



Ward Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 2025, 6:57 p.m.

Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre

700 River Street

1. Red River Ward Meeting 02-2025

Chair: Councillor Michael Zussino

2. Resource Persons

Crystal DePeuter, Council & Committee Clerk

3. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair provided a land acknowledgement and introductory comments.

There were approximately 19 people in attendance.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the 01-2025 Ward meeting held on March 27, 2025, for information.

5. Ward and City Issues

The Chair provided updates on the following capital projects:

- Work on Theresa Street (Madeline Street to Bruce Street) has been completed. Concerns were raised relative to erosion of an unpaved section and the placement of a draining tile. The Chair advised that he will raise the concern with Administration.
- Work on High Street (River Street to High Street) is nearing completion.

- Pedestrian walks have been installed on Red River Road, Golf Links Road (x2). Transformers will need to be installed before the walks can be energized.
- Installation of the Multi-use Trail on Oliver Road will be starting this Fall. It will be a multi-year project.
- Sidewalks on Marlborough Street and Clarkson Avenue are completed.
- Streetscape work on Red River Road (Court Street to Cumberland Street) is nearing completion. Streetlight installation at Court Street and Red River Road along with art installation on Mall Walk are pending.
- Renovations to the Festival Area at Marina Park are coming. A concern was raised relative to a lack of information on the project. The Chair advised that he will request information from Administration. There was discussion relative to the Drone Show.

The Chair shared information about a garbage can art project he spearheaded and advised that these are in place at the Pool 6 site.

Discussion was held relative to synchronization of lights on Arthur Street, Harbour Expressway, and Red River Road and the delay in implementation. The Chair advised that he will request information from Administration on why the project is delayed.

Discussion was held relative to the timing of construction projects on main thoroughfares and the disruption to traffic.

Discussion was held relative to the different types of crosswalks and the delay in implementation. The Chair advised that he will request information from Administration.

Discussion was held relative to unsatisfactory post-project work and damage incurred as a result of improvements to the pedestrian bridge over McVicar Creek and a request was made to have the garbage can moved back to the original placing. The Chair advised that he will raise this issue with Administration.

Discussion was held relative to the Designated Truck Route. Concerns were raised about the delay in signage, trucks using Oliver Road and Golf Links Road as an alternative, and the potential for traffic delays due to the time required for

the trucks to turn left onto the Highway. The Chair advised that he will request information from Administration on the delay and raise the concerns regarding alternate routes and left turning.

Discussion was held relative to illegal exhaust systems on vehicles. The Chair requested that more information be provided to him and encouraged residents to report occurrences with the police for enforcement.

Discussion was held relative to the upgrades with Delaney Arena and Fort William Stadium, and concerns were raised about the functionality of the scoreboard. The Chair advised that he will raise the concern with Administration.

Discussion was held relative to oversight and accountability in light of the number of delays for large projects. The Chair advised that multi-year budgeting will alleviate some of the pressures associated with planning.

The Chair provided an update on the following city-wide initiatives:

- Multi-use Indoor Turf Facility is on track to open next Fall. NOHFC funding was received and will lower the debenture. The operator has not yet been determined.
- Victoriaville Demolition is moving along, and residents can now see through Victoria Avenue. Next Spring work will begin on roads.
- The new garbage cans have rolled out to 25% of users. At this point collection is every week; however, once the organics program has started it will move to every 2 weeks.
- The Chair shared information related to Leaf & Yard Waste collection.
- The Chair shared that he has engaged with the by-law office with respect to the need to regulate lawn company signs on lawns.

A request was made to ensure tree branches along walkways and sidewalks are trimmed to a reasonable height to accommodate pedestrians. The Chair advised that he will share the request with Administration.

Discussion was held relative to the transit system with complaints shared regarding an increase in cancelled routes, a lack of timely communication about cancelled routes, service refusals, and overflowing garbage containers. The Chair advised that he will raise the concerns with Administration.

Discussion was held relative to the Central Avenue Generating Facility with a concern raised about the consultation processes.

Discussion was held relative to a potential ban of municipal speed cameras, and a question was raised regarding current investments in the program. The Chair advised that there are no investments.

Discussion was held relative to the rehabilitation of roads and the timeline for Blanchard Street, Ibbetson Street, and Madeline Street. The Chair advised that he will have more information after the proposed capital budget for 2025 and 2026 is presented.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.