

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING NO.: 03-2022

TIME: 9.10 A.M.

DATE: Wednesday, June 29, 2022

PLACE: MS Teams

CHAIR: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

Roderick Bosch
Brad DesRochers
Councillor Brian McKinnon
Warren Philp
Councillor Aldo Ruberto
Sean Spenrath

**ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION -
OFFICIALS**

Norm Gale, City Manager
Kerri Marshall, General Manager –
Infrastructure & Operations
Kayla Dixon, Director – Engineering &
Operations
Cory Halvorsen, Manager – Parks & Open
Spaces
Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

2. INFORMATION SESSION

Council & Committee Clerk Flo-Ann Track advised that quorum was not present. The meeting proceeded as an Information Session.

2.1. Kinghorn Rail Line

Warren Philp provided an overview relative to the 2011 Kinghorn Rail-to-Trail Feasibility Study - Final Report, outlining efforts made by stakeholder groups to develop a plan to utilize the Kinghorn Rail Line as part of a Hub & Spoke Trail system and its potential to link with the City of Thunder Bay's trail system.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted.

Document entitled "2011 Kinghorn Rail-to-Trail Feasibility Study - Final Report" was distributed separately to members, via email after the meeting, for information.

2.2. Lakehead Transportation Museum

At the March 16, 2022 Waterfront Development Committee meeting a resolution passed recommending that the presentation by Charlie Brown, President – Lakehead Transportation Museum Society be referred to Administration to provide a report to Council prior to the May 2022 Waterfront Development Committee.

Kerri Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations provided an update relative to the above noted. The following information was provided:

At the June 20, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting a resolution passed recommending that the planned Waterfront Trail alignment at Pool 6, as it relates to the lands currently leased by Lakehead Transportation Museum Society (LTMS), be aligned to the north as opposed to along the shoreline to facilitate efficiencies and functionality of the LTMS operations.

2.3. Public Input

The Chair provided a brief overview relative to the above noted.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. Some of the items discussed were:

- The Phase II Plan for the Waterfront has not progressed to any degree, as it is contingent and reliant on government funding, which is not forthcoming at this time.
 - New opportunities have arisen, with respect to cruise ship development and interest in the Pool 6 site.
 - Substantial work is being done by Administration with respect to the Pool 6 site, tied to cruise ships and other initiatives, primarily driven by the CEDC.
- Public engagement has already been completed with respect to Phase II and Council has provided direction.
- Public engagement has tremendous value, advising development at the waterfront, and across the city.
 - How does the City of Thunder Bay gather public input/feedback:
 - The City of Thunder Bay's Public engagement framework is utilized during each stage of development, it is both passive and active:
 - Online - Get Involved Thunder Bay, a platform providing an opportunity for the public to provide input and help shape the decisions being made with respect to various City of Thunder Bay projects and initiatives
 - In Person - Town Hall meetings
 - Online/In Person - Surveys
 - The public have suggested some low-cost design elements for the Waterfront, examples: chessboards, and volleyball courts, what criteria is used to determine what design elements are approved?

- Several factors are considered to determine what design elements are included in any project:
 - Initial capital cost
 - Annual maintenance costs
 - Staffing requirements over the life cycle of the asset
- Council is apprised of this information, as part of the City's asset management process, decisions are informed.
- Does the master plan show where the art gallery will be in relation to the trail, souvenir/vendor shops? Is there a diagram available online or a pamphlet that shows the potential for the waterfront, should it be a priority?
 - True Grit Conceptual Trail Alignment Proposed Waterfront Trail – Project Number 16-015-47E – Drawing 1 and Drawing 2 shows the location of the proposed trail, distributed to Members on January 5, 2022 via email.
 - Phase 2 Waterfront Master Plan

Quorum was achieved during discussion of the above noted item.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: Brad DesRochers

SECONDED BY: Sean Spenrath

WITH RESPECT to the June 29, 2022 Waterfront Development Committee meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting 02-2022 Waterfront Development Committee, held on March 16, 2022, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon

SECONDED BY: Sean Spenrath

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 02-2022 of the Waterfront Development Committee, held on March 16, 2022, be confirmed.

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1. Update on Waterfront Trail

Director of Engineering & Operations Kayla Dixon provided an update relative to the above noted, for information.

At the June 27, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the multi-use trail contract for the waterfront was awarded. The work to be completed includes the section of the waterfront trail located on Mission Island, the section around the Pool 6 Lands, as well as the outlook located at the current north terminus of the Waterfront Trail. The project is scheduled to be completed in October 2022.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. Some of the items discussed were:

- Is all work, from Prince Arthurs Landing to Pool 6, complete?
 - No, the section of the trail in front of the art gallery location, which will connect the trail at the north and south boundaries of the art gallery property, will be completed as part of the art gallery project.
- Is all work, from P. Gagne Property along the water edge past the Pool 6 site and back, complete?
 - No, that section is not part of the contract for this year. Future design work is ongoing and part of the plan for next year.
- Will the section of the trail between Main Street and the Floodway Bridge, that was completed last fall, be lined?
 - Yes, the line painting will be completed this year as part of the annual street painting schedule and prioritized sometime after arterials and collectors have been completed.
- Will signage, identifying the Waterfront Trail, between Prince Arthurs Landing and the Great West Timber property, be installed?
 - Yes, Wayfinding signs have been ordered

5.2. Update on Science North

Director of Engineering & Operations Kayla Dixon provided an overview relative to the above noted, for information.

Science North representatives, along with their architecture consulting team, met with City Administration at the Pool 6 property last week to review the property and share information with respect to the site. Science North is also interested in another potential site within the city. Administration is anticipating that the city will receive a response from Science North in the coming weeks with respect to their recommendation for the final location of the Science North Campus.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. Some of the items discussed were:

- How large is the Science North Campus?
 - Approximately 30,000 – 40,000 square feet
 - Additional facility in Kenora will be approximately 5,000 square feet

5.3. Cruise Ship Setup

Correspondence from G. Rinne – Dougall Media dated June 8, 2022 relative to the above noted, for information.

Director of Engineering & Operations Kayla Dixon provided an update relative to the above noted, for information.

- Administration is aware that the gravel roadway requires monitoring and maintenance in advance of cruise ship arrivals to ensure user safety. A heavy rain event and increased use, during the first cruise ship stop over, contributed to potholes and washboard condition of the roadway, which could not be remediated in wet conditions.

5.4. Hybrid Meetings for Council Advisory Committees

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power dated March 24, 2022 relative to the above noted, for information.

6. NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.