



Oshawa City Council Minutes

**October 27, 2025, 9:30 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

Public Meeting

Mayor Carter called the meeting to order and stated that all members of Council were participating from the Chamber.

National Anthem

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.

Council Member Announcements

Various announcements were made relating to activities and events.

Additional Agenda Items

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the delegation from Janetta Stewart concerning Item SF-25-48 being the Nuisance Soffit Lighting and Residential Properties; and,

That Correspondence CNCL-25-76 from Various Residents submitting comments concerning Report SF-25-49 related to the naming of the park at Bond Street and Simcoe Street North be added to the agenda of the City Council meeting of October 27, 2025, and referred to the respective item.

Carried

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Marimpietri - CF-25-50 Delegation of Contract Award - O25-02 Thornton Road Reconstruction (Ward 2)

Councillor Marimpietri declared a conflict of pecuniary interest on Item CF-25-50 concerning the Delegation of Contract Award - O25-02 Thornton Road Reconstruction as he has family members who have property and reside in the subject area. Councillor Marimpietri did not take part in discussion or voting on the matter.

Presentations

None

Delegations

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the delegation from Janetta Stewart be heard. **(2/3 vote required)**

Carried

Janetta Stewart - Item SF-25-48

Janetta Stewart addressed City Council concerning Report SF-25-48 related to the nuisance associated with soffit lighting at residential properties.

Members of Council questioned Janetta Stewart.

Items requiring Council Direction

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

Moved by Councillor Giberson

Seconded by Councillor McConkey

Whereas the new Urban Square is positioned within Oshawa's downtown cultural district, surrounded by established arts and entertainment venues including the Biltmore Theatre, Regent Theatre, Robert McLaughlin Gallery, and the BOND|ST Event Centre; and,

Whereas the Urban Square will act as an outdoor cultural venue, complementing these facilities and serving as a flexible stage for live music, arts markets, and community festivals; and,

Whereas part of the Urban Square's intended role is as a place for public celebration, a venue for small concerts, festivals and cultural events that bring residents together in the heart of the city; and,

Whereas the City of Oshawa has a long and rich history of music, including and especially a vibrant rock music scene over almost 75 years of rock and roll, beat music, blues rock, hard rock, punk rock, heavy metal, 80s rock, alternative rock, folk rock, and many other sub-genres of rock music generally through changing historic periods of the genre, with countless musicians and performers, songwriters, venues, promoters, audiences, and others who contributed both to the City's own scene and went on to broader achievements regionally, nationally, and internationally; and,

Whereas among these many contributing and succeeding individuals, the McCrohan family made an outsized impact on the history of rock music in the City of Oshawa and far beyond in numerous ways, including the following:

- From 1932 until his death in 1981, Owen McCrohan managed the Jubilee Pavilion at Oshawa's lakefront and booked concerts and performers at this iconic venue throughout his tenure that brought well-known touring acts not only to Oshawa audiences but also visitors traveling to Oshawa to see them perform; and he also provided a performance venue for many Oshawa performers during a nascent period of what would eventually become Oshawa's rock music scene in the decades ahead.
- Owen McCrohan's son Dennis McCrohan would go on as a guitarist to co-found Oshawa band Jack London and the Sparrows in 1964 (later called just The Sparrows and then Sparrow), with brother Jerry McCrohan joining the group as drummer shortly thereafter. Sparrow would have several charting hits in Canada and eventually performed in the United States alongside bands such as the Doors, the Steve Miller Band, and others, until 1967. In their early performance years the two brothers adopted the last name "Edmonton" for stage names, and later in the 1960s Dennis would adopt the name Mars Bonfire.
- In 1967, members of Sparrow including brother Jerry formed the band Steppenwolf, while brother Dennis, or Mars Bonfire, stepped away to pursue a solo and songwriting career.
- During Jerry's tenure as Steppenwolf's drummer in the 1960s and 70s, he performed on at least 7 band studio albums including multiple albums that were certified gold and platinum, with singles that charted in Canada, the US, the UK, and internationally,

including "Born To Be Wild", "Magic Carpet Ride", "Rock Me", and others, with the songs finding their way into film, television, and performances by other artists. His playing on these recordings in a period of early emergence of the rock and hard rock genres would go on to influence the playing of the next generation of rock drummers.

- In 1968, Mars Bonfire wrote the song "Born To Be Wild" and provided it to the band Steppenwolf. Their recording of the song in the same year went to number 1 in Canada and number 2 in the US and charted internationally as well as being certified gold in the US and platinum in the UK as a single. In 1969 it was featured in the Academy Award-nominated film "Easy Rider", cementing the song's widespread popularity.
- Bonfire's song and Steppenwolf's recording of it would go on to become an iconic song of an era and an anthem thereafter, this status being affirmed in multiple ways including:
 - The song has been covered by countless artists over the years right up to the present, including covers by Etta James, Slade, The Cult, INXS, Kim Wilde, Bruce Springsteen, Slayer, Blue Oyster Cult, Wilson Pickett, Ozzy Osbourne with Miss Piggy, and many, many others both in live performance and studio recordings.
 - The song is credited with coining the music genre label "heavy metal" for its use of the term in the lyrics.
 - In 2004, Rolling Stone Magazine ranked the song 129th on its 500 Greatest Songs of All Time list.
 - For its placement in the film "Easy Rider", in 2004 the song was ranked 29th on the American Film Institute's listing of top 100 songs in American cinema of the 20th century.
 - In 2015, SOCAN (The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) awarded Bonfire the prestigious and first-ever Cultural Impact Award for the song at the 2015 SOCAN Awards.
 - In 2018 the song was inducted as a single into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
 - And in 2025, here in Oshawa, Bonfire was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Durham Region Excellence in Arts Music and Sound Summit and Awards (known previously as the Oshawa Music Awards)

Whereas the history of the McCrohan family's contributions to the growth and evolution of Oshawa's music scene and their influence on the development and symbols of rock music and popular culture internationally have been significant and noteworthy, as affirmed by numerous awards and recognitions; and,

Whereas their name could be further described as emblematic of the importance of rock and roll music to the City of Oshawa's history and continued contributions to the genre and music generally;

Therefore be it resolved that based on Report SF-25-49 dated October 15, 2025, the Bond Simcoe Urban Square located at the northeast corner of Bond Street East and Simcoe Street North be named "McCrohan Music Square" to memorialize the significant impact of the McCrohan family on Oshawa's musical development and their contributions to music and culture internationally, and as an affirmation

of the significant past, present, and future importance of music in Oshawa's identity, history, community fabric, and sense of pride.

Affirmative (2): Councillor Giberson, and Councillor McConkey

Negative (9): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Lost (2 to 9)

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Lee

That based on Report SF-25-49 dated October 15, 2025, the Bond Simcoe Urban Square located at the northeast corner of Bond Street East and Simcoe Street North be named "Veterans Square".

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the motion be amended to add the following:

"That staff investigate the naming of the gardens in the square after each of the four services and allied forces".

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

Negative (1): Councillor Marks

Carried (10 to 1)

Moved by Councillor Giberson

Seconded by Councillor Marks

That the motion be deferred until a community consultation process be conducted; and,

That the park be referred to as Urban Square in the interim.

Affirmative (5): Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Marks, and Councillor McConkey

Negative (6): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Lost (5 to 6)

The vote to adopt the recommendation as contained in Item SF-25-49, as amended.

Affirmative (7): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Negative (4): Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, and Councillor Marks

Carried (7 to 4)

Moved by Councillor Gray

Seconded by Councillor Giberson

That the meeting recess for 15 minutes.

Carried

The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m. with all members of Council present in the Chamber.

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

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

Seconded by Councillor Giberson

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; and,

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; and,

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; and,

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”; and,

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; and,

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

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"; and,
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; and,
4. That a copy of this motion be sent be distributed be distributed to 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.); the Region of Durham and all Durham area municipalities.

Affirmative (9): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Negative (2): Councillor Gray, and Councillor Marks

Carried (9 to 2)

Public Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Giberson

That all items listed under the heading of Public Consent Agenda for the City Council Meeting dated October 27, 2025, be adopted as recommended except for the following:

Items CO-25-48 and CO-25-51 from the Thirty-first Report of the Community and Operations Services Committee; and,

Item CF-25-50 from the Thirty-second Report of the Corporate and Finance Services Committee; and,

Item ED-25-98 from the Fifty-fifth Report of the Economic and Development Services Committee; and,

Item SF-25-48 and SF-25-50 from the Twenty-eighth Report of the Safety and Facilities Services Committee.

Carried

Adoption of Council Minutes

That the minutes of the City Council meeting held on September 29, 2025, be adopted.

Correspondence with recommendations

None

Standing Committee Reports

Report of the Community and Operations Services Committee

CO-25-49 Radio Park Bocce Courts (Ward 4)

That Report CO-25-49 dated October 15, 2025, concerning the Radio Park Bocce Courts be received for information.

CO-25-50 Canadian National Railway Access Control Agreement (Ward 5)

Whereas by way of correspondence dated July 6, 1998, from the Canadian National Railway ("CN"), and in accordance with Report OS-98-395, the then-Operational Services Committee considered recommendations at its October 27, 1998, meeting from the Acting Commissioner of Public Works regarding a proposed 1999 agreement with CN ("1999 Agreement"); and,

Whereas the purpose and intent of the 1999 Agreement was to enter a cost-sharing arrangement between the City and CN regarding the costs of repairing the fencing along the CN corridor, which acts as a mitigation strategy to support train whistling cessation efforts by municipalities; and,

Whereas City staff received correspondence from CN dated May 15, 2025, confirming that the 1999 Agreement was never executed by both parties, and provided an updated Access Control Agreement which reflects current operational needs and articulates the responsibilities and obligations for both the City and CN; and,

Whereas the three-year average maintenance costs are approximately \$3,500, and these costs will be accommodated in the City's operating budget, to be shared equally (50%-50%) with CN;

Therefore be it resolved that based on Item CO-25-50 dated October 20, 2025 concerning an access control agreement with the Canadian National Railway, the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services Department, or their designate, be authorized to execute the Access Control Agreement for the cost-sharing arrangement of fence repairs, in a form and content satisfactory to the Commissioner, Community and Operations Services Department and the City Solicitor.

CO-25-52 - Parking on Lviv Boulevard (Ward 5)

That based on Item CO-25-52 concerning parking on Lviv Boulevard, parking be permitted on the south side of Lviv Boulevard; and,

That the appropriate By-laws and regulations be amended to reflect this change.

Report of the Corporate and Finance Services Committee

CF-25-48 Interim Tax Billing By-law (All Wards)

That the 2026 Interim Tax Levying By-law as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report CF-25-48 dated October 1, 2025 be approved.

CF-25-49 Tax Collection Policy Update (All Wards)

That the updated Tax Collection Policy as outlined in Attachment 1 to Report CF-25-49, dated October 1, 2025, be approved.

CF-25-52 Single Source Microsoft Licences (All Wards)

Whereas Purchasing By-Law 80-2020 requires Council approval to award single source contracts greater than \$100,000; and,

Whereas funding for Microsoft licences are approved in the annual operating budget; and,

Whereas our current contract for Microsoft licences (includes licences, maintenance and subscriptions for Microsoft products and services including Microsoft Azure, Windows Server, Microsoft 365 services (Office, Exchange Online, Teams, etc.) and additional Microsoft products and services) expires February 28, 2026; and,

Whereas Microsoft is changing its discount structure on Microsoft licences effective November 1, 2025; and,

Whereas the City currently utilizes the Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace "O.E.C.M." buying group's pre-established supplier, Softchoice Canada Inc. to supply Microsoft licences; and,

Whereas to ensure the City continues to receive a discount on Microsoft licences, a signed contract is required with Microsoft, facilitated through Softchoice Canada Inc. to procure licences prior to October 28, 2025, for the renewal date of March 1, 2026; and,

Whereas staff are working with the City's existing supplier, Softchoice Canada Inc., to establish a contract quickly with existing discounts for a minimum three (3) year term to potentially a five (5) year term; and,

Whereas it is estimated that a five (5) year term for Microsoft Licences will cost approximately \$4,200,000 including non-rebateable H.S.T.; and,

Whereas by establishing a contract prior to October 28, 2025 the City will save approximately \$500,000 over the five (5) year term;

Therefore that pursuant to Item CF-25-52 the Manager, Procurement be authorized to award a single source contract to Softchoice Canada Inc. and execute all necessary agreements.

Report of the Economic and Development Services Committee

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

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)

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 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.

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

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.

Report of the Safety and Facilities Services Committee

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

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

Other Staff Reports and Motions

CNCL-25-72 - 2026 Budget Expense Exclusion per the Municipal Act, 2001 (O. Reg 284/09) (All Wards)

That as outlined in Report CNCL-25-72 dated October 22, 2025, tangible capital asset amortization expense and post-employment benefit expenses be excluded from the 2026 Operating Budget.

By-Laws

114-2025 - A By-law to further amend the Waste Collection By-law 90-2024, as amended

(Implements direction of February 24, 2025 through Item CO-25-05 of the twenty-third Report to the Community and Operations Services Committee to authorize amendments regarding the collection of Large Items)

115-2025 - A By-law to authorize Implementation and Collection of an Interim Tax Levy for 2026

(Implements direction of October 27, 2025 through Item CF-25-45 of the Thirty-second Report of the Corporate and Finance Services Committee to authorize implementation and collection of an interim tax levy for 2026)

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda

CO-25-48 Wayne Mulzac Submitting Correspondence Concerning Parking on Olive Avenue (Wards 4 and 5)

Consent Motion:

That Correspondence CO-25-48 from Wayne Mulzac, dated October 17, 2025, concerning the lack of residential parking for the townhouses located on Olive Ave across from Cowan Park be referred to staff.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Lee

That the motion be amended to add the following wording:

"to advise the resident that 184 Olive Avenue is owned by the Region of Durham, Council has a position on parking at Cowan Park and Olive Avenue is a Regional Road."

Carried

The vote on the recommendation as contained in Item CO-25-48, as amended.

Carried

CO 25-51 Lights on Harmony Road North at Nancy Diamond Drive and Harmony Road North at Britannia Avenue East (Ward 1)

Consent Motion:

That based on Item CO-25-51 concerning the Lights on Harmony Road North at Nancy Diamond Drive and Harmony Road North at Britannia Avenue East, staff investigate with the Region of Durham much needed traffic lights on Harmony Road North, at Nancy Diamond Drive, and Harmony Road North at Britannia Avenue East; and,

That the results of this investigation for the installation of these two traffic lights be included for consideration in the Mayor's 2027 budget together with the installation of sidewalks from Colin Road East to Nancy Diamond Drive on Harmony Road North.

Moved by Councillor Neal

Seconded by Councillor McConkey

That the motion be amended to replace the words "2027 budget" with the words "2026 budget".

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

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

Lost (4 to 7)

The vote to adopt the recommendation contained in Item CO-25-51.

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)

CF-25-50 Delegation of Contract Award - O25-02 Thornton Road Reconstruction (Ward 2)

Councillor Marimpietri declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Marimpietri declared a conflict of pecuniary interest on Item CF-25-50 concerning the Delegation of Contract Award - O25-02 Thornton Road Reconstruction as he has family members who have property and reside in the subject area. Councillor Marimpietri did not take part in discussion or voting on the matter.)

Mayor Carter left the meeting. Councillor Chapman assumed the Chair.

Consent Motion:

Whereas the Purchasing By-Law 80-2020 requires Council approval to award contracts greater than \$2,000,000; and,

Whereas funding has been approved for the reconstruction of Thornton Road from Conlin Road to 613m south of Winchester Road, and Britannia Avenue from Thornton Road to the proposed Oshawa Creek Britannia Avenue Bridge, in the total amount of \$20,863,000 including non-rebateable H.S.T. as follows:

- 2021 project 73-0487 Thornton Road North in the amount of \$4,873,000;
- 2024 project 73-0487 Thornton Road North in the amount of \$4,400,000;
- 2025 project 73-0487 Thornton Road North in the amount of \$6,200,000;
- 2023 project 73-0479 Britannia Avenue West in the amount of \$4,990,000;
- 2025 project 73-0479 Britannia Avenue West in the amount of \$400,000; and,

Whereas there has been a total of \$2,278,585 committed to date for consulting and design services; and,

Whereas Procurement has issued and publicly posted Request for Tender (R.F.T.) O25-02 for Thornton Road Reconstruction on the City's website at [Oshawa's Bids and Tenders](#); and,

Whereas the need to commence with construction activities as early as possible is required to support the developments within the Northwood Business Park including the Oshawa Power and Utilities Corporation "O.P.U.C." proposed headquarters, the proposed Northwood Recreation Centre, and the proposed watermain and sanitary sewer servicing to the Sunvalley Subdivision; and,

Whereas to expedite the award of R.F.T. O25-02 Thornton Road Reconstruction, delegation of authority is required from Council to the Chief Administrative Officer;

Therefore be it resolved that pursuant to Item CF-25-50 the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to award a contract for R.F.T. O25-02 Thornton Road Reconstruction to the lowest compliant bid received and any necessary change orders to expedite the construction.

The vote to adopt the recommendation contained in Item CF-25-50.

Affirmative (7): Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marks, and Councillor Nicholson

Negative (2): Councillor McConkey, and Councillor Neal

Conflict (1): Councillor Marimpietri

Absent (1): Mayor Carter

Carried (7 to 2)

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

Consent Motion:

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.

The vote to adopt the recommendation contained in Item ED-25-98.

Affirmative (9): Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor McConkey, and Councillor Nicholson

Negative (1): Councillor Neal

Absent (1): Mayor Carter

Carried (9 to 1)

Mayor Carter re-entered the meeting.

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

Consent Motion:

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 Item SF-25-48, “Nuisance Soffit Lighting and Residential Properties” be received for information.

Moved by Councillor McConkey
Seconded by Councillor Neal

That Report SF-25-48 be referred back to staff with the direction to investigate the process for benchmarking standards available for a by-law enhancement concerning intrusive soffit lighting and standards for exterior lighting, including:

- a. the criteria for a lumen maximum intensity; and,
- b. the number and location of soffit lumen projecting lights that would be considered standard; and,
- c. the lumen maximum duration for staying lit uninterrupted over a period of time deemed standard; and,
- d. determination of Oshawa's standards and exemptions compared with other municipalities beyond Durham Region; and
- e. the Report be returned to committee for further consideration at a Safety and Facilities Committee meeting in the first quarter of 2026.

Affirmative (8): Mayor Carter, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Negative (3): Councillor Chapman, Councillor Gray, and Councillor Marks

Carried (8 to 3)

Mayor Carter resumed the Chair.

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

Consent Motion:

The following item was introduced and lost at the Safety and Facilities Services Committee:

"That based on Item SF-25-50 concerning new parks and parkettes in Mayor's 2026 Budget, 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."

The vote on the recommendation contained in Item SF-25-50.

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)

Items Pulled from the Information Package

None

Closed Consent Agenda

Correspondence with recommendations

None

Standing Committee Reports

Report of the Community and Operations Services Committee

None

Report of the Corporate and Finance Committee Services

None

Report of the Economic and Development Services Committee

None

Report of the Safety and Facilities Services Committee

None

Other Staff Reports and Motions

None

Closed Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda

None

Items Requiring Council Direction

None

Matters Tabled

None

Notices of Motion

CNCL-25-73 - Licence Agreement with Ontario Tech University (Ward 4)

Moved by Councillor Giberson

Seconded by Councillor Marks

That staff be directed to provide all Members of Council with a copy of the Licence Agreement with Ontario Tech University for continued use of the Victoria Street Plaza.

Carried

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Nicholson
Seconded by Councillor Giberson

That the motion be amended to add the words "upon request" after the words "Members of Council".

The vote on the recommendation contained in Item CNCL-25-73, as amended

Carried

CNCL-25-74 - Minimizing Disruptions to Oshawa Residents and Businesses due to the GO Lakeshore East GO Rail Extension (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor Gray
Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

Whereas the Lakeshore East GO Rail Extension (Bowmanville Extension) is a transformative infrastructure initiative led by Metrolinx to extend GO rail service approximately 20 kilometres east from the existing Durham College Oshawa GO Station to Bowmanville, providing service to growing communities in Durham Region; and,

Whereas the project will utilize the Canadian Pacific Kansas City ("C.P.K.C.") rail corridor, requiring the twinning of existing track; and,

Whereas the twinning of the track, future-proofing for electrification and alignment changes along the C.P.K.C. corridor will potentially necessitate the replacement or significant upgrading of multiple bridge structures within the City of Oshawa to meet modern rail and safety standards; and,

Whereas, potential full closures of roads to facilitate bridge replacement or reconstruction will have significant impacts on local residents and businesses along the C.P.K.C. rail corridor, including within the Central Oshawa Protected Major Transit Station Area, resulting in such conditions as:

- Excessive delays and long detour routes;
- Increased traffic infiltration into quiet residential neighbourhoods; and,
- Negative impacts to the surrounding business community;

Therefore be it resolved in the spirit of partnership and collaboration that the Region of Durham, Metrolinx, and the Ministry of Transportation prudently plan and phase construction activities to avoid potential full road closures at key bridge crossings along the C.P.K.C. rail corridor to minimize impacts on Oshawa residents and businesses; and,

That Metrolinx be requested to:

- Work collaboratively with the City to host public information sessions and provide timely updates to Council and the community throughout the construction period;
- Share details of their construction schedule and phasing strategy with Council;
- Engage in proactive and transparent communication with affected stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and City staff;

- Share details of traffic management and mitigation measures envisioned to prevent infiltration into residential neighbourhoods; and,
- Coordinate closely with the City of Oshawa and the Region of Durham to ensure alignment with local infrastructure priorities and minimize disruption; and,

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Region of Durham, Durham Region MPP's, the Municipality of Clarington, the Town of Whitby, Metrolinx, the Minister of Transportation, and the Premier of Ontario.

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)

CNCL-25-75 - Accessibility in New Home Constructions in the City of Oshawa (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor McConkey

Seconded by Councillor Neal

Whereas City of Oshawa staff and the City of Oshawa Accessibility Committee review site plans for compliance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* ("AODA") and the City of Oshawa Accessibility design standards; and,

Whereas the AODA, and City of Oshawa's own accessibility design standards include conformity with the legislation, for the number of required accessible parking spaces, and the location and correct marking of these accessible spaces, but no requirement for an corresponding number of accessible ground oriented residential dwelling units, resulting in an anomaly of new ground oriented subdivisions with accessible parking but no accessible housing being constructed;

Therefore be it resolved Oshawa Council approve the City of Oshawa staff arranging a meeting at its next BUILT developer and homebuilders meeting with interested members of the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee to discuss this anomaly and the potential promotion of any changes that would assist removing barriers in new home construction in Oshawa toward achieving at least one or two new homes built in a new home development of over 20 dwellings with visitable accessibility with 3 accessible features - a level or ramp entry to accommodate a mobility device and a washroom door entry and turn around radius to accommodate a mobility device. And a strait interior staircase of a width to accommodate a chair stairlift.

Ruled out of order by the Chair.

Councillor Marks left the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Councillor McConkey challenged the Chair's ruling.

The vote to uphold the Chair's ruling.

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

Negative (4): Councillor Giberson, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson
Absent (1): Councillor Marks

Carried (6 to 4)

Confirming By-Law

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Giberson

That the Confirming By-law be passed.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Neal

That the meeting adjourn at 1:10 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk