



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 23, 2025, 9:40 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:

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
Kelly Robertson, Commissioner - Community Services
Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement
Matthew Miedema, Director - Engineering
Constable Sal Carchidi, Traffic Unit - Thunder Bay Police Service
Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

1. **City Council**

Chair: Acting Mayor Shelby Ch'ng

2. Opening Ceremonies

One Minute of Silence.

3. Disclosures of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to the June 23, 2025 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 2, 2025;
2. The Thunder Bay City Council Special Session - Community Economic Development Commission Annual General Meeting held on June 16, 2025 were distributed separately on Friday, June 20, 2025;
3. The Thunder Bay City Council (Public Meeting) held on June 16, 2025 were distributed separately on June 20, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

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

1. The Thunder Bay City Council held on June 2, 2025;
2. The Thunder Bay City Council Special Session - Community Economic Development Commission Annual General Meeting held on June 16, 2025;

3. The Thunder Bay City Council (Public Meeting) held on June 16, 2025.

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 2, 2025 Committee of the Whole;
2. June 16, 2025 Committee of the Whole were distributed separately on Friday, June 20, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

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

1. June 2, 2025 Committee of the Whole;
2. June 16, 2025 Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

6.2 Ward Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the following Ward Meetings to be received:

1. Meeting 01-2025 of the Current River Ward held on April 8, 2025;
2. Meeting 01-2025 of the McIntyre Ward held on February 26, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

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

1. Meeting 01-2025 of the Current River Ward held on April 8, 2025;
2. Meeting 01-2025 of the McIntyre Ward held on February 26, 2025.

CARRIED

7. Ratifying Resolution

The City Clerk advised that the resolution previously adopted by Committee of the Whole held earlier in the evening required ratification by Council. Under Council's policy a two-thirds vote of Council was necessary.

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

THAT the following ratifying resolution be introduced, read, dealt with individually:

1. Legal Matter – Litigation - Report 2025CLS.033 (Legal Services)
2. Surplus Property Declaration (3 Properties) - Report 2025CLS.026 (Growth - Realty Services)

CARRIED

8. By-laws and By-law Resolution

8.1 By-law 158-2025 - A By-law to Amend the Parking By-law

A By-law to amend By-law 075-2024, the Parking By-law.

8.2 By-law 159-2025 - User Fee By-law Amendment

A By-law to amend By-law Number 024-2025, being a by-law to set fees and charges imposed for various Municipal Services.

8.3 By-law 211-2025 - Designated Truck Route By-law

A By-law to establish a Designated Truck Route through the City of Thunder Bay.

Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner - Infrastructure & Operations dated June 18, 2025 providing information in response to questions asked at the June 2, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting relative to the Designated Truck Route Report 200-2025-Infrastructure & Operations-Engineering was distributed separately on Friday, June 20, 2025.

Confidential Memorandum from Solicitor Michael Grimaldi, dated May 29, 2025 containing additional information relative to Report 200-2025 Designated Truck Route By-law Information was distributed separately to

Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, Commissioner-Growth and Commissioner-Infrastructure & Operations on Friday, May 30, 2025.

Confidential Memorandum from Solicitor Michael Grimaldi dated June 17, 2025 relative to Report 200-2025 Designated Truck Route By-law Information was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, and Commissioner-Infrastructure & Operations on Thursday, June 19, 2025.

Memorandum from Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power dated June 20, 2025 attaching a petition containing 216 signatures, received by the Office of the City Clerk relative to By-law 211-2025 – Designated Truck Route was distributed separately on Friday, June 20, 2025.

Memorandum from Councillor Mark Bentz dated June 23, 2025 providing a Motion to Refer the Designated Truck Route By-law, By-law 211-2025 was distributed separately on Monday, June 23, 2025.

Consultant - Arcadis Professional Services Margaret Parkhill appeared before Committee electronically and responded to questions.

Constable Sal Carchidi, Traffic Unit - Thunder Bay Police Service appeared before Committee and responded to questions.

8.4 By-law Resolution - June 23, 2025 - City Council

It was requested that By-law Number 211-2025 Designated Truck Route as contained in By-law Resolution - June 23, 2025 - City Council be voted on separately.

By-law Resolution - June 23, 2025 - City Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

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

By-law Number: 158- 2025

1. A By-law to amend the Parking By-law;

By-law Number: 159-2025
2. A By-law to amend the User Fee By-law

CARRIED

By-law 211-2025

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga
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 211-2025
1. A By-law to designate a Truck Route in the City of Thunder Bay

Referral – By-law 211-2025

A recorded vote was requested on the following resolution, the results of which are as follows:

YEA	NAY
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

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz
 SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to By-law 211-2025 – Designated Truck Route, we recommend that this By-law be referred to Administration for the purpose of collaborating with Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) officials, MPP Holland and MPP Vaugeois to express City Council’s concerns for motorist safety on the Thunder Bay Expressway as it relates to the DTR and acquire commitments that the following safety upgrades will be made to the Expressway prior to the implementation of the DTR:

1. That the south-bound approach to the Oliver Road intersection on the Thunder Bay Expressway be equipped with advance warning lights to alert long-haul truck drivers of an impending red light to ensure they have sufficient notice for a controlled stop.
2. That traffic signal synchronization be explored for the Thunder Bay Expressway to improve the safe travel of long-haul trucks through the many intersections within the city limits that will see large increases in truck traffic.

AND THAT Administration report back to City Council with the results of their collaborations with the MTO and local MPP’s regarding these matters so that safety issues on the Expressway are addressed to the satisfaction of Thunder Bay City Council prior to the implementation of the Designated Truck Route.

LOST

By-law 211-2025

A recorded vote was requested on the following resolution, the results of which are as follows:

YEA	NAY
	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	
Councillor Michael Zussino	

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga
 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 211-2025

1. A By-law to designate a Truck Route in the City of Thunder Bay

CARRIED

During the discussion of the above noted item, the following resolution was passed.

11:00 p.m. Resolution

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver
 SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

THAT the hour being 11:00 p.m., we continue with the business at hand.

CARRIED

9. Notice of Motion

9.1 Report Back - Temporary Village Initiative - Site Location Comparison

Memorandum from Councillor Kasey Etreni dated June 19, 2025 providing a Motion to Rescind the resolution ratified by Council on May 5, 2025 relating to the Report 143-2025–Growth–Strategy & Engagement – Report Back – Temporary Village Initiative – Site Location Comparison, for Council's consideration, was distributed separately on Friday, June 20, 2025.

Memorandum from Director - Strategy & Engagement Cynthia Olsen dated June 19, 2025 providing additional information to inform Notice of

Motion - Temporary Village Initiative - Safety Assessment Findings, for information, was distributed separately on Friday, June 20, 2025.

Notice of Motion to Suspend the Rules - Report Back - Temporary Village Initiative - Site Location Comparison

A recorded vote was requested on the following resolution, the results of which are as follows:

YEA	NAY
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

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to By-law 51/2021 A By-law to govern the proceedings of meetings of City Council and its Committees, we recommend that Rule 9.02(a)(1), as set out below, be suspended relative to City Council's prior decision of May 5, 2025 relative to Report 143-2025:

9. 9.02(a)(1) *Introduced at City Council*

AND THAT if the above noted rule is suspended that requires the timelines of introduction and debate at the subsequent meeting of City Council which allows debate at the same meeting of presentation;

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

CARRIED

Notice of Motion to Rescind - Report Back - Temporary Village Initiative - Site Location Comparison

A recorded vote was requested on the following resolution, the results of which are as follows:

YEA	NAY
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

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to Report 143-2025-Growth-Strategy & Engagement, we recommend that Kam River Heritage Park be approved as the site for the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative;

AND THAT Appropriation Change Order 07-2025 be approved;

AND THAT the Director, Strategy & Engagement have delegated authority to make decisions regarding operationalizing the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative;

AND THAT the Director, Strategy & Engagement be authorized to execute documents for the Temporary Shelter Village Initiative and for the duration of the project, on terms satisfactory to the City Solicitor and City Manager;

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

CARRIED

Motion to Refer the Matter - Report Back - Temporary Village Initiative - Site Location Comparison

A recorded vote was requested on the following resolution, the results of which are as follows:

YEA	NAY
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

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the location of the proposed Temporary Village approved within Report 384-2024 (Enhanced Encampment Response – A Human Rights-Based Community Action Plan), we recommend that Administration review alternate locations for the Temporary Village that may include locations previously reviewed by City Council;

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

CARRIED

During the discussion of the above noted item, the following resolution was passed.

12:00 a.m. Resolution

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

THAT the hour being 12:00 a.m., we continue with the business at hand.

CARRIED

11. Confirming By-law and Confirming By-law Resolution

11.1 Confirming By-law Resolution - June 23, 2025 - City Council

By-law 201-2025 a By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 23rd day of June 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

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

By-law Number: 201-2025

1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 23rd day of June, 2025.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 am

Acting Mayor

City Clerk