



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 6:45 p.m.

S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Present:

Mayor Ken Boshcoff
Councillor Rajni Agarwal
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Kasey Etreni
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials:

Krista Power, Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk
John Collin, City Manager
Kayla Dixon, Commissioner - Infrastructure & Operations
Keri Greaves, Commissioner - Corporate Services & City
Treasurer
Cynthia Olsen, Acting Commissioner - Growth
Kelly Robertson, Commissioner - Community Services
Brendan Hardick, Solicitor II
Matthew Miedema, Director - Engineering
Rilee Willianen, Drug Strategy Specialist & Encampment
Response Lead
Gordon Stover, Committee & Meeting Management System
Coordinator

1. City Council

Speaker: Councillor Andrew Foulds

2. Opening Ceremonies

2.1 Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Ken Boshcoff provided a Land Acknowledgement.

2.2 Moment of Silent Reflection

2.3 National Anthem

Silver Sounds Choir performed the National Anthem.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Aside from those disclosures already recorded in the previous minutes as presented here, no additional disclosures of interest were announced.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Confirmation of Agenda

WITH RESPECT to the September 16, 2025 City Council, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

4.2 Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee Minutes

The Minutes of meeting 04-2025 of the Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, for information.

4.3 EarthCare Advisory Committee

The Minutes of meeting 06-2025 of the EarthCare Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, for information.

4.4 Application For Cancellation, Reduction of Refund of Taxes Under Section 358 of The Municipal Act

Report 276-2025 - Corporate Services - Revenue recommending that the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes totaling \$16,655.77 due to gross or manifest errors in the preparation of the assessment rolls as outlined in the Report be approved.

Confidential Memorandum from Chantal Harris, Manager - Billing and Collection Services, dated September 4, 2025 relative to Report 276-2025 - Corporate Services - Revenue - Application for Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes Under Section 358 of the Municipal Act was distributed separately on Friday, September 12, 2025 to Members of Council, City Manager and City Treasurer only.

4.5 Application for Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes Under Section 357 of the Municipal Act

Report 278-2025 - Corporate Services - Revenue recommending that the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes totaling \$24,455.01 as outlined in the Report be approved.

Confidential Memorandum from Chantal Harris, Manager - Billing and Collection Services, dated September 4, 2025 relative to Report 278-2025 - Corporate Services - Revenue - Application for Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes Under Section 357 of the Municipal Act was distributed separately on Friday, September 12, 2025 to Members of Council, City Manager and City Treasurer only.

4.6 Minutes of Previous City Council Meetings

The Minutes of the following Meetings of the Thunder Bay City Council, to be confirmed:

1. The Thunder Bay City Council held on September 2, 2025.

4.7 Minutes of Previous Committee of the Whole - Closed Session Meeting

The Minutes of the following Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meeting, to be adopted:

1. September 2, 2025 Committee of the Whole - Closed Session.

4.8 Ward Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the following Ward Meetings to be received:

1. Meeting 01-2025 of the McKellar Ward held on April 16, 2025.

4.9 Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the September 9, 2025 Finance and Administration Standing Committee Meeting, for information was distributed separately on Monday, September 15, 2025.

4.10 Consent Agenda Resolution

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the Consent Agenda for the September 16, 2025 City Council meeting, we recommend that the following items be confirmed:

- Confirmation of Agenda
- Clean, Green and Beautiful Minutes
- EarthCare Advisory Committee Minutes
- Application for Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes Under Section 358 of the Municipal Act
- Application for Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes Under Section 357 of the Municipal Act
- Minutes of Previous City Council Meetings
- Minutes of Previous Committee of the Whole - Closed Session Meetings
- Ward Meeting Minutes
- Standing Committee Minutes

For (12): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etrene, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (1): Councillor Greg Johnsen

CARRIED (12 to 0)

5. Items Arising from Closed Session

5.1 Board Appointment - Synergy North Board of Directors

Confidential Memorandum from Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power dated September 10, 2025 was previously presented at the Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meeting held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the recruitment of one individual to serve as a Director on the Synergy North Board, we recommend that the following be appointed:

- John Guerard be appointed for the remainder of a 3-year term, expiring April 30, 2027, or until such time as a replacement has been appointed.

For (12): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etreni, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (1): Councillor Greg Johnsen

CARRIED (12 to 0)

6. New Business

6.1 Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session - October 7, 2025

The following resolution is presented to establish a Committee of the Whole - Closed Session Meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2025:

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board; and

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

For (12): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etreni, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (1): Councillor Greg Johnsen

CARRIED (12 to 0)

7. Notice of Motion

7.1 Notice of Motion – Report Back – Temporary Village Initiative – Site Location

Memorandum from Councillor Michael Zussino, dated August 25, 2025 providing a Motion to Rescind relating to Report 239-2025 Report Back - Temporary Shelter Village Initiative - Alternate Locations was presented at the September 2, 2025 City Council Meeting. A Motion to Suspend the Rules to allow for same night debate was lost. Debate was scheduled for the September 16, 2025 City Council meeting.

Memorandum from Councillor Michael Zussino, dated August 25, 2025, re-presented.

Memorandum from City Manager John Collin, dated September 8, 2025 providing additional information relative to the Notice of Motion – Rescind - Temporary Village Initiatives – Human Rights-Based Community Action Plan – Hillyard location and attaching a Temporary Village FAQs document.

Memorandum from Krista Power, Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk, dated September 15, 2025 providing clarity on the procedural path forward relative to the Notice of Motion to Rescind the Hillyard site brought forward by Councillor Michael Zussino was distributed separately on Monday, September 15, 2025.

The following resolution relative to Report 239-2025 Report Back - Temporary Shelter Village Initiative - Alternate Locations was presented for Council's consideration. Under City Council's Procedural By-law 217-2015 and as per section 10.02, a two-thirds vote is required.

Notice of Motion to Rescind

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

WITH RESPECT to Report 239-2025 Report Back - Temporary Shelter Village Initiative - Alternate Locations, which directed that the approved site for the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative be the Hillyard Site, next to 8th Avenue, we recommend that the full of the resolution be rescinded in its entirety.

For (8): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Against (4): Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etrene, and Councillor Kristen Oliver

Absent (1): Councillor Greg Johnsen

LOST (8 to 4)

8. Confirming By-law and Confirming By-law Resolution

8.1 By-law 277-2025 – Confirming By-law – September 16, 2025

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 16th day of September 2025.

8.2 Confirming By-law Resolution

Confirming By-law Resolution - September 16, 2025 - City Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

THAT the following By-law be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered:

By-law Number: 277-2025

1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 16th day of September, 2025.

For (12): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etrene, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (1): Councillor Greg Johnsen

CARRIED (12 to 0)

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk