



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 6:34 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 Greg Johnsen
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials:

Jeff Walters, Manager – Legislative Services & Deputy City Clerk
John Collin, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Kayla Dixon, Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations
Keri Greaves, Commissioner – Corporate Services & City Treasurer
Kerri Marshall, Commissioner – Growth
Kelly Robertson, Commissioner – Community Services
Cynthia Olsen, Director – Strategy & Engagement
Kerri Bernardi, Acting Director – Human Resources
Andrea Morrison, Director – Finance
Leah Prentice, Director – Recreation & Culture
Tafadzwa Mukubvu, Manager – Budgets & Financial Planning
Kristyn Lovato-Day, Policy & Research Analyst
Katie Piche, Council & Committee Clerk

1. City Council

Speaker: Councillor Andrew Foulds

2. Opening Ceremonies

2.1 Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Michael Zussino provided a land acknowledgement.

2.2 Moment of Silent Reflection

2.3 National Anthem

Paytyn Mandaric, youth soloist, performed the national anthem.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Albert Aiello declared a conflict on the January 13, 2026 City Council minutes and Report 22-2026 Community Services - Recreation and Culture - 2026 Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program as he works for an agency that is a recipient of this funding program.

4. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

SECONDED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

WITH RESPECT to the February 3, 2026 City Council meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

For (13): 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 Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

CARRIED (13 to 0)

5. Minutes of Previous Special Committee of the Whole (Approval of the 2026 Operating Budget)

Minutes from Special Committee of the Whole-2026 Operating Budget, relative to Report 001-2026-Corporate Services-Finance, held on January 22, 2026, January 26, 2026 and January 28, 2026, respectively, to be confirmed were distributed separately on Friday, January 30, 2026 and Monday, February 2, 2026.

Memorandum from Policy & Research Analyst Kristyn Lovato-Day, dated January 30, 2026, containing an update relative to the 2026 Operating Budget Public Engagement, for information was distributed separately on Monday, February 2, 2026.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

The Minutes of the following Meeting of Special Committee of the Whole-2026 Operating Budget, relative to Report 001-2026-Corporate Services-Finance, be confirmed:

1. Special Committee of the Whole - Long Term Financial Overview held on January 22, 2026;
2. Special Committee of the Whole - Operating Budget Review held on January 26, 2026;
3. Special Committee of the Whole - Operating Budget Review held on January 28, 2026.

Revote - Amendment to Budget - Request for Reduction - Thunder Bay Police Service

A revote was requested on the following resolution, contained within the minutes from January 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole - 2026 Proposed Operating Budget meeting:

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga
SECONDED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

WITH RESPECT to Report 001-2026-Corporate Services-Finance, the proposed 2026 Operating Budget for tax and rate-supported operations, we recommend that a request for further reductions be directed to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board for their consideration;

AND THAT the Chief of Police be requested to provide further information and/or potential reductions, cost savings and/or adjustments to the Thunder Bay Police Service's 2026 Operating submission to the Commissioner of Corporate Services/City Treasurer by Monday, February 9, 2026;

AND THAT a Special Committee of the Whole – Budget meeting be established to precede the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 to consider this information and approve potential changes;

AND THAT ratification of the proposed 2026 Operating Budget for tax and rate-supported operations be deferred to Tuesday, February 17, 2026;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

For (6): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Greg Johnsen, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Against (7): Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etrene, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Kristen Oliver, and Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

LOST (6 to 7)

Minutes of Previous Special Committee of the Whole (Approval of the 2026 Operating Budget)

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

The Minutes of the following Meeting of Special Committee of the Whole, be confirmed:

1. Special Committee of the Whole - Long Term Financial Overview held on January 22, 2026;

2. Special Committee of the Whole - Operating Budget Review held on January 26, 2026;

3. Special Committee of the Whole - Operating Budget Review held on January 28, 2026.

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 Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Against (1): Councillor Trevor Giertuga

CARRIED (12 to 1)

6. Presentations

6.1 City Manager's Work Plan, 2025 End Year Update

City Manager John Collin provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City Manager Work Plan's 2025 End Year Update.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 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 January 13, 2026.

7.2 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Committee of the Whole-Closed Session meeting minutes, held on January 13, 2026, to be confirmed.

7.3 Quality of Life Standing Committee Minutes

Minutes from Quality of Life Standing Committee, held on January 27, 2026, for information was distributed separately on Friday, January 30, 2026.

7.4 Growth Standing Committee Minutes

Minutes from Growth Standing Committee, held on January 27, 2026, for information was distributed separately on Friday, January 30, 2026.

7.5 The District of Social Services Administration Board Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 19-2025 (Open) and 20-2025 (Closed) of the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board held on December 11, 2025, for information.

7.6 Mayor's Taskforce on Building More Homes Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 09-2025 and 10-2025 of the Mayor's Taskforce on Building More Homes Advisory Committee, held on November 19, 2025 and December 17, 2025, respectively, for information.

7.7 Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 06-2025 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on November 12, 2025, for information.

7.8 Community Safety & Wellbeing Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting 05-2025 of the Community Safety & Wellbeing Advisory Committee, held on November 26, 2025, for information.

7.9 Board of Health Minutes

Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit-Board of Health, held on December 17, 2025, for information.

7.10 311 Implementation Authorization

At the January 27, 2026 Quality of Life Standing Committee, Report 045-2026-City Manager's Office-Customer Service was presented. A resolution was passed endorsing the implementation of a 311 service for the City of Thunder Bay in accordance with the Canadian N11 Notification & Implementation Guideline.

Report 046-2026-City Manager's Office-Customer Service recommending that Administration proceed with the implementation of a 311 service for the City of Thunder Bay in accordance with the Canadian N11 Notification & Implementation Guideline was distributed separately on Friday, January 30, 2026.

7.11 Community Partnership Fund Grant Award

At the January 6, 2026 Finance and Administration Standing Committee, Report 008-2026-Corporate Services-Finance was presented requesting endorsement relative to a successful application for Community Partnership funding for the 2026 fiscal year.

Report 041-2026-Corporate Services-Finance recommending that funding in the amount of \$450,000 be approved for Our Kids Count pursuant to an application submitted under the Community Partnership Fund to be funded from the Community Partnership Reserve Fund.

7.12 Update - Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy

At the January 6, 2026 Finance and Administration Standing Committee meeting, Report 021-2026-Corporate Services-Finance was presented seeking endorsement with respect to amendments to By-law 220-2023 - Consolidated By-law Fund By-law, as outlined in the Report.

Report 040-2026-Corporate Services-Finance recommending that the amendments to Reserve Funds with respect to By-law 220-2023 be approved as outlined in this Report.

7.13 Approval for Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program Funding for Feeder Watermain Projects

Memorandum from Director-Infrastructure & Operations Kayla Dixon dated January 15, 2026 recommending that the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) for the Health and Safety Water Stream (HSWS) fund between the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Corporation of The City of Thunder Bay be approved.

7.14 Eye on the Street Annual Report 2024

Report 072-2026-Growth highlighting how the Eye on the Street program continues to support safety and police investigations, summarizing key operations and outcomes from the past year, for information.

7.15 Thunder Bay Fire Rescue Establishing & Regulating Bylaw – Repeal and Replace Report

At the January 27, 2026 Quality of Life Standing Committee, Report 025-2026-Infrastructure & Operations-Thunder Bay Fire Rescue was presented. A resolution was passed endorsing the updated Thunder Bay Fire Rescue Establishing and Regulating By-law which aligns with legislation, operational practices and Council approved service levels.

Report 066-2026-Infrastructure & Operations-Thunder Bay Fire Rescue recommending that By-law 50-1984, as amended, be repealed and replaced as outlined in this report was distributed separately on Monday, February 2, 2026.

Consent Agenda Resolution

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

WITH RESPECT to the Consent Agenda for the February 3, 2026 City Council meeting, we recommend that the following items be confirmed:

City Council Minutes - January 13, 2026

Committee of the Whole Minutes (Closed Session) - January 13, 2026

Quality of Life Standing Committee Minutes - January 27, 2026

Growth Standing Committee Minutes - January 27, 2026

The District of Social Services Administration Board Minutes

Mayor's Taskforce on Building More Homes Advisory Committee Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - November 12, 2025

Community Safety & Wellbeing Advisory Committee - November 26, 2025

Board of Health Minutes - December 17, 2025

311 Implementation Authorization - Report 046-2026-Growth-Customer Service

Community Partnership Fund Grant Award - Report 041-2026-Corporate Services-Finance

Update - Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy - Report 040-2026-Corporate Services-Finance

Approval for Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program Funding for Feeder Watermain Projects

Eye on the Street Annual Report 2024 - Report 072-2026-Growth

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue Establishing and Regulating By-law Report -

Report 066-2026-Infrastructure & Operations-Thunder Bay Fire Rescue

It was requested that the January 13, 2026 City Council meeting minutes be voted on separately.

Councillor Albert Aiello declared a conflict relative to Report 22-2026-Community Youth & Cultural Funding Program within the January 13, 2026 City Council meeting minutes and refrained from discussing or voting on the following resolution.

Consent Agenda Resolution – Items 2 to 15

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

WITH RESPECT to the Consent Agenda for the February 3, 2026 City Council meeting, we recommend that the following items be confirmed:

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Services-Finance
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066-2026-Infrastructure & Operations-Thunder Bay Fire Rescue

For (11): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Councillor Kasey Etrene, and Councillor Trevor Giertuga

CARRIED (11 to 0)

Consent Agenda Resolution – Item 1

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

WITH RESPECT to the Consent Agenda for the February 3, 2026 City Council meeting, we recommend that the following items be confirmed:

City Council Minutes - January 13, 2026

For (10): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Conflict (1): Councillor Albert Aiello

Absent (2): Councillor Kasey Etrene, and Councillor Trevor Giertuga

CARRIED (10 to 0)

9. Items Arising from Closed Session

9.1 Contract Related Matter

Confidential Memorandum from Supervisor-Sport & Community Development Paul Burke dated January 23, 2026 was previously presented in Special Committee of the Whole-Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

WITH RESPECT to the Confidential Memorandum from Supervisor-Sport and Community Development Paul Burke dated January 23, 2026 we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

For (11): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, and Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

Absent (2): Councillor Kasey Etreni, and Councillor Michael Zussino

CARRIED (11 to 0)

10. By-laws and By-law Resolution

10.1 By-law 28-2026 – A by-law to Establish and Regulate the Thunder Bay Fire Rescue and to repeal By-law 50-1984 and Chapter 890 of the City of Thunder Bay Municipal Code.

A By-law to establish and regulate Thunder Bay Fire Rescue and to repeal By-law 50-1984, as amended and to repeal Chapter 890 of the City of Thunder Bay Municipal Code was distributed separately on Monday, February 2, 2026.

10.2 By-law 057-2026-A By-law to Appoint Persons to Enforce Parking

A By-law to amend By-law Number 99-2005, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay for the Enforcement of Municipal Parking By-laws.

10.3 By-law Resolution

By-law Resolution - February 3, 2026 - City Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

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

1. By-law Number: 028- 2026

A By-law to establish and regulate Thunder Bay Fire Rescue and to repeal By-law 50-1984, as amended and to repeal Chapter 890 of the City of Thunder Bay Municipal Code.

2. By-law Number: 057-2026

A By-law to amend By-law Number 99-2005, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay for the Enforcement of Municipal Parking By-laws.

For (11): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, and Councillor Kasey Etreni

CARRIED (11 to 0)

11. New Business

11.1 Establishment of Special Committee of the Whole - Closed Session - Tuesday, February 17, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

THAT a Special Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:00 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;

(j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value;

(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 (11): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, and Councillor Kasey Etrene

CARRIED (11 to 0)

12. Confirming By-law and Confirming By-law Resolution

12.1 By-law 17-2026 – Confirming By-law – February 3, 2026

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 3rd day of February 2026.

12.2 Confirming By-law Resolution

Confirming By-law Resolution - February 3, 2026 - City Council

MOVED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

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

By-law Number: 17-2026

1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 3rd day of February, 2026.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Kasey Etrene

CARRIED (12 to 0)

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Speaker

Deputy City Clerk