



Economic and Development Services Committee

Minutes

**October 6, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chamber**

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

Also Present: Councillor Lee
Councillor McConkey
A. Ambra, Commissioner, Economic and Development Services
P. Aguilera, Council-Committee Coordinator
K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator
L. Davis, Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy City Clerk
J. Kelloway, Council-Committee Coordinator
S. Prodenzino, Council-Committee Coordinator

Public Meeting

Councillor Marimpietri called the meeting to order and stated that all members of the Committee were participating from the Chamber.

Also present were Councillor Lee participating from the Council Chamber and Councillor McConkey (entered the meeting at 1:34 p.m.) 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

None

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Presentations

Watson & Associates - Report ED-25-100

Councillor McConkey joined the meeting electronically.

Adam Fisher, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd, provided a presentation to the Committee concerning the Growth Management Study component of the Oshawa Official Plan Review.

The Committee questioned the representatives from Watson and Associates Economists Ltd.

Delegations

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That the delegation of Pauline Mwangi be heard.

Carried

Pauline Mwangi - Report-ED-25-100

Pauline Mwangi addressed the Economic and Development Services Committee concerning the Update Regarding Imagine Oshawa: The Official Plan Review, including the Growth Management Study Component on behalf of the AIDS Committee of Durham Region ("A.C.D.R.") and the Kenyan Women in Canada Association ("K.W.I.C.A.")..

The Committee questioned Pauline Mwangi.

Referrals from Council

None

Reports from Advisory Committees

None

Items Requiring Direction

None

Public Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Chapman

That all items listed under the heading of Public Consent Agenda for the October 6, 2025, Economic and Development Services Committee meeting be adopted as recommended except items ED-25-98 and ED-25-100.

Carried

Correspondence with recommendations

None

Staff Reports/Motions with recommendations

ED-25-96 - TeachingCity Community Collaboration with Durham College's Faculty of Media, Art and Design (Wards 4 and 5)

That the Economic and Development Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas the City began a collaboration with Durham College's Faculty of Media, Art and Design's Community Collaboration course in 2015; and,

Whereas a number of previous temporary art activations have been developed in collaboration with Durham College's Faculty of Media, Art and Design's Community Collaboration program, which now operates as a TeachingCity collaboration, including the 2019/2020 "Interviews with Older Adults" project which was installed in six City facilities in the fall of 2020, the 2023/2024 Centennial project which was installed on the street level windows of the Mary St. Garage in early 2024 and the forthcoming "Environmental Sustainability" project which is to be installed in five City recreation facilities this fall; and,

Whereas the 2025/2026 proposed temporary art activation location will enhance the Joseph Kolodzie Oshawa Creek Bike Path with art that focuses thematically on the environment and the trail's use and history, and which will be installed for a minimum of six months and up to three years, resulting in the artworks being removed on or before June 2029; and,

Whereas the proposed activation connects to two of the Oshawa Strategic Plan priority areas, Care: Safe and Sustainable Environment and Innovate: Vibrant Culture and Economy and the Joseph Kolodzie Oshawa Creek Bike Path intersects with two priority zones in the Public Art Master Plan (Trails and Waterfront and Downtown); and,

Whereas the Public Art Task Force endorsed the project at their meeting on July 8, 2025; and,

Whereas the works of art could be installed by June 2026, and will be installed on existing trail signage to minimize impact on the trail, reproduced on panels which can be easily cleaned to enhance their durability and ease of maintenance and monitored by City staff in conjunction with existing trail signs to coordinate maintenance as necessary; and,

Whereas students will be invited to submit an application to participate in the activation, and these proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee, which may be comprised of members of the Public Art Task Force, Cultural Leadership Council and City staff; and,

Whereas the intended duration and location of the activation makes it subject to the City of Oshawa's Public Art Policy, which specifies that Council is responsible for "approving the related budget, expenditures and sites";

Therefore be it resolved that based on Item ED-25-96 dated October 6, 2025 concerning the TeachingCity Community Collaboration with Durham College's Faculty of Media, Art and Design:

1. That the Joseph Kolodzie Oshawa Creek Bike Path be approved as a location; and,
2. That up to \$15,000 from the Arts and Culture Reserve 17127 be approved to fund the project, including artist honorariums, printing and installation costs, artwork labels with QR codes and marketing; and,
3. That the Director, Business and Economic Development Services, or delegate, be authorized to execute agreements to deliver the project as generally outlined.

ED-25-97 - City Comments on Proposed Provincial Updates to the 1995 Projection Methodology Guideline to Support Implementation of the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (All Wards)

That the Economic and Development Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That based on Report ED-25-97 dated October 1, 2025, the comments contained in Section 4.4 of said Report be endorsed as the City's comments on the Province's proposed updates to the 1995 Projection Methodology Guideline; and,
2. That staff be authorized to submit the comments contained in said Report to the Province to meet the October 11, 2025 deadline in response to Notice 025-0844 posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario website, and to provide subsequent follow-up once Council has considered this matter on October 27, 2025.

ED-25-99 - Street Name Addition in Accordance with Street Naming Policy in Memory and Honour of the War Dead and War Veterans (All Wards)

That the Economic and Development Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That based on Report ED-25-99 dated October 1, 2025, the Economic and Development Services Committee approve the addition of the name Alek Karwowski to the City's Street Name Reserve List in accordance with the Council approved Street Naming Policy.

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from the Consent Agenda

ED-25-98 - Application submitted by 184 Bond Oshawa Ltd. under the Brownfields Renaissance Community Improvement Plan concerning 184 Bond Street West (Ward 4)

Moved by Councillor Giberson

That the Economic and Development Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That based on Report ED-25-98 dated October 1, 2025, the application submitted by 184 Bond Oshawa Ltd. under the Brownfields Property Tax Cancellation Program in the Brownfields Renaissance Community Improvement Plan to cancel the property taxes at

184 Bond Street West be approved in accordance with the recommendations generally outlined in Section 4.3 of said Report; and,

2. That the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department, be authorized to enter into an agreement with 184 Bond Oshawa Ltd. or a corporation to be named later in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfields Property Tax Cancellation Program and the recommendations generally outlined in Section 4.3 of said Report, in a form and content satisfactory to the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department, and the City Solicitor; and,
3. That the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department, be authorized, from time to time as the Commissioner considers appropriate, to extend timing condition dates established under the agreement for tax cancellation in consultation with the City Solicitor; and,
4. That the Council of the Region of Durham be requested to cancel the Regional portion of the tax bill for 184 Bond Street West in accordance with the recommendations generally outlined in Section 4.3 of said Report; and,
5. That the Ministry of Finance be requested to cancel the Education portion of the tax bill for 184 Bond Street West in accordance with the recommendations generally outlined in Section 4.3 of said Report; and,
6. That a by-law as generally outlined in Attachment 4 of said Report be approved, in principle, and it be passed at the appropriate time after being considered by the Region of Durham and the Ministry of Finance and in accordance with the recommendations generally outlined in Section 4.3 of said Report, in a form and content satisfactory to the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department, and the City Solicitor; and,
7. That a copy of Report ED-25-98 be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance and the Region of Durham; and,
8. That in the event 184 Bond Oshawa Ltd. applies to the Region of Durham for financial assistance under the Regional Revitalization Program for their proposed development at 184 Bond Street West, the Mayor and Chair of the Economic and Development Services Committee submit a letter of support concerning said financial assistance to the Region of Durham

Affirmative (6): Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, and Mayor Carter

Carried (6 to 0)

ED-25-100 - Update Regarding Imagine Oshawa: The Official Plan Review, including the Growth Management Study Component

Moved by Councillor Giberson

That the Economic and Development Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That based on Report ED-25-100 dated October 1, 2025, Council endorse, in principle, the preliminary findings of the Growth Management Study as identified in Section 4.3.2 of said Report, as the basis for the development of the final Growth Management Study; and,
2. That staff be authorized to schedule a Public Information Centre to be held in the fourth quarter of 2025 at Oshawa City Hall for the purpose of presenting for public review and input the draft results of the Growth Management Study; and,
3. That upon concluding the public consultation process for the Growth Management Study component of the Official Plan Review, staff be directed to report back to the Economic and Development Services Committee with the results of the public consultation and the finalized Growth Management Study

Affirmative (6): Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, and Mayor Carter

Carried (6 to 0)

Items Introduced by Council Members

None

Items Pulled from the Information Package

None

Questions to Staff Concerning the Committee's Outstanding Items List

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

None

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kerr

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Carried