



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

**Monday, March 20, 2023, 5:03 p.m.
S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium**

1. Open Special Session 5:03 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 Greg Johnsen
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
Councillor Michael Zussino
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

Officials: Krista Power, City Clerk
Norm Gale, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor

1.1 Amendment - Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

At the March 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting a resolution was passed to establish a Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meeting on March 20, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino
SECONDED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

(3.1) the purpose of educating or training the members relative to City Council orientation.

AND THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and

(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.

The following resolution will be presented at Committee of the Whole – Special Session in order to amend the reason to establish a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting on March 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.:

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to the resolution to establish the Monday, March 20, 2023 Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, we recommend that the following reason be added:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

AND THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by 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; and

(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

**2. Closed Session 5:03 p.m.
McNaughton Room**

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

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

2.1 Disclosures of Interest

None.

2.2 Reports of Municipal Officers

2.2.1 Board Appointment

Memorandum from Councillor Albert Aiello, Chair – Tbaytel Recruitment Committee, dated March 15, 2023, relative to the above noted were distributed to Members of Council, City Manager and City Solicitor only.

Councillor Albert Aiello provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

City Clerk Krista Power responded to questions.

It was the consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The 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.

2.2.2 Legal Matter

Report 2023CLS.001 (Legal Services) relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, Acting General Manager – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care & Treasurer and General Manager – Development & Emergency Services only.

Fire Chief Greg Hankkio, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services, Karen Lewis, and Acting General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care and City Treasurer, Emma Westover entered the meeting room.

Karen Lewis provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Michael Grimaldi provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Greg Hankkio responded to questions.

City Manager Norm Gale responded to questions.

City Solicitor Patty Robinet responded to questions.

Karen Lewis responded to questions.

It was the consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The 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.

Greg Hankkio left the meeting room.

2.2.3 Property Related Matter

Report 2023CLS.010 (Development & Emergency Services – Realty Services) relative to the above noted distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, Acting General Manager – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care & Treasurer and General Manager – Development & Emergency Services only.

Manager - Realty Services Deanna Walker, Director - Development Services Joel DePeuter and Supervisor - Parks & Open Space Planning Werner Schwar entered the meeting room.

Deanna Walker provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Werner Schwar responded to questions.

Joel DePeuter responded to questions.

It was the consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The 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.

Werner Schwar left the meeting room.

2.2.4 Property Related Matter

Report 2023CLS.011 (Development & Emergency Services – Realty Services) relative to the above noted distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, Acting General Manager – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care & Treasurer and General Manager – Development & Emergency Services only.

General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations Kerri Marshall and Director of Engineering Kayla Dixon entered the meeting room.

Director - Development Services Joel DePeuter provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

City Clerk Krista Power responded to questions.

It was the consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The 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.

3. Committee of the Whole Recess

At 6:28 p.m. the Closed Session concluded. It was the consensus of Committee that Open Session reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

4. Open Session - Planning Session

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

At 6:04 p.m. the Committee of the Whole meeting reconvened.

5. Disclosures of Interest

None.

6. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

WITH RESPECT to the March 20, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. Deputations

7.1 Ward Meetings

Correspondence from Vern Seymour dated February 23, 2023 requesting an opportunity to provide a deputation relative to the above noted.

Written deputation from Vern Seymour dated March 7, 2023, relative to the above noted, for information.

8. Items Arising from Closed Session

8.1 Board Appointment

Confidential Memorandum from Councillor Albert Aiello, Chair - Tbaytel Recruitment Committee, dated March 15, 2023, relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

WITH RESPECT to the recruitment of two individuals to serve as Directors on the Tbaytel Board of Directors, we recommend that the following be re-appointed:

- Carol Darling be appointed for a 3 year term, expiring June 30, 2026 or until such time as a replacement has been appointed;

- David Reid be appointed for a 4 year term, expiring June 30, 2027 or until such time as a replacement has been appointed.

AND THAT the recruitment process begin to receive applications for the local director to replace outgoing member Jack Jamieson.

CARRIED

8.2 Legal Matter

Report 2023CLS.001 (Legal Services) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to Report 2023CLS.001, we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

8.3 Property Related Matter

Report 2023CLS.010 (Development & Emergency Services – Realty Services) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

WITH RESPECT to Report 2023CLS.010 (Development Services – Realty Services) we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

8.4 Property Related Matter

Report 2023CLS.011 (Development & Emergency Services – Realty Services) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

WITH RESPECT to Report 2023CLS.011 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services), we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

9. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies

9.1 Anti-Racism & Equity Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 06-2022 and 01-2023 of the Anti-Racism & Equity Advisory Committee held on June 28, 2022 and January 30, 2023 respectively, for information.

9.2 Parking Authority Board Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 05-2022 of the Parking Authority Board held on June 6, 2022, for information.

9.3 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Board Minutes

Minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Board, for information.

9.4 Committee of Adjustment

Minutes of meetings 07-22 and 09-22 of the Committee of Adjustment dated July 29, 2022 and September 9, 2022 respectively, of the Committee of Adjustment, for information.

9.5 Downtown Fort William Revitalization Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 04-2022 of the Downtown Fort William Revitalization Committee held on June 14, 2022, for information.

9.6 Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 02-2022 of the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee held on June 8, 2022, for information.

10. Petitions and Communications

10.1 2023 Funding Contributions to Community Based Strategies

Memorandum from Cynthia Olsen, Manager - Community Strategies dated February 28, 2023 containing a recommendation relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Manager – Community Strategies Cynthia Olsen dated February 28, 2023, we recommend that funding contributions in the amount of \$50,000 be provided to the following community-based strategies: Poverty Reduction Strategy (Lakehead Social Planning Council), Thunder Bay & Area Food Strategy (Roots to Harvest), Age Friendly Thunder Bay (Lakehead Social Planning Council), and \$15,000 for Incident Reporting (Lakehead Social Planning Council) to support coordination of these community-based strategies;

AND THAT representatives of the strategies continue to report back annually on progress in implementing their respective strategy;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all documentation related to this matter;

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

CARRIED

10.2 St. John's Church Manse Demolition

Memorandum from Andrew Cotter, Chair - Heritage Advisory Committee dated February 24, 2023, providing a recommendation relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to the manse building located at 226 Pearl Street, the Heritage Advisory Committee has determined that the design, historical and contextual value

of the manse is low to intermediate, and does not warrant designation under the authority of the Heritage Act;

AND THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends approval of the demolition permit if and when an application for demolition is received;

AND THAT the Heritage Register notes the status of the structure if and when it is demolished.

CARRIED

10.3 Animal By-law Amendment

Memorandum from Doug Vincent, Manager - Licensing & Enforcement dated March 9, 2023, providing a recommendation relative to Outstanding Item 2021-116-DEV.

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Doug Vincent, Manager Licensing & Enforcement, dated March 09, 2023, we recommend that Outstanding Item No 2021-116-DEV Animal By-law #22-1995 Amendments be deferred from February 27, 2023 to June 19, 2023.

CARRIED

10.4 Strategic Core Areas Community Improvement Plan

Memorandum from Decio Lopes, Acting Manager - Planning Services, dated March 7, 2023, providing a recommendation relative to Outstanding Item 2021-120-DEV.

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Decio Lopes, Acting Manager - Planning Services dated March 20, 2023, we recommend that Outstanding Item No 2021-120-DEV Strategic Core Areas Community Improvement Plan - Update be deferred to on or before April 17, 2023.

CARRIED

10.5 Request for Report - Potential Surplus of Property

Memorandum from Councillor Kasey Etrene dated March 6, 2023 containing a Motion relative to the above noted.

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

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Councillor Kasey Etrene, dated March 6, 2023, we recommend that Administration be directed to bring forward a list of city owned lands, including parkland, available for surplus and sale;

AND THAT Administration provide recommendations on the top potential parcels of land that would bring the city the highest financial benefit;

AND THAT Administration bring forward this report on or before September 18, 2023.

Amendment – Request for Report – Potential Surplus of Property

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

WITH RESPECT to the Motion, as contained in the memorandum from Councillor Kasey Etrene, dated March 6, 2023 we recommend:

THAT "including parkland," be replaced with "excluding parkland,"

LOST

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

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Councillor Kasey Etrene, dated March 6, 2023, we recommend that Administration be directed to bring forward a list of city owned lands, including parkland, available for surplus and sale;

AND THAT Administration provide recommendations on the top potential parcels of land that would bring the city the highest financial benefit;

AND THAT Administration bring forward this report on or before September 18, 2023.

CARRIED

10.6 Waterfront Master Plan Update

Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Director of Engineering & Operations dated March 9, 2023, relative to the above noted, for information.

Attachment A - Phase 2 Waterfront Master Plan 2015 and Waterfront Master Plan 2015 - Text Only Version, accessible companion document was distributed separately on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

11. Outstanding Items

11.1 Outstanding List - Planning Session

Memorandum from Krista Power, City Clerk dated March 6, 2023 relative to the above noted, for information.

12. New Business

12.1 Establishment of Closed Session

The following resolution will be presented at Committee of the Whole to establish a Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.:

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive

position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

(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; and

(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

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.