



Oshawa City Council - Special Meeting

Minutes

May 28, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Council Chamber

Present: Mayor Carter
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Giberson
Councillor Gray
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Marks

Absent: Councillor McConkey
Councillor Neal
Councillor Nicholson

Purpose

Mayor Carter called the meeting to order and advised that all Members of Council were in attendance in the Council Chamber except Councillors Neal, Nicholson and McConkey (entered the meeting at 6:37 p.m.) who were absent.

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

Certificate of Recognition - 2024 Accessibility Award

Mayor Carter presented the 2024 Accessibility Award to the Canadian Blood Services - Oshawa Blood Donor Clinic.

Councillor McConkey entered the meeting during the presentation.

Trent University Durham GTA - TeachingCity Project: Autistic Youth Experiences in a Dungeons & Dragons Based Social Group

John Smith, Student, Trent University Durham GTA, provided a presentation on a TeachingCity project: Autistic Youth Experiences in a Dungeons and Dragons Based Social Group.

Members of Council questioned John Smith.

Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee - Oshawa Accessibility Plan

Dorothy McFarlane, Chair, Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee provided an update regarding Oshawa's Accessibility Plan.

Members of Council questioned Dorothy McFarlane.

Community Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee - Activities of the Committee

Pam Reines, Chair, Community Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee provided an update regarding the activities of the Committee and their ongoing work plan.

Delegations

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Giberson

That any member of the public wishing to address City Council concerning diversity, inclusion or accessibility issues be heard.

Carried

Councillor Chapman assumed the Chair.

Delegation - Katelyn Presta

Katelyn Presta addressed City Council concerning her appreciation of Council's continued support for Community Living - Oshawa/Clarington. Katelyn Presta also noted that she is an active advocate with the Phoenix Group of Advocates who work toward increasing awareness about the lives of people with disabilities and their experiences within the community.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri
Seconded by Councillor Giberson

That the Delegations time be extended by two minutes.

Carried

Katelyn Presta continued to address City Council.

Jennifer Mann responded to questions from City Council.

Delegation - Dorothy McFarlane

Dorothy McFarlane addressed City Council concerning the City of Oshawa E-Scooter rental program and ongoing safety concerns with users riding on the sidewalk. Dorothy McFarlane also noted that developers need to consider affordable, accessible housing when planning new residential subdivisions.

Moved by Councillor McConkey
Seconded by Councillor Giberson

That the Delegations time be extended by two minutes.

Carried

Dorothy McFarlane continued to address City Council.

Mayor Carter resumed the Chair.

Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Giberson

That the Confirming By-law be passed.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

That the meeting adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk