



**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

**S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium**

**1. Closed Session in the McNaughton Room at 6:00 p.m.**

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

Present: Mayor Ken Boshcoff  
Councillor Rajni Agarwal  
Councillor Albert Aiello  
Councillor Kasey Etrene  
Councillor Andrew Foulds  
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  
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor  
Linda Evans, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care

Closed Session Agendas were distributed separately to Members of Council and EMT only.

**1.1 Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**1.2 Reports of Municipal Officers**

### **1.2.1 Board Appointment**

Confidential Memorandum from City Clerk, Krista Power, dated January 31, 2023, relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager and City Solicitor only.

It was the consensus of Committee to proceed as directed in closed session.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted will be presented to Committee of the Whole to be held later in the evening.

### **1.2.2 Lease to Synergy North**

Report 2023CLS.003 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services) relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care & Treasurer and General Manager - Development & Emergency Services only.

Karen Lewis, General Manager – Development and Emergency Services, Joel DePeuter, Director - Development Services and Deanna Walker, Manager – Realty Services entered the meeting room.

Deanna Walker provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Joel DePeuter provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

It was the consensus of Committee to proceed as directed in closed session.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted will be presented to Committee of the Whole to be held later in the evening.

## **2. Open Session (Planning Session) in S.H. Memorial Auditorium 6:52 p.m.**

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

Present:

- Mayor Ken Boshcoff
- Councillor Rajni Agarwal
- Councillor Albert Aiello
- Councillor Mark Bentz
- Councillor Kasey Etrene
- Councillor Andrew Foulds
- 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  
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor  
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  
Joel DePeuter, Director - Development Services  
Kathleen Cannon, Director – Revenue  
Emma Westover, Director – Financial Services  
Cory Halvorsen, Manager – Parks and Open Spaces  
Devon McCloskey, Manager – Planning Services  
Cynthia Olsen, Manager – Community Strategies  
Kelly Andrew, Supervisor – Accounts Payable  
Werner Schwar, Supervisor – Parks and Open Spaces Planning  
Aaron Ward, Project Engineer – Infrastructure & Operations  
Melanie Davis, Policy and Research Analyst – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care  
Flo-Ann Track, Council and Committee Clerk

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

**3.1 Councillor Mark Bentz - Lease to Synergy North**

Councillor Mark Bentz declared a conflict relative to Report 2023CLS.003 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services) - Lease to Synergy North, as he is a Director of the Synergy North Board.

**4. Confirmation of Agenda**

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to the February 13, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

## **5. Presentations**

### **5.1 Tourism Thunder Bay**

Memorandum from Jamie Taylor, CEO - Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC) dated January 5, 2023 requesting an opportunity to provide a presentation by Tourism Thunder Bay relative to the 2022 year-end review, Tourism Development Fund and 2023 tourism sector outlook. Document, Tourism Infographic - Snapshot of 2022, for information.

Paul Pepe, Manager - Tourism Thunder Bay appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

### **5.2 Parkdale Secondary Plan**

Memorandum from Devon McCloskey, Manager - Planning Services and Aaron Ward, Project Engineer – Engineering & Operations dated January 30, 2023 requesting an opportunity to provide a presentation relative to the above noted.

Nancy Reid, Project Manager - Stantec Consulting appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation, relative to the above noted, and responded to questions.

## **6. Deputations**

### **6.1 Summer Encampments on the McVicar Creek Recreational Trail**

Correspondence from Susan Lester dated January 11, 2023 requesting an opportunity to provide a deputation relative to the above noted.

Susan Lester and Jeanne Adams appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation, relative to the above noted, and responded to questions.

#### **Referral Motion - Encampments on the McVicar Creek Recreation Trail**

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to the deputation relating to Encampments on the McVicar Creek Recreation Trail on February 13, 2023, we recommend that the Superior Court decision concerning encampments in the Region of Waterloo be referred to Legal Services for an overview and analysis;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before June 6, 2023.

**Amendment – Referral Motion - Encampments on the McVicar Creek Recreation Trail**

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the Referral - Deputation relating to Encampments on the McVicar Creek Recreation Trail on February 13, 2023, we recommend that the report back date be changed to on or before April 24, 2023.

CARRIED

**Amendment – Referral Motion - Encampments on the McVicar Creek Recreation Trail**

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the Referral - Deputation relating to Encampments on the McVicar Creek Recreation Trail on February 13, 2023, we recommend that “of the ruling to determine how the City can respond to encampments and the use of public space” be added to the end of the first paragraph

CARRIED

**Amended – Referral Motion - Encampments on the McVicar Creek Recreation Trail**

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to the deputation relating to Encampments on the McVicar Creek Recreation Trail on February 13, 2023, we recommend that the Superior Court decision concerning encampments in the Region of Waterloo be referred to Legal Services for an overview and analysis of the ruling to determine how the City can respond to encampments and the use of public space;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before April 24, 2023.

CARRIED

## **7. Items Arising from Closed Session**

### **7.1 Board and Committee Appointments**

Confidential Memorandum from City Clerk, Krista Power, dated January 31, 2023, relative to the above noted, was previously presented at the Committee of the Whole - Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

WITH RESPECT to the confidential memorandum from City Clerk, Krista Power, dated January 23, 2023 we recommend that the following persons be appointed to the following Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees:

#### **1. Lakehead Source Protection Committee**

(1) A Municipal representative to serve a four-year term expiring November 14, 2026, or as soon as their replacement has been appointed:

1. Walter Turek, Process Engineer, Infrastructure and Operations - Environment Division

CARRIED

### **7.2 Lease to Synergy North**

Report 2023CLS.003 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services), relative to the above noted, was previously presented at the Committee of the Whole - Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

Councillor Mark Bentz declared a conflict on this item and refrained from discussing or voting on the following resolution.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

WITH RESPECT to Report 2023CLS.003 (Realty Services), we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

## **8. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies**

**8.1 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority**

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Minutes dated October 26, and November 23, 2022, for information.

**8.2 Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes**

Minutes of Meetings 7-2022, 8-2022, 9-2022, and 10-2022 held on June 23, July 28, September 15, and October 20, 2022, for information.

**9. Petitions and Communications**

**9.1 Partial Servicing & Advanced Treatment Systems - Interim Update**

Memorandum from Devon McCloskey, Manager - Planning Services and Aaron Ward, Project Engineer – Engineering& Operations dated January 27, 2023 providing information and a recommendation relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Devon McCloskey, Manager – Planning Services, and Aaron Ward, Project Engineer – Engineering& Operations, we recommend that Outstanding Item 2021-112-DEV be deferred from February 27, 2023 to on or before May 29, 2023.

CARRIED

**10. Outstanding Items**

**10.1 Outstanding List - Planning Session**

Memorandum from City Clerk, Krista Power, dated January 31, 2022, relative to the above noted, for information.

**11. Open Session (Administrative Services)**

Chair: Councillor Mark Bentz

**12. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies**

**12.1 Thunder Bay District Health Unit - Board of Health**

Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit - Board of Health dated November 9, 2022, for information.

**12.2 Sister Cities Advisory Committee**

Minutes of meeting 3 - 2022 of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee dated June 1, 2022, for information.

**12.3 Audit Committee Minutes**

Minutes of Meeting 2-2022 of the Audit Committee, held on June 29, 2022, for information.

**13. Reports of Municipal Officers**

**13.1 Property Tax and Water Program for Low Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities**

Report 20 - 2023 (Corporate Services & Long-Term Care - Revenue) providing a recommendation to amend the eligibility criteria for the Property Tax & Water Credit Program for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities, for Council's consideration.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to Report 20-2023-Corporate Services & Long-Term Care-Revenue, we recommend that an amendment be made to the eligibility criteria for the Property Tax & Water Credit Program for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities, removing the requirement that the tax and water accounts must not be in arrears;

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

CARRIED

**13.2 Amendment to Water Works By-law**

Report 47 - 2023 (Corporate Services and Long-Term Care - Revenue) providing a recommendation to amend the Water Works By-law to include electronic delivery notices.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report 47-2023-Corporate Services & Long-Term Care-Revenue, we recommend that an amendment be made to article 9.02 of By-Law 68-2018 – Water Works by-law to include electronic delivery of notices;

AND THAT the amendment to By-law 68-2018, be presented to City Council on March 6, 2023 for ratification.

CARRIED

### **13.3 Community Partnership Funding**

Report 33 - 2023 (Corporate Services & Long-Term Care) providing a recommendation to award Community Partnership Funding for the 2023 fiscal year.

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to Report 33-2023-Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, we recommend that funding in the amount of \$225,000 for Matawa Education & Care Centre pursuant to an application submitted under the Community Partnership Fund be approved;

AND THAT funding in the amount of \$100,000 for Matawa Training & Wellness Centre pursuant to an application submitted under the Community Partnership Fund be approved;

AND THAT funding in the amount of \$175,000 for Suomi Koti pursuant to an application submitted under the Community Partnership Fund be approved;

AND THAT the funding to Suomi Koti be contingent on confirming funding sources to carry out project construction;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay enter into formal partnership agreements pertaining to the approved projects, in accordance with the requirements of the Community Partnership Policy;

AND THAT the funding source for the proposed projects be the Community Partnership Reserve Fund;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the contracts in the form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor and City Treasurer;

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

CARRIED

#### **13.4 Climate Refugees**

At the July 18, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting a resolution was passed directing Administration to provide a report relating to the relevant work that has been done on the subject of climate refugees, and how the city is prepared to host and welcome those relocating as a result of climate change and associated disasters.

Report 39 - 2023 (Infrastructure & Operations - Environment) relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to Report 39-2023-Infrastructure & Operations-Environment, we recommend that 2022-103-INO Climate Refugees Request for Report be removed from the outstanding list;

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

CARRIED

#### **13.5 Dease Park Site Detailed Design and Concept Plan 2021-106-CS**

Report 40 - 2023 (Infrastructure & Operations) providing an update on the concept plan for a proposed skate park/urban skate plaza to be located on the former Dease Pool site and a recommendation for Council's consideration relative to the above noted.

Memorandum from Werner Schwar, Supervisor - Parks and Open Spaces Planning, dated January 23, 2023, requesting an opportunity to provide a presentation relative to the above noted.

Werner Schwar, Supervisor - Parks and Open Spaces Planning, and John Kelly - Thunder Bay Skateboard Coalition, appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to Report 40-2023-Infrastructure & Operations, we recommend that Administration proceed with public engagement of the draft concept plan of a

proposed skate park/urban skate plaza to be located on the former Dease Pool site as reflected in Attachment A to this report;

AND THAT Administration report back by September 30, 2023 on a preferred concept plan, including specific plans to commemorate the cultural significance of the Dease Pool as requested by the Heritage Advisory Committee, specific traffic calming measures, and refined capital cost estimates;

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

CARRIED

## **14. Petitions and Communications**

### **14.1 2023 Calendar of Meetings Amendment**

Memorandum from Krista Power, City Clerk dated January 31, 2023 providing a recommendation to amend the 2023 Calendar of Meetings to change the date of the 2023 Hydro Annual General Meeting.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from City Clerk, Krista Power, dated January 31, 2023, we recommend that the amendment to the 2023 Calendar of Meetings for Committee of the Whole and City Council, as appended in Attachment A, be approved;

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

CARRIED

## **15. Outstanding Items**

### **15.1 Outstanding List - Administrative Services**

Memorandum from City Clerk, Krista Power, dated January 31, 2022, relative to the above noted, for information.

## **16. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.