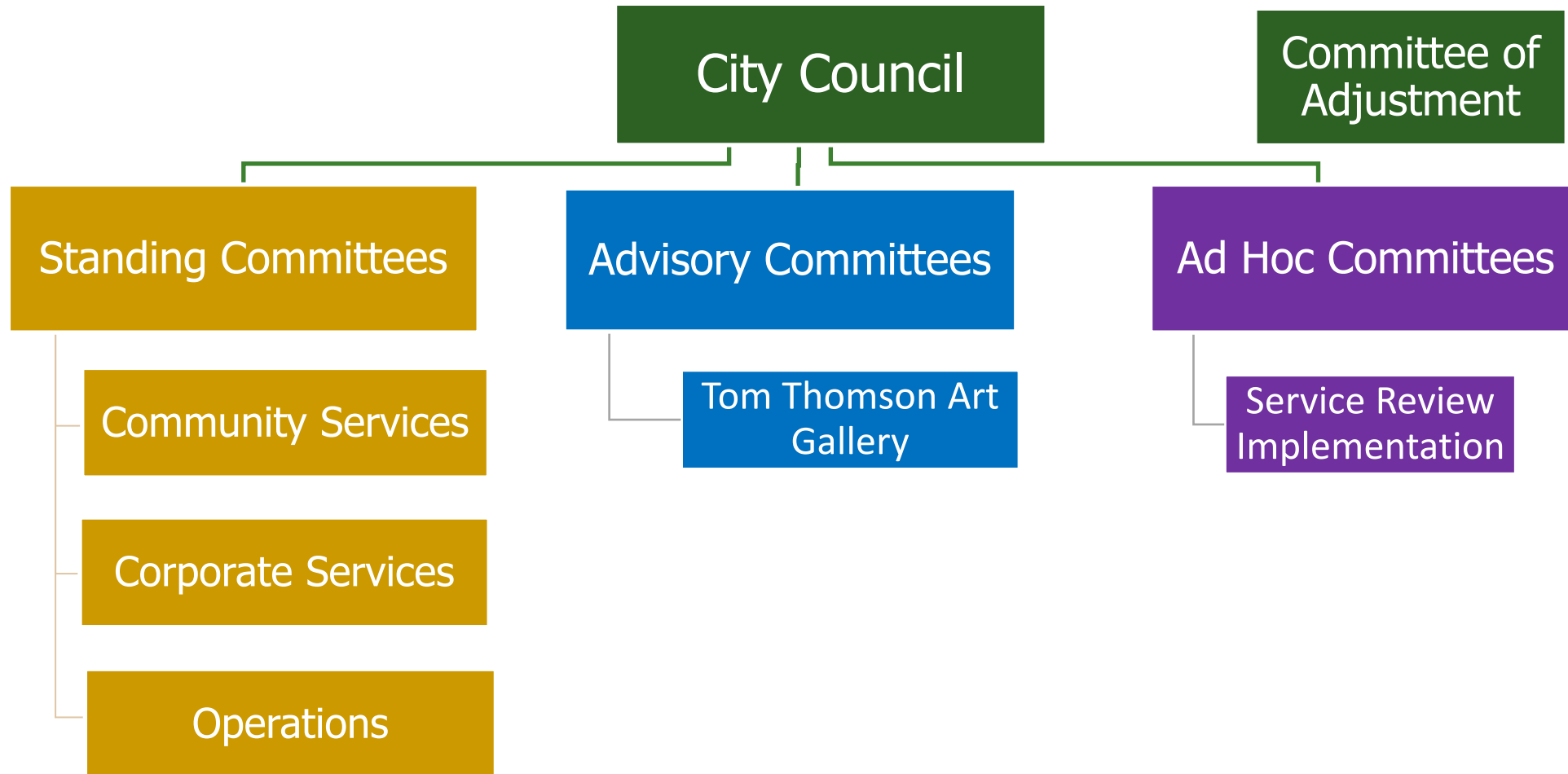




Committee Introduction

Community Services Committee

February 18, 2026



- Council:
 - Makes the final decision on all matters.
- Committees:
 - Provide advice and recommendations to Council.
 - Host public meetings or open houses as directed by Council.
 - Monitor and evaluate financial and operational performance of programs and services.

- Community Services Committee meets as follows:

Day:	3 rd Wednesday of the month
Time:	5:30 p.m.
Location:	Council Chambers

Preparing for a Meeting

- Agendas

- Agendas are published to City's website the Friday before the meeting.
- Recording Secretary (Christina McLean) will send a notification email that the agenda has been published.
- Agendas are to be read prior to the meeting.

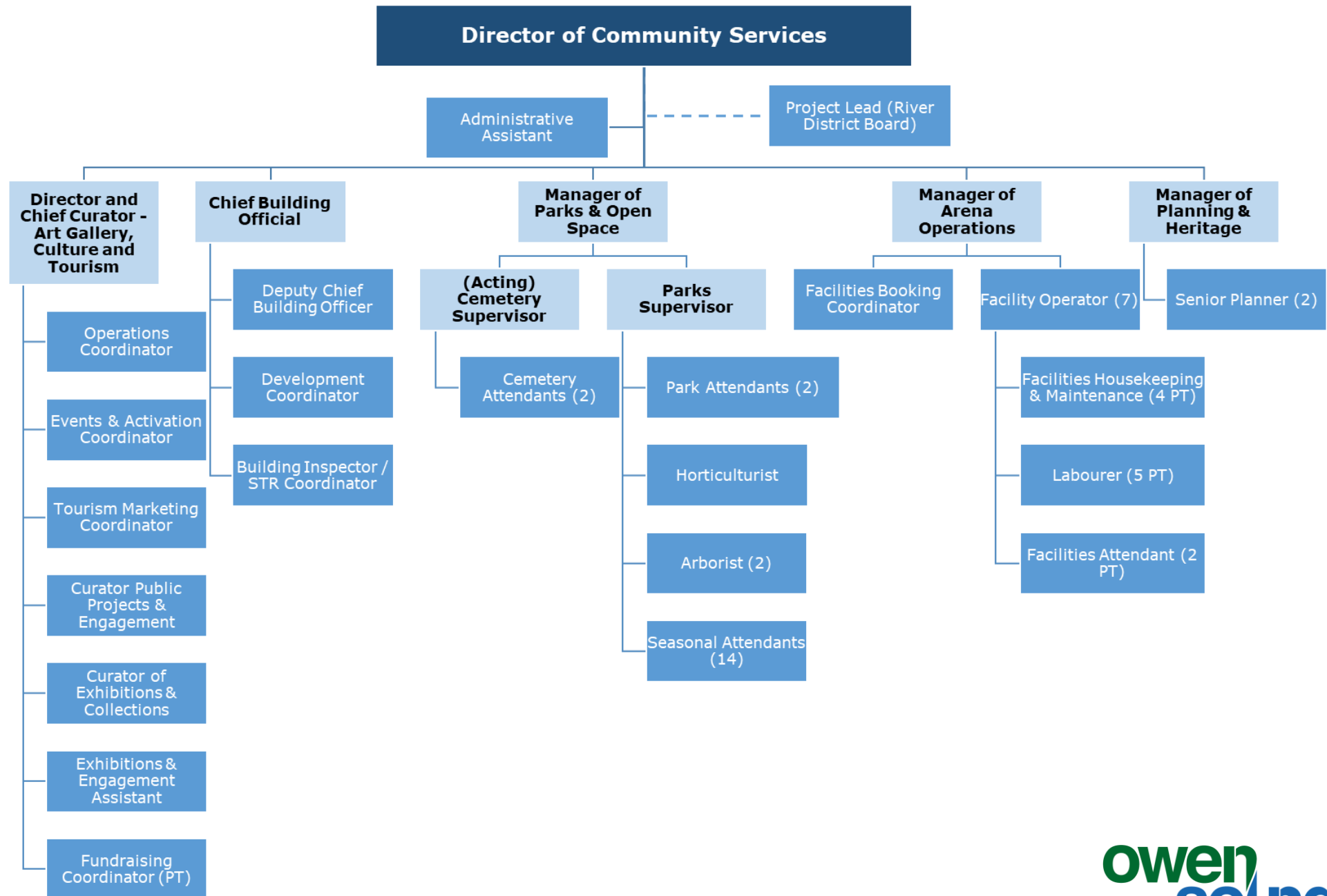
- Attendance

- Notify the Recording Secretary if you cannot attend a meeting.
- Approval must be given to be absent from 3 consecutive meetings.
- Provide notice to Recording Secretary if you need to join the meeting electronically via Teams.

Community Services Committee Mandate

- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and actions on policy, programs, and initiatives related to Community Services.
- To support the work of Council in achieving the vision, goals, and objectives of the City's Strategic Plan, Official Plan, Recreation, Parks and Facilities Master Plan, Asset Management Plan, Cultural Master Plan and other plans relating to Community Services.
- To review, provide feedback, and participate in policy development in the areas relating to Community Services and Business development.
- To engage, support, and work collaboratively with partners.
- To review and provide feedback annually on work (business) plans.
- To monitor performance of work plan implementation.

- Divisions in Community Services include:
 - Building Services
 - Planning and Heritage
 - Parks and Open Space and Cemetery
 - Arena Operations, Facility Booking and Recreation Programs
 - Tom Thomson Art Gallery (*has its own Advisory Committee)
 - Tourism and Events
 - River District (*governed by its own Board)
- Business Development and Investment Attraction is a part of the City Manager's Office, but reports go through the Community Services Committee.





Pamela Coulter
Director of Community Services



Kevin Linthorne
Chief Building Official



Eckhard Pastrik
Manager of Parks and Open Spaces



Sabine Robart
Manager of Planning and Heritage



Ryan Gowan
Manager of Arena Operations



Aidan Ware
Director and Chief Curator -
TOM, Tourism & Culture

2025 Interesting Facts

- Processed 65 Planning Act applications in 2025, an increase of 25% from 2024.
- 8,418 Facility Bookings completed.
- 250 hours of Last-Minute Ice Time booked.
- 483 Youth Registered for 2025 Sports Camps and Summer Programming.
- The City's Tree Inventory now includes 25,174 trees located in City Parks and Right of Ways, 21 per cent of which are Ash.
- 159 Interments took place at Greenwood Cemetery, 101 of which were cremations.

2025 Interesting Facts

- Construction Value of \$233,255,725 (compared to \$29,382,696 in 2024), with fees totalling \$951,288.
- Issued permits for 566 Residential Units, including 35 affordable housing units.
- 1217 Building Inspections were conducted by the City.
- The City held 24 free live music concerts and 5 movie nights throughout 2025. The cumulative attendance was estimated at more than 8,500 people.
- The Home and Cottage Expo featured 132 indoor exhibitors and 23 outdoor exhibitors, attracting 1615 attendees.

- Completed Arena Floor, Board and Glass Replacement at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre.
- Substantially Completed Owen Heights and Comm-r-Ette Park Playground Replacements.
- First year of the Derby Camping program along the harbour during the summer fishing derbies.
- Initiated the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Update which includes Urban Design Guidelines.
- Continued work to configure the Planning Module in Cloud Permit software.
- Navigated the implementation of 4 Provincial bills that changed the Planning Act and other legislation related to land use planning.

- Created and Launched the External Relations and Investment Attraction Plan.
- Secured 6 delegations for the City at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference.
- Tourism partnered with Grey Sauble Conservation for Salmon Discovery Day which featured family-friendly, interactive activities for people of all ages along the river, at the Art Gallery, and Harrison Park.
- The third Hockey Fest was held in November which included a Referee & Timekeeper Clinic, three school visits, a high school hockey game, an Ontario University Athletics (OUA) game and a road hockey tournament in the River District after the Kiwanis Santa Clause Parade.
- Launched new Tourism App.

2026 Upcoming Projects

- Launch Cloud Permit software for Planning applications (23A.6)
- Finalize updates to the City's Official Plan and Zoning By-law, and develop new Urban Design Guidelines (24E.3, 22E.1, 24E.1)
- Update City's Sidewalk Patio Policy
- Continue to establish Service Levels for Parks & Cemetery service areas.
- Weaver's Creek Boardwalk Replacement – Design and Construction
- Kelso Beach at Nawash Park Playground and Splashpad Improvements (25D.18)
- Commemorative Forest Central Monument in the Open Space at the Bayshore (23D.14)
- Greenwood Cemetery Chapel Design, Tender and Construction (22D.74)

2026 Upcoming Projects

- Stone Orchard Software – Sales Module Implementation (OP-26-043)
- Review of the City’s Ice Allocation Policy for arena ice bookings
- Work with Minor and Junior B. Lacrosse on Agreement and Installation of a Turf Floor Surface at the Bayshore (26H.4)
- Unit Heaters Replacement at the Bayshore (26H.3)
- First Year of the Home and Outdoor Show in its new format
- Savour Owen Sound will re-focus on promoting the local culinary scene to visitors outside of Owen Sound this year
- Community Impact Lab in collaboration with Georgian College and Grey County (OPR-26-067)

Questions?