Soaps, a home occupation located at 1123 3rd Ave W
- Mobile food business license issued to Misty Tye to operate The Soda Garden
- Mobile food business license issued to Jada Flight to operate The Flying Fork food truck
- Hawker and Peddler License issued to Opportunity Bridal to operate a pop up wedding dress sale at the Best Western on August 4, 2025
- Hawker and Peddler License issued to the 2025 Owen Sound Emancipation Festival to operate at Harrison Park on August 2, 2025
- Hawker and Peddler License issued to the Georgian Bay Folk Society to operate the 2025 Summerfolk Festival at Kelso Beach from August 14 to 17, 2025
- Hawker and Peddler License issued to Rogers Communications Canada Inc. to operate door to door sales
- Hawker and Peddler License issued to Morag Budgeon to operate fundraising events at the Owen Sound Farmer's Market

11.g Final approvals for the following City Hall Illumination Requests:

- Safe and Sound Grey Bruce for International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD)

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

R-250908-010

Moved by Councillor Koepke

**"THAT in consideration of the items listed on the September 8, 2025 Consent Agenda, City Council:**

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

Carried.

**12. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

There were no Committee minutes with recommendations for approval.

**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 Summerfolk Festival 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Upcoming Civic Engagement Opportunities**

Councillor Farmer advised that the 50th anniversary of the Summerfolk Music and Crafts Festival was a great success and drew many visitors to the area.

Councillor Farmer highlighted a group called "We Vote Local", that is working to raise awareness for becoming engaged in local politics and elections. He added that the group is holding regular drop-in events beginning September 18, 2025, and to visit [wevotelocal.ca](http://wevotelocal.ca) for more information.

**15.c Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular and AMO Update**

Councillor Middlebro' highlighted that members of Council were in attendance at the Salmon Spectacular last Monday as bartenders and congratulated the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association on another successful event.

Councillor Middlebro' highlighted that members of Council and City staff attended the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in Ottawa last month, and that all six of the City's delegations were well received by the applicable Ministries.

**15.e Concours d'Elegance**

Deputy Mayor Greig highlighted that the Concours d'Elegance is September 12-14. Festivities begin Friday night at the Art Gallery, Cars and Coffee and the Concours d'Lemons are both downtown on Saturday, and finishing with the Concours d'Elegance at Cobble Beach on Sunday.

**16. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT**

R-250908-011

Moved by Councillor Koepke

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

Carried.

**FORMAL SESSION**

**17. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

R-250908-012

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Kukreja

**"THAT the action taken in Committee of the Whole in considering public meetings, deputations and presentations, public question period, 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](http://www.owensound.ca/meetings). The video recording of the meeting will also be posted on this webpage following the meeting.

R-250908-013

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Kukreja

**“THAT City Council now move into Closed Session to consider:**

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Council meeting held on July 21, 2025; and**
- b. One matter regarding labour relations and employee negotiations respecting the Owen Sound Professional Firefighters Association.”**

Carried.

The Director of Corporate Services and Manager of Corporate Services left the meeting.

## **20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Deputy Mayor Greig advised that Council returned to the open session at 7:58 p.m. All Council and staff members above were present except for the Fire Chief.

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

- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Council meeting held on July 21, 2025; and
- Discussed one matter regarding labour relations and employee negotiations respecting the Owen Sound Professional Firefighters Association and no direction was provided.

Councillor Hamley left the meeting.

## **21. BY-LAWS**

21.a By-law No. 2025-095

"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 8th day of September, 2025"

21.b By-law No. 2025-096

"A By-law to amend Short-Term Rental By-law No. 2023-115 respecting housekeeping, human trafficking information, rental cap increase and removal of principal residence and rental cap in C1 zones"

21.c By-law No. 2025-097

"A By-law to amend Procedural By-law No. 2021-123 to incorporate provisions respecting Strong Mayor Powers"

21.d By-law No. 2025-098

"A By-law to amend Acting Mayor By-law No. 2022-117 to incorporate provisions respecting Strong Mayor Powers"

21.e By-law No. 2025-099

"A By-law to amend Notice By-law No. 2018-022 to remove budget notice requirements due to Strong Mayor Powers"

21.f By-law No. 2025-100

"A By-law to amend Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2014-109 to add provisions respecting Strong Mayor Powers"

21.g By-law No. 2025-101

"A By-law to amend Board and Committee By-law No. 2025-101 to add provisions respecting Strong Mayor Powers and make various appointments"

21.h By-law No. 2025-102

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Grant Agreement with The Corporation of the County of Grey respecting a contribution towards the purchase of lands for affordable housing"

21.i By-law No. 2025-103

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute Contribution Agreement with His Majesty in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation respecting a Connecting Links Program contribution – Intake 10 (Highway 26 at 16th Street East pedestrian tunnel rehabilitation)"

21.j By-law No. 2025-104

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Lease Agreement with Brandon Vanderschot respecting five parking stalls on 11th Street West, east of 1st Avenue West"

21.k By-law No. 2025-105

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with WSP Canada Inc., respecting 4th Avenue West reconstruction, 15th Street West to 20th Street West in accordance with RFT-25-004"

21.l By-law No. 2025-106

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Baseline Constructors Inc., respecting Wastewater Treatment Plant fine screens replacement in accordance with RFT-25-006"

21.m By-law No. 2025-107

"A By-law to amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 2025-060 to amend fees for by-law enforcement activities"

21.n By-law No. 2025-108

"A By-law to adopt By-law Enforcement Policy AF012 and repeal Policy CrS-BL6"

R-250908-014

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Kukreja

**"THAT By-law Numbers 2025-095, 2025-097, 2025-098, 2025-099, 2025-100, 2025-101, 2025-102, 2025-103, 2025-104, 2025-105, 2025-106, 2025-107, and 2025-108 be passed and enacted."**

Carried.

R-250908-015

Moved by Councillor Koepke

Seconded by Councillor Kukreja

**"THAT By-law Number 2025-096 be passed and enacted."**

Carried.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Deputy Mayor Greig adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor Scott Greig

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Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk