



Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

March 15, 2021

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

No Closed Session

7:00 p.m. - Open Session - Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ian Boddy

Deputy Mayor Brian O'Leary
Councillor Travis Dodd
Councillor Scott Greig
Councillor Brock Hamley
Councillor Marion Koepke
Councillor Carol Merton
Councillor John Tamming
Councillor Richard Thomas

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Kate Allan, Director of Corporate Services
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Dennis Kefalas, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk

1. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

2. DECLARATION TO MOVE TO THE OPEN SESSION

There being no closed session, Mayor Boddy called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council and staff members listed above were present.

3. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

4. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 4.a Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: 2021 Subaru Triathlon at Kelso Beach Park
- 4.b Mayor Boddy Re: Mayor's Update
- 4.c Councillor Merton Re: Vaccine Clinic

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 5.a Deputy Mayor O'Leary - Report CM-21-003 from the City Manager Re: City Actions and Decisions Implemented on COVID-19 from January 15, 2021 to March 12, 2021

Deputy Mayor O'Leary declared a pecuniary interest with Item 12.a and corresponding by-law located at 21.g due to his ownership of shares in a restaurant covered in the report.

- 5.b Deputy Mayor O'Leary - Report CR-21-029 from the Human Resources Manager
Re: City of Owen Sound and CUPE 1189-00 Memorandum of Settlement
Ratification

Deputy Mayor O'Leary declared an interest with Item 12.d due to a family member who is part of the bargaining unit. During the March 1, 2021 Closed Session, this matter was also discussed, and Deputy Mayor O'Leary inadvertently did not disclose that he had an interest, and so he is making the declaration at this time.

- 5.c Deputy Mayor O'Leary - Report CS-21-017 from the Junior Planner Re:
Permissions for Temporary Sidewalk Patios - 2021

Deputy Mayor O'Leary declared a non-disqualifying interest with Item 12.c due to his ownership of shares in a restaurant with a permanent patio that is not covered in the report.

- 5.d Councillor Hamley - Report CM-21-003 from the City Manager Re: City Actions
and Decisions Implemented on COVID-19 from January 15, 2021 to March 12,
2021

Councillor Hamley declared a pecuniary interest with Item 12.a and corresponding by-law located at 21.f due to his employment with the Government of Ontario.

- 5.e Councillor Thomas - Report CS-21-017 from the Junior Planner Re: Permissions
for Temporary Sidewalk Patios - 2021

Councillor Thomas declared a non-disqualifying interest with Item 12.c due to his relationship with an individual whose business may be affected.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

- 6.a Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 1, 2021

R-210315-001

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded by Councillor Merton

**"THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 1,
2021 as printed be adopted."**

Carried.

7. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-210315-002

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded by Councillor Merton

"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

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS

There were no public meetings.

9. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 9.a Deputation from the Grey County Federation of Agriculture Re: Farms and Food Forever

Keith Reid, Vice President of the Grey County Federation of Agriculture (GCFA) provided a deputation on the importance of farms and agriculture in the region. Mr. Reid provided information on the makeup and history of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) and highlighted how the GCFA and OFA work together to help farmers, locally.

Mr. Reid advised that agriculture generates \$47.7 billion annually to Ontario's GDP and provides approximately 837,000 jobs across the province. Mr. Reid provided a breakdown on the number and size of farms in Grey County, as well as major crop types and top commodities. In addition to promoting farming and agriculture, the GCFA is committed to supporting natural gas, broadband, schools, and transportation, with key priorities being membership engagement, youth in farming, and healthy farms and environment.

- 9.b Deputation from Nicole Amos-Uotila, Community Waterfront Heritage Centre Re: Board Update

Nicole Amos-Uotila, President of the Community Waterfront Heritage Centre (CWHC) provided a deputation on the CWHC Board update. Ms. Amos-Uotila advised that in 2019 the CWHC had over 40 volunteers that spent 996 hours at the museum greeting visitors from around the world. The CWHC had many plans for 2020 that were greatly changed due to Covid-19. With the 2020 season put on hold, and the museum doors closed, the CWHC began planning for the 2021 season. Ms. Amos-Uotila advised that the CWHC went ahead with its celebration of Owen Sound's 100th anniversary through the use of interactive panels linked to online storytelling.

Ms. Amos-Uotila advised that the CWHC has welcomed new Board members since the onset of Covid-19, and the CWHC has undertaken a review and revision of their vision and mission statements, developed a 2021 Strategic Work Plan, and is seeking to hire a Development Coordinator in the coming months. Ms. Amos-Uotila advised that the CWHC is grateful for the funding provided by the City and added that the Board is eager to re-negotiate its lease with the City that is set to expire in October 2021.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions received from members of the public.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

Having declared a pecuniary interest with Item 12.a, Deputy Mayor O'Leary and Councillor Hamley left the Council Chambers at this time.

12. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

- 12.a Report CM-21-003 from the City Manager Re: City Actions and Decisions Implemented on COVID-19 from January 15, 2021 to March 12, 2021

The City Manager provided an overview of the report.

R-210315-003

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CM-21-003 respecting City Actions and Decisions Implemented respecting COVID-19 from January 15, 2021 – March 12, 2021, City Council directs staff to bring forward by-laws to:

1. Continue the rent relief program to City tenants, as outlined in the report, through to March 31, 2021; and
2. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Minister of Transportation for the Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) - Phase 2 Municipal Transit Funding."

Carried.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary and Councillor Hamley returned to their chairs.

- 12.b Report CS-21-015 from the Intermediate Planner Re: Recommendation Report - ZBA No. 32 and Site Plan Approval ST2020-014 (Sydenham Campus Innovation Centre)

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

R-210315-004

Moved by Councillor Thomas

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-015 respecting Zoning By-law Amendment No. 32 and Site Plan Approval (ST2020-014) at 1130 8th Street East (Sydenham Campus Innovation Centre), proposing to re-purpose the existing building and lands into a municipally owned and operated innovation centre, City Council:

1. Finds that the applications are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and the goals and objectives and intent of the City's Official Plan and in consideration of the staff recommendations and the written and oral submissions made;
2. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 32 to the City's Zoning By-law No. 2010-078 and give notice in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*;
3. Approves Site Plan A102 by mc architects dated February 19, 2021, subject to the conditions outlined in Schedule H; and
4. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Site Plan Agreement, Servicing Agreement, and any other items for implementing Site Plan Approval for 1130 8th Street East (Sydenham Campus Innovation Centre)."

Carried.

- 12.c Report CS-21-017 from the Junior Planner Re: Permissions for Temporary Sidewalk Patios - 2021

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

R-210315-005

Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-017 respecting Permissions for Temporary and Sidewalk Patios - 2021, City Council:

1. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law respecting temporary use provisions for temporary restaurant/bar patios pursuant to the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act* and Ontario Regulation 345/20;
2. Delegates authority to the City Manager, in consultation with the Director of Community Services, Director of Public Works & Engineering, and the Manager of Planning & Heritage to:

- a. Approve the design, layout and placement of sidewalk patios; and
 - b. Execute Sidewalk Patio Agreements requiring, among other matters, insurance of \$2 million (\$5 million where alcohol is served);
3. Directs staff to bring forward an amendment to the Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2014-109 to include the above noted delegation; and
 4. Waives all fees associated with issuing a sidewalk patio permit for 2021."

Carried.

Council discussed incentives for restaurants in the downtown with respect to the purchasing of patio furniture. Having declared an interest, Deputy Mayor O'Leary and Councillor Thomas left the Council Chambers at this time. At the conclusion of discussion on patio furniture, Councillor Thomas returned to his chair.

Having declared a pecuniary interest on Item 12.d, Deputy Mayor O'Leary remained outside the Council Chambers.

- 12.d Report CR-21-029 from the Human Resources Manager Re: City of Owen Sound and CUPE 1189-00 Memorandum of Settlement Ratification

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

R-210315-006

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-21-029 respecting CUPE 1189-00 Memorandum of Settlement Ratification, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to:

1. Ratify the Memorandum of Settlement between the City of Owen Sound and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1189-00, dated the 19th day of February 2021; and
2. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the revised Collective Agreement between the City of Owen Sound and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1189-00, for the term of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 to give effect to the terms of the said Memorandum of Settlement."

Carried.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary returned to his chair.

- 12.e Report OP-21-006 from the Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Giche Namewikwedong Bridge Commemorative Plaque Wording

The Director of Public Works and Engineering provided an overview of the report.

R-210315-007

Moved by Councillor Thomas

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-21-006 respecting Giche Namewikwedong Bridge Commemorative Plaque Wording, City Council:

1. Approves the wording of the commemorative plaque as presented in the report; and

**2. Approves Staff working with the Giche Namewikwedong
Reconciliation Garden Committee to develop interpretive plaques."**

Carried.

12.f Verbal Report from the Deputy Mayor Re: Grey County Council and Grey Bruce Board of Health

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that the Grey County Housing Task Force has been analyzing data to better understand the need for affordable and attainable housing for those most in need. The Task Force has recommended that \$1.1 million be earmarked for the affordable housing fund as part of the County's 2021 budget, with one percent of the total budget being dedicated to affordable housing each year thereafter. Deputy Mayor O'Leary added that County staff are working with lower tier municipalities to locate suitable land for the development of affordable housing, and has recently made changes to its Development Charges by-law to encourage developers to construct rental units and non-profit dwellings. Grey County is seeking to promote the creation of affordable housing by implementing an affordable housing fund, offering surplus lands to non-profit organizations, investigating options for landlord/tenant matchmaking, implementing recommendations from the housing and homelessness, and continuing to educate everyone on affordable and attainable housing while reducing the stigma associated with high-density housing.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that there have been 729 cases of Covid-19 locally, with 16 active cases, 75 high-risk contacts associated with active cases, and no facilities currently in outbreak. Vaccine distribution continues to operate smoothly, with the only barrier being the limited supply of vaccines. To date, Grey and Bruce Counties have administered over 15,000 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. The Grey Bruce Health Unit has completed a pilot booking system and is currently booking appointments for individuals born in 1941 or earlier.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that the Grey Bruce Health Unit is continually working with schools to ensure safety, and that the Health Unit continues to offer services unrelated to Covid-19.

Lastly, Deputy Mayor O'Leary advised that a survey was conducted respecting the Hockey Hub vaccination clinic. The results found that the majority of patients who responded were pleased and satisfied with their experience at the Hockey Hub.

R-210315-008

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided March 15, 2021 from Deputy Mayor O'Leary respecting Grey County Council and Grey Bruce Board of Health, City Council receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

- 13.a Report CR-21-017 from the Executive Assistant and Public Relations Coordinator Re: Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses 2020
- 13.b Report OP-21-001 from the Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: Derby Landfill Agricultural Lease Agreement
- 13.c Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board meeting held on January 27, 2021

- 13.d Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library Board meeting held on February 25, 2021 and Annual General Meeting held March 5, 2020
- 13.e Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Police Services Board meeting held on December 16, 2020
- 13.f Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
- Queen of Hearts, a nursery school located at 435 21st Street West
 - Prompt Delivery, a delivery service home occupation office located at 185 Beattie Street
- 13.g Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council
- R-210315-009
- Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT City Council receives Items 13.a to 13.g, save and except Item 5.a contained within Item 13.g on the Consent Agenda dated March 15, 2021, and further

THAT the recommendations contained in Reports 13.a and 13.b be approved."

Carried.

R-210315-010

Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT in consideration of correspondence listed on the Consent Agenda dated March 15, 2021 from the Director of Administration/Clerk, West Grey respecting Municipal Insurance Rates, City Council directs staff to send a letter in support of the resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Attorney General of Ontario, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

14. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

- 14.a Minutes of the Corporate Service Committee held on February 25, 2021
- R-210315-011
- Moved by Councillor Dodd

"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on February 25, 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

15. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no postponed matters.

16. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

17. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

17.a 2021 Subaru Triathlon at Kelso Beach Park

The Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that Subaru Triathlon organizers are planning to host a triathlon at Kelso Park Beach with the understanding that the event may need to be altered or cancelled based on pandemic restrictions. Mr. Kefalas advised that the name of the event will likely be changed to '2021 Owen Sound Triathlon' and is tentatively scheduled to take place the weekend of September 11-12, 2021 and will be held at Kelso Beach provided the proper documents are filed. Mr. Kefalas noted that a report will be brought back to Council at a future date to finalize details.

17.b Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy advised that Grey and Bruce Counties are home to great musical talent, noting that Samantha Martin of Lion's Head has recently made it to the national stage. Ms. Martin and her band Delta Sugar have been nominated for a Juno Award for Blues Album of the Year. Mayor Boddy extended congratulations to Ms. Martin and her band for this accomplishment.

17.c Vaccine Clinic

Councillor Merton advised that she recently volunteered for the vaccine clinic located at the Bayshore Community Centre Hockey Hub. Councillor Merton noted that she was a screener and was the first point of contact for those visiting to receive a vaccination, and noticed that visitors attended with excitement and relief that they were able to receive a vaccine. Councillor Merton expressed her gratitude to City staff for collaborating with the Grey Bruce Health Unit to ensure that the vaccine clinic and field hospital were made available in a time of need.

18. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-210315-012

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

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

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

19. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-210315-013

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

Seconded by Councillor Merton

"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.

20. NOTICES OF MOTION

20.a Councillor Tamming Re: Funding for Patios in the Downtown

"WHEREAS City Council has approved the expansion of outside patio dining for 2021; and

WHEREAS the COVID pandemic has financially devastated many local restaurants; and

WHEREAS the downtown restaurants don't have money readily on hand to make patio and patio furniture purchases and could use a modest hand up; and

WHEREAS lively, busy patios enliven our downtown core and enhance the downtown aesthetics;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council directs staff to allocate, for the summer of 2021, the sum of \$30,000 towards matching funds for such patio applicants, on a first come, first serve basis, to a maximum of \$5,000 per successful applicant such monies to be sourced imaginatively by the Director of Corporate Services."

20.b Councillor Tamming Re: Vaccination Status Updates

"WHEREAS the COVID pandemic has devastated many of our families and businesses; and

"WHEREAS the only solution to the pandemic is mass vaccination; and

WHEREAS our dedicated public health workers can only do their job if they receive vaccines; and

WHEREAS the residents of Grey-Bruce and Owen Sound have received no regular information whatsoever as to when and in what quantities COVID vaccines might arrive from the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council directs staff to prepare and send a letter, to be executed by His Worship and all of Council, addressed to the MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound to:

1. Thank the MPP for his hard work throughout this difficult time; and
2. Request that the MPP report weekly in writing to the City of Owen Sound and local media as to the number and kind of vaccines which:
 - a. the province has delivered to the region in the previous week; and
 - b. the province is expected to deliver to the region in the coming week."

21. BY-LAWS

21.a By-law No. 2021-027

"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 15th day of March, 2021"

21.b By-law No. 2021-028

"A By-law to delegate authority jointly to the City Manager and Director of Community Services to approve applications and execute agreements on behalf of the City for certain Financial Incentive Programs under the Community Improvement Plan"

21.c By-law No. 2021-029

"A By-law to amend Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2014-109 to include the approval of applications and execution of agreements for certain Financial Incentive Programs under the Community Improvement Plan"

21.d By-law No. 2021-030

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Façade and Structural Improvements Agreement with Wayne Kelly for property located at 1000 1st Avenue West (Trillium Pro Consulting)"

21.e By-law No. 2021-031

"A By-law to amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 2019-106 respecting a Commemorative Forest Program and to repeal Memorial/Commemorative Tree Planting Program Policy No. O61"

21.f By-law No. 2021-032

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Minister of Transportation for the Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) - Phase 2 Municipal Transit Funding"

21.g By-law No. 2021-033

"A By-law to establish The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound's response to the COVID-19 pandemic January 15, 2021 – March 12, 2021"

R-210315-015

Moved by Councillor Tamming

Seconded by Councillor Merton

"THAT By-law Numbers 2021-027, 2021-028, 2021-029, 2021-030, 2021-031, 2021-032, and 2021-033 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk