



Safety and Facilities Services Committee

Minutes

**April 13, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chamber**

Present: Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marks
Councillor McConkey
Mayor Carter

Absent: Councillor Nicholson

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

Public Meeting

Councillor Kerr, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order and stated that all members of the Committee were participating from the Chamber with the exception of Councillor Nicholson who was 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.

Additional Agenda Items

Moved by Councillor Lee

That the delegation of Fang Ming Zhao related to Report SF-26-16, concerning Fireworks By-law Review be added to the agenda for the Safety and Facility Services Committee meeting of April 13, 2026.

Carried

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Presentations

None

Delegations

Moved by Councillor Lee

That the delegation of Fang Ming Zhao be heard.

Carried

Fang Ming Zhao - SF-26-16

Fang Ming Zhao addressed the Safety and Facilities Services Committee regarding Report SF-26-16 concerning a review of the Fireworks By-law.

Members of Council questioned Fang Ming Zhao.

Referrals from Council

None

Reports from Advisory Committees

None

Items Requiring Direction

SF-26-16 - Fireworks By-law Review: Equity, Inclusion and Safety and Proposed Options (All Wards)

Moved by Mayor Carter

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

That Report SF-26-16 regarding the Fireworks By-law Review: Equity, Inclusion and Safety and Proposed Options, be received for information.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Nicholson

Carried (5 to 0)

Public Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Lee

That all items listed under the heading of Public Consent Agenda for the Safety and Facilities Services Committee meeting dated April 13, 2026, be adopted as recommended except for Report SF-26-15.

Carried

Correspondence with Recommendations

None

Staff Reports/Motions with Recommendations

SF-26-14 - Parks Enhancement Program 2025 Update (All Wards)

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

That Report SF-26-14, dated April 7, 2026, concerning the 2025 Parks Enhancement Program be received for information.

Public Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded from Consent Agenda

SF-26-15 - Maximum Temperature Regulations, Provincial Legislation, and Updates (All Wards)

Moved by Mayor Carter

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

Whereas on June 10, 2024, Safety and Facilities Services Committee ("Committee") was presented with correspondence Item SF-24-32 from Laura Barton requesting that the City of Oshawa ("City") implement a by-law and standards to regulate maximum allowable temperatures in residential rental dwellings; and,

Whereas on June 24, 2024, City Council ("Council") referred Item SF-24-32 and additional correspondence (Item CNCL-24-97) to staff with direction to explore, examine and report back to the Committee with a detailed review of the City's ability to regulate maximum temperatures; and,

Whereas on May 12, 2025, Committee presented Item SF-25-30 which provided detail on regulatory frameworks for maximum heat in dwellings, including vital services standards found in Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, S.O. 2006, c. 17 ("R.T.A."), along with developments at the provincial level to address maximum allowable temperatures; and,

Whereas on May 26, 2025, City Council directed staff (SF-25-30) to:

- request the Lieutenant Governor be requested to proclaim R.T.A. not-in-force provisions 36.1 into force and law, pursuant to Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023, S.O. 2023, c. 10;
- request that the Provincial Government address the previously proposed provincial regulatory standards contemplated in Bill 230 Housing Equity and Rental Transparency Act, 2024, specifically the proposed amendments to R.T.A. to regulate the indoor air temperature of common areas in residential complexes; and,
- track the ongoing developments with provincial legislation related to maximum allowable temperatures in residential rental dwellings and report back on direction received from SF-24-32 to the Safety and Facilities Services Committee in Q1 2026 or sooner, should the Provincial Government provide clearer legislative direction for the cooling of air in residential rental settings;

Whereas staff actioned City Council's direction (SF-25-30) by submitting a request to the Lieutenant Governor and the Provincial Government on September 25, 2025 and have undertaken a review of maximum allowable temperature regulations, including an examination of enabling legislation, existing City standards, benchmarking of comparator municipalities, and ongoing developments at the provincial level related to maximum indoor temperatures in residential rental dwellings; and,

Whereas municipalities typically regulate building maintenance and associated systems, including heating and cooling, through property standards by-laws; and,

Whereas only a limited number of municipalities, including the City of Toronto and the Town of Ajax, have introduced provisions addressing maximum indoor temperatures in residential rental dwellings, generally where air conditioning systems are provided; and,

Whereas staff have been regularly monitoring S. 36.1 of the R.T.A. related to maximum allowable temperatures in residential rental dwellings and sent correspondence to the Provincial Government and the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in September 2025, contacted staff from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (M.M.A.H.) in December 2025, and March 2026; and,

Whereas as of March 2026, S.36.1 of the R.T.A. has not been proclaimed and accordingly the applicable standards are not in effect; and,

Whereas staff received responses from the Lieutenant Governor and staff from the M.M.A.H. informing the City that the decision to proclaim S. 36.1 of the R.T.A. into law is the decision of the Executive Council of Ontario (i.e., Cabinet of Government of Ontario) and that no update regarding the date of proclamation could be provided at this time; and,

Whereas the health risks associated with extreme heat are not unique to individual municipalities and are felt across the province and provides an opportunity for the provincial government to take action; and,

Whereas staff will continue to monitor developments with provincial legislation related to maximum allowable temperatures in residential rental dwellings;

Therefore, be it resolved that Item SF-26-15 dated April 8, 2026, related to maximum heat regulations be received for information.

Affirmative (4): Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marks, and Mayor Carter

Negative (1): Councillor McConkey

Absent (1): Councillor Nicholson

Carried (4 to 1)

Items Introduced by Council Members

Moved by Councillor McConkey

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

That staff investigate appropriate measures and/or provisions for the City to see to the removal and potential penalty of long kite line material left abandoned and as a hazard on city streets, sidewalks, boulevards, parks and open spaces that can cause injury to children, pets, seniors and members of the public with disabilities.

Affirmative (1): Councillor McConkey

Negative (4): Councillor Kerr, Councillor Lee, Councillor Marks, and Mayor Carter

Absent (1): Councillor Nicholson

Lost (1 to 4)

Items Pulled from the Information Package

None

Closed Consent Agenda

Correspondence with Recommendations

None

Staff Reports/Motions with Recommendations

SF-26-17 - Proposed Agreement with Durham Flight Centre (Ward 2)

Moved by Mayor Carter

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

That based on Closed Item SF-26-17 concerning an Agreement between the City of Oshawa and Durham Flight Centre:

1. That staff be directed to enter into an Agreement between the City of Oshawa and Durham Flight Centre; and,

2. That the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services Department be authorized to execute the Agreement, and in a final form and content satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Department, the City Solicitor, and the Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Nicholson

Carried (5 to 0)

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 2:27 p.m.

Carried