



Northwood Ward Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Kinsmen Youth Centre
609 James Street N.

1. Northwood Ward Meeting 02-2025

Chair: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

2. Resource Persons

Krista Power, Director of Legislation & City Clerk
Jason Sherband, Manager - Solid Waste & Recycling Services
Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

3. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed those in attendance, introduced Administration and provided introductory comments.

There were 11 people in attendance.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the 01-2025 Northwood Ward meeting held on April 30, 2025 were provided, for information.

5. New Governance Structure - Standing Committees

Director of Legislation & City Clerk Krista Power provided an overview of the new governance structure adopted by City Council, Corporate By-law 217-2025 - A by-law to govern the proceedings of meetings of City Council and its Committees; how the new governance structure works; resources and engagement opportunities available to assist with public understanding; and responded to questions.

Some of the items discussed as follows:

What has Changed:

Committee of the Whole, made up of the same 13 members as City Council, previously received information, passed recommendations, then approved those decisions through the presentation and approval of the minutes 1 or 2 weeks later at City Council. This construct may be challenging for the public to understand how Council makes decisions.

The New Governance Structure is made up of 3 Standing Committees: Finance & Administration, Quality of Life, and Growth.

Meetings were previously held every Monday, except for holidays, and are now held on Tuesdays. The calendar of meetings can be found on the City of Thunder Bay's Calendar of Events webpage [Calendar - City of Thunder Bay](#), and on City Council's Agendas and Minutes webpage [Current Agendas and Minutes - City of Thunder Bay](#).

Administration will conduct a complete review to determine how the new governance structure is working; feedback will be received from City Council, City Staff and the Public to inform the report.

More information, including the Procedural By-law - By-law 217-2025, and an Info-graphic entitled "City Council Decision Making Road Map" can be found on the City of Thunder Bay's City Council webpage [City Council - City of Thunder Bay](#).

Public Engagement Opportunities:

- Thunder Bay Talks - Wednesday, October 22, 2025 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Moose Hall, 434 Fort William Road
 - An opportunity to have conversations with City staff about the services, projects, and plans that shape Thunder Bay

The Office of the City Clerk is available to respond to any questions and can be reached by email at officeofthecityclerk@thunderbay.ca or by phone at 807-625-2230 ext. 9.

The Chair thanked Administration for the presentation.

6. New Automated Garbage Cart Roll-out

Manager - Solid Waste & Recycling Services provided an overview of the new Automated Garbage Cart program and responded to questions.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. some of the items discussed as follows:

- Automated Recycling Cart Update
 - On July 1, 2024 residential recycling services in Thunder Bay transitioned to Producer control both operationally and financially
 - GFL is the contractor hired by the Producers
 - Switching to the cart removed the expense of purchasing blue bags
 - GFL is responsible for delivery and maintenance of the recycling carts
 - If you have questions about recycling, cart delivery or use, call GFL at 1-844-870-4351 (local toll-free) or email thunderbayrecycling@gflenv.com
- Automated Garbage Cart Roll Out
 - Approximately 25% of Thunder Bay residential households received garbage carts in this initial phase of the program
 - The remaining 75% of residential households will receive garbage carts in the spring of 2026
 - Moving to an automated cart-based collection system for garbage is a big improvement to waste collection services in Thunder Bay
 - The new system will improve worker health and safety, reduce litter, and make it easier to get waste to the curb for residents
 - Residential Recycling Carts have been in use for more than a year in Thunder Bay with very few hiccups
 - The City is committed to focused advertising and education around the proper use and placement of the Garbage Cart
 - Garbage will be collected from the carts using the new waste packer trucks with mechanical arms that automatically lift the carts and tip the contents into the trucks
 - For households that received carts during the first phase, garbage set out in garbage cans or bags will no longer be collected as of Sept. 22, 2025
 - A flyer with instructions for cart usage was attached to each delivered cart, for easy reference and reminding residents that garbage should be set out for collection by 7 am on the collection day

- For residents using garbage carts as of Sept. 22, the City recommends re-purposing their old garbage cans for storage, rain barrels or other purposes
 - residents wishing to dispose of their old garbage cans may drop them off from Sept. 29 to Oct. 11 at the signed area in the Administration Building parking lot at the Thunder Bay Solid Waste & Recycling Facility – last left turn before the scales
- For more information, visit www.thunderbay.ca/garbagecarts/
- Residents having collection questions or cart issues are asked to contact the City's Central Dispatch at 807-625-2195
- Leaf & Yard Waste will be picked up during the following weeks: October 7 - 17 and November 4 - 14

A resident asked if a garbage cart breaks, will the City replace it?

- Administration advised that the City will replace it.

The Chair thanked Administration for the presentation.

7. Ward & City Issues

7.1 Tipping Fees for Yard Waste

A resident asked why the City charges tipping fees when people to bring leaf and yard waste to the landfill, but there is no charge when the City picks it up at the curb?

- The leaf and yard waste area at the landfill is run by a 3rd party operator, the tipping fees charged at the landfill help to offset the cost of 3rd party operations.
 - The end product, compost, is then offered free to the public for pick up.

7.2 Trees

A resident asked why it is taking so long to address broken tree limbs and trees that are at end of life on Cambrian Crescent.

The Chair advised that he would visit Cambrian Crescent, and shared the following information:

- The City only has two trucks, one north side and one south side. The crews work through areas systematically, and triages priority cases.

7.3 Vacant and Dilapidated Buildings

A resident asked if there is a plan for where funding received from the Government for the re-purposing or removal of dilapidated buildings will be used?

The Chair advised he will bring this question to next Growth Standing Committee meeting to request information.

7.4 Traffic Concerns

A resident asked how the increased traffic volume will be managed at the Harbour Expressway and Golf Links Road, Golf Links Road and Fanshaw Street, and Oliver Road and Burwood Road, once the developments are completed?

The Chair advised that the increased volume of traffic in the above noted areas also concerns him and that synchronized lights will help alleviate some of the congestion.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.