



Quality of Life Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 7:02 p.m.

S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Present: Mayor Ken Boshcoff
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Greg Johnsen
Councillor Kristen Oliver

Officials: Jeff Walters, Manager – Legislative Services & Deputy City Clerk
John Collin, City Manager
Michael Grimaldi, Solicitor
Keri Greaves, Commissioner - Corporate Services & City Treasurer
Kelly Robertson, Commissioner-Community Services
Mathew Miedema, Acting Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations
Dave Paxton, Chief of Fire
Dave Tarini, Deputy Chief of Fire
Jack Avella, Director - Corporate Information Technology
Shawna Fowlds, GIS & Data Coordinator
Katie Piché, Council & Committee Clerk

1. Quality of Life Standing Committee in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium (Council Chambers)

Chair: Councillor Kristen Oliver

2. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Greg Johnsen provided a land acknowledgement.

3. Disclosures of Interest

4. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

WITH RESPECT to the October 14, 2025 Quality of Life Standing Committee meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

5.1 City Neighbourhood Services - Interactive Map Launch

Director-Corporate Information Technology Jack Avella to provide a presentation relative to the City Neighbourhood Services Interactive Map Launch.

Director-Corporate Information Technology Jack Avella and GIS & Data Coordinator Shawna Fowlds appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

6. Deputations

6.1 Fire Smart Plan

Correspondence from Laird Van Damme, dated September 5, 2025 requesting to provide a deputation relative to developing a Fire Smart Plan.

Laird Van Damme appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Referral - Fire Smart Plan

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the deputation from Laird Van Damme relative to the City of Thunder Bay implementing a Fire Smart Plan, we recommend that Administration report back to the Quality of Life Standing Committee for consideration of the development and refinement of a Fire Smart Plan.

CARRIED

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of Quality of Life Standing Committee, held on September 23, 2025, for information.

8. Reports of Administration

8.1 Operating Model Indoor Turf Facility

Report 313-2025-Community Services seeking feedback from the Standing Committee on the proposed operating model for the facility and providing information on the use of a third party operator or the City of Thunder Bay taking on the operation of the facility, for information.

Confidential Memorandum from Commissioner-Community Services Kelly Robertson dated October 8, 2025 relative to Report 313-2025-Operating Model Indoor Turf Facility, for information was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, Commissioner-Community Services and Director-Human Resources on Friday, October 10, 2025.

Commissioner-Community Services Kelly Robertson provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.