



Minutes

Operations Committee

September 18, 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 Arlene Blue Indoe
Member Robert Droine
Councillor Brock Hamley
Councillor Suneet Kukreja (via video)

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Member Mike Crone
Member Michele Hawkins

STAFF PRESENT: Lara Widdifield, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Bryce McDonald, Manager of Water and Wastewater
Heidi Jennen, Supervisor of Environmental Services
Christina McLean, Committee and Executive Support
Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

2.a Chair Greig Re: Capital Construction Projects Update

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on June 26, 2025

In response to a question from Committee, the Director of Public Works and Engineering noted that the Water Management By-law has now been adopted by Council, including the comments from Committee respecting leak forgiveness applications.

OP-250918-001
Moved by Member Droine

"THAT the Operations Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on June 26, 2025."

Carried.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.a Deputation from David Adams Re: EV Chargers in the Downtown Core

There was no deputation or discussion on the matter as Mr. Adams did not attend the meeting.

5.b Presentation from the Manager of Water and Wastewater Re: Water Treatment Plant Filter Improvement Update

The Manager of Water and Wastewater provided a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Water Treatment Plant Filter Improvement project, highlighting construction milestones and progress.

In response to a question from Committee, Mr. McDonald noted that the backwash at the Owen Sound Water Treatment Plant has relatively low levels of turbidity as there is typically good quality source water in comparison to other locations.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions or comments from the public.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

8. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

8.a Environment

8.a.1 Report OP-25-035 from the Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: Automotive Materials Stewardship Inc Amending Agreement

The Supervisor of Environmental Services provided an overview of the report.

In response to a question from Committee, Ms. Jennen noted that this is a standard agreement and is comparable to those that Automotive Materials Stewardship (AMS) Inc. has with other municipalities.

In response to a question from Committee, Ms. Jennen clarified that the Owen Sound participation rate is currently estimated to be around 40%. She added that each participating municipality pays to take part in the event.

OP-250918-002

Moved by Councillor Kukreja

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-25-035 respecting Automotive Materials Stewardship Inc Amending Agreement, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Amending Agreement with Automotive Materials Stewardship Inc. (AMS) for the collection of used oil filters, empty oil containers and used antifreeze as outlined in the report."

Carried.

8.b Engineering

None.

8.c Public Works

None.

8.d Transit

None.

8.e Water and Wastewater

None.

9. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no matters postponed.

10. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

11. CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION

11.a Great Lakes Coastal Cleanup - World Rivers Day September 28, 2025

11.b Grey County Joint Municipal Services Committee Report Re: Waste Management Community of Practice - Share Opportunities

OP-250918-003

Moved by Vice Chair Merton

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the September 18, 2025 Operations Committee agenda, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive Items 11.a and 11.b for information purposes."

Carried.

12. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

12.a Capital Construction Projects Update

Chair Greig highlighted that Council has awarded tenders for several large construction projects including both 32nd St E and 16th Ave E, and added that the road resurfacing project is underway.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Greig adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.