



Quality of Life Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 7:00 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, Deputy City Clerk
John Collin, City Manager
Michael Grimaldi, Solicitor
Kayla Dixon, Commissioner - Infrastructure & Operations
Keri Greaves, Commissioner - Corporate Services & City
Treasurer
Kerri Marshall, Commissioner - Growth
Kelly Robertson, Commissioner - Community Services
Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement
Louisa Costanzo, Manager - Community Safety & Wellbeing -
Growth
Karen Kerk, CityStudio Coordinator - Growth
Dave Tarini, Acting Fire Chief – Infrastructure & Operations
Robert Wark, Division Chief - Fire Administration - Infrastructure &
Operations
Yvonne Opoku, Council & Committee Clerk

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

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 Shelby Ch'ng

SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the Tuesday, March 24, 2026 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 Poverty Reduction Strategy

Bonnie Kryswaty, Director of Community Projects and Initiatives, Lakehead Social Planning Council, appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

6. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of Quality of Life Standing Committee, held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, for information.

7. Reports of Administration

7.1 CityStudio Pilot – Project Summary

Report 65-2026 - Growth- Strategy & Engagement providing a final report and key learnings from the City Studio Thunder Bay (CS Thunder Bay) pilot project.

Karen Kerk, CityStudio Coordinator and Zulik Nguyen, CityStudio participant, appeared before committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

7.2 Emergency Management Program

Report 25-2026 - Infrastructure & Operations – Thunder Bay Fire Rescue, seeking endorsement from the Quality of Life Standing Committee of the Emergency Management Program which will guide municipal emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities, was distributed separately on Friday, March 20, 2026.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

WITH RESPECT to Report 025-2026-Infrastructure & Operations-Thunder Bay Fire Rescue, we request endorsement of the Standing Committee to forward the following recommendations to City Council:

WE RECOMMEND THAT City Council approve draft By-law 087-2026, including the City of Thunder Bay Emergency Management Program, Emergency Management Plan and Strategy, as attached to this report;

AND THAT By-law 76/2021 (Emergency Plan By-law), as amended, be repealed;

AND THAT City Council enacts the new Emergency Management Program By-law, being By-law 087-2026;

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

CARRIED

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.