Minutes

Owen Sound City Council

September 28, 2026
5:30 p.m.
City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ian Boddy
Deputy Mayor Scott Greig
Councillor Travis Dodd
Councillor Jon Farmer
Councillor Brock Hamley
Councillor Marion Koepke
Councillor Suneet Kukreja
Councillor Carol Merton
Councillor Melanie Middlebro'

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Kate Allan, Director of Corporate Services
Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Michelle Palmer, Interim Director of Public Works and Engineering
Christina McLean, Committee and Executive Support Coordinator
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk
Staci Landry, Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Boddy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and provided a land acknowledgement.

Mayor Boddy invited members of the public to attend the ceremonial fire on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gichi-Name Wiikwedong Reconciliation Garden at Kelso Beach at Nawash Park. The ceremony will recognize and honour Indigenous lives lost to the residential school system, survivors, and the lasting impacts of the residential school system.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on July 13, 2026

4.b Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on September 14, 2026

4.c Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on September 14, 2026

R-260928-001
Moved by Councillor Hamley
Seconded by Councillor Koepke

"THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as printed:

1. **Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on July 13, 2026;**
2. **Closed Session of the Regular Council meeting held on September 14, 2026; and**
3. **Regular Council meeting held on September 14, 2026."**

Carried.

5. MOTION TO MOVE COUNCIL INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-260928-002
Moved by Councillor Hamley
Seconded by Councillor Koepke

"THAT City Council now move into Committee of the Whole to consider public meetings, deputations and presentations, public forum, 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

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS

There were no public meetings.

7. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.a Presentation from the City Manager Re: Celebration of Public Service of Outgoing Council Members (Councillor Farmer, Councillor Dodd, Councillor Koepke, and Mayor Boddy)

The City Manager presented Councillor Farmer, Councillor Dodd, Councillor Koepke, and Mayor Boddy with plaques in recognition of their service on City Council.

Councillor Farmer, Councillor Dodd, Councillor Koepke, and Mayor Boddy provided comments reflecting on their respective years of service on City Council. Councillor Farmer served four (4) years, Councillor Dodd served twelve (12) years, Councillor Koepke served twelve (12) years, and Mayor Boddy served sixteen (16) years. Each expressed appreciation and thanks to their families, friends, and City staff for their support and contributions throughout their years of service.

The Committee and Executive Support Coordinator left the meeting.

Council recessed from 6:25 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

7.b Presentation from the City Manager Re: City Manager's Update

The City Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation and noted:

- Highlights of recent events and activities throughout the City.
- New committee structure for 2027.
- Information on board and committee recruitment and the working group roster beginning October 19.

- Information for voters on the 2026 Municipal Election.

8. PUBLIC FORUM

8.a Jasmine Schnarr, Owen Sound resident

The Speaker provided comments regarding personal experiences with homelessness in Owen Sound.

8.b Tamara Sargent, Owen Sound resident

Comments and a question were submitted electronically in advance of the meeting respecting changes to the antenna tower siting process and implications for municipal participation. The comments were provided to Council in advance of the meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

10. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

10.a Verbal Report from the Deputy Mayor Re: Grey County Council

Deputy Mayor Greig reported that Grey County Council:

- Received the draft 2027 budget, which will be presented to the new Council in December 2026.
- Approved the City of Owen Sound's 2026 Official Plan Update.
- Received a delegation regarding the Bruce-Dufferin-Grey-Wellington Unified Regional Transit Study. The final recommendations report is expected to be presented to County Council in early 2027. The study recommends a joint municipal services board as the governance model and identified Kincardine to Collingwood, Wiarton to Orangeville, and Owen Sound to Guelph as the primary fixed routes. These routes would be supplemented by smart transit and enhanced taxi/rideshare services to provide transportation for individuals located farther from the fixed-route corridors. The next steps include communicating the delegation and study information to the other partner Councils.

R-260928-003
Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided September 28, 2026 from Deputy Mayor Greig respecting Grey County Council, City Council receives the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.a Report CR-26-092 from the City Clerk Re: Appointment of a New Integrity Commissioner

11.b Report CR-26-089 from the Deputy Clerk Re: Lottery Licence for Brightshores Health System Owen Sound Foundation

11.c Report CR-26-090 from the Purchasing and Claims Coordinator and Manager of Arena Operations Re: Bayshore Community Centre – Unit Heaters 2 and 6 Replacement - Budget Amendment

11.d Report CR-26-091 from the Purchasing and Claims Coordinator Re: Summary of Delegated Authority Approvals During Restricted Acts Period – August 24, 2026 to September 15, 2026

11.e Minutes of Boards and Committees for Receipt Re: Owen Sound Housing Company meeting held on July 6, 2026

11.f Final approvals issued for the following Business Licences:

- Hoffman Dance Collective, a dance studio located at 1325 2nd Avenue East
- Lavish Nail Lounge, a nail salon located at 847 2nd Avenue East
- Best Buy, a consumer electronics and appliance retailer located at 2125 16th Street East, Unit C1
- The Finishing Touch by Dilpreet, a home-based clothing alteration business located at 880 27th Street East
- Spanky's BBQ & Catering, a mobile food business
- Hawker and Peddler Licence issued to the Ontario Festival Group for Owen Sound Ribfest at the Bayshore Community Centre from September 18 to September 20, 2026

11.g Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council

R-260928-004
Moved by Councillor Hamley

"THAT in consideration of the items listed on the September 28, 2026 Consent Agenda, City Council:

1. **Receives Items 11.a to 11.g; and**
2. **Approves the recommendations contained in Items 11.a to 11.d."**

Carried.

12. COMMITTEE MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

12.a Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on September 23, 2026

R-260928-005
Moved by Councillor Middlebro'

"THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on September 23, 2026 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

12.b Minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on September 10, 2026

R-260928-006
Moved by Councillor Kukreja

"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on September 10, 2026 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

12.c Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on September 24, 2026

R-260928-007
Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on September 24, 2026 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

Carried.

13. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no postponed matters.

14. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

15. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

16. MOTION THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RISE AND REPORT

R-260928-008
Moved by Councillor Hamley

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

Carried.

FORMAL SESSION

17. MOTION TO ADOPT PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R-260928-009
Moved by Councillor Hamley
Seconded by Councillor Koepke

"THAT the action taken in Committee of the Whole in considering public meetings, deputations and presentations, public forum, 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.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

19. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

21. BY-LAWS

21.a By-law No. 2026-112

"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 28th day of September, 2026"

21.b By-law No. 2026-113

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a fourth amending agreement with Pattison Outdoor Advertising LP, by its general partner Pattison Outdoor Advertising Ltd., respecting transit advertising"

21.c By-law No. 2026-114

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a General Assignment and Assumption of Contracts with 1811477 Ontario Inc., Fairmount Holdings Inc., Thomas Francis Richard Wheildon o/a Fairmount Security Services, Thomas Francis Richard Wheildon o/a Fairmount Parking and By-law, Wheildon Investments Inc. and 1000255784 Ontario Inc. o/a 14 Acres Parking and By-law, respecting parking enforcement and crossing guard services in accordance with RFP-24-009, and to repeal By-law No. 2026-092"

21.d By-law No. 2026-115

"A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a General Assignment and Assumption of Contracts with Fairmount Holdings Inc. and 1000255784 Ontario Inc. o/a 14 Acres Parking and By-law, respecting security services in accordance with RFP-24-003"

21.e By-law No. 2026-116

"A By-law to amend Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2014-109 respecting site plan control and facility use agreement delegations"

21.f By-law No. 2026-117

"A By-law to amend Committee of Adjustment By-law No. 2022-074 to include the responsibility to act as the Court of Revision under the *Drainage Act*, and to increase remuneration"

21.g By-law No. 2026-118

"A By-law to amend Waste Management By-law No. 2005-151 respecting provisions related to waste on public property"

21.h By-law No. 2026-119

"A By-law to amend Traffic By-law No. 2009-075 to improve public safety and parking availability"

21.i By-law No. 2026-120

"A By-law to adopt Reserves and Reserve Funds Policy AF016, respecting the objectives of reserves and reserve funds, the standard of care, and the responsibilities for management and administration"

21.j By-law No. 2026-121

"A By-law to amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 2026-067 to establish a collection fee for waste materials disposed of improperly within the City of Owen Sound"

R-260928-010
Moved by Councillor Hamley
Seconded by Councillor Koepke

"THAT By-law Numbers 2026-112, 2026-113, 2026-114, 2026-115, 2026-116, 2026-117, 2026-118, 2026-119, 2026-120, and 2026-121 be passed and enacted."

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Boddy adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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Mayor Richard Thomas

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Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk