



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 6:52 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 Brian Hamilton
- Councillor Greg Johnsen
- 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
- Kerri Marshall, Commissioner - Growth
- Leah Prentice, Acting Commissioner - Community Services
- Gillian Matson, Solicitor II
- Paul Burke, Sport & Community Development Supervisor
- Brad Loroff, Manager – Transit Services
- Matthew Furioso, Supervisor – Operations & Standards
- Kristyn Lovato-Day, Policy & Research Analyst
- Gordon Stover, Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator

1. City Council

Speaker: Councillor Andrew Foulds

2. Opening Ceremonies

2.1 Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Andrew Foulds provided the land acknowledgement.

2.2 Moment of Silent Reflection

2.3 National Anthem

Peyton Sylvester performed the national anthem.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Brian Hamilton declared a conflict relative to Report 113-2026 - Corporate Services - Licensing & Enforcement - Report Back on Deputation Requesting Exemption from Animal Keeping By-law, as he has a family member who owns a restricted animal.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Confirmation of Agenda

Confirmation of Agenda - March 3, 2026 - City Council

4.2 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 February 17, 2026 was distributed separately on February 27, 2026.

4.3 Special Committee of the Whole - Closed Session Minutes

The Minutes of the following Meeting of the Special Committee of the Whole - Closed Session, to be confirmed:

1. February 17, 2026 Special Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

was distributed separately on February 27, 2026.

4.4 Growth Standing Committee Minutes

Minutes of Growth Standing Committee, held on February 24, 2026, was distributed separately on February 27, 2026, for information.

4.5 CEDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Wednesday, November 26, 2025 CEDC Board of Directors Meeting, for information only.

4.6 Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 01-2026 (Regular Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administrative Board held on January 15, 2026, for information only.

4.7 Thunder Bay District Health Unit Board of Health Minutes

Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit Board of Health meeting held on January 21, 2026, for information only.

4.8 Mayor's Taskforce on Building More Homes Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting 01-2026 of the Mayor's Taskforce on Building More Homes Advisory Committee held on January 21, 2026, for information only.

4.9 Municipal Alcohol Proposed Updates

Report 112-2026 - Community Services - Recreation & Culture recommending that Waverley Park and the Tbaytel Multiplex be added to the list of designated Municipal Facilities, Parks and Open Spaces where the service of alcohol is allowed through the Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP).

4.10 Consent Agenda Resolution

MOVED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

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

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- Thunder Bay Board of Health Minutes
- Mayor's Taskforce on Building More Homes Advisory Committee
- Municipal Alcohol Policy Proposed Updates

Municipal Alcohol Policy Proposed Updates

It was requested that the recommendation relative to Report 112-2026 be extracted from the Consent Agenda Resolution and voted on separately.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

WITH RESPECT to Report 112-2026-Community Services-Recreation & Culture, we recommend that Schedule A of the Municipal Alcohol Policy be amended to add the following venues to the list of designated Municipal Facilities, Parks and Open Spaces for Alcohol Use:

- o Waverley Park
- o Tbaytel Multiplex;

AND THAT the amended Municipal Alcohol Policy be approved and adopted into the Corporate Policy Manual.

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

For (11): 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 Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Councillor Trevor Giertuga, and Councillor Kristen Oliver

CARRIED (11 to 0)

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SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

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For (11): 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 Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Councillor Trevor Giertuga, and Councillor Kristen Oliver

CARRIED (11 to 0)

5. Reports of Administration

5.1 Transit Summer Service Adjustments

Report 102-2026 - Community Services - Transit Services seeking Council's approval of the recommendations to implement temporary schedule changes across select conventional transit routes beginning May 10, 2026, by adjusting bus schedules to match actual staff available to perform all planned work.

Brad Loroff, Manager - Transit Services and Matthew Furioso, Supervisor - Operations & Standards provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to Report 102-2026-Community Services-Transit Services, we recommend that Administration move forward with implementing temporary schedule changes across various conventional transit routes starting May 10, 2026 to reduce the number of unplanned bus cancellations and improve system reliability;

AND THAT Administration monitor staffing levels and incrementally increase conventional and specialized transit service levels over the summer and fall when and where feasible as staffing levels recover;

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

For (4): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Kasey Etreni, and Councillor Brian Hamilton

Against (7): Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Councillor Trevor Giertuga, and Councillor Kristen Oliver

LOST (4 to 7)

5.2 Circular Materials - Recycling Depot Update and Operations Agreement

Report 103-2026 - Infrastructure & Operations - Environment recommending the City of Thunder Bay enter a Depot Operations Agreement with Circular Materials for the 900 Walsh Street Recycling Depot location.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

WITH RESPECT to Report 103-2026 (Infrastructure & Operations – Environment), we recommend the City of Thunder Bay enter a Depot Operations Agreement with Circular Materials for the 900 Walsh Street Recycling Depot location;

AND THAT the Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations be authorized to execute this Agreement and any other necessary documentation related to the Agreement;

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

For (11): 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 Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Councillor Trevor Giertuga, and Councillor Kristen Oliver

CARRIED (11 to 0)

5.3 Report Back on Deputation Requesting Exemption from Animal Keeping By-law

Report 113-2026 - Corporate Services - Licensing & Enforcement providing a response to a deputation presented to the Finance and Administration Standing Committee in October 2025, which requested that ball pythons be exempted from the list of restricted animals under the Animal Keeping By-law 120-1983, for information.

Resolution to Amend By-law 120-1983 - Animal Keeping By-law

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

In response to Report 120-2026 - Corporate Services - Licensing & Enforcement - Report Back on Deputation Requesting Exemption from Animal Keeping By-law, we recommend that Administration be directed to bring forward an amendment to By-law 120-1983 - Animal Keeping By-law, that would allow for the keeping of ball pythons as pets in the City of Thunder Bay;

AND THAT any necessary By-laws be presented to City Council for consideration.

For (4): Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kristen Oliver, and Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

Against (6): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Kasey Etrene, Councillor Andrew Foulds, and Councillor Greg Johnsen

Absent (2): Councillor Trevor Giertuga, and Councillor Brian Hamilton

LOST (4 to 6)

6. By-laws and By-law Resolution

6.1 By-law 108-2026 – Appointment of 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.

6.2 By-law 111-2026 – Amendment to By-law 110-2013 - Appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers – Thunder Bay Regional Hospital

A By-law to amend By-law 110-2013, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of enforcing the Smoking Prohibition By-law 052-2010 on Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Property.

6.3 By-law Resolution

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

MOVED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

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:

By-law Number: 108- 2026

1. 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.

By-law Number: 111- 2026

2. A By-law to amend By-law 110-2013, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of enforcing the Smoking Prohibition By-law 052-2010 on Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Property.

For (11): 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 Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Councillor Trevor Giertuga, and Councillor Kristen Oliver

CARRIED (11 to 0)

7. New Business

7.1 Establishment of Special Committee of the Whole - Closed Session - Tuesday, March 17, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT a Special Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026 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;
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and
- (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; 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 (11): 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 Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Councillor Trevor Giertuga, and Councillor Kristen Oliver

CARRIED (11 to 0)

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

8.1 By-law 80-2026 – Confirming By-law – March 3, 2026

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

8.2 Confirming By-law Resolution

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

MOVED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal
SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

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

By-law Number: 80-2026

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

For (11): 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 Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Councillor Trevor Giertuga, and Councillor Kristen Oliver

CARRIED (11 to 0)

9. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Speaker

City Clerk