

## VISION

Owen Sound's vision is to be a community of choice for all, distinguishable by its authenticity, natural amenities, diversity and community spirit.

## MISSION

The City of Owen Sound governs and advocates on behalf of all citizens by providing infrastructure and services which respect the environment and allow individuals and businesses to prosper.

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# Volunteers

## Our Valued Community Resource



**Are you interested in helping to shape the decisions affecting Owen Sound? If so, consider volunteering as a member on a City Board or Committee.**

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

### QUASI-JUDICIAL COMMITTEE:

#### **Committee of Adjustment** (5 Public)

Considers applications for minor variance, severances, non-conforming uses, change of use, permitted use of land, building or structures where the By-law is written in general terms based on the Zoning By-laws, Sign By-laws, property Standards By-laws and any other bylaw which Council may specifically assign, and which can be considered to implement the Official Plan. Act also as Property Standards Committee, Court of Revision and Line Fences Review Committee.

### AUTONOMOUS BOARDS:

#### **Owen Sound Police Services Board** (1 public)

Enforces regulations under authority of Police Services Act and provide protection to persons and property in the City of Owen Sound.

#### **Owen Sound Housing Company and Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation** (6 public)

Provides and operates housing, accommodations with or without any public

space, recreation facilities and commercial space of buildings appropriate thereto primarily for persons of low or modest income at rentals below the median current rental market in the area in which the accommodation is located (Bayfield Landing, Ordnance Reserve Park and Frank Smith Apartments).

#### **Grey Sauble Conservation Authority** (1 public)

Deals with matters pertaining to conservation of land, water, recreation, etc.



### ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

#### **Financial Advisory Committee** (3 Public)

Reviews and reports to Council on the financial matters of the City such as contractual labour obligations; reserves and trust funds; investment policies; long term financial planning; capital funding strategy; capital expenditures; general financial reporting policy; performance measures; Provincial/Federal grants; auditors; and, insurance coverage.

#### **Festival of Northern Lights** (11 Public)

Develops, promotes, implements, maintains and evaluates an annual display of Christmas lights for the City of Owen Sound. This Committee has a number of subcommittees which also require a number of volunteers.

#### **Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee** (6 Public)

Advises Council on policy matters relating to the provision of recreation and related services as well as parks development, use, maintenance and related services.

#### **Cultural Advisory Committee** (4 Public)

Advises Council on cultural policy, programs and facility issues with respect to the City and partner initiatives. Assist, support, recommend and monitor special events. Develop, explore and implement partnerships, sponsorship and funding opportunities to improve viability of events. Maintain, preserve and promote cultural and heritage programs and projects by the City.

### **Community Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee**

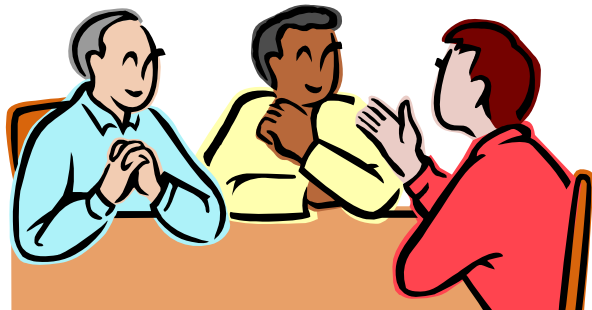
(6 Public)

Advises Council on matters pertaining to built heritage resources and significant cultural heritage landscapes. Provides recommendations on heritage designations, façade and structural improvement programs. Access the suitability of development projects, Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment applications. Monitors City's policies on land use planning, building, By-law and parking, and heritage planning and makes recommendations to Council.

### **Operations Advisory Committee**

(4 Public)

Studies and reports to Council on matters associated with the maintenance of roads, parks, cemetery, sewers and water mains together with the physical infrastructure that supports these services. Included in the Committee's review and advisory responsibilities are matters associated with engineering development and construction projects, transportation issues, street light and traffic signal issues, buildings and facilities, transit and airport contracts.



### **Environmental and Waste Advisory Committee**

(3 Public)

Reports to Council on policy and procedure matters associated with land-fill, waste transfer, waste collection, waste disposal, waste diversion, Sewer Use By-law, household hazardous waste and on new and improved recycling initiatives. The Committee also provides advice and information to Council on environmental issues associated with brown-fields, energy conservation and greening initiatives.

### **Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Committee**

(5 Public)

Liaises with industry representatives throughout the province to promote Owen Sound as a four seasons destination. Work to attract, promote and facilitate tourist events, to support and promote local events and initiatives with an emphasis on enhancing existing assets and attractions. Develop eco-tourism, attract tourism developers/entrepreneurs and develop marketing and promotional material.

### **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

(7 Qualified Public)

Makes recommendations to Council that consider the needs of persons with disabilities and assure maximum integrated accessibility for all citizens

The majority of the members of this Committee must be qualified under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

## **MANAGEMENT BOARDS**

### **Downtown Improvement Area Board of Management**

(6 Public)

Responsible for the management, representation, revitalization and organization of the downtown area.

### **Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery Board**

(2 Public)

Responsible for the operation and management of the Art Gallery including exhibits, programs, special events and permanent collection. There are other volunteer opportunities available such as greeting visitors and working in the Art Gallery shop.

### **Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board**

(3 Public)

To meet the informational, cultural and recreational needs of the residents of the City and member municipalities through the collection and provision of both print and non-print materials, the provision of information services and public programming, and other special services including adult upgrading, children and teen services, and extension services. Other volunteer opportunities are available.

## OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This is a partial list of other opportunities available to persons wishing to help their community. Please check our website for an up to date list.

### HARRY LUMLEY BAYSHORE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Contact 519-376-3594

High School Students looking to complete their mandatory 40 volunteer hours can assist the Facilities Division usually doing mostly custodial work. Being a volunteer may include free admission to some games or events.

### OWEN SOUND & NORTH GREY UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY

Contact 519-376-6623

- ◆ Adult Learning Centre
- ◆ Extension Services
- ◆ Book Sale
- ◆ Teen Advisory Group
- ◆ Reading Buddies

### FESTIVAL OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

Contact 519-376-4440 extension 256

- ◆ Repair & Maintenance of Displays
- ◆ Site Security
- ◆ New Displays
- ◆ Marketing and Promotion
- ◆ Corporate Sponsorship
- ◆ Site Setup and Teardown

### DOORS OPEN OWEN SOUND

Contact 519-376-4440 extension 256

A local celebration of community heritage designed to create access, awareness and excitement about our heritage. Doors Open provides residents and visitors with a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy sometimes hidden and always interesting places within our community – all free of charge. Volunteers are located at each site to greet visitors and distribute information.

### CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Contact 519-376-4440 extension 251

Every year the Canada Day Committee puts on a spectacular event for thousands of people to gather, celebrate and enjoy at Kelso Beach Park and the Inner Harbour. Volunteers are needed to help organize this annual family event.

### TOM THOMSON ART GALLERY

Contact 519-376-1932

Art Gallery Shop

### ADHOC COMMITTEES

Contact 519-376-1440

Occasionally special purpose committees are necessary to review and investigate specific issues for Council. These short term committees are in place only until their mandate is complete.

**The City of Owen Sound  
sincerely appreciates  
the dedication, time and  
skills of the many  
volunteers and  
considers them to be  
our most valued  
community resource.**



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