



Safety and Facilities Services Committee

Minutes

**March 9, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chamber**

Present: Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marks
Councillor McConkey

Also Present: Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Neal
J. Kelloway, Council-Committee Coordinator
S. Prodenzino, Council-Committee Coordinator
A. Grant, Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services

Public Meeting

Councillor Nicholson called the meeting to order and stated that all members of the Committee were participating from the Chamber except Councillor McConkey who participated electronically.

Also present participating from the Chamber were Councillors Marimpietri (left the meeting at 1:42 p.m.) and Neal.

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 McConkey

That the rules of procedure be waived to add correspondence concerning from a resident concerning Report SF-26-11.

Affirmative (1): Councillor McConkey

Negative (4): Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, and Councillor Marks

Lost (1 to 4)

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Presentations

None

Delegations

None

Referrals from Council

None

Reports from Advisory Committees

None

Items Requiring Direction

None

Public Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kerr

That all items listed under the heading of Public Consent Agenda for the Safety and Facilities Services Committee meeting dated March 9, 2026 be adopted as recommended except for Reports SF-26-11 and SF-26-12.

Carried

Correspondence with Recommendations

None

Staff Reports/Motions with Recommendations

SF-26-09 - Safety and Facilities Services Committee Outstanding Items List Status Report - First Quarter 2026 (All Wards)

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

That Report SF-26-09 dated March 4, 2026, being the Safety and Facilities Services Committee Outstanding Items Status Report for the First Quarter of 2026, be received for information.

SF-26-10 - 2026 Emergency Preparedness Week (All Wards)

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

That Report SF-26-10 dated March 4, 2026, concerning 2026 Emergency Preparedness Week, be received for information.

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda

SF-26-11 - Benchmarking Standards of Soffit Lighting and Residential Properties (All Wards)

Moved by Councillor McConkey

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

That Report SF-26-11 "Benchmarking Standards of Soffit Lighting and Residential Properties" dated March 4, 2026, be received for information.

Carried

SF-26-12 - Naming of Gardens at Veterans Square, located at the northeast corner of Bond Street East and Simcoe Street North (Ward 4)

Moved by Councillor Kerr

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

Whereas in 2023, Council approved the design of the Bond Simcoe Urban Square located at the northeast corner of Bond Street East and Simcoe Street North; and,

Whereas in 2025, Council approved the construction of the Bond Simcoe Urban Square; and,

Whereas at its meeting of October 27, 2025, through Report SF-25-49 Council approved the name "Veterans Square" for the Bond Simcoe Urban Square; and,

Whereas at the same meeting Council further directed staff to investigate the naming of the gardens within the square after each of the four services and allied forces; and,

Whereas staff consulted with the Ontario Regiment Museum (O.R.M.) to confirm that the Canadian Armed Forces are represented by three integrated allied members; and,

Whereas the three primary unified branches of the Canadian Armed Forces are: the Royal Canadian Air Force (R.C.A.F.), the Royal Canadian Navy (R.C.N.), and the Canadian Army, which would be the recommendation for appropriate recognition in this context; and,

Whereas the current design for Veterans Square includes the appropriate flower beds for consideration; and,

Whereas the project design consultant has confirmed that name plates can be incorporated into the flower bed design; and,

Whereas the estimated cost to implement this work is approximately \$10,000, and sufficient funds remain within the approved capital budget to accommodate these costs;

1. Therefore be it resolved that based on Item SF-26-12, staff be directed to proceed with naming three of the flower beds within Veterans Square in recognition of the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Royal Canadian Navy, and the Canadian Army, and,
2. That a fourth flower bed be named in recognition of The Ontario Regiment (Royal Canadian Armoured Corps), with appropriate signage incorporated into the final design.

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

Absent (1): Councillor McConkey

Carried (4 to 0)

Items Introduced by Council Members

SF-26-13 - Firefighters' Memorial Project (Ward 4)

Moved by Councillor Lee

Whereas Council approved funding in the 2026 Capital Budget (Project 25-40-0072) in the amount of \$600,000 for the development of a Firefighters' Memorial; and,

Whereas the intent of the project is to create a permanent civic space for remembrance, ceremony, and reflection honouring firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty; and,

Whereas the proposed memorial consists primarily of site development and landscape design within the northern portion of the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens (Memory Gardens); and,

Whereas commemorative elements, including a bronze firefighter feature and/or integrated illumination feature, are intended to function as components within a broader civic commemorative space; and,

Whereas Council recognizes that civic commemorative infrastructure projects may include integrated decorative or symbolic features without constituting standalone public art initiatives;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the northern portion of the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens (Memory Gardens) be confirmed as the approved site for the Firefighters' Memorial Project; and,

2. That the Firefighters' Memorial be advanced as a civic commemorative infrastructure project, consisting of site works and integrated commemorative features; and,
3. That staff be directed to proceed with procurement and implementation of the project in accordance with the City's Purchasing By-law and approved capital project procedures.

Affirmative (5): Councillor Nicholson, Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marks, and Councillor McConkey

Carried (5 to 0)

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 Kerr

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.