



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 16, 2023

Committee of the Whole – Closed Session in the McNaughton Room at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

- Mayor Ken Boshcoff
- Councillor Rajni Agarwal
- Councillor Albert Aiello
- Councillor Mark Bentz
- Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
- Councillor Kasey Etreni
- Councillor Andrew Foulds
- Councillor Trevor Giertuga
- Councillor Brian Hamilton
- Councillor Greg Johnsen
- Councillor Kristen Oliver
- Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
- Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials:

- Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
- Norm Gale, City Manager
- Karen Lewis, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services
- Cynthia Cline, Deputy City Solicitor

1. Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

1.1 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

1.2 REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

1.2.1 CEDC Orientation Session

Jamie Taylor, CEO of the CEDC and Peter Marchl, Chair of the CEDC Board entered the meeting room.

Jamie Taylor and Peter Marchl provided a PowerPoint presentation relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

City Manager Norm Gale responded to questions.

Committee of the Whole – Open Session in the S.H. Blake Auditorium at 6:44 p.m.

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- Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
- Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials:

- Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
- Norm Gale, City Manager
- Linda Evans, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care
- Karen Lewis, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services
- Kerri Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations
- Kelly Robertson, General Manager - Community Services
- Cynthia Olsen, Manager – Community Strategies
- Gordon Stover, Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator

2. Committee of the Whole – Planning

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

3. Disclosures of Interest

4. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the January 16, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

5. Petitions and Communications

5.1 Recommended Project Through CEDC Project Reserve Fund - Investing in Veterinary Capacity for Thunder Bay and Region

Memorandum from Karen Lewis, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services, dated December 19, 2022 containing a motion recommending that the request for funding of up to \$500,000 by Lakehead University for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program for Northwestern Ontario, be approved.

Dr. Moira McPherson, President & Vice-Chancellor - Lakehead University, Jamie Taylor, CEO-CEDC and Mike Denhan, VP - External Relations - CEDC appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Karen Lewis, General Manager Development & Emergency Services, at December 19, 2022, we recommend that the request for funding of up to \$500,000 by Lakehead University for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program for Northwestern Ontario, Project Reserve Fund Request #2022-55, as outlined in Attachment A, be approved;

AND THAT the \$200,000 approved in the 2022 CEDC budget for the Investment Reserve Fund be transferred to the CEDC Project Reserve

Fund;

AND THAT \$300,000 be allocated to Project Request #2022-55 from the CEDC Project Reserve Fund;

AND THAT pending Council's approval of the \$200,000 transfer to the CEDC Project Reserve Fund in the Proposed 2023 budget, \$200,000 be allocated to Project Request #2022-55 from the CEDC Project Reserve;

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

CARRIED

5.2 Bill 42 - Gender Affirming Healthcare Act

Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair - Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated January 3, 2022 containing a motion recommending that Council support the passing of Bill 42 – Gender Affirming Health Care Act.

Deputation request received from Jason Veltri, President - Rainbow Collective on Monday, January 9, 2022 requesting to appear before Committee relative to the above noted.

Jason Veltri and Jessy Bogacki, VP Inclusion - Rainbow Collective appeared before Committee, provided an overview and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated January 3, 2023, we recommend that Council support the passing of Bill 42 – Gender Affirming Health Care Act;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Health Minister Sylvia Jones, MPP Kevin Holland, MPP Lise Vaugeois, Rainbow

Collective and MPP Kristen Wong-Tam;

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

Amendment: Bill 42 - Gender Affirming Healthcare Act

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

WITH RESPECT to the resolution relative to Bill 42 - Gender Affirming Health Care Act, we recommend that the following be added to the end of the 2nd paragraph:

"all Ontario Municipalities and Thunder Pride."

CARRIED

Amended: Bill 42 - Gender Affirming Healthcare Act

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

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AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Health Minister Sylvia Jones, MPP Kevin Holland, MPP Lise Vaugeois, Rainbow Collective, MPP Kristen Wong-Tam, all Ontario Municipalities and Thunder Pride;

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

CARRIED

5.3 Social Issues, Support for Vulnerable People

Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair - Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated January 3, 2022 containing a motion recommending that City Council endorse the policy recommendations prepared by Drug Strategy Network of Ontario: "Solutions to End the Drug Poisoning Crisis in Ontario: Choosing a New Direction".

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated January 3, 2023, we recommend that Council endorse the policy recommendations prepared by Drug Strategy Network of Ontario: "Solutions to End the Drug Poisoning Crisis in Ontario: Choosing a New Direction";

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay request the Province declare the drug poisoning crisis an emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA, RSO 1990) and create a Provincial Task Force to address the crisis as outlined by the Drug Strategy Network of Ontario;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay call on the Province to provide adequate funding to expand evidence-informed harm reduction and treatment practices throughout Ontario;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay call on the Province to eliminate the structural stigma that discriminates against people who use drugs;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay call on the Province to increase its investments in prevention and early intervention services that provide foundational support for the health, safety, and well-being of individuals, families and neighbourhoods;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to NOMA, AMO, FCM, the Minister of Health – Ontario and the Premier of Ontario;

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

CARRIED

6. Outstanding Items

6.1 Outstanding Items List for Planning Session

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power, dated January 4, 2022, relative to the above noted, for information.

7. New Business

7.1 Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session - Monday, January 23, 2023

Resolution to establish Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

- (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value;
- (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.