



**Safety and Facilities Services Committee**

**Minutes**

**June 10, 2024, 1:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber**

Present: Councillor Nicholson  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Marks  
Councillor McConkey  
Mayor Carter

Also Present: Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Gray  
F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator  
K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator  
A. Grant, Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services  
P. Lyon, Director, Mun. Law Enforcement & Licensing Services  
S. Barkwell, Fire Chief  
R. Garey, Director, Facilities Management Services  
M. Medeiros, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk  
B. Varty, Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement Services  
K. Man, Manager, Policy, Licensing and Business Services  
D. Livesey, Senior Policy Advisor  
J. Lane, Council-Committee Coordinator

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**Public Meeting**

Councillor Nicholson called the meeting to order and stated that all members of the Committee were participating from the Chamber except Councillor McConkey who was absent (entered the meeting at 1:31 p.m.). Also present in the Chamber were Councillors Chapman and Gray.

**Land Acknowledgement**

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations.

We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty people.

**Additional Agenda Items**

None

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**Presentations**

None

**Delegations**

None

**Referrals from Council**

None

**Reports from Advisory Committees**

None

**Items Requiring Direction**

None

**Public Consent Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Kerr

That all items listed under the heading of Public Consent Agenda for the June 10, 2024 Safety and Facilities Services Committee meeting be adopted as recommended except Reports SF-24-32, SF-24-28 and SF-24-30.

Motion Carried

**Correspondence with Recommendations**

(See Matters Excluded from Public Consent Agenda)

## **Staff Reports/Motions with Recommendations**

### **SF-24-26 - Municipal Law Enforcement and Review of Service Levels (All Wards)**

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas Service Levels (also referred to Service Level Agreements or S.L.A.s) are established for many City Services as a method to measure the effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery; and,

Whereas Municipal Law Enforcement (M.L.E.) Services establishes Service Levels to indicate and measure the length of time required for a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer to close a variety of files ranging from investigating animal-related by-law complaints to parking complaints; and,

Whereas in many instances, M.L.E. achieves resolution with complaint files well in advance of the established Service Level for the applicable complaint file; and,

Whereas in the latest Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing Services (M.L.E.L.S.) 2023 Annual Report (SF-24-23) considered at the May 13, 2024, Safety and Facilities Services Committee meeting, M.L.E. achieved a 90% rate for meeting or exceeding established Service Levels for investigating property, parking, animal, and safety complaint files; and,

Whereas M.L.E.L.S. regularly reviews its Service Levels to ensure investigations are completed in an effective and efficient manner; and,

Whereas the last comprehensive review of M.L.E. Service Levels was undertaken in 2020; and,

Whereas M.L.E.L.S. has identified an opportunity to conduct another comprehensive review of M.L.E. Service Levels to reflect recent process changes;

Therefore be it resolved that staff initiate a comprehensive review of M.L.E. Service Levels to ensure complaint investigations remain undertaken in an efficient and effective manner.

### **SF-24-27 - Amendment to Property Standards By-law 1-2002 (All Wards)**

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas the City of Oshawa's Property Standards By-law 1-2002, as amended ("Property Standards By-law") prescribes minimum standards for the maintenance and occupancy of buildings, structures and surrounding lands, including with respect to vacant buildings that are in a state of disrepair and/or maintenance, and is established pursuant to the Ontario Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23; and,

Whereas Section 8.1.4 of the Property Standards establishes a twenty-four (24) month timeframe in which a boarded up property must be either repaired to a useable condition or be demolished; and,

Whereas in Section 5.2 of Report [SF-23-17 "Vacant Buildings and Property Standards By-law 1-2002"](#) dated April 19, 2023 staff recommended the reduction of the time period prescribed in Section 8.1.4 of the Property Standards By-law from twenty-four (24) months to twelve months (12) for the purposes of setting a more appropriate duration of time for property related decisions and to align with municipal comparators;

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve a by-law in a final form and content satisfactory to Legal Services and the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services Department to further amend Property Standards By-law 1-2002, as amended to reduce the time period prescribed in Section 8.1.4 from twenty-four (24) months to twelve (12) months.

**SF-24-29 - Fire Services 2023 Annual Report (All Wards)**

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Report SF-24-29, dated June 5, 2024 being the Fire Services 2023 Annual Report be received for information.

**SF-24-31 - Safety and Facilities Services Committee Outstanding Items List Status Report - Second Quarter 2024 (All Wards)**

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Report SF-24-31, dated June 5, 2024 being the Safety and Facilities Services Committee's Outstanding Items List Status Report for the second quarter of 2024 be received for information.

**Public Discussion Agenda**

**Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda**

**SF-24-32 - Laura Barton Submitting Correspondence Requesting a Maximum Heat Allowance By-law (All Wards)**

Moved by Mayor Carter

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Correspondence SF-24-32 dated May 22, 2024 from Laura Barton requesting a Maximum Heat Allowance By-law be received for information.

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That Correspondence SF-24-32 be referred to staff for further investigation.

Affirmative (3): Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Lee, and Councillor McConkey

Negative (3): Councillor Kerr, Councillor Marks, and Mayor Carter

Motion Lost (3 to 3)

The vote to adopt the recommendation contained in Correspondence SF-24-32.

Affirmative (4): Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marks, and Mayor Carter

Negative (2): Councillor Nicholson, and Councillor McConkey

Motion Carried (4 to 2)

**SF-24-30 - Amendment to the Trespass Policy and Procedure and By-law 50-2021 (All Wards)**

Moved by Mayor Carter

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas the City of Oshawa is committed to making reasonable efforts to provide an inclusive healthy, safe and respectful environment for everyone at its facilities; and,

Whereas City Facilities is defined in the City's Trespass Policy and Procedure and Trespass By-law 50-2021 as all physical property, buildings, facilities, land, premises, goods and other assets owned, leased and/or maintained by the Corporation of the City of Oshawa; and,

Whereas City Facilities are accessed for a variety of purposes, including work, recreation and cultural activities, and for accessing municipal and other programs and services, along with further public participation for democratic purposes; and,

Whereas the City recognizes that the majority of individuals use City Facilities in a responsible manner; and,

Whereas there are certain instances where individuals engage in inappropriate activities, which compromise the health, safety and well-being or others and their enjoyment and use of City Facilities; and,

Whereas through the Trespass Policy and Procedure, the City established corporate standards to address Prohibited Conduct at City Facilities as well as the issuance of a Trespass Notice pursuant to the Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. T21 and the City's Trespass By-law 50-2021; and,

Whereas there are certain instances where individuals engage in multiple offences contrary to the Trespass Policy and Procedure and the Trespass By-law 50-2021, presenting a danger to the public; and,

Whereas the current Trespass Policy and Procedure and the Trespass By-law 50-2021 does not identify a means to address persistent repeat offences, or situations that endanger public safety;

Therefore be it resolved that pursuant to Item SF-24-30, the Trespass Policy and Procedure and Trespass By-law 50-2021 be amended to include a subsequent written notice of trespass, for a 20-year duration, authorized by the C.A.O., to address persistent repeat offences and situations that endanger public safety, all of which present an immense danger to the public and staff.

Affirmative (5): Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marks, and Mayor Carter

Negative (1): Councillor McConkey

Motion Carried (5 to 1)

Councillor McConkey left the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Councillor Kerr assumed the Chair.

**SF-24-28 - Amendment to Fireworks By-Law 59-2014 – Special Occasion Fireworks (All Wards)**

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas at its meeting of May 27, 2024 Council directed staff investigate amending the Fireworks By-law, where upon receiving a reasonable request, the Chief Fire Official may grant an exemption for consumer fireworks to be discharged for a special occasion and to report back to the June 10, 2024 Safety and Facilities Committee meeting; and,

Whereas this Motion identified that under the Fireworks By-law 59-2014 (the “Fireworks By-law”), community members can only Discharge Consumer Fireworks on their private property without a permit, between dusk and 11:00 p.m., on Victoria Day, Canada Day and the celebration known as Diwali Day; and,

Whereas there are other days when community members may wish to Discharge Fireworks to celebrate special events; and,

Whereas the Fire Chief has provided amendments to Fireworks By-law in Attachment 1 to allow for the Discharge of Consumer Fireworks for special occasions;

Therefore be it resolved that pursuant to Item SF-24-28:

1. That Council pass a By-law as outlined in Attachment 1 to this Item to further amend Fireworks By-Law 59-2014, as amended; and,
2. That the By-law be in a final form and content acceptable to the City Solicitor and the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services.

**Amendment:**

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

That the recommendation contained in Item SF-24-28 be amended to add the following as Parts 3 and 4: 'That the current bylaw be amended to allow the discharge of fireworks on the statutory holidays known as Victoria Day and Canada Day on the Sunday preceding the holiday observed on Monday as well as the holiday Monday itself; and,

That staff investigate adding additional days for exemption and report back to Safety and Facilities Committee in fourth quarter of 2024.'

Motion Lost

The vote to adopt the recommendation contained in Item SF-24-28.

Affirmative (5): Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marks, and Mayor Carter

Absent (1): Councillor McConkey

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

Councillor Nicholson resumed the Chair.

**Items Introduced by Council Members**

None

**Items Pulled from the Information Package**

None

**Closed Consent Agenda**

**Correspondence with Recommendations**

None

**Staff Reports/Motions with Recommendations**

None

**Closed Discussion Agenda**

**Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda**

None

**Items Requiring Direction**

None

**Matters Tabled**

None

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Marks

That the meeting adjourn at 2:14 p.m.

Motion Carried