

MINUTES
OWEN SOUND CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 8, 2021
CITY HALL - 808 2ND AVENUE EAST
6:00 PM - CLOSED SESSION - BASEMENT BOARD ROOM
7:00 PM - OPEN SESSION - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ian Boddy
Deputy Mayor Brian O'Leary (via video)
Councillor Travis Dodd (via video)
Councillor Scott Greig (via video)
Councillor Brock Hamley
Councillor Marion Koepke
Councillor Carol Merton (via video)
Councillor John Tamming (via video)
Councillor Richard Thomas (via video)

**MEMBERS
ABSENT/REGRETS:** None

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services (via video)
Dennis Kefalas, Director of Public Works and Engineering (via video)
Kate Allan, Director of Corporate Services (via video)
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk

The meeting convened in open session at 6:00 p.m. with the above noted members present except Councillor Greig and the Director of Corporate Services. The Human Resources Manager and the Fire Chief were also present.

1. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Hamley
Seconded by Councillor Koepke

R-210208-001

"THAT City Council now move into 'Closed Session' to consider:

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on January 18, 2021;**
- b. One matter regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual respecting board and committee public appointments; and**
- c. One matter regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees, labour relations or employee negotiations, and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting a City position."**

Carried.

2. DECLARATION TO MOVE TO THE OPEN SESSION

The business of the Closed Session having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the Closed Session at 6:34 p.m. Council moved to the Regular Council meeting at 7:01 p.m. All Council and staff members listed above were present.

Mayor Boddy advised that the Council meeting was being conducted using electronic means due to the provincial Stay-at-Home Order. Mayor Boddy added that Councillor Hamley, Councillor Koepke, the City Manager, City Clerk, and Deputy Clerk were physically present in the Council Chambers and that public health guidelines were being followed.

3. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Boddy advised that in Closed Session City Council:

- Reviewed minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on January 18, 2021;
- Discussed one matter regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual respecting board and committee public appointments, and direction was provided to staff; and
- Discussed one matter regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees, labour relations or employee negotiations, and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose respecting a City position, and no direction was given.

4. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- a. Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Snow Removal Winter Control Operations
- b. Councillor Merton Re: Attendance at Virtual ROMA Conference
- c. Councillor Koepke Re: SNOWen Sound Event
- d. Mayor Boddy Re: Mayor's Update

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations on interest.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on January 18, 2021

Moved by Councillor Hamley
Seconded by Councillor Koepke

R-210208-002

"THAT the minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on January 18, 2021 as printed be adopted."

Carried.

- b. Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on January 18, 2021

Moved by Councillor Hamley
Seconded by Councillor Koepke

R-210208-003

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on January 18, 2021 as printed be adopted."

Carried.

7. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Hamley
Seconded by Councillor Koepke

R-210208-004

"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

The Manager of Planning and Heritage joined the meeting at this time.

a. Zoning By-law Amendment No. 32 - Sydenham Campus

Mayor Boddy declared the Public Meeting open at 7:08 p.m. and read the following announcement:

- Every person who attends a statutory public meeting required under the Planning Act shall be given an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed By-law.
- All submission materials for this application are available on the City's website and at the Planning Division, City Hall during regular business hours.
- If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the City of Owen Sound to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Owen Sound before the zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.
- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Owen Sound before the zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

The City Clerk explained that notice of the Public Meeting was circulated to the prescribed persons and bodies, published in the Sun Times newspaper, and posted on the City's website on January 19, 2021.

The City Clerk advised that personal information is collected under the authority of the *Planning Act* and the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, and that the information collected will be used to complete the Zoning By-law Amendment process, and will form part of the public record. Questions about this collection should be addressed to the City Clerk.

The City Clerk noted that those wishing to be notified of the decision of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound on this proposed Zoning By-law Amendment must make a written request to the City of Owen Sound care of the City Clerk.

The Manager of Planning and Heritage provided a presentation on Zoning By-law Amendment No. 32. Ms. Cann highlighted the location of the subject property and noted that the lands are currently zoned as Institutional (I).

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Ms. Cann provided an overview of the amendment being requested, and advised that the applicant has submitted a Site Plan Approval application to be processed concurrently with the Zoning By-law Amendment application.

Grey County's Director of Economic Development, Tourism, and Culture, Savannah Myers, and Senior Planner Scott Taylor provided a presentation on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, noting that the County's intent for the former Sydenham school property is to create a regional skills, training, and innovation centre called 'Sydenham Campus'. The Centre is designed to support small businesses, and will be home to the Small Business Enterprise Centre, Community Futures Development Corporation, fabrication labs, post secondary training, a day care/childcare facility, and flex spaces for businesses and events. The goal for Sydenham Campus is to operate on a cost recovery basis, with the requirement for tenants to be giving back through collaborating with other businesses located in Sydenham Campus, providing training, sharing equipment, or by providing mentoring services.

The City Clerk advised that Brian and Maria Jones, Owen Sound residents, registered to provide comments at this Public Meeting.

Maria Jones expressed concerns that she and Brian have regarding parking and traffic in the areas around Sydenham Campus. Ms. Jones advised that parking has historically been an issue on 11th Avenue, with individuals from Georgian College parking on 11th Avenue and walking to the college to avoid parking fees. Ms. Jones acknowledged the sign at Sydenham Campus indicating that the lot is for Sydenham Campus parking only, and that Georgian College parking is next door, but anticipates that Sydenham Campus may have a similar issue with individuals from Georgian College parking in their lot.

There being no other speakers, Mayor Boddy declared the Public meeting closed at 7:40 p.m.

b. Official Plan Amendment No. 10 - Official Plan Update

Mayor Boddy declared the Public Meeting open at 7:41 p.m. and read the following announcement:

- Every person who attends a statutory public meeting required under the Planning Act shall be given an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed By-law.
- A copy of the proposed Official Plan is available on the City's website and at the Planning Division, City Hall during regular business hours.
- If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the City of Owen Sound to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Owen Sound before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.
 - If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Owen Sound before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

The City Clerk explained that notice of the Public Meeting was circulated to the prescribed persons and bodies, published in the Sun Times newspaper and posted on the City's website on December 29, 2020, and again on January 8, 2021.

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The City Clerk advised that personal information is collected under the authority of the *Planning Act* and the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, and that the information collected will be used to complete the Official Plan Amendment process, and will form part of the public record. Questions about this collection should be addressed to the City Clerk.

The City Clerk noted that those wishing to be notified of the decision of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound on this proposed Official Plan Amendment must make a written request to the City of Owen Sound care of the City Clerk.

Dave Aston of MHBC Planning provided a presentation on the proposed Official Plan amendment. Mr. Aston advised that the City's current Official Plan was adopted in 2006, and is being updated to address changes in the City, ensure consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement, and assess conformity with applicable planning policies such as the Grey County Official Plan.

Mr. Aston advised that community engagement is an important part of updating an Official Plan, and noted that community engagement has been conducted throughout the Official Plan review process. Discussion papers were prepared to inform and engage stakeholders in the areas of sustainability and climate change; housing and affordability; transportation and infrastructure; and land use and design. These discussion papers will form the draft Official Plan policies.

Mr. Aston advised that the next steps in the Official Plan review process is to consider comments received from the public and commenting agencies, host a special meeting of Council to discuss the Official Plan update, finalize the Official Plan and prepare a recommendation report for Council's consideration, and pending Council's approval, forward the Official Plan to the County of Grey for final approval.

The City Clerk advised that Shawna Macivor and Peter Middleton registered to provide comments at this Public Meeting. Ms. Bloomfield noted that Mr. Middleton was connected at the beginning of the meeting, but has since lost connection.

Shawna Macivor, Georgian Bluffs resident and representative of NeighbourWoods North, advised that the City's new Official Plan is intended to span over a 25 year period, just four years short of Canada's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to zero by the year 2050. Ms. Macivor added that Owen Sound's draft Official Plan does not yet conform to Provincial and County policy as it makes little mention to climate change.

Ms. Macivor requested that the City of Owen Sound create an environmental committee that draws on the expertise of those in Owen Sound and surrounding areas, adding that an environmental committee could promote cooperation and harmony between the City and its residents with respect to the environment. Lastly, Ms. Macivor advised that the City's Official Plan should contain a provision for protecting the tree canopy. Ms. Macivor highlighted the importance of trees and the benefits they have, and stated that the City should have a line-item in the budget specifically for trees.

There being no other speakers, Mayor Boddy declared the Public Meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

The Manager of Planning and Heritage left the meeting at this time.

9. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation from the Director of Corporate Services Re: 2021 Budget

The Director of Corporate Services provided a presentation on the 2021 Budget. Ms. Allan advised that the commenting period on the 2021 Budget was extended with no additional comments from the public being received. Ms. Allan noted that the City is estimating a combined increase of 1.85 percent for residential taxes.

Lastly, Ms. Allan highlighted the average tax increase of municipalities in the County of Grey, noting that the City of Owen Sound's tax increase for 2021 is the lowest in the County of Grey.

Mayor Boddy thanked staff for their hard work in putting together the 2021 Budget.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

- a. Memo from the Deputy Clerk Re: 2021 Owen Sound Downtown Improvement Area Board of Management Budget

The Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the Downtown Improvement Area Board of Management Budget process.

Moved by Councillor Koepke

R-210208-005

"THAT in consideration of the memo dated February 8, 2021 from the Deputy Clerk respecting the 2021 Owen Sound Downtown Improvement Area Board of Management budget, City Council approves the budget as presented."

Carried.

12. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

- a. Report CS-21-008 from the Facilities Booking Coordinator Re: Owen Sound Little Theatre Request to Waive Rental Fees

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

Moved by Councillor Hamley

R-210208-006

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-008 respecting Owen Sound Little Theatre request to waive rental fees, City Council:

- 1. Denies the request to forgive the facility rental fee associated with the use of Kelso Beach Park for a live outdoor concert series; and**
- 2. Directs staff to work with Owen Sound Little Theatre to promote the event as outlined in the report."**

Carried.

- b. Report CS-21-006 from the Intermediate Planner Re: Site Plan Approval (ST2020-009) at 554 15th Street East (St. Mary's Rectory Redevelopment)

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

Moved by Councillor Koepke

R-210208-007

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-006 respecting Site Plan Approval (ST2020-009) at 554 15th Street East (St. Mary's Rectory Redevelopment), proposing the demolition of the existing rectory, which is Designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and the construction of a new one storey, 423 square metre rectory, City Council:

- 1. Approves the Site Plan by G. M. Diemert Architect Inc. dated January 19, 2021, subject to the conditions outlined in Schedule F;**
- 2. 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 554 15th Street East (St. Mary of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church); and**
- 3. Permits staff to issue two Heritage Permits for the demolition of the existing rectory and the reconstruction of the new rectory through the staff-delegated Heritage Permit approval process granted by Delegation of Consent to Powers By-law (2010-053) and in accordance with the conditions (a) and (f) of consent to demolish granted by the Municipal Heritage Committee through Staff Report CS-19-154."**

Carried.

- c. Report CS-21-005 from the Manager of Planning and Heritage Re: Evaluation Process and Notice of Intention to Dispose of the Historic Courthouse and Jail Properties

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

Moved by Councillor Hamley

R-210208-008

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-005 respecting the Evaluation Process and Notice of Intention to Dispose of the Historic Courthouse and Jail Properties, City Council directs staff to proceed with the process as outlined in Table 1 of this report."

Carried.

- d. Report CR-21-012 from the Deputy Clerk Re: Public Appointment to the Committee of Adjustment

The Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the report.

Moved by Councillor Koepke

R-210208-009

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-21-012 respecting a public appointment to the Committee of Adjustment, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to amend the Board and Committee By-law to appoint Brian Green to the Committee of Adjustment with a term beginning immediately, and ending November 14, 2022."

Carried.

- e. Report CR-21-016 from the Director of Corporate Service Re: Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transit Program 2021

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

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-21-016 respecting Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transit Program 2021, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the letter of agreement with the Minister of Transportation."

Carried.

- f. Report CR-21-015 from the Director of Corporate Services Re: Owen Sound Housing Company Construction Finance Loan

The Director of Corporate Services advised that this report is being pulled from the agenda as the Owen Sound Housing Corporation has proposed changes that would change the terms of the loan agreement. Ms. Allan advised that the County of Grey will be revisiting their recommendation at the next County Council meeting, adding that a report will be brought back to Owen Sound City Council that mirrors the decision of the County.

- g. Verbal Report from Deputy Mayor O'Leary Re: Grey County Council and Grey Bruce Board of Health

Councillor Thomas advised that as of February 7, 2021, there has been a total 663 cases of COVID-19 in the Grey Bruce Health Unit, with 22 currently active. Councillor Thomas noted that there are currently no facilities in outbreak, and that two more vaccine shipments are scheduled to be delivered by the end of February.

Lastly, Councillor Thomas advised that the Grey Bruce Health Unit is continuing to work on the opioid crisis in the area. A sharps disposal unit has been installed in downtown Owen Sound, and the needle exchange program, naloxone distribution, and regular opioid working groups continue.

Moved by Councillor Thomas

R-210208-011

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided February 8, 2021 from Councillor Thomas respecting Grey County Council and Grey Bruce Board of Health, City Council receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library Board meeting held November 26, 2020
- b. Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Housing Company meeting held November 17, 2020
- c. Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Housing Company Special meeting held December 17, 2020
- d. Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation meeting held November 17, 2020
- e. Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Police Services Board meeting held November 25, 2020

- f. Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:
- CC Variety Good Vibes located at 271 9th Street East
 - Barkin' Purrfect - Mobile Pet Grooming Services located at 1348 7th Avenue West
 - Seeley Carpentry located at 375 2nd Avenue East
- g. Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council.

Moved by Councillor Hamley

R-210208-012

"THAT City Council receives Items 13.a to 13.g on the Consent Agenda dated February 8, 2021."

Carried.

14. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

- a. Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on January 26, 2021

Moved by Councillor Hamley

R-210208-013

"THAT the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on January 26, 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

- b. Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on January 20, 2021

Moved by Councillor Koepke

R-210208-014

"THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on January 20, 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

The Manager of Legislative Services and the Network Administrator joined the meeting at this time.

- c. Minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on January 28, 2021

Moved by Councillor Dodd

R-210208-015

"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on January 28, 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

a. Snow Removal Winter Control Operations

The Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that the City experienced a heavy snowfall this past weekend, with approximately 25 centimeters being deposited. The City's Public Works staff worked diligently throughout the course of the weekend to ensure that roads and sidewalks were cleared and safe for use.

b. Attendance at Virtual ROMA Conference

Councillor Merton advised that she participated in the Rural Ontario Municipal Association's virtual conference from January 25 - 26, 2021, where she participated in four concurrent sessions titled 'Come Hell or High Water: Actions to Mitigate Flooding', 'Now What? An Open Conversation on Community Safety and Well-Being Plans', 'The Pathway to Full Producer Responsibility of the Blue Box', and 'The Science Behind Implicit Bias'. Councillor Merton thanked the City and residents for allowing her to attend this virtual conference, and advised that the knowledge gained, and the opportunity to connect with other rural municipalities was beneficial and will aid in moving forward during COVID-19.

c. SNOWen Sound Event

Councillor Koepke highlighted the 'SNOWen Sound' event that is currently taking place in Owen Sound. The event is taking place at various locations throughout the City, and those interested in participating are invited to visit the City's website for more information on how to get involved.

d. Mayor's Update

Mayor Boddy welcomed the announcement by Hydrogen Optimized on Friday February 5, 2021 where they announced that they have taken a major step towards their goal of becoming a global leader in large-scale green hydrogen productions by securing a new technology and manufacturing centre in Owen Sound.

Mayor Boddy thanked Peter Van Dolder and his partners for their foresight and investment in the City of Owen Sound. Mr. Van Dolder's investment will work to keep industrial buildings and ownership local, which will work toward the best interests of the City of Owen Sound as a whole by finding tenants that will create jobs and give back to the community.

Mayor Boddy advised that 2021 is the year of the Ox. Lunar New Year begins Friday February 12th and lasts 16 days ending February 26th with the lantern festival. The Grey Bruce Chinese Heritage and Culture Association will be hosting the Grey Bruce Lunar New Year Celebration to acknowledge that Lunar New Year is celebrated by many countries worldwide. Watch for activities at Grey Roots Museum and Archives and the Owen Sound Library, and visit the Grey Bruce Chinese Heritage and Culture Association's Facebook page for more information.

Mayor Boddy advised that Canada is celebrating the 25th Black History Month, where we can celebrate and recognize the important contributions that Black Canadians have made in shaping the development, heritage, and growth of our country and City. In 1872, 672 individuals of African ancestry travelled to Owen Sound through the underground railroad and made up approximately 10 percent of the population of Owen Sound.

Mayor Boddy advised that the historic British Methodist Episcopal (BME) Church was established in 1856 in Owen Sound and later moved to its current location 110 years ago. Mayor Boddy noted that Addie Aylestock was a Deaconess at the BME Church, and became the first ordained female minister of the BME and first Black-Canadian Minister in Canada in 1951. Lastly, Mayor Boddy advised that the City is looking forward to marking the 159th Emancipation Festival at Harrison Park this summer, which has taken place every year since the British Government enacted the *Emancipation Act, 1962*.

18. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

Moved by Councillor Hamley

R-210208-016

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

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

19. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Hamley

R-210208-017

Seconded by Councillor Koepke

"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

There were no notices of motion.

21. BY-LAWS

By-law No. 2021-013, "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 February, 2021"

By-law No. 2021-014, "A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation respecting Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning (MTEC) funding"

By-law No. 2021-015, "A By-law to amend Board and Committee By-law No. 2021-004 to appoint Brian Green to the Committee of Adjustment"

By-law No. 2021-016, "A By-law to adopt the estimates for the sums required during the Year 2021 for the General and Capital purposes of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound"

By-law No. 2021-017, "A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Second Amending Site Plan Agreement with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton in Ontario for property located at 554 15th Street East (St. Mary's Parish ST2020-009)"

Moved by Councillor Hamley

R-210208-018

Seconded by Councillor Koepke

"THAT By-law Numbers 2021-013, 2021-014, 2021-015, 2021-016, and 2021-017 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk