



Minutes

Operations Committee

January 22, 2026, 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
Member Michele Hawkins
Councillor Suneet Kukreja

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Member Mike Crone

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Lara Widdifield, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Mason Bellamy, Manager of Public Works and Engineering
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: End of Year Project Updates

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on December 18, 2025

OP-260122-001
Moved by Member Anderson

"THAT the Operations Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on December 18, 2025."

Carried.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.a Presentation from the City Manager Re: Committee Structure Review

The City Manager provided a presentation on the Committee Structure Review and requested feedback from committee members.

The Committee provided feedback to staff on the Committee Structure Review, which will be compiled and included in a future report to Council.

In response to a question from Committee, Mr. Simmonds noted that members are able to attend a limited number of meetings electronically as outlined in the City's Procedural By-law and additional electronic participation is permitted if permission is obtained from the Chair.

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 Transit

8.a.1 Report OP-26-001 from the Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: Continuation of Guelph Owen Sound Transit (GOST) post March 31, 2026

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

In response to a question from Committee, Ms. Jennen noted that revenue from the GOST program fluctuates seasonally and ranges from \$12,000 to \$16,000 per month. She added that this information will be included in the annual transit report to the Committee in February.

In response to a question from Committee, Ms. Jennen clarified that staff working at the transit terminal are City staff, and they will continue to work to support this service.

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-26-001 respecting the continuation of Guelph Owen Sound Transit (GOST) post March 31, 2026, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to bring forward by-laws to:

- 1. Execute the amending agreement for the operation of the inter-community transportation service as outlined in the report;**
- 2. Execute amending agreements with the respective property owners of the bus stop locations as outlined in the report; and**
- 3. Execute a funding agreement with the County of Grey as outlined in the report."**

Carried.

8.b Engineering

None.

8.c Environment

None.

8.d Public Works

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

There were no correspondence items presented for information.

12. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

12.a End of Year Project Updates

Chair Greig asked staff for an update on Phase 1 of the 9th Avenue East project.

Ms. Widdifield clarified that Phase 1 of the 9th Avenue East project was almost completed at the end of the season, noting that there is a portion of watermain

installation and surface restoration to be completed and/or repaired. This will be completed in the spring and Phase 2 will proceed immediately thereafter.

Chair Greig asked staff for an update on the 4th Avenue West project and associated public engagement.

Ms. Widdifield shared that there will be a Public Information Session for the 4th Avenue West project held on Tuesday, February 3 from 5-7 p.m. at the First United Church (435 21st Street West). She added that this is being held in closer proximity to the affected area in hopes to maximize attendance from affected persons. She noted that at the session, feedback will be gathered on conceptual sketches and cross-section options, including options for on-street parking, bike lanes, and a path along the boulevard.

Chair Greig asked staff for updates on the 16th Avenue Sanitary Replacement project and Stormwater Management Master Plan.

Ms. Widdifield noted that the Stormwater Management Master Plan is approximately 60 per cent complete, with a target date of February 6. General recommendations so far include system-wide water quality improvements, including through enhanced drainage swales, as well as individual drainage projects.

Mr. Bellamy noted that the 16th Avenue Sanitary Replacement project experienced delays due to unexpected issues and is at approximately 75 per cent completion. He added that a temporary connection has been made for the winter and the project will resume in the spring to install approximately 75 metres of remaining sanitary connections.

Chair Greig asked staff for an update on a future report evaluating snow removal patterns in the City.

Mr. Bellamy noted that data collection for this report is underway, and that data is being collected in a manner that will be useful in facilitating this report, adding that additional items are being tracked compared to previous years.

In response to a question from Committee, Ms. Widdifield noted that a possible delay for sidewalk snow removal is that sidewalk plows travel much slower than road plows, and that certain sidewalks are not plowed for a variety of reasons, including shallow-buried water mains, narrow width of sidewalks, and the other side of the road having a plowed sidewalk.

Chair Greig thanked outgoing public members for their dedication and input over the course of their term on the Committee, as the new term of Committees begins in February.

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 6:32 p.m.