



## **Northwood Ward Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 26, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Centennial Botanical Conservatory**  
**1601 Dease Street, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5H3**

### **1. Northwood Ward Meeting 01-2026**

Chair: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

### **2. Resource Persons**

Aaron Ward, Project Manager, Growth

Guy Walter, Landscape Architect, Infrastructure & Operations

Wendy Handy, Coordinator - Boards, Committees & Special Projects

### **3. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed those in attendance to the Conservatory and provided introductions for staff.

The Chair acknowledged the passing of Vern Seymour and spoke to his contribution to the community and local governance.

There was approximately 23 people in attendance.

### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the Northwood Ward meeting held on October 16, 2026, for information.

### **5. Centennial Botanical Conservatory Updates**

Guy Walter, Landscape Architect, Infrastructure & Operations provided a brief update that renovations have now been completed and offered a tour to those in attendance after the meeting. Further details relative to the upgrades and future plans were shared during the guided tour that took place.

The hours of operation were shared, along with general rental rates for private bookings. It was noted that the public can enter for free during regular operation hours, with later hours on Thursdays and Fridays.

The Chair expressed his gratitude for the hard work of staff at the Conservatory.

## **6. Golf Links Road Traffic Changes**

Aaron Ward, Project Manager - Growth, provided information relative to planning processes, traffic studies, and infrastructure developments for the Golf Links Road area. A brief outline was shared to explain the process when development occurs within the City and the requirement for traffic studies, along with many other studies, to be completed before projects can move forward.

Members of the community asked questions and discussions were held relative to concerns regarding traffic, growth, and future potential developments, including such topics as:

- Traffic study locations and the area covered to determine placement of traffic signals
- Increased challenges to exit at Fanshaw and the need for traffic signals at that location
- Development potential and timelines for surplus land in the City
- Environmental studies needed prior to development
- Means for public to provide feedback during the process

Aaron Ward, Project Manager - Growth responded to community concerns and provided feedback where possible.

## **7. Ward & City Issues**

### **7.1 Limbrick Street Road Access**

A concern was raised regarding the limited roadway space available in this area as snow has caused narrowing of the street and vehicles struggle to access all parts of the area.

Aaron Ward, Project Manager - Growth acknowledged the response that had previously been provided by City officials to the constituent, but shared that further follow up will take place.

### **7.2 Parking Issues and Reduced Visibility**

A discussion was held relative to the traffic congestion occurring on James Street and Conestoga Street due to parked cars lining streets that have already been narrowed by snow and the dangers of reduced visibility in these areas.

An additional concern was raised regarding the parking lot clearing practices at a condo building on Fanshaw Street that results in very restricted access to the roadway because of cars parking on the road to allow for snow removal in the parking lot.

Aaron Ward, Project Manager - Growth discussed that plows are working to catch up to the significant snow fall that has been experienced in recent days.

### **7.3 Traffic Signal at TBRHSC**

A question was raised relative to the pedestrian crossing lights on Golf Links Road, adjacent to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. A discussion was held regarding the concern that the hospital only has one controlled intersection to access the area.

Aaron Ward, Project Manager - Growth provided information regarding the recent work done in the area to prepare for future traffic signals and that it is being monitored.

### **7.4 Road Condition on James Street**

A concern was raised relative to the condition of the road surface on James Street from Williams Street to Redwood Avenue. The deterioration of the road, leading to pot holes, dips, and unlevel surfaces was mentioned by those in attendance.

Aaron Ward, Project Manager - Growth provided feedback on the factors that determine when work is completed, and the schedule of what is planned for the current year.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Attendees were invited on a guided tour of the Conservatory by Guy Walter.