

#### Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

#### Monday, December 2, 2024, 6:30 p.m. S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

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#### Closed Session in the McNaughton Room Closed Session Agendas will be distributed separately to Members of Council and EMT only.

- 2. Open Session (Operations) in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Chair: Councillor Trevor Giertuga
- 3. Disclosures of Interest
- 4. Confirmation of Agenda WITH RESPECT to the December 2, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

#### 5. Presentations

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5.1	Winter Control Standards	6
	Memorandum from Manager - Roads Ian Spoljarich dated November 6,	
	2024 requesting to make a presentation on the City of Thunder Bay's	
	Winter Control Standards.	
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#### 7. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies

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#### 8. Reports of Municipal Officers

#### 8.1 Update on the Waverley Park Fountain and Cenotaph Restoration Project

On June 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole passed a resolution following a deputation from the Coalition for Waverley Park that the contents of the deputation be referred to Administration for review including the addition of the Waverley Fountain maintenance costs into the Parks & Open Spaces 3-year capital budget and the use of funding from the sale of surplus park lands to report back on or before December 2, 2024 to inform the 2025 Budget.

Report 416-2024-Infrastructure & Operations-Parks providing an update to City Council on the planning and budgeting for the Waverley Park Fountain and Cenotaph Restoration project including 2025 capital budget impacts, recommended project staging, and opportunities to secure external funding, for information.

Correspondence received from David Noonan - The Coalition for Waverley Park, dated November 19, 2024 requesting to provide a deputation.

WITH RESPECT to Report 416-2024 – Infrastructure and Operations -Parks & Open Spaces dated November 19, 2024, we recommend that Outstanding Item 2024-104-INO be removed from the Outstanding List;

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

#### 9. Petitions and Communications

#### 9.1 Approval and Authorization for Interocean Development Infrastructure Servicing Agreement

Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner of Infrastructure & Operations dated October 10, 2024 recommending that the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) for the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) between the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay be approved.

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner of Infrastructure & Operations dated October 10th, 2024, we recommend that the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) for the 27 - 28

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Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) between the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay be approved;

AND THAT the municipal contribution required to fund the remaining portion of the project to be included in the 2025 and 2026 Capital Budgets;

AND THAT the Director Engineering & Operations be authorized to execute any necessary agreements;

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

#### 9.2 Red Light Cameras - Request for Report - Outstanding Item 2024-103-INO

Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner - Infrastructure & Operations, dated November 18, 2024, recommending that the date for the report back of Outstanding Item 2024-103-INO Red Light Cameras be changed from December 2, 2024 to the First Quarter (Q1) of 2025.

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations, dated December 2, 2024, we recommend that the date for the report back of Outstanding Item 2024-103-INO Red Light Cameras be changed from December 2, 2024 to the First Quarter (Q1) of 2025;

AND THAT any necessary bylaws be presented to Council for consideration.

#### 9.3 Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Memorandum from Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Councillor Kristen Oliver dated November 13, 2024 recommending that the Province be called upon to update the *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)* with priority amendments as outlined by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), in advance of Summer 2025 to allow adequate time for planning for the 2026 municipal elections.

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated November 13, 2024, we recommend that the Province be called upon to update the *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)* with priority amendments as outlined by the 29

Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), in advance of Summer 2025 to allow adequate time for planning for the 2026 municipal elections;

AND THAT the Province commence work to review and re-write the *MEA* with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

AND THAT the *MEA* be reviewed and updated every four years to keep pace with changing voter expectations, technology, and trends;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Education, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP Thunder Bay–Atikokan, MPP Thunder Bay–Superior North, and AMCTO;

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

#### 9.4 Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations

Memorandum from Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Councillor Kristen Oliver dated November 19, 2024 recommending support of the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations aimed at attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario.

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated November 19, 2024, we recommend support of the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations aimed at attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario;

AND THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement, Minister of Mines, Minister of Energy and Electrification, Minister of Finance, Minister of Northern Development/Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation, MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan/ Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products, MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North, and 32 - 35

all NOMA member municipalities;

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

#### 9.5 Post-Graduation Work Permit Program Reforms

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Memorandum from Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Councillor Kristen Oliver dated November 19, 2024 recommending that Council calls for the Federal Government to delay the implementation of PGWP reforms as these changes will have profound negative impacts on Northwestern Ontario and worsen the region's critical labour gaps.

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated November 19, 2024, we recommend that Council calls for the Federal Government to delay the implementation of PGWP reforms as these changes will have profound negative impacts on Northwestern Ontario and worsen the region's critical labour gaps;

AND THAT the delay of PGWP reforms would allow the Federal Government the necessary time to engage collaboratively with industry leaders, provincial authorities, and the public college sector, to safeguard economic growth in Thunder Bay and across Northwestern Ontario;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Prime Minister and Minister of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship in addition to the Presidents of Confederation College and Lakehead University;

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

- Outstanding Items List as of November 19, 2024 for Operations Memorandum from Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power dated November 19, 2024, providing the Operations Outstanding List, for information.
- 11. New Business
- 12. Adjournment

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## Memorandum

то:	Krista Power, City Clerk	FILE:
FROM:	Ian Spoljarich, Manager - Roads	
DATE:	11/06/2024	
SUBJECT:	Winter Control Standards – Request for Presentation	
MEETING & DATE:	Committee of the Whole – 12/02/2024	

Administration is requesting the opportunity to make a presentation relative to Winter Control Standards to the Committee of the Whole at their meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024. The presentation will be made by Ian Spoljarich, Manager Roads.



#### EarthCare Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m. Martin Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall

#### 1. EarthCare Advisory Committee Meeting 04-2024

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

#### 2. Members

Kiera Essex Councillor Andrew Foulds Sandra Stiles Jane Todd

#### 3. Officials

Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement Jacob Porter, Climate Adaptation Coordinator Danielle Thom, Climate Action Specialist Lori Wiitala, Committee Clerk/Legislative Specialist

#### 4. Land Acknowledgement

EarthCare Advisory Committee Member Kiera Essex provided a Land Acknowledgement.

#### 5. Welcome and Disclosures of Interest

At 4:06 p.m. quorum was not achieved; the Chair called the Information Session to order.

At 4:10 p.m. the Committee achieved quorum.

#### 6. Agenda Approval

MOVED BY: Keira Essex SECONDED BY: Jane Todd

WITH RESPECT to the October 9, 2024, meeting of the EarthCare Advisory Committee, we recommend that the agenda as amended, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

#### CARRIED

#### 7. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting 03-2024 of the EarthCare Advisory Committee, held on September 18, 2024, be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Keira Essex SECONDED BY: Jane Todd

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 03-2024 of the EarthCare Advisory Committee, held on September 18, 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED

#### 8. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

#### 8.1 Terms of Reference (TOR) Review

Discussion was held regarding the EarthCare Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) review.

The following motion was presented for consideration:

WITH RESPECT to the EarthCare Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) we recommend that the changes outlined below be approved:

#### Land Acknowledgement

Paragraph 1: remove the word peoples:

'We acknowledge the land this Advisory Committee gathers on. The members of our committee are honoured to live, work, and play in Thunder Bay, on Anishinaabe lands within the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850 and on the traditional territory of Fort William First Nation. We also acknowledge the contribution of the Metis and Inuit to our community.'

Paragraph 2: remove the words - 'and stewards that have left the gift of'

'These lands and waters provide for our community we are grateful to the original caretakers that have continuously worked to nourish and protect the gifts of healthy soil, air, and water so that we can live good lives. However, we have been quick to justify the erosion of these gifts in pursuit of other goals.'

Paragraph 3: remove the words: 'restore the gifts left to us'

'The climate crisis is a symptom of our fractured relationship with the land and its gifts. Our Advisory Committee believes that it is through advocacy and action that we can reconcile with the land and with each other, not only to ensure the health and prosperity of these lands for future generations, but to repair and strengthen our relationship with all our relations.'

#### Deliverables:

Option b) add the word 'proactive'

b) Record of proactive advice on strategic direction and advocacy provided to City Council and Administration;

#### Composition:

Remove numbers of each member demographic.

Add statement on seeking representation from all of the identified groups in committee.

#### 8.2 Boulevard Garden and Maintenance By-law

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Boulevard Garden and Maintenance By-law. Draft Memorandum from Climate Action Specialist Danielle Thom was provided for discussion.

Director - Strategy & Engagement Cynthia Olsen advised that a Memorandum will be presented to Council at the October 21, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting to request deferral of the report back date to November 25, 2024. Public expressed concern with plant height restrictions, herbicides, plants with medicinal uses, and the use of planter boxes and snow removal. it was advised that other municipalities have adopted a 1-meter height restriction and allow the use of planter boxes.

Citizens are encouraged to complete the survey on the Get Involved website: <u>https://getinvolvedthunderbay.ca/boulevard-garden-and-maintenance-by-law</u>

The Memorandum in support of the Boulevard Garden and Maintenance By-law will be prepared in consideration of the public consultation feedback.

MOVED BY:	Keira Essex
SECONDED BY:	Sandra Stiles

WITH RESPECT to the Boulevard Garden and Maintenance By-law, we recommend that the Memorandum in support be deferred to the November committee meeting to include feedback from the public consultation survey.

CARRIED

#### 8.3 Request for Presentations

Discussion will be held regarding request for presentations at upcoming meetings.

The Committee agreed to request presentations at upcoming meetings from the following:

- November 20, 2024: Green Development Standards with the Thunder Bay Climate Transition Cohort
- January 2025: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Roadmap with Vanessa DiGiacomo Zwaresh
- February 2025: The Champions Project Anthology Launch with the Champions Writers Collective
- March 2025: District Energy Project Overview with Biothermic

#### 9. Net-Zero Strategy, Sustainability and Working Group Update

Climate Action Specialist Danielle Thom provided a thorough overview of the Net-Zero Strategy, Sustainability and Working Group(s) included in the agenda. The following additional information was provided.

- Green Development Standard Roundtable #2 will be held on November 1
- Boulevard Garden and Maintenance By-Law Get Involved Survey will be available from October 3 to October 18
- The Boulevard Garden and Maintenance By-Law Report Back has been pushed to November 25 to allow appropriate time for public consultation review.

#### 10. Climate Adaptation Update

Climate Adaptation Coordinator Jacob Porter provided an update on Climate Adaptation.

Maamawe – All together. We honour the truth and reconcile for the future.

• Presenting on climate risks to northwest planning meeting

#### Safety and well-being. Our community is healthy, safe, and strong.

- Climate risk vulnerability assessment with Thunder Bay District Health Unit still underway; information will be used in renewal of Climate Adaptation Strategy and future TBDHU climate action plan and will be pursuing follow up with various organizations based on results.
- Piloted a vulnerability workshop with Confederation College students
- Providing in-kind support to Emergency Food Plan's emergency exercise in December
- Heat mapping undertaken with CityStudio and Confederation College, to inform what interventions may be most effective

Growth. We attract and retain new and diverse businesses and community members.

• Annual report to council planned for November 4

#### Sustainability. We advance a thriving economy and environment.

• Risk assessment for all asset classes is underway as part of the asset management plan

• Climate lens guidance for Thunder Bay focused on climate adaptation and equity is being developed in partnership with the Ontario Resource Centre for Climate Adaptation

#### 11. Upcoming Events and Announcements

North West Climate Gathering 2024 Saturday, October 19, 2024 Lakehead University

#### 12. Gratitude

Committee Members and Administration to provide a roundtable of gratitude.

#### 13. Next Meeting

The EarthCare Advisory Committee Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and August, in the McNaughton Room, at 4:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted, as follows:

- Wednesday, November 20, 2024
- Wednesday, December 18, 2024

#### 14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



#### Waterfront Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 4:00 p.m. McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall

#### 1. Waterfront Development Committee Meeting 06-2024 4:10 p.m.

Vice-Chair: Timothy Hardie

#### 2. Members

Roderick Bosch Timothy Hardie Warren Philp Councillor Michael Zussino

#### 3. Officials

Kerri Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure, Development & Operations Kayla Dixon, Director of Engineering – Infrastructure, Development & Operations Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk Guy Walter, Landscape Architect Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

#### 4. Guests

Chris Heikkinen, CEO - Thunder Bay Port Authority

#### 5. Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chair Timothy Hardie welcomed those in attendance and a roundtable of introductions followed.

The Chair advised that quorum was not present, the meeting proceeded as an information session.

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#### 6. Presentations

#### 6.1 Thunder Bay Port Authority

Chris Heikkinen, CEO - Thunder Bay Port Authority appeared before Committee, provided a presentation relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. Some items discussed were as follows:

- In 1999 the Harbour Commission became the Thunder Bay Port Authority (Canadian Marine Act)
  - initiated mandatory annual in-lieu payment to the City of Thunder Bay.
  - self sufficient (not funded).
  - o 6 employees.
- From an Industry Standpoint
  - o link between western Canada and the world.
  - Grain Elevators main purpose of the port is grain export.
  - Dry Bulk Terminals coal, potash, stone, salt.
  - Liquid Bulk Terminals petroleum, liquid chemicals.
  - General Cargo Terminal.
  - Shipyard/Drydock.
  - Cruise Ship Terminal (city)
  - full-service port.
    - tug operators, railways, trucking companies, vessel agents, stevedoring, grain inspection, fabrication, ship repair, driving services.
    - 400+ vessel calls annually.
    - 1000 direct jobs.
    - \$370M annual economic contribution.
    - Number 1 Export Port on the Seaway.

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- 1.2M Tonnes Grain Storage Capacity.
- Serviced by two Class 1 Railroads.
- Significant Industrial Tax Base for Thunder Bay.
- In 2019 the Port of Thunder Bay exported three times more metric tonnes than the nearest Ports on either side (Canada/U.S.).
- From a Port Authority Standpoint
  - $\circ$   $\,$  focus is commerce and business.
    - communication strategy to enhance communications for the port.
    - business side:
      - provide harbour administration.
        - harbour fees plus fee/gross tonnage.
        - average annual gross income from harbour dues \$700K.
          - Keefer Terminal 75% of Port Authority revenue.
          - harbour operations.
          - harbour park leased land.
          - intercity site former grain operating site.
  - annual Payment in lieu of taxes to the City of Thunder Bay averaged over past 5 years is approximately \$430K/year.
- The Port Authority's 5-year average net income is ~\$450K.
- The Port Authority typically re-invests its earnings in transportation infrastructure projects.
- The Port Authority has significant capital infrastructure obligations including the breakwall and Keefer Terminal.

Quorum was achieved during the discussion of the above noted item.

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#### 7. Disclosures

None.

#### 8. Agenda Approval

#### Amendment – Agenda Approval

MOVED BY: Roderick Bosch SECONDED BY: Warren Philp

THAT the order of the agenda be changed to include New Business items McKellar Island Bridge Reconstruction, and Paid Parking at the Waterfront.

CARRIED

#### Amended – Agenda Approval

MOVED BY: Roderick Bosch SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

WITH RESPECT to the September 10, 2024 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, we recommend that the Agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business be confirmed, as amended.

CARRIED

#### 9. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of Meeting 05-2024 Waterfront Development Committee, held on June 26, 2024 to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Roderick Bosch SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 05-2024 Waterfront Development Committee, held on June 26, 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

#### 10. Waterfront Master Plan Update

Landscape Architect Guy Walter provided an update relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Some of the information provided as follows:

• Festival Area

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- Schematic design work is underway for the Festival Area, Scatliff + Miller + Murray was awarded the RFP on June 25, 2024.
- CEDC, Draft Best Use Study in progress
  - Update document 6 weeks out
- Stakeholder Meeting
  - o invites will be sent

#### 11. Infrastructure Project Update

#### 11.1 WDC Trail Crossing Summary

MOVED BY:	Timothy Hardie
SECONDED BY:	Roderick Bosch

THAT the order of the agenda be changed to have agenda item WDC Trail Crossing Summary presented after New Business.

CARRIED

#### 12. Work Plan Update

At the June 26, 2024 meeting of the WDC a motion was passed directing Administration to draft a memorandum to Council that highlights the Committee's Work Plan, work completed to date and future considerations, and support for a 2025 Budget expansion to advance the work of the Committee, and to report back with a draft Memorandum at the September 10, 2024 Waterfront Development Committee meeting.

Revised Draft Memorandum to Council dated September 10, 2024, providing an overview of the work completed to date, future initiatives and additional background information relating to R 90/2021 – Waterfront Development Committee and recommendation requesting that \$150,000 be allocated in the 2025 Budget to support the work of the WDC, was distributed separately to Members on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, for consideration.

Document entitled WDC Action Timeline - WDC Focused 20242026 Action Plan, for information.

Manager - Infrastructure, Development & Operations Kerri Marshall provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

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MOVED BY:	Councillor Michael Zussino
SECONDED BY:	Warren Philp

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum to Council dated September 10, 2024, we recommend that the Memorandum as amended, be approved;

AND THAT Administration present the Memorandum to Council for consideration in the 2025 Budget.

CARRIED

#### 13. 2024 Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the Waterfront Development Committee will be scheduled from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Tuesday, November 19, 2024

#### 14. New Business

#### 14.1 McKellar Island Bridge Reconstruction

Director - Engineering Kayla Dixon provided an overview of the McKellar Island Bridge Reconstruction project and responded to questions.

#### 14.2 Paid Parking at the Waterfront

Councillor Michael Zussino provided an overview of recent changes to the City's parking fee schedule.

Discussion was held relative to evening paid parking at the waterfront, and synergies with other Canadian cities.

#### 15. Resolution to Resolve into Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino SECONDED BY: Roderick Bosch

THAT the Waterfront Development Committee resolve into Closed Session in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)):

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

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(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.

CARRIED

#### 16. WDC Trail Crossing Summary

Confidential Document entitled "WDC Trail Crossing Summary" was distributed separately to Waterfront Development Committee Members only on September 5, 2024.

Director - Engineering Kayla Dixon provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

The Open Session meeting reconvened.

#### 17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



# **Corporate Report**

<b>REPORT NUMBER</b> 416-2024-Infrastructure & Operations-Parks				
DATE				
PREPARED	November 19, 2024	FILE		
MEETING DATE	TING DATE December 2, 2024			
	Update on the Waverley Park Fountain and Cenotaph Restoration			
SUBJECT	Project			

#### RECOMMENDATION

WITH RESPECT to Report 416-2024 – Infrastructure and Operations - Parks & Open Spaces dated November 19, 2024, we recommend that Outstanding Item 2024-104-INO be removed from the Outstanding List;

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

#### LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Safety and Well-being

GOAL: Enhance safety and well-being at the community level through climate action and environmental design.

*B. Implement action plans to advance crime prevention through environmental design. C. Promote and enable neighbourhood beautification.* 

GOAL: Create and maintain strong neighbourhoods and Indigenized spaces where people connect and engage.

A. Encourage and support residents to implement initiatives that connect neighbourhoods.

C. Facilitate consistent accessible programming for lively community spaces.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On June 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole passed a resolution following a deputation from the Coalition for Waverley Park that the contents of the deputation be referred to Administration for review including the addition of the Waverley Fountain maintenance costs into the Parks & Open Spaces 3-year capital budget and the use of funding from the sale of surplus park lands to report back on or before December 2, 2024 to inform the 2025 Budget.

This report provides an update to City Council on the planning and budgeting for the Waverley Park Fountain and Cenotaph Restoration project including 2025 capital budget impacts, recommended project staging, and opportunities to secure external funding.

#### DISCUSSION

#### **Fountain Maintenance**

The Hogarth Fountain located in Waverley Park has been out of service since 2017 due to water leaks in the pool structure. Prior to this, routine maintenance and yearly commissioning and decommissioning was undertaken by the Parks & Open Spaces Parks North staff with assistance from the Environment Division. The yearly commissioning and decommissioning were problematic as it needed to be done in a confined space chamber under the fountain that could only be accessed by a smaller flexible person. In addition, the fountain utilized a flow through water supply system with no backflow preventor or meter and the drain system was via a wood stave pipe. Updating the fountain to automated modern standards will greatly reduce maintenance requirements for the fountain in the future, as well as increase safety for workers and the water/wastewater system. Similar to existing park splash pads, this system can be maintained by Parks staff funded through the regular Park Operating Budget.

#### **Proposed Project**

The Parks & Open Spaces Division has identified three components to the larger overall project of the Waverley Park Fountain and Cenotaph Restoration. The first is to modernize and make the fountain operational. The second is to improve the area around the fountain to improve aesthetics, functionality and accessibility. The third is to improve the Cenotaph area accessibility and connectivity to Red River Road and the Fountain as well as improve the venue for the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony. The Coalition for Waverley Park has advocated that while the work can be phased it should be thought of as one larger Park Improvement project for budgeting and funding applications.

Administration is proposing a slightly different version to the Coalition for Waverley Park's phased approach to the restoration of the Fountain, Cenotaph and surrounding area than what was presented at their last deputation. Administration's first priority is to make the fountain operational and its surrounding area functional. As such, Administration has included \$100,000 in the 2025 Capital Budget toward the hiring of a Consultant Team whose scope would involve three parts: 1) Structural, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers to provide further assessment, design and Tender Documents for new mechanical and electrical systems, as well as water supply and sanitary drain systems.

2) A Specialty Fountain/ Historical Restoration Consultant to provide Tender Documents for restoring the aesthetics and structure of the fountain itself.

3) Landscape Architecture Consultant to provide Tender Documents to redevelop the aesthetics, accessibility, circulation, the provision of site amenities and seating, lighting and site safety to CPTED principles for the area surrounding the fountain.

The Project Tender ready package would also include Class B cost estimates to be able to update future budget allocations.

It is anticipated to take the duration of 2025 to complete the consulting work with construction following in three phases over separate years to spread out the annual work and funding requirements. Year One would be the restoration of the Fountain itself with a current estimated cost of approximately \$1,000,000. Year Two would be the restoration of the Fountain area with a current estimated cost of approximately \$400,000. Year Three would be the design and restoration of the Cenotaph area with a current estimated cost of approximately \$1,000,000.

Following their past deputation to City Council, the Coalition for Waverley Park has been pursuing external funding sources to help with funding the Fountain and Cenotaph Restoration. To date the Coalition has secured a \$50,000 grant from the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Corporation and has applied to the NOHFC and recently entered the second stage of the application for \$1,129,316 (approximately 50% funding) through the Community Enhancement Program.

Stage two of the NOHFC application will require a resolution confirming the City's 50% funding contribution for the project, as well as City Council's support for a joint funding application in order to proceed to evaluation. Administration is committed to making the City's 50% funding contribution a high priority for the 2026 capital budget to facilitate stage two of the NOHFC application.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report. The Parks & Open Spaces Section has included \$100,000 in the proposed 2025 Capital Budget for Consulting Fees to complete a Tender-ready construction package for the restoration of the Waverley Park Fountain and surrounding area. This will provide an updated and more accurate detailed Class 'B' costing of the proposed work for future budgeting purposes.

#### CONCLUSION

Administration has provided this Report to update City Council on the planning and budgeting for the Waverley Park Fountain and Cenotaph Restoration Project as requested at the June 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting and recommends this item be removed from the Outstanding Reports List.

#### BACKGROUND

The Hogarth Fountain located in Waverley Park has been out of service since 2017 due to water leaks in the pool structure. In 2018, a company that specializes in the rehabilitation of historical fountains was retained to assess the Hogarth Fountain and advise on the work and costs to restore the fountain and upgrade the mechanical and electrical systems to current standards.

On May 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole passed a resolution following a deputation from the Coalition for Waverley Park recommending that the proposed plan for the Hogarth fountain be referred back to Administration for further information and to report back on or before Sept 16, 2019 as to the status of this project and potential inclusion in the 2020 budget.

On January 12, 2023 Administration provided a Memorandum to the Committee of the Whole – Special Session on January 17, 2023 to provide Council with estimated costs for design work related to professional repairs to the Fountain and Cenotaph for Council's consideration in the 2023 budget in response to a deputation from the Friends of Waverley Park who wish to see work in the park advanced.

On June 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole passed a resolution following a deputation from the Coalition for Waverley Park that the contents of the deputation be referred to Administration for review including the addition of the Waverley Fountain maintenance costs into the Parks & Open Spaces 3-year capital budget and the use of funding from the sale of surplus park lands to report back on or before December 2, 2024.

In the summer of 2023, a structural assessment of the fountain and Cenotaph was undertaken, and no significant structural issues were identified that could have caused significant changes to the proposed work plan identified in the Memo to Council of January 12, 2023.

#### The Coalition for Waverley Park

The Coalition for Waverley Park is a volunteer group that was formed in 1994 to express concerns about the condominiums being proposed to be built at that time on the site of the former Central School and encouraged the City to allow Magnus Theatre to be relocated to that site. Since that time, they have advocated for the park. In 2017 the group helped secure a total of \$300,000 from various external funding sources to

have the multi-use pavilion/ bandstand designed and built on the former location of the Rotary bandshell. They have also been helping to program the space by organizing the Monday night Concert in the Park series as well as Picnic in the Park and Jane's Walk events.

Following deputations to City Council, the Coalition suggested a phased approach to the project and has been pursuing external funding sources to help with funding the Fountain and Cenotaph Restoration. To date the Coalition has secured a \$50,000 grant from the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Corporation and has applied to the NOHFC and is the second stage of the application for \$1,129,316 (approximately 50% funding) through the Community Enhancement Program.

The Coalition for Waverley Park has committed to continue to raise additional funds for the project and applying for other grant funding as it might become available in the future. In addition, they have also been in discussion with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 5 specifically for the Cenotaph Restoration portion of the project.

#### REFERENCE MATERIAL ATTACHED

None.

#### REPORT PREPARED BY

Werner Schwar, Supervisor Parks & Open Space Planning – Infrastructure & Operations

#### REPORT SIGNED AND VERIFIED BY

Ian Spoljarich, Acting Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations 11/22/2024

Hello,

Please note the following response to Speak to City Council has been submitted at Tuesday November 19th 2024 11:14 AM with reference number 2024-11-19-006.

- What would you like to speak to Council about: Request council support to stage 2 application to NOHFC for capital work in Waverley Park
- Is this an item scheduled on a current agenda?: No
- Provide as much information as you can about the matter you would like to speak to:

Subsequent to a deputation in June 2024, The Coalition for Waverley Park has applied to CEDC, Fednor and NOHFC. We have been approved for 50,000 by CEDC conditional on securing funding from other sources. We have submitted an application to NOHFC for a significant contribution to capital work on the Hogarth Memorial Fountain and Cenotaph (which is 100 in 2025). We have been approved to proceed to stage 2 but require that the city be a coapplicant on that submission

- Provide specific actions you would like Council to take: Motion to be a coapplicant on athe Coalition for Waverley Park's stage two application for funding to carry out Parks plan for Waverley Park
- Have you already been in contact with City staff in regards to the subject matter of your deputation request? Yes
- Who did you speak to in City Administration? What was the outcome? Werner Schwar, Manager of Parks and Open Spaces who will be presenting the concept for the capital improvements to the Cenotaph and fountain area.
- Please select the date of the meeting: Committee of the Whole - Monday, December 2 2024
- Please choose
  Mr
- First name: David George
- Last name:
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- Email: dgcnoonan@gmail.com
- Phone: (807) 632-7609
- Organization you represent: (optional) The Coalition for Waverley Park
- Please note the names of the presenters that will be attending with you: Elaine Lynch Keith Nymark
- Please indicate how you intend to participate in the meeting. In Person



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### Memorandum

TO:	Krista Power, Director Legislative FILE: Services & City Clerk	
FROM:	Kayla Dixon, Commissioner of Infrastructure & Operations	
DATE:	October 10, 2024	
SUBJECT:	Approval and Authorization for Interocean Development Infrastructure Servicing Agreement	
MEETING & DATE:	Committee of the Whole Meeting – December 2, 2024	

The City of Thunder Bay's application for the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) has been approved by the Ministry of Infrastructure. The application was for servicing the Interocean development area which is located north and south of Central Avenue between Balmoral Street and Golf Links Road. To proceed with the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA), a resolution of Council authorizing the City to enter into this Agreement with the Province must be passed.

The Province is contributing 73% of the total eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$10,402,500, toward the Interocean Development Servicing project. The City will be responsible for a municipal contribution of \$3,847,500, as well as any additional costs that may arise during the project. This contribution can be funded from Provincial housing initiatives awarded to the City as appropriate. The project completion deadline is March 31, 2027.

The project involves constructing water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure in the Interocean area. This includes extending approximately 620 metres of new sanitary sewers along Central Avenue, installing approximately 2.6 kilometres of new watermains, and adding around 2 kilometres of storm sewers, covering both the north

and south sides of Central Avenue. Additionally, two new stormwater management facilities will be constructed, incorporating all necessary mechanical, electrical, and internal control systems to bring the facility online. The outcomes of this project will enhance the water system, promote growth, and enable the development of approximately 1,260 new housing units in Thunder Bay.

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner of Infrastructure & Operations dated October 10th, 2024, we recommend that the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) for the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) between the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay be approved;

AND THAT the municipal contribution required to fund the remaining portion of the project to be included in the 2025 and 2026 Capital Budgets;

AND THAT the Director Engineering & Operations be authorized to execute any necessary agreements;

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

CC:

Laurie Fors, Manager of Central Support



## Memorandum

то:	Krista Power, City Clerk	FILE:
FROM:	Kayla Dixon, Commissioner – Infrastruc	ture & Operations
DATE:	11/18/2024	
SUBJECT:	Red Light Cameras – Request for Repo 2024-103-INO	rt - Outstanding Item
MEETING & DATE:	Committee of the Whole - 12/02/2024	

At the January 22, 2024 City Council Meeting, Council directed Administration to report back on Red Light Cameras. The resolution required Administration to report back on or before October 28, 2024.

On July 15, 2024 Administration recommended the date for the report back be changed from October 28, 2024 to December 2, 2024 due to consultant capacity limitations. The consultant's report was recently received; therefore Administration recommends the report back date be changed from December 2, 2024 to a Committee of the Whole meeting in the First Quarter (Q1) of 2025. This will provide Administration time to review the information and provide a recommendation for Council's consideration.

Administration provides the following for Council's consideration:

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations, dated December 2, 2024, we recommend that the date for the report back of Outstanding Item 2024-103-INO Red Light Cameras be changed from December 2, 2024 to the First Quarter (Q1) of 2025;

AND THAT any necessary bylaws be presented to Council for consideration.



## Memorandum

TO:	Krista Power, Director of Legislative <b>FILE:</b> Services & City Clerk
FROM:	Councillor Kristen Oliver Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee
DATE:	11/13/2024
SUBJECT:	Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act
MEETING & DATE:	Committee of the Whole - 12/02/2024

The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) is advocating for improvements to the *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)* to support fair, accessible, and clear election processes.

Ontario's *MEA*, which will be thirty years old by the 2026 election, requires a complete overhaul to align with the 21st century, addressing the impacts of the digital era. This includes setting standards for online voting, updating the language to reflect the shift from paper-based processes to electronic methods, and adapting to technological changes that could affect the democratic process.

Furthermore, streamlining and modernizing the *MEA* will help voters, candidates, contributors, and advertisers better understand their responsibilities, while also reducing the operational and administrative burden on election officials.

AMCTO recommends updating the *MEA* by mid-2025 to allow adequate time for planning ahead of the 2026 elections. They further recommend that the *MEA* be reviewed and updated every four years to keep pace with changing voter expectations, technology, and trends.

The Inter-Governmental Affairs committee supports the efforts of AMCTO in addition to the endorsement of Thunder Bay's City Clerk and Returning Officer, Krista Power, and as such the following motion is presented for Council's consideration:

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated November 13, 2024, we recommend that the Province be called upon to update the *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)* with priority amendments as outlined by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), in advance of Summer 2025 to allow adequate time for planning for the 2026 municipal elections;

AND THAT the Province commence work to review and re-write the *MEA* with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

AND THAT the *MEA* be reviewed and updated every four years to keep pace with changing voter expectations, technology, and trends;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Education, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP Thunder Bay– Atikokan, MPP Thunder Bay–Superior North, and AMCTO;

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



## Memorandum

то:	Krista Power, Director of Legislative <b>FILE:</b> Services & City Clerk	
FROM:	Councillor Kristen Oliver Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee	
DATE:	11/19/2024	
SUBJECT:	Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations	
MEETING & DATE:	Committee of the Whole - 12/02/2024	

The forest sector is vital to Ontario's economy, employing 137,000 people and, since 2018, investing over \$3.8 billion in Ontario. However, the industry faces serious challenges, including mill closures. In the last year, alone, Ontario has seen three pulp, paper, and containerboard mills idle or close, negatively impacting communities and the solid wood mills that depend on these facilities.

A potential increase in U.S. softwood lumber tariffs could further impact the industry. U.S. tariffs on softwood lumber are expected to double in 2025, to approximately 30%.

The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) has put forward several recommendations to the Province, aimed at harnessing the significant economic and environmental potential of Ontario's forest resources, ultimately contributing to the growth and sustainability of the province.

Key OFIA recommendations include:

- Expanding the Forest Biomass Program,
- Securing longer and larger power purchase agreements for biomass-fired energy, and
- Increasing funding for the Forest Access Roads Program to support infrastructure upgrades.

These measures and others recommended by OFIA, intend to support the forest industry, address energy needs, and ensure the long-term economic sustainability of Ontario's forest sector.

The following motion is provided for Council's consideration:

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated November 19, 2024, we recommend support of the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations aimed at attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario;

AND THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement, Minister of Mines, Minister of Energy and Electrification, Minister of Finance, Minister of Northern Development/Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation, MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan/ Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products, MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North, and all NOMA member municipalities;

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

Attach: NOMA Resolution



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Date: October 31, 2024

#### Resolution 2024-35:

Background:

WHEREAS, the success of the forest sector is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Ontario communities, employing 137,000 people;

WHEREAS, the forest industry has invested over \$3.8 billion in Ontario since 2018;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to market global investment in the bioeconomy, similar to critical minerals and electric vehicle manufacturing, and become a leading international jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, the North American pulp and paper sector has seen a significant rationalization in production capacity, with investment dollars going to competing international jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, in the last year, Ontario has seen three pulp, paper, and containerboard mills idle or close, negatively impacting communities and the solid wood mills that depend on these facilities as markets for mill by-products and pulpwood;

WHEREAS, U.S. tariffs on softwood lumber are expected to double in 2025, to approximately 30%;

WHEREAS, Ontario should work with federal colleagues to pursue a softwood lumber settlement that works in the best interests of Ontario lumber producers and advocate for a financial backstop;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to procure greater amounts of energy (i.e., electricity, heat, fuels, biochar, etc.) from forestry by-products and forests to assist in heavy industry decarbonization and Ontario's forecasted electricity demands;

WHEREAS, Ontario's successful and oversubscribed *Forest Biomass Program* should continue post-2027;

WHEREAS, Ontario will actively seek investment to restart idled softwood kraft lines in Ontario and Quebec to provide immediate relief for some sawmill producers;

WHEREAS, Ontario's \$10 million *Sawmill Chip Program*, ending March 25, 2025, will likely need to continue and expand in the absence of an immediate restart of a currently idled pulp mill to avoid curtailments at solid wood facilities;

WHEREAS, 5-year bilateral power purchase agreements (PPAs) with forest biomass-fired electrical generation facilities are insufficient and should be expanded both in terms of length and volume to provide communities, industry, and workers with a certain future;

WHEREAS, the public *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*, which provides for the public use of Ontario's forests, should be increased to \$75 million/year to reflect inflationary pressures and support legacy infrastructure upgrades (i.e., roads, bridges, and water crossings).

#### Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association support the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations in support of attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Minister Vic Fedeli -Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Heather Potter - Chief of Staff, Minister Graydon Smith, Natural Resources, Adam Bloskie, Chief of Staff, Associate Minister Kevin Holland - Forestry and Forest Products, Dan Jacobs - Chief Advisor (Acting), Minister Andrea Khanjin - Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister Todd McCarthy - Environment, Conservation and Parks, Brock Hamley - Chief of Staff, Minister George Pirie - Mines, Tara Barry - Chief of Staff, Minister Stephen Lecce - Energy and Electrification, Matt Hiraishi - Chief of Staff, Associate Minister Sam Oosterhoff - Energy Intensive Industries, Crystal Mason - Chief of Staff, Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy - Finance, Cam Vidler - Chief of Staff, Minister Greg Rickford - Northern Development & Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation, MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North), and all NOMA member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks.

Moved By: Lisa Teeple, Councillor of the Township of Emo Seconded By: Wendy Brunetta, Councillor of the Town of Fort Frances

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President, NOMA



## Memorandum

TO:	Krista Power, Director of Legislative <b>FILE:</b> Services & City Clerk	
FROM:	Councillor Kristen Oliver Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee	
DATE:	11/19/2024	
SUBJECT:	Post-Graduation Work Permit Program Reforms	
MEETING & DATE:	Committee of the Whole - 12/02/2024	

At the November 13, 2024 Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee (IGAC) meeting, the committee discussed recent reforms to the Federal Government's Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) program.

Organizations, including Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC) and Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) have expressed strong concerns over the reforms, which they believe will negatively impact the local economy and workforce. The reforms exclude PGWP key programs at Confederation College that are aligned with the needs of employers in Northwestern Ontario, including fields such as engineering, dental hygiene, early childhood education, and business. These exclusions will worsen the region's skills shortages and threaten businesses' ability to fill critical labour gaps.

Northwestern Ontario, unlike urban areas in other parts of Canada, may be better positioned to welcome new residents and address labour shortages without overwhelming resources, such as housing and infrastructure. Directing immigration efforts toward rural and remote areas like Northwestern Ontario will help to revitalize local economies, contribute to the region's growth and ensure a vibrant future for our communities.

The above-noted organizations have submitted letters to the Prime Minister and Minister of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship, urging the Federal Government to delay implementing the PGWP reforms beyond November 1st. They believe this delay would allow for meaningful engagement with stakeholders to ensure the program meets the region's unique labour market needs and prevents disruptions to businesses and educational programs.

IGAC supports the call to delay implementation of the PGWP reforms, and as such, the following motion is provided for Council's consideration:

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated November 19, 2024, we recommend that Council calls for the Federal Government to delay the implementation of PGWP reforms as these changes will have profound negative impacts on Northwestern Ontario and worsen the region's critical labour gaps;

AND THAT the delay of PGWP reforms would allow the Federal Government the necessary time to engage collaboratively with industry leaders, provincial authorities, and the public college sector, to safeguard economic growth in Thunder Bay and across Northwestern Ontario;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Prime Minister and Minister of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship in addition to the Presidents of Confederation College and Lakehead University;

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



## Memorandum

Office of the City Clerk Fax: 623-5468 Telephone: 625-2230

TO: Mayor & Council

**FROM:** Krista Power, Director – Legislative Services & City Clerk

DATE: Tuesday, November 19, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Outstanding List for Operations Session as of November 19, 2024 Committee of the Whole – December 2, 2024

The following items are on the outstanding list for Operations:

Reference Number (yyyy-nnn- MTG)	Department/Div	Outstanding Item Subject	Resolution Report Back Date - (on or before date)	Revised Report Back Date - (on or before date) (Memos presented at COW updating or delaying Item)
2014-002- INO	Infrastructure & Operations / Engineering & Operations	Residential Wattage Reduction Report	No date included in original resolution	May-05-2025
2020-047- INO	Infrastructure & Operations / Engineering & Operations	Electric Scooter Pilot Participation	Dec-01-2026	Feb-01-2027
2021-108- INO	Infrastructure & Operations/Engine ering & Operations	Tactile Walking Indicators	Jan-15-2024	Jun-01-2025

2023-104- INO	Infrastructure & Operations/Engine ering & Operations	Leland Avenue Median Naturalization	Dec-07-2026	
2024-101- INO	Infrastructure, Development & Operations/Engine ering & Operations	Cemetery By- law Amended Resolution	Oct-7-2024	Dec-16-2024
2024-102- INO	Infrastructure, Development & Operations/Engine ering & Operations	Request for Report - Outdoor Rink Operations	Dec-16-2024	
2024-103- INO	Infrastructure, Development & Operations	Red Light Camera Program	Oct-28-2024	Dec-2-2024
2024-104- INO	Infrastructure, Development & Operations	Coalition of Waverly Park Fountain	Dec-02-2024	