



Oshawa City Council - Special Meeting

Minutes

**November 28, 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

The Mayor called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose this meeting is to provide Members of Council the opportunity to propose amendments to the Mayor's 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets.

All members of Council participated from the Council Chamber except Councillor Kerr and Councillor McConkey who were absent.

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.

Councillor McConkey entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Neal made a declaration of interest on matters related to the External Agencies and Supplementary Material for the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre as he sits on the Board of Directors.

Councillor Marimpietri made a declaration of interest on matters related Capital Projects 25-73-0456 Stevenson Road North Reconstruction and 23-74-0159 Sun Valley Subdivision Reconstruction as he has family members who own property in the area.

Council Amendments to the Mayor's 2026 Budget

Moved by Councillor McConkey

Seconded by Councillor Neal

That City Council move into Committee of the Whole to consider Council amendments to the Mayor's 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets.

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

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

Absent (1): Councillor Kerr

Lost (3 to 7)

Proposed Amendment 1

Moved by Councillor Giberson

Seconded by Councillor Lee

That capital project 50-0019 (ATMP Link 5 Conlin to Britannia) be added to the 2026 capital projects

Withdrawn by a later vote

Councillor Kerr entered the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Giberson
Seconded by Councillor Lee

That the motion be withdrawn.

Carried

Proposed Amendment 2

Moved by Councillor Neal
Seconded by Councillor McConkey

Whereas the Federal Budget is encouraging a Buy in Canada Policy and the Province has legislated and introducing a Buy Ontario Act to require municipalities to prioritize Ontario and the Canadian vendors in procurement;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Capital purchases be a Buy Ontario or Buy in Canada Policy in our Oshawa procurement.

Ruled out of order by the Mayor as the motion does not propose a budget amendment.

Proposed Amendment 3

Moved by Councillor Neal
Seconded by Councillor McConkey

Whereas Project #12-0054 for Fire Station #7 is forecasted for 2028 in the 2026 City of Oshawa 2027-2035 Capital forecast;

Whereas a Durham Regional Police Station is also needed in North Oshawa due to increasing densities;

Be it resolved that a combined police and fire station be considered for safety and infrastructure savings.

Ruled out of order by the Mayor as Police Services are not within the City's budget.

Proposed Amendment 4

Moved by Councillor Giberson
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

That the operating grants for 2026 to Oshawa Public Library, the Oshawa Historical Society, and the Robert McLaughlin Gallery be increased by 1.5% from their 2025 Budget amounts.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Giberson

Seconded by Councillor Kerr

That the motion be amended to add "and that the line "Value of Space Provided – OSCC55+" in Program 117 be deleted."

Moved by Councillor Giberson

Seconded by Councillor Kerr

That the amendment to the proposed amendment be withdrawn.

Carried

A request was made to divide the motion to vote on the increase to each organization separately.

The vote on the amendment concerning the increase to the operating grant for the Oshawa Public Library.

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

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

Lost (4 to 7)

The vote on the amendment concerning the increase to the operating grant for the Oshawa Historical Society.

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

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

Lost (4 to 7)

The vote on the amendment concerning the increase to the operating grant for the Robert McLaughlin Gallery.

Affirmative (4): Councillor Giberson, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, and Councillor Marks

Negative (7): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Gray, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Lost (4 to 7)

Proposed Amendment 5

Moved by Councillor McConkey
Seconded by Councillor Neal

That the variance percent be added to the budget charts with previous year and proposed new budget items include variance percent in addition to variance dollar amount.

Ruled out of order by the Mayor as the budget document already includes percentages for variances

Proposed Amendment 6

Moved by Councillor McConkey
Seconded by Councillor Neal

Whereas Oshawa Historical Society at 1450 Simcoe Street South is an important tourism site and it has a need for funds otherwise its Board members indicate they may have to seriously the cut hours it is open;

Now therefore \$300,000 of Account 809 - Municipal Accommodation Tax funds be allocated to the Oshawa Historical Society in addition to the current \$700,000 going to the Greater Chamber Tourism.

Ruled out of order by the Mayor due to existing contractual obligations.

Proposed Amendment 7

Moved by Councillor McConkey
Seconded by Councillor Neal

Whereas the City's temporary wages have been increasing at a high rate, now therefore Council reduce the expenses projected at 12.3 million by 1.1 million.

Affirmative (2): Councillor McConkey, and Councillor Neal

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

Lost (2 to 9)

Proposed Amendment 8

Moved by Councillor McConkey
Seconded by Councillor Neal

Whereas the need for sidewalks on Ritson Road North is a priority over the timing to begin Columbus Ritson roundabout;

Therefore, the roundabout project be deferred to allow Transportation DC funds to be applied in 2026 to the Ritson sidewalk project 75-0122.

Affirmative (5): Councillor Lee, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Negative (6): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Giberson, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, and Councillor Marks

Lost (5 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Gray

That the meeting recess.

Carried

The meeting recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m. with all members of Council in attendance.

Proposed Amendment 9

Moved by Councillor Neal
Seconded by Councillor McConkey

Whereas Enterprise Asset Management is an American Company; and

Whereas Maximo, another IBM American Company is in the 2026 Capital Budget with its major application platform upgrade and Software as a Service product offering numerous asset management applications, a \$1,090,000 contract with \$670,000 paid in recent years now \$420,000 to be approved in 2026, plus the list of discounted Microsoft licenses totaling \$4.42 million for a sole sourced 5 year term approved last month in CF-25-52, it is appropriate that the City look at competitive Canadian Companies given this month the Ontario government announced it is introducing the Buy Ontario Act which would require public sector including municipalities to prioritize Ontario the Canadian made goods and services.

Ruled out of order by the Mayor as it is not an amendment to the budget.

Councillor Neal challenged the ruling of the Mayor.

The vote to uphold the Mayor's ruling.

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

Negative (2): Councillor McConkey, and Councillor Neal

Carried (9 to 2)

Proposed Amendment 10

Moved by Councillor Chapman

Seconded by Councillor Marks

That \$60,000 be removed from Program 390 Fire Administration for the Fire Master Plan as it has been captured in the Development Charges Background Study.

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)

Proposed Amendment 11

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That overtime costs be removed from Program 246 Waste Collection and Environmental Programs, Program 309 Parks Facility Maintenance, Program 240 Road Operations, Program 310 Recreation Facility Maintenance and Program 321 Recreation Services for a total amount of \$200,000.

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)

Proposed Amendment 12

Moved by Councillor Nicholson
Seconded by Councillor Gray

That the contribution to the Infrastructure Reserve be reduced by \$1,050,000.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Neal
Seconded by Councillor McConkey

That the motion be amended to reduce the amount by \$50,000 for sidewalks on Harmony Road North and Ritson Road North.

Ruled out of order by the Mayor.

Councillor Neal challenged the ruling of the Mayor.

The vote to uphold the Mayor's ruling.

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

Negative (2): Councillor McConkey, and Councillor Neal

Carried (9 to 2)

The vote to adopt the amendment to reduce the contribution to the Infrastructure Reserve.

Affirmative (8): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Gray, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor Marks, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Negative (3): Councillor Giberson, Councillor Lee, and Councillor McConkey

Carried (8 to 3)

Proposed Amendment 13

Moved by Councillor Giberson
Seconded by Councillor Marks

That \$100,000 from the Downtown Revitalization Reserve be directed toward continued downtown streetscape improvement projects 21-0021.

Affirmative (4): Councillor Giberson, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, and Councillor Marks

Negative (7): Mayor Carter, Councillor Chapman, Councillor Gray, Councillor Marimpietri, Councillor McConkey, Councillor Neal, and Councillor Nicholson

Lost (4 to 7)

Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri

That the confirming by-law be passed.

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

Negative (2): Councillor McConkey, and Councillor Neal

Carried (9 to 2)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Chapman
Seconded by Councillor Kerr

That the meeting adjourn at 12:25 p.m.

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

Negative (1): Councillor Neal

Carried (10 to 1)

Mayor

City Clerk