



Safety and Facilities Services Committee

Minutes

**October 20, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chamber**

Present: Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Marks
Councillor McConkey

Absent: Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee

Also Present: Councillor Giberson
Councillor Marimpietri
A. Grant, Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services
K. Christopher, Council-Committee Coordinator
P. Aguilera, Council-Committee Coordinator
J. Kelloway, Council-Committee Coordinator
S. Prodenzino, Council-Committee Coordinator

Public Meeting

Councillor Nicholson called the meeting to order and stated that all members of the Committee were participating from the Chamber except Councillors Kerr and Lee.

Also present in the Chamber were Councillors Giberson and Marimpietri.

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

SF-25-49 Naming of Bond Simcoe Urban Square (Ward 4)

Moved by Councillor Marks

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

That Report SF-25-49 dated October 15, 2025, concerning the naming of the Urban Square located at Bond Street East and Simcoe Street North be referred to Council.

Carried

Public Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Marks

That all items listed under the heading of Public Consent Agenda for the Safety and Facilities Services Committee meeting dated October 20, 2025 be adopted as recommended except for Report SF-25-48.

Carried

Correspondence with Recommendations

None

Staff Reports/Motions with Recommendations

SF-25-47 Staff Emergency Management Training (All Wards)

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

That Report SF-25-47 dated October 15, 2025, concerning staff emergency management training be received for information.

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda

SF-25-48 Nuisance Soffit Lighting and Residential Properties (All Wards)

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

Whereas at its April 14, 2025 meeting, the Safety and Facilities Services Committee (“Committee”) received Correspondence (SF-25-27) and a delegation from Janetta Stewart regarding outdoor residential pot lights (referred to hereafter to as “soffit lighting”) and the ability of soffit lights to cause nuisances when light trespasses into a dwelling; and,

Whereas at its April 8, 2019 meeting, Council directed staff to investigate regulatory options for scattered or excessive lighting on properties, assess what, if anything, is being done in other communities, and determine what standards could be applied to address the issue, especially considering recent lighting technology improvements related to the use of Light Emitting Diode (L.E.D.) lighting has contributed to lighting being brighter and more obtrusive; and,

Whereas Council considered staff Report CORP-19-79 “Regulation of Scattered or Excessive Lighting” and amended Property Standards By-law 1-2002 to regulate all Nuisance Lighting by requiring all exterior lighting fixtures to be installed and maintained so as to prevent the light source from shining directly into a Dwelling; and,

Whereas the Oshawa standard is consistent with those found in all Durham Lakeshore Municipalities’ (i.e. Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, and Clarington) property standards By-laws; and,

Whereas the aforementioned standard would apply to soffit lighting and a review of the standard has determined that it achieves an appropriate balance by:

- ensuring nuisance lighting is mitigated in a manner that addresses residents’ enjoyment of their properties;
- limits the financial impact of requiring a property owner with soffit lights to have them removed;
- ensuring properties’ security needs are addressed; and,
- minimizing the regulatory impact on non-residential properties (e.g. commercial, industrial, etc.) and their needs.

Therefore be it resolved that SF-25-48 “Nuisance Soffit Lighting and Residential Properties” be received for information.

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

Absent (2): Councillor Kerr, and Councillor Lee

Carried (3 to 0)

Items Introduced by Council Members

SF-25-50 New Parks and Parkettes in Mayor's 2026 Budget (Ward 1)

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That any parkettes or neighbourhood parks identified to be designed and constructed in the Kedron Part II Plan, be investigated in the Mayor's 2026 Budget to be expedited for design and construction as at present Council has approved a policy that new developments include park completion at an early opportunity with new home occupancies.

Affirmative (1): Councillor McConkey

Negative (2): Councillor Nicholson, and Councillor Marks

Absent (2): Councillor Kerr, and Councillor Lee

Lost (1 to 2)

SF-25-51 Automated Speed Enforcement (All Wards)

Councillor Marks assumed the Chair

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

Whereas Automated Speed Enforcement (A.S.E.) systems and the immediate impact on reducing vehicle speeds and improving community safety has been, and continues to be proven as efficient, effective and successful tool for municipalities to enforce the maximum posted rate of speed resulting in the reduction of vehicle speeds and improvement in overall community safety;

Whereas a July 2025 evaluation by SickKids and Toronto Metropolitan University studied A.S.E. in the City of Toronto, and identified that the implementation of A.S.E. lead to a 45% reduction of speeding vehicles across 250 school zones as well as an 87% reduction in vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 20 km/h;

Whereas on September 18, 2025, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police issued a statement in support of the continued use of A.S.E., citing the proven ability of this additional enforcement tool to effectively change driver behaviour as a complement to traditional police enforcement, freeing up valuable policing resources to focus on elevated public safety priorities.

Whereas on September 25, 2025, in the face of proven effectiveness and benefit to community safety, the Provincial government announced their intention to table legislation in the Fall sitting of Provincial Parliament, beginning October 20, 2025, to ban the ability for municipalities to use A.S.E. as a community safety tool, under the broad pretense that A.S.E. is ineffective and a "cash grab".

Whereas contrary to the Provincial government's announcement, as highlighted above and further detailed in Report SF-24-25 "Automated Speed Enforcement Investigation and Proposed Program":

- A.S.E. cameras are an extremely effective community safety tool to compliment traditional speed enforcement;
- Law abiding taxpayers do not fund the program, those who choose to speed in high-risk Community Safety Zones do;
- A.S.E. penalties include a Victims' Justice Fund amount, a mandatory fee applied by and remitted to the Ministry of the Attorney General to provide support and fund services to victims of crime;
- The intention of the A.S.E. is to increase compliance with maximum posted rates of speed resulting in improved community safety - penalty revenue is used to recover the cost of the A.S.E. program, with surplus revenues being dedicated to re-invest in community safety measures, including community safety infrastructure.

Whereas ensuring the safety of all road users is a common priority for all municipalities across Ontario;

Whereas the City of Oshawa ("City") is committed to ensuring the safety of all road users, codified in the Oshawa Strategic Plan (O.S.P.), operationalized by the Neighbourhood Traffic Management Guide (N.T.M.G.) and affirmed by the City's Council-approved forthcoming Automated Speed Enforcement (A.S.E.) program, with direction received through Report SF-24-25 "Automated Speed Enforcement Investigation and Proposed Program"; and,

Whereas the Council of the City of Oshawa stands committed to using all available community safety tools to ensure the health and safety of its residents and road users;

Therefore be is resolved that pursuant to this Item, dated October 20, 2025:

1. That the Council of the City of Oshawa re-affirm its commitment to implementing A.S.E. on City roads through direction received through Report SF-24-25 "Automated Speed Enforcement Investigation and Proposed Program";
2. That the Council of the City of Oshawa opposes the Provincial government's intention to ban the use of municipal A.S.E. cameras and rejects the broad claims of its ineffectiveness and being an additional tax on law abiding residents; and
3. That the Council of the City of Oshawa request the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation collaborate with municipal leaders, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.) and the Ontario Traffic Council (O.T.C.) to enhance provincial legislation to satisfy the Provincial government's legitimate concerns related the fairness, transparency and consistency of A.S.E. throughout Ontario while maintaining a municipality's ability to use A.S.E. as an additional community safety tool to compliment traditional speed enforcement.
4. That a copy of this Item be distributed be distributed to the following:
 - the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;

- the Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General;
- the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, M.P.P., Durham;
- Jennifer K. French, M.P.P., Oshawa;
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O);
- the Ontario Traffic Council (O.T.C.); and,
- the Region of Durham and all Durham area municipalities.

Moved by Councillor McConkey

That the motion concerning automated speed enforcement cameras be referred to Council without recommendation.

Affirmative (2): Councillor Nicholson, and Councillor Marks

Negative (1): Councillor McConkey

Absent (2): Councillor Kerr, and Councillor Lee

Carried (2 to 1)

Councilor Nicholson resumed the Chair

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 2:37 p.m.

Carried