



Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 4:01 p.m.

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1. Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting 06-2025

Chair: Councillor Kristen Oliver

2. Members

Mayor Ken Boshcoff
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Kasey Etreni
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

3. Officials

John Collin, City Manager
Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Jeff Walters, Deputy City Clerk
Leanne Lavoie, Executive Administrator

4. Resource Persons

Larry Joy, Policy Assistant to the Mayor
Stephanie Reid, Acting Supervisor – Corporate Communications & Community
Engagement
Jamie Taylor, CEO – CEDC

5. Guests

Matthew Jollineau, Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic
Kelly Robertson, Commissioner – Community Services
Sean Malcolm, Supervisor of Equipment – Transit

6. Disclosures of Interest

7. Agenda Approval

MOVED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the June 25, 2025 meeting of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

8. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting 05-2025 of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, held on May 14, 2025, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 05-2025 Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, held on May 14, 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED

9. Presentation/Deputation

9.1 Advocacy for TBDSSAB and Local Housing Solutions Funding

Correspondence from Matthew Jollineau, Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic, dated June 18, 2025 requesting to provide a deputation to IGAC relative to advocacy for increased funding for The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) and for local housing solutions.

Correspondence from Matthew Jollineau, dated June 23, 2025 with additional information, distributed separately on June 24, 2025.

Matthew Jollineau appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions relative a request for strategies to successfully lobby the provincial government to:

- Increase funding for TBDSSAB to provide resources to quickly repair vacant housing units and build more units to meet the need

- Contribute funding to the Community, Youth, and Cultural Fund to allow the fund to create a new grant stream for homelessness prevention and for housing solutions
- Contribute funding to the Accelerator Fund to allow more local developers and non-profit corporations to create transitional and rent-geared-to-income housing
- Provide funding for Thunder Bay by-law enforcement to ensure that short-term rental units are taxed according to their actual use
- Provide funding for the creation of shelter spaces for people that cannot receive shelter at the current local shelters, such as families, youth under 16, and women with children who are not fleeing domestic violence

There was discussion relative to provincial funding programs available to address the issues identified in the deputation.

It was noted that affordable housing is TBDSSAB's role, not the role of the municipality. It was also noted that the above-noted issues were raised at the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) Annual General Meeting held earlier in June. The deputant was advised that there could be an opportunity to advocate to the government through NOSDA, an organization that champions effective and coordinated delivery of health and human services from a Northern perspective.

Members recommended that the deputant reach out to the TBDSSAB Board Chair with a request to provide a presentation to TBDSSAB. TBDSSAB is a member of NOSDA.

9.2 Advocacy for Expansion of Motive Power Apprenticeship Seats – Confederation College

Correspondence from Supervisor of Equipment – Transit Sean Malcolm, dated June 13, 2025, requesting support in advocating to the Ontario Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development for an urgent increase in the number of Motive Power Apprenticeship seats allocated to Confederation College.

Sean Malcolm provided a PowerPoint presentation, including:

- Confederation College is currently the only local training institution for motive power apprentices and there is a large backlog due to insufficient funding
- Increasing apprenticeship seats would align with the City's Smart Growth Action Plan and the plan for Transforming Thunder Bay Transit
- The City relies on Motive Power Technicians for Transit, Roads, Parks and Emergency Services
- Shortage of Motive Power Technicians leads to longer vehicle/equipment downtime, increased reliance on contractors, higher operating costs and disruption to essential services
- Seeking IGAC help for advocacy to immediately expand apprenticeship seats at Confederation College for the Motive Power Program, and to review Northern Ontario seat allocations to better reflect our real and growing workforce needs

There was discussion relative to shortages in all skilled trades and associated college programs. It was noted that Confederation College has capacity to expand enrollment in skilled trade programs. It was also noted that IGAC and Confederation College have both previously advocated for increased funding for skilled trades, as all skilled trades are experiencing shortages.

10. AMO Delegation Requests - CTB

Policy Assistant to the Mayor Larry Joy provided an update on CTB delegation requests for the 2025 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference, to be held August 17-20, 2025 in Ottawa.

A list of 2025 AMO delegation requests was distributed separately on June 25, 2025. Larry Joy advised that CTB's delegation requests have not yet been granted by the Ministers offices.

There was discussion relative to safety issues on the Thunder Bay Expressway following approval of the Designated Truck Route By-law.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni
 SECONDED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

WITH RESPECT to anticipated increased traffic on the Thunder Bay Expressway following City Council's passing of the Designated Truck Route By-law, we

recommend advocating to the Ministry of Transportation for improved safety measures on the Thunder Bay Expressway, including but not limited to early warning lights before intersections.

CARRIED

11. AMO Delegations - TBDHU and TBPSB

At the May 14, 2025 IGAC meeting, discussion was held relative to potential AMO delegations from Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) and Thunder Bay Police Service Board (TBPSB). Further discussion was deferred to the June 25, 2025 committee meeting.

Correspondence from Chief Darcy Fleury, Thunder Bay Police Service dated May 22, 2025 relative to priorities for the Thunder Bay Police Service Board/TBPSB, for information.

There was discussion relative to issues for advocacy from TBDHU, and it was determined that TBDHU should be encouraged to apply for delegation status at a future AMO conference.

12. Correspondence

12.1 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference

Correspondence from The Honourable Kinga Surma Minister of Infrastructure dated May 21, 2025 relative to the City of Thunder Bay delegation to the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference, distributed to Members of Council on May 26, 2025, for information.

12.2 New Business Correspondence - Ontario's Big City Mayors

Ontario's Big City Mayors press release dated June 17, 2025 relative to key priorities for Ontario's largest municipalities, distributed separately on June 24, 2025, for information.

Ontario's Big City Mayors motion requesting that the federal government commit to working with OBCM and municipalities on changes to development charges in new housing legislation, distributed separately on June 24, 2025, for information.

Ontario's Big City Mayors motion requesting the provincial government implement the blue ribbon panel's report and recommendations for the post-secondary sector, distributed separately on June 24, 2025, for information.

There was discussion relative to the OBCM motion urging the federal government to collaborate on development charge changes in housing legislation. The motion followed a recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Ottawa, where Prime Minister Mark Carney indicated that he would cut development charges in half and make municipalities whole as part of the federal government's new housing initiatives.

It was determined that IGAC supports the motion, but municipalities that do not charge development charges, such as Thunder Bay, should be handled differently.

MOVED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the motion passed by Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) relative to development charges, we recommend that City Council support OBCM's motion and request that the federal government commit to working with OBCM in the development of new housing legislation with changes to collection of development charges;

AND THAT municipalities be consulted on the impact of changes to development charges;

AND THAT we request a conversation between the federal government and OBCM about how the federal government will achieve the Prime Minister's commitment to keep municipalities whole;

AND THAT if approved, a copy of the resolution passed by City Council be provided to

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance and National Revenue
- The Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure

- The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs and One Canadian Economy
- Rebecca Bligh, President - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- Josh Morgan, Chair - Big City Mayors' Caucus
- Robin Jones, President - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Karen Redman, Chair - Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO)

CARRIED

The above noted resolution will be presented to an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting for City Council's information and input.

It was determined that further discussion relative to municipalities that don't collect development charges would be deferred to the September IGAC meeting.

13. Outstanding Items

Memorandum from Executive Administrator Leanne Lavoie, dated June 18, 2025 providing the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Outstanding Items List, for information.

14. New Business

15. Next Meeting

The next regular Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.