



Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Present:

Councillor Rajni Agarwal
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Kasey Etreni
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

Officials:

Jeff Walters, Deputy City Clerk
John Collin, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Keri Greaves, Commissioner - Corporate Services & City Treasurer
Kerri Marshall, Commissioner - Growth
Kelly Robertson, Commissioner - Community Services
Joel DePeuter, Director – Development Services
Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement
Matthew Pearson, Senior Advisor - Growth
Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

1. Growth Standing Committee in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium (Council Chambers) at 7:00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

2. Land Acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Councillor Kasey Etreni provided a Land Acknowledgement.

3. Disclosures of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

WITH RESPECT to the Tuesday, September 23, 2025 Growth Standing Committee meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

5. Reports of Administration

5.1 Science North Thunder Bay Waterfront Location

Report 294-2025-Growth-Development Services-Realty Services requesting endorsement of the Standing Committee relative to the identified site for development of the proposed new Science North Thunder Bay Waterfront location.

Correspondence received from Property Agent Peder Olsen, dated September 9, 2025 requesting that representatives from Science North provide a deputation relative to the proposed Science North Thunder Bay Waterfront Location.

Correspondence dated September 18, 2025 from CEO - Thunder Bay Community Economic Commission Jamie Taylor providing a letter in support of the development of a proposed new Science North facility with the Cultural Campus on Thunder Bay's waterfront, for information, was distributed separately on Monday, September 22, 2025.

CEO Ashley Larose and Director of Operations Mitch Seguin - Science North appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

WITH RESPECT to Report 294-2025-Growth-Development Services-Realty Services we request endorsement of the Standing Committee to forward the following recommendation to City Council:

WE RECOMMEND THAT the property of approximately 1.08 ha (2.68 ac) within the

Cultural Campus of Phase 2 of the Waterfront Development as shown on Attachment “A” to this report be the identified site for development of the proposed new Science North Thunder Bay Waterfront location;

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

CARRIED

6. Petitions and Communications

6.1 Versorium's Power Generation Facility Request for Municipal Support

Deputation request from Chris Codd - Versorium Energy Ltd. dated September 5, 2025 relative to a proposed cogeneration power project known as Central Ave. Generating Facility.

Memorandum from Manager-Planning Services Devon McCloskey dated September 8, 2025 relative to the proposed Versorium's Power Generation Facility, for information.

Chris Codd and Jeff Trynchy - Versorium Energy Ltd., and Frederic Lebel and Giorgio Spagarino - Enerflex, appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

6.2 Smart Growth Action Plan - Council and Community Engagement Plan

Memorandum from Senior Advisor-Growth Matthew Pearson dated September 15, 2025 relative to the Smart Growth Action Plan - Council and Community Engagement was distributed separately on Friday, September 19, 2025.

Senior Advisor-Growth Matthew Pearson appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.