



## City Council Meeting Minutes

**Monday, July 15, 2024, 7:36 p.m.**

**S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium**

Present:

- Mayor Ken Boshcoff
- Councillor Rajni Agarwal
- Councillor Albert Aiello
- Councillor Kasey Etreni
- Councillor Trevor Giertuga
- Councillor Brian Hamilton
- Councillor Greg Johnsen
- Councillor Kristen Oliver
- Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

Officials:

- Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
- John Collin, City Manager
- Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
- Keri Greaves, City Treasurer
- Karen Lewis, General Manager - Corporate Services
- Matthew Pearson, Acting General Manager - Infrastructure, Development & Operations
- Leah Prentice, Acting General Manager - Community Services
- Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement
- Katie Piché, Council & Committee Clerk

### **1. City Council**

Chair: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

### **2. Opening Ceremonies**

One Minute of Silence.

**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. Confirmation of Agenda**

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

WITH RESPECT to the July 15, 2024 City Council, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

**5. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**5.1 City Council**

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

1. The Thunder Bay City Council held on June 25, 2024.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

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

1. The Thunder Bay City Council meeting held on June 25, 2024.

CARRIED

**6. Reports of Committees, Boards, and Outside Agencies**

**6.1 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

1. June 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

THAT the Minutes of the following Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:

1. June 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole.

**Amended Report Back - Response to Unsheltered Homelessness - Designated Encampment Framework**

It was requested that the following resolution from the June 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be voted on separately:

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to Corporate Report 252-2024 (City Manager's Office, Strategic Initiatives & Engagement) we recommend that the distance guidelines as outlined in this report and subject to ongoing review, be adopted within the City of Thunder Bay;

AND THAT a letter from the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, be sent to potential funders in support of a built structure pilot project;

AND THAT City Council advocate to the Government of Ontario for the following:

- to fulfill the cost-matching requirement to secure 2024 federal budget funding to address the urgent issue of encampments and unsheltered homelessness;
- to improve the adequacy of social assistance by increasing social assistance rates so that recipients are better able to meet their basic needs, including the cost of living and housing;
- to fund low-barrier crisis stabilization spaces for people with mental health and/or substance use related issues that operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week across the city as part of a full continuum of evidence-based services, treatment and wrap around supports;

AND THAT City Council urge the Government of Canada to establish a National Encampment Response Plan as recommended in the Federal Housing Advocate's February 2024 final report;

AND THAT the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documents;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services. Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and all Ontario municipalities;

AND THAT Outstanding List Item 2024-006-ADM Response to Unsheltered Homelessness – a Protocol for the City of Thunder Bay, be removed from the Outstanding List;

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

**Amendment – Amended Report Back - Response to Unsheltered Homelessness – Designated Encampment Framework**

Memorandum from Director – Strategy & Engagement Cynthia Olsen dated July 5, 2024 containing an amendment to the recommendation relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

THAT paragraph 1 from Report 252-2024 be deleted and replaced with the following:

‘WITH RESPECT to Report 252-2024-City Manager’s Office- Strategic Initiatives & Engagement and the Memorandum from C. Olsen, Director – Strategy & Engagement, dated July 5, 2024, relative to Response to Unsheltered Homelessness: Designated Encampment Framework, we recommend that the updated distance guidelines as attached to this memo, and subject to ongoing review, be adopted within the City of Thunder Bay.’

**Amendment to Amendment – Amended Report Back - Response to Unsheltered Homelessness - Designated Encampment Framework**

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT the following be added to paragraph 1:

'with the exception of distance guidelines on or within 5 metres of any trail, sidewalk, or parking lot or on or under any bridge, including pedestrian access points to such areas and structures of which be referred to Administration to determine if the distance can be increased from 5 metres to 10 metres;'

AND THAT the following paragraph be added after paragraph 1:

'AND THAT Administration report back on the above noted referral on or before August 12, 2024.'

CARRIED

**Amended Amendment – Amended Report Back - Response to Unsheltered Homelessness - Designated Encampment Framework**

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

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CARRIED

**Amended – Amended Report Back - Response to Unsheltered Homelessness - Designated Encampment Framework**

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrei

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

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CARRIED

### **Committee of the Whole Minutes**

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

THAT the Minutes of the following Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:

1. June 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

### **6.2 Ward Meeting Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Ward Meetings to be received:

1. Meeting 01-2024 of the McIntyre Ward held on February 29, 2024;
2. Meeting 02-2024 of the McIntyre Ward held on June 12, 2024.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

THAT the Minutes of the following Ward Meetings to be received:

1. Meeting 01-2024 of the McIntyre Ward held on February 29, 2024;
2. Meeting 02-2024 of the McIntyre Ward held on June 12, 2024.

CARRIED

**7. By-laws and By-law Resolution**

**7.1 By-law 246-2024 - 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.

**7.2 By-law Resolution**

By-law Resolution - July 15, 2024 - City Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

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

By-law Number 246-2024

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.

CARRIED

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

**8.1 By-law 276-2024 – Confirming By-law – July 15, 2024**

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

**8.2 Confirming By-law Resolution**

Confirming By-law Resolution - July 15, 2024 - City Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

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

By-law Number 276/2024

1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

CARRIED

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk