



**Community and Operations Services
Committee Minutes**

**December 9, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber**

Present: Councillor Gray
Councillor Lee
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Neal
Mayor Carter

Absent: Councillor Nicholson

Also Present: Councillor Kerr
Councillor Giberson
Councillor McConkey
P. Aguilera, Council-Committee Coordinator
F. Blanchet, Council-Committee Coordinator
K. Alexander, Commissioner Community and Operations Services
M. Harrington, Director, Parks and Roads Operations Services
L. Davis, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk
B. Mullen, Director, Community Support Services
J. Naumovski, Director, Recreation Services
J. Bartley, Manager, Municipal Parking and Cemetery
S. Gray-McQuat, Manager, Centralized Recreation Services

Public Meeting

Councillor Gray called the meeting to order and stated that all members of the Committee were participating from the Chamber except Councillor Neal who participated electronically and Councillor Nicholson who was absent. Also present were Councillor Giberson, Kerr and McConkey.

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

Moved by Councillor Lee

That the delegation of Jeff Davis concerning CO-24-60 and CO-24-61 be added to the Agenda for the Community and Operations Services Committee Meeting of December 9, 2024 and that Correspondence CO-24-63 from Jeff Davis concerning CO-24-60 and CO-24-61 be added to the Agenda for the Community and Operations Services Committee Meeting of December 9, 2024 and referred to the respective items.

Carried

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Presentations

None

Delegations

Moved by Councillor Lee

That the delegation of Jeff Davis be heard.

Carried

Jeff Davis - CO-24-60 and CO-24-61

Jeff Davis addressed the Community and Operations Services Committee concerning Reports CO-24-60 and CO-24-61.

Referrals from Council

None

Reports from Advisory Committees

None

Items Requiring Direction

None

Public Consent Agenda

Correspondence with recommendations

None

Staff Reports/Motions with recommendations

(See Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda)

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda

CO-24-60 - Parking Utilization Study in the Downtown Oshawa Urban Growth Centre (D.O.U.G.C.) (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor Lee

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That in consideration of Report CO-24-60, dated December 4, 2024, staff investigate and report back on options to modernize the existing Municipal Parking System serviceability and efficiency, including but not limited to:

- Alternative service delivery models within the existing parking system
- Downtown wayfinding
- Interactive and integrated parking technology
- Public communications
- Fee structures

CO-24-61 - Cemetery By-Law Update (CS-18-44) (All Wards)

Councillor Giberson left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Mayor Carter left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas the City of Oshawa’s Cemetery By-law 76-2012, as amended (“Cemetery By-law 76-2012”) was approved by Council in 2012 following the legislative transition from the now-repealed Cemeteries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.4 to the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c. 33 (“Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002”); and,

Whereas the Cemetery By-law 76-2012 does not reflect modern “best practices” for cemetery operations and is outdated; and,

Whereas the proposed amendments include but are not limited to:

- Modernization of definitions to ensure consistency with industry best practice
- Providing the ability to implement modern products such as private structures containing a niche
- Providing the ability to accommodate additional Marker options

Whereas the Bereavement Authority of Ontario is a not-for-profit corporation established as a delegated administrative agency under the Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 19, and is responsible for administering designated provisions of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 and its regulations with the purpose of protecting the public interest and ensuring a fair, safe and informed marketplace, while also regulating the bereavement sector in the Province of Ontario and ensuring compliance with the law; and,

Whereas the Bereavement Authority of Ontario is required to review and approve the amended By-laws before they can take effect;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That based on CO-24-61 dated December 4, 2024 the new Cemetery By-law be passed and the By-law be in the final form and content satisfactory to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario and the City Solicitor; and,
2. That Cemetery By-law 76-2012, as amended, be repealed.

Carried

CO-24-62 - Community and Operations Services Committee Outstanding Items Status Report - Fourth Quarter 2024 (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor Lee

1. Whereas Correspondence CO-24-41 concerning educational plaques at Ed Broadbent Park was referred to staff to report on the consultation process, plaque content, size, location, and cost; and, Whereas the consultation process and proposed content fall under the purview of the Diversity, Equity and Reconciliation Division, which is within the Corporate and Finance Services Department; Therefore, Item 9 concerning the addition of educational plaques at Ed Broadbent Park be removed from the Community and Operations Services Committee Outstanding Items List and placed on the Corporate and Finance Services Outstanding Items List; and,
2. That the remainder of the Community and Operations Services Outstanding Items Status Report for the Fourth Quarter of 2024 be received for information.

Carried

Items Introduced by Council Members

None

Items Pulled from the Information Package

None

Closed Consent Agenda

Closed Correspondence with recommendations

None

Closed Staff Reports/Motions with recommendations

None

Closed Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda

None

Items Requiring Direction

None

Matters Tabled

Report CO-23-11 concerning Memorials, Recognizing Unmarked Graves. (Tabled April 24, 2023)

No items were lifted from the table.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the meeting adjourn at 10:34 a.m.

Carried