



Oshawa City Council - Special Meeting

Minutes

April 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber

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

Purpose

Mayor Carter called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of this meeting is to consider a staff report concerning the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility.

All members of Council participated from the Chamber except Councillors Giberson and McConkey who were participating electronically.

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 Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the delegations from Oak View Group (OVG), BBB Architects, Oshawa Generals Hockey Club, and Ontario Hockey League regarding Closed Report CNCL-25-21 concerning the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility be added to the agenda for the City Council meeting of April 11, 2025.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the delegations from Oak View Group (OVG), BBB Architects, Oshawa Generals Hockey Club, and Ontario Hockey League regarding Closed Report CNCL-25-21 concerning the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility be heard in Closed Session.

Affirmative (11): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Carried (11 to 0)

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Reports

CNCL-25-21 - Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility (Ward 4)

Moved by Councillor Giberson
Seconded by Councillor Lee

That City Council move into Committee of the Whole to consider Closed Report CNCL-25-21 concerning the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility.

Affirmative (4): Councillor Giberson, Councillor Lee, Councillor McConkey, and Councillor Neal

Negative (7): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, and Councillor Nicholson

Lost (4 to 7)

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That based on Closed Report CNCL-25-21 concerning the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility:

1. That Council reconsider certain parts of its decision of May 4, 2023 concerning Closed Report CNCL-23-44; and,
2. That staff proceed as directed and the necessary agreements be prepared and executed implementing the direction of Council as set out in Section 2.0 of said Report in a form and content acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Carried by a later vote

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

The vote on Part 1 of the recommendation as contained in Closed Report CNCL-25-21 to reconsider certain parts of Council's decision of May 4, 2023, concerning Closed Report CNCL-23-44.

Affirmative (11): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Carried (11 to 0)

The vote on certain parts of Council's decision of May 4, 2023 concerning Closed Report CNCL-23-44.

Negative (11): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Lost (0 to 11)

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the meeting recess and reconvene in a session closed to the public pursuant to Section 239 (2) (a), (c), (h) and (i) of the Municipal Act to hear the delegations and consider Report CNCL-25-21 which concerns security of the property of the City; proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land; information explicitly supplied in confidence by Canada, a Province or Territory or a Crown Agency; and, information supplied in confidence which could prejudice a competitive position or interfere with negotiations of a person or organization.

Affirmative (11): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

That the meeting recess for 5 minutes.

The meeting recessed at 9:13 a.m. and reconvened at 9:17 a.m. with all members of Council present in the Chamber except Councillors Giberson and McConkey who were participating electronically.

Also in attendance were the Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk, the Chief Administrative Officer; the Commissioner, Corporate and Finance Services Department; the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services Department; the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services; the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department; the City Solicitor; the Director, Facilities Management Services, and F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator.

All other staff and members of the public left the meeting.

Council entered closed session at 9:17 a.m.

Carried

Council heard delegations concerning Report CNCL-25-21.

Closed meeting discussions took place concerning Report CNCL-25-21.

The meeting recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:18 a.m.

Closed meeting discussions continued.

Delegations

Oak View Group - Report CNCL-25-21

he representatives from the Oak View Group entered the meeting

Trent Merritt, Senior Vice President, Dan Berger, Regional Vice President and Vince Vella, General Manager, Tribute Communities Centre addressed City Council concerning Report CNCL-25-21 regarding the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility.

Members of Council questioned the Oak View Group.

The representatives from the Oak View Group left the meeting.

BBB Architects - Report CNCL-25-21

Chris O'Reilly, Partner, BBB Architects, entered the meeting.

Chris O'Reilly, Partner, BBB Architects, addressed City Council concerning Report CNCL-25-21 regarding the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility.

Members of Council questioned Chris O'Reilly, Partner, BBB Architects.

Chris O'Reilly, Partner, BBB Architects, left the meetin

Oshawa Generals Hockey Club - Report CNCL-25-21

The representatives from the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club entered the meeting.

Rocco Tullio, President & Owner, Roger Hunt, Vice President, Hockey Operations, and Jason Hickman, Director, Ticket Sales & Service addressed City Council concerning Report CNCL-25-21 regarding the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility.

Members of Council questioned Bryan Crawford, Commissioner, Ontario Hockey League

Councillor Chapman assumed the Chair during questions to the representatives from the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club.

Mayor Carter resumed the Chair.

Members of Council continued questions to the representatives from the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club.

The representatives from the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club left the meeting

Ontario Hockey League - Report CNCL-25-21

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

Seconded by Councillor Chapman

That Council rise from closed session and report.

Affirmative (11): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Council rose from closed session at 12:04 p.m.

Closed Meeting Report

The following is a summary of the closed portion of the meeting.

The representatives from the Oak View Group entered the meeting

Trent Merritt, Senior Vice President, Dan Berger, Regional Vice President and Vince Vella, General Manager, Tribute Communities Centre addressed City Council concerning Report CNCL-25-21 regarding the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility.

Members of Council questioned the Oak View Group.

The representatives from the Oak View Group left the meeting.

Chris O'Reilly, Partner, BBB Architects, entered the meeting.

Chris O'Reilly, Partner, BBB Architects, addressed City Council concerning Report CNCL-25-21 regarding the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility.

Members of Council questioned Chris O'Reilly, Partner, BBB Architects.

Chris O'Reilly, Partner, BBB Architects, left the meeting.

The representatives from the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club entered the meeting.

Rocco Tullio, President & Owner, Roger Hunt, Vice President, Hockey Operations, and Jason Hickman, Director, Ticket Sales & Service addressed City Council concerning Report CNCL-25-21 regarding the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility.

Members of Council questioned the representatives of the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club.

Councillor Chapman assumed the Chair during questions to the representatives from the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club.

Mayor Carter resumed the Chair.

Members of Council continued questions to the representatives from the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club.

The representatives from the Oshawa Generals Hockey Club left the meeting

Bryan Crawford, Commissioner, Ontario Hockey League, entered the meeting.

Bryan Crawford, Commissioner, Ontario Hockey League addressed City Council concerning Report CNCL-25-21 regarding the Downtown Sports Entertainment Facility.

Members of Council questioned the Commissioner, Ontario Hockey League.

Bryan Crawford, Commissioner, Ontario Hockey League left the meeting.

Members of Council discussed Closed Report CNCL-25-21 regarding the Downtown Sports and Entertainment Facility.

Members of Council questioned the Chief Administrative Officer; the Commissioner, Corporate and Finance Services Department; the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services Department; the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services; the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department; the City Solicitor; and the Director, Facilities Management Services concerning Item CNCL-25-21.

The Chief Administrative Officer; the Commissioner, Corporate and Finance Services Department; the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services Department; the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services; the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department; the City Solicitor; and the Director, Facilities Management Services responded to questions from Council.

The meeting recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:18 a.m. with all members of Council present in the Chamber except Councillors Giberson and McConkey who were participating electronically.

Also in attendance were the Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk, the Chief Administrative Officer; the Commissioner, Corporate and Finance Services Department; the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services Department; the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services; the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department; the City Solicitor; the Director, Facilities Management Services and F. Bianchet Council-Committee Coordinator.

Closed meeting discussions continued concerning Report CNCL-25-21.

This concludes the closed meeting summary.

Moved by Councillor McConkey

Seconded by Councillor Giberson

That the motion concerning Report CNCL-25-21 be referred to a future meeting of Council to receive additional information from BBB Architects and the Commissioner, Corporate and Finance Services/Treasurer.

Affirmative (3): Councillor Giberson, Councillor McConkey, and Councillor Neal

Negative (8): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, and Councillor Nicholson

Lost (3 to 8)

The vote on Part 2 of the recommendation as contained in Closed Report CNCL-25-21.

Affirmative (10): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Negative (1): Councillor Giberson

Carried (10 to 1)

Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the confirming by-law be passed.

Affirmative (10): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Absent (1): Councillor McConkey

Carried (10 to 0)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Neal

That the meeting adjourn at 12:12 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Deputy City Clerk