



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2023, 7:15 p.m.
S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

City Council

Chair: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

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 Kristen Oliver
- Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
- Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials:

- Krista Power, 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
- Karie Ortgiese, Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety
- Tracie Smith, Director - Corporate Strategic Services
- Emma Westover, Director – Financial Services

Jesse Langen, Manager – Budgets & Long Term Planning
Katie Piché, Council & Committee Clerk

1. Opening Ceremonies

One Minute of Silence.

2. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Andrew Foulds declared a conflict of interest relative to Budget Amendment - Indoor Pools as he has a family member employed at the Canada Games Complex.

Mayor Ken Boshcoff and Councillor Shelby Ch'ng declared a conflict of interest relative to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board as they are both members of the Board.

3. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the February 6, 2023 City Council, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 City Council

The Minutes of the following Meetings of the Thunder Bay City Council, to be confirmed:

1. The Thunder Bay City Council held on January 23, 2023.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT the Minutes of the following Meetings of the Thunder Bay City Council, be confirmed:

1. The Thunder Bay City Council meeting held on January 23, 2023.

CARRIED

5. Reports of Committees, Boards, and Outside Agencies

5.1 Committee of the Whole Minutes

The Minutes of the following Committee of the Whole meeting, to be adopted:

1. January 23, 2023 Committee of the Whole;
2. February 2, 2023 Special Committee of the Whole - Closed Session was distributed separately on Monday, February 6, 2023.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

THAT the Minutes of the following Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:

1. January 23, 2023 Committee of the Whole;
2. February 2, 2023 Special Committee of the Whole - Closed Session.

CARRIED

5.2 Special Committee of the Whole Minutes

The Minutes of the following Special Committee of the Whole meetings, to be adopted:

1. January 10, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session was distributed separately on February 6, 2023;

2. January 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session was distributed separately on February 6, 2023;

3. January 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session was distributed Separately on February 6, 2023;
4. January 19, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session was distributed separately on February 6, 2023;
5. January 25, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session was distributed separately on February 6, 2023;
6. January 30, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Closed Session was distributed separately on February 6, 2023;
7. January 31, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session was distributed separately on February 6, 2023.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

THAT the Minutes of the following Special Committee of the Whole meetings, be adopted:

1. January 10, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session;
2. January 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session;
3. January 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session;
4. January 19, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session;
5. January 25, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session;
6. January 30, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Closed Session;
7. January 31, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session.

5.3 Additional Information Relative Report 1/2023 Proposed 2023 Operating & Capital Budget

Memorandum with attachment from Manager - Budgets & Long Term Planning Jesse Langen, dated February 3, 2023, for information. was distributed separately on Monday, February 6, 2023.

Memorandum from City Manager Norm Gale, dated February 3, 2023 relative to Police Services Board Comparators, for information was distributed separately on Monday, February 6, 2023.

Memorandum from Secretary - Thunder Bay Police Services Board John Hannam, dated February 3, 2023, relative to Proposed Board Budget 2023, for information was distributed separately on Monday, February 6, 2023.

5.3.2 Amendment to Budget - Thunder Bay Police Services Board

Mayor Ken Boshcoff and Councillor Shelby Ch'ng declared a conflict of interest and refrained from discussing and voting on the resolutions relative to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board budget.

Councillor Michael Zussino assumed the chair.

Memorandum from Manager - Budgets & Long Term Planning Jesse Langen, dated February 3, 2023 containing a recommendation relative to Proposed Police Services Board budget was distributed separately on Monday, February 6, 2023.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrei
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to Report 1/2023 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) 2023 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that the Thunder Bay Police Services Board budget be decreased by \$25,000.

Deferral Resolution – Amendment to Budget - Thunder Bay Police Services Board

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrei

WITH RESPECT to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board Budget, we recommend to defer this item to later in the agenda.

CARRIED

Mayor Ken Boshcoff resumed the chair.

5.3.3 Amendment to Budget - Allocation of Tax Levy from Vested Property Reserve Fund

Memorandum from Councillor Mark Bentz, dated February 3, 2023 containing a motion relative to Allocation of Tax Levy from Vested Property Reserve Fund was distributed separately on Monday, February 6, 2023.

Internet connection was lost with Councillor Trevor Giertuga. As per section 3.14 (f) of the procedural by-law BL 51/2021, the City Clerk made two attempts to reconnect but was unsuccessful.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report 1/2023 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) 2023 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that Administration be directed to report back to City Council on or before December 18, 2023 with reductions in the amount of \$1,000,000 to equal the one-time allocation from the Vested Property Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

5.3.4 Referral of Project - Vickers/Carrick Bridge

Memorandum from Councillor Brian Hamilton, dated February 3, 2023 containing a motion relative to Referral of Project - Vickers/Carrick Bridge was distributed separately on Monday, February 6, 2023.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

WITH RESPECT to Report 1/2023 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) 2023 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that Administration be directed to remove the costs for design allocated to the Vickers Carrick Bridge from the 2023 capital budget and defer design costs to 2024 and construction costs to 2025;

AND THAT Administration reallocate the cost of the project of \$175,000 to the following infrastructure project:

- IOT-ENG-0001-PF-005 Active Transportation

LOST

5.3.5 Jumbo Gardens Community Centre Closure - Item 13 - Schedule C

A revote relative to Jumbo Gardens Community Centre Closure - Item 13 Schedule C was requested.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report 1/2023 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services) 2023 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that Item 13 on Schedule C "Close Jumbo Gardens Community Centre at end of May" of \$10,000 be approved.

Amendment - Jumbo Gardens Community Centre - Item 13 - Schedule C

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

WITH RESPECT to the Jumbo Gardens Community Centre closure, we recommend that the date be changed from May to December.

CARRIED

Amended Resolution – Jumbo Gardens Community Centre – Item 13 – Schedule C

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report 1/2023 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services) 2023 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that Item 13 on Schedule C "Close Jumbo Gardens Community Centre at end of December" of \$10,000 be approved.

CARRIED

5.3.6 Revote - Leaf & Yard Waste - Item 15 - Schedule D

A revote relative to Leaf and Yard Waste - Item 15 Schedule D was requested.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

WITH RESPECT to Report 1/2023 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services) 2023 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that Item 15 on Schedule D "Defer Both Additional Leaf and Yard Waste Pick Ups Until 2024 with No Program Expansion" of \$80,000 be approved.

CARRIED

5.3.7 Additional Reductions - Early Closure of Pools

Memorandum from Councillor Brian Hamilton, dated February 3, 2023 containing a motion relative to Additional Reductions - Early Closure of Pools was distributed separately on Monday, February 6, 2023.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

WITH RESPECT to Item 6 on Schedule C, we recommend that reduced hours at indoor pools be approved to close one hour earlier,

- Canada Games Complex - \$10,395 (.2 FTEs)
- Volunteer Pool and Churchill Pool - \$17,700 (.4 FTEs).

It was requested that Canada Games Complex and Volunteer Pool/Churchill Pool be voted on separately.

Additional Reductions – Early Closure of Pools - Canada Games Complex

Councillor Andrew Foulds declared a conflict and refrained from discussing and voting on the resolution relative to the Canada Games Complex.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

WITH RESPECT to Item 6 on Schedule C, we recommend that reduced hours at indoor pools be approved to close earlier:

- Canada Games Complex - \$10,395 (.2 FTEs)

CARRIED

Additional Reductions – Early Closure of Pools - Volunteer Pool/Churchill Pool

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

WITH RESPECT to Item 6 on Schedule C, we recommend that reduced hours at indoor pools be approved to close earlier:

- Volunteer Pool and Churchill Pool - \$17,700 (. 4 FTEs).

CARRIED

5.3.8 Amendment to Budget - Thunder Bay Police Services Board

Mayor Ken Boshcoff and Councillor Shelby Ch'ng declared a conflict of interest and refrained from discussing and voting on the resolutions relative to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board budget.

Councillor Michael Zussino assumed the chair.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to Report 1/2023 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) 2023 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that the Thunder Bay Police Services Board budget be decreased by \$25,000.

Amendment – Thunder Bay Police Services Board

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

WITH RESPECT to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board honorarium budget, we recommend that the reduction be changed from \$25,000 to \$49,000;

AND THAT the Thunder Bay Police Services Board set board member honorariums to \$5,000 per Board Member and \$6,000 per Board Chair .

LOST

Amendment 2 - Thunder Bay Police Services Board

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board honorarium budget, we recommend that the reduction be changed from \$25,000 to \$44,000, which provides a total budget of \$31,000;

AND THAT the Thunder Bay Police Services Board determine the level of honorarium per member and per chair.

CARRIED

Amended Resolution – Thunder Bay Police Services Board

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to Report 1/2023 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) 2023 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that the Thunder Bay Police Services Board honorarium budget be decreased by \$44,000 which provides a total budget of \$31,000;

AND THAT the Thunder Bay Police Services Board determine the level of honorarium per board member and per board Chair.

CARRIED

6. Special Committee of the Whole Minutes

Mayor Ken Boshcoff resumed the chair.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

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- 7. January 31, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Special Session.

CARRIED

7. Operating & Capital Budget Report 1/2023 Amended Resolution

A recorded vote was requested on the following resolution, the results of which are as follows:

YEA	NAY
Mayor Ken Boshcoff	
Councillor Rajni Agarwal	
Councillor Albert Aiello	
Councillor Mark Bentz	
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng	
Councillor Kasey Etreni	
Councillor Andrew Foulds	
Councillor Brian Hamilton	
Councillor Kristen Oliver	
Councillor Dominic Pasqualino	
Councillor Michael Zussino	

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
 SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to Report 1/2023 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services), we recommend that the proposed 2023 Operating and Capital budgets for tax and rate supported operations be approved as outlined in this report;

AND THAT the 2023 General Municipal Tax Supported Operating Budget be approved at \$346,160,500 gross and \$255,661,800 net;

AND THAT the following Business Improvement Area levies be approved:

1. Waterfront District B.I.A. \$ 106,500
2. Victoria Avenue B.I.A. \$ 57,500;

AND THAT the 2023 General Municipal Tax Supported Capital Budget be approved at \$67,185,400 gross with financing as follows:

Capital Financed by the Tax Levy		
(before EIRP and Debenture)	22,161,900	
Enhanced Infrastructure Renewal Program		
(EIRP)	8,107,400	
Less Debenture Debt	<u>(12,004,400)</u>	
Net Capital Financed by the Tax Levy		\$18,264,900
Debenture Debt (Annual)		\$7,284,400
Debenture Debt (Special – Victoriaville Phase I)		\$4,720,000
Reserve & Reserve Funds:		
Fire Training Centre	55,000	
Capital General	600,000	
Capital Transit	320,000	
Corporate Information Technology	3,204,000	
Clean Green and Beautiful	220,000	
Corporate Energy Innovation	45,000	
Dedicated Gas Tax (Obligatory)	1,298,315	
EMS Vehicle & Equipment	860,400	
Fire Equipment	55,250	
Fuel Farm	60,000	
Municipal Accommodation Tax	700,200	
Canada Community Building Fund (Obligatory)	7,438,600	
Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)	10,000,000	
Recreation Trails	39,500	
Whalen Building	<u>280,000</u>	
		\$25,176,265

Subsidy:

Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Funding	568,000	
Federal Grants – Green and Inclusive		
Community Building (GICB) Program	3,047,520	
FedNor Grant	1,000,000	
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program		
(ICIP)	4,208,077	
Provincial Grants – Miscellaneous	<u>483,150</u>	
		\$9,306,747

Other Sources:

Capital carry forward	32,000	
Loan to Parking	441,000	
Recoveries and fees	1,905,100	
Other	<u>54,988</u>	
		<u>\$2,433,088</u>

Total 2023 Gross Tax Supported Capital Budget \$67,185,400

AND THAT contributions to Capital reserve funds be approved at \$12,356,000;

AND THAT contributions to Obligatory Capital Reserve Funds be approved at \$17,142,300;

AND THAT the 2023 Solid Waste (Landfill Operations) Operating Budget be approved at \$3,375,000 gross expenditure and \$322,700 net income, with a contribution to the Landfill reserve fund to result in \$0 net profit;

AND THAT the 2023 Solid Waste (Landfill Operations) Capital Budget be approved at \$1,824,400 gross, with the Landfill reserve fund as the source of financing;

AND THAT the 2023 Wastewater Operating Budget be approved at \$17,359,700 gross expenditure and \$4,466,100 net income, with a contribution to the Sewer Rate reserve fund to result in \$0 net profit;

AND THAT the 2023 Wastewater Capital Budget be approved at \$11,243,600 gross, with financing from the Sewer Rate reserve fund (\$6,555,600), debenture debt (\$3,000,000), Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation grant funding (\$742,000), third party contributions (\$646,000) and transfer from the Land Development Account (\$300,000);

AND THAT the 2023 Waterworks Operating Budget be approved at \$21,416,500 gross expenditure and \$7,746,500 net income, with a contribution to the Waterworks reserve fund to result in \$0 net profit;

AND THAT the 2023 Waterworks Capital Budget be approved at \$11,482,300 gross, with financing from the Waterworks reserve fund (\$7,282,300) and debenture debt (\$4,200,000);

AND THAT the 2023 Prince Arthur's Landing – Boater Services Operating Budget be approved at \$373,900 gross expenditure and \$140,300 net income, with a contribution to the Marina (Boater Services) reserve fund to result in \$0 net profit;

AND THAT the 2023 Prince Arthur's Landing – Boater Services Capital Budget be approved at \$60,000 gross, with financing from the Marina (Boater Services) reserve fund (\$60,000);

AND THAT the following User Fee increases and new fees be approved;

1. City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel – 3% increase to registration of subdivision and condominiums
2. City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel – registrations increase of 5.1%
3. City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel – 3% increase in legal fee deposits
4. Office of the City Clerk - \$25 increase to marriage licence;
5. Child Care – 5.0% increase in fees for children not eligible for Canada Wide Early and Child Care (CWELLC) program;
6. Transit – on average 3% increase in transit user fees;
7. Recreation & Culture – various user fee changes on average 3.0% increase;
8. Recreation & Culture – various new user fees such as one month rates for aquatics, various types of swimming lessons, fitness and annual membership fees;
9. Recreation & Culture – various new fees related to Live on the Waterfront;

10. Recreation & Culture – various new art class fees;
11. Revenue – new master card reversal fee;
12. Long Term Care and Senior Services – Jasper Place single & double tenant fees – per day to increase 2.6%;
13. Long Term Care and Senior Services – fees for extra tenant meals (per meal) to increase 1.6% and guest meals (per meal) to increase 1.5%;
14. Engineering – various new user fees for Engineering Administration;
15. Parks – various user fee changes on average 5.0% increase;
16. Parks – various new user fees related to water connection fees, docking fees, seasonal applications Administration fees, golf cancellation fees, shared options for golf cart seasonal passes;
17. Solid Waste – multi-residential and commercial pickup fees to increase by \$0.50 per pickup;
18. Solid Waste – tonnage charge for loads over 120kg to increase by 3% from \$84.09 to \$86.61/tonne;
19. Solid Waste – other user fee changes including dumping charges (excluding passenger vehicles), non-residential user pay schedule (per trip), special commodities over 200kg and minimum charge and weight certificate for vehicle for waste requiring pit handling increased by approximately 3% on average;
20. Solid Waste – new minimum charge fees, plus general dumping fee rate for both asbestos and international waste disposal;
21. Parking Authority – parkade monthly rates will increase from \$65.00/month to \$67.50/month;
22. Parking Authority – surface lots monthly rate increase from \$53.00/month to \$55.00/month;
23. Parking Authority – maximum daily rate at parkade increased from \$6.50/day to \$7.00/day;
24. Parking Authority – new minimum daily user fee of \$2.50 at parkades for first two hours;
25. Waterworks fixed and volumetric charges to increase by 3.0% effective April 1, 2023;

26. Other Waterworks charges related to consumption and services to be increased by 3.0% effective April 1, 2023;

27. Wastewater surcharge to remain at 90% of water fixed and volumetric charges;

28. Prince Arthur's Landing – boater services fees to increase by 5% on average effective April 1, 2023;

AND THAT any necessary By-laws be presented to Council for ratification including By-laws related to user fee changes.

CARRIED

8. Ratifying Resolution

The City Clerk advised that the resolution previously adopted by Committee of the Whole held earlier in the evening relative to the above noted required ratification by Council. Under Council's policy a two-thirds vote of Council was necessary.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

THAT the following ratifying resolutions be introduced, read, dealt with individually:

1. Report 2023CLS.006 - Funding Announcement – Government of Canada
2. Board Appointment - Thunder Bay Police Services Board

CARRIED

9. By-laws and By-law Resolution

9.1 By-law 044-2023 – Amendment to By-law 011-2007, to update the appointment of Officers

A By-law to amend By-law 011-2007, being a By-law to Appoint Officers for The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (Development Services Department/Finance Department) to update the appointment of Officers.

9.2 By-law 045-2023 – A By-law to amend By-law 110-2013, to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers.

A By-law to amend By-law 110-2013, being a By-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of enforcing the Smoking Prohibition By-law No. 052-2010, on the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Property.

9.3 By-law Resolution

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT the following By-laws be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered:

1. A By-law to amend By-law 011-2007, being a By-law to Appoint Officers for The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (Development Services Department/Finance Department) to update the appointment of Officers.

By-law Number: 44/2023

A By-law to amend By-law 110-2013, being a By-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of enforcing the Smoking Prohibition By-law No. 052-2010, on the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Property.

By-law Number: 45/2023

CARRIED

10. Confirming By-law and Confirming By-law Resolution

10.1 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 6th day of February 2023.

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 6th day of February 2023.

10.2 Confirming By-law Resolution

Confirming By-law Resolution - February 6, 2023 - City Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

THAT the following By-law be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered:

By-law Number: 38/2023

1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 6th day of February, 2023.

CARRIED

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk