

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

MEETING NO. 02-2023

TIME: 16:29 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL
500 DONALD STREET EAST

CHAIR: COUNCILLOR KRISTEN OLIVER

PRESENT:

Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Kasey Etreni
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

OFFICIALS:

Krista Power, City Clerk
Erin Nadon, Executive Administrator to
the City Manager

GUESTS:

Constable Curtis Trotz, Thunder Bay Police
Inspector Ryan Gibson, Thunder Bay Police

RESOURCE PERSON:

Larry Joy, Policy Assistant to the Mayor

1.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

With respect to the March 8, 2023 Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2023 held on January 11, 2023, of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2023 held on January 11, 2023, of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Ring of Fire Update

On March 6, 2023 the Ontario government approved the Terms of Reference designed and submitted by Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation for an all-season, multi-use road connecting to the proposed Ring of Fire mining development area. The Northern Road Link will connect the two First Nations communities, and the critical mineral deposits in the Ring of Fire to the Ontario highway network, helping to secure a supply chain for electric vehicle manufacturing in Ontario.

Neskantaga First Nation Chief Wayne Moonias says the plan was made without his community's free, prior and informed consent and that investors will need to do more than just get permission from the Ontario government to cross its river systems.

4.2 Resolute Forest Products

Policy Assistant Larry Joy provided the following update: In order for the sale of Resolute to Domtar and the Paper Excellence Group to be approved by the Competition Bureau, it has been ordered to sell The Thunder Bay and Dryden operations. The Dryden sale is now complete and the fate of the Thunder Bay operation is yet to be determined. The concern is that Resolute may sever the Thunder Bay Mill from the sawmill and woodland operations, which are currently integrated. Clarity is being sought from MP's as to why the Bureau has issued this directive in light of the fact that Paper Excellence is in the process of acquiring more than 60 operations.

4.3 2023 Annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference

Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair provided information relative to the discussions with Ministers at the 2023 ROMA Annual Conference, held in Toronto January 22-24, 2023.

4.4 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) 2023 CONFERENCE

The 2023 OGRA Conference to be held April 16-19, 2023 in Toronto.

It was the consensus of the committee that a representative of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee is not required to attend the 2023 OGRA conference. Mayor Ken Boshcoff will be attending as Past President.

4.5 Bill 42 - Gender Affirming Healthcare Act

Copy of letter from Mayor Andrea Horwath, City of Hamilton to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario dated February 23, 2023, relative to the above-noted, for information.

Copy of letter from Deputy City Clerk Dana Earle, City of Thunder Bay to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health dated January 24, 2023, relative to the above-noted, for information.

5.0 UPDATE – COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CEDC)

No updates were provided at this time.

6.0 ADVOCACY - CRISIS CENTRE/SAFE SOBERING SITE

Constable Curtis Trotz, Thunder Bay Police, provided a deputation relative to the above noted.

Advocacy from the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee may be required to assist with changes to the legislation that influences operational funding.

7.0 ADVOCACY – NUCLEAR WASTE IN NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Copy of resolution from Committee of the Whole, dated September 12, 2022, relative to the above-noted.

Copy of presentation from We the Nuclear Free North, dated September 12, 2022, relative to the above-noted.

The committee discussed the Proximity Principle and the information provided by Environment North.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the request from Environment North and We the Nuclear Free North related to advocating to the Province of Ontario to adopt the Proximity Principle, we recommend that this be referred to City Clerk Krista Power for further investigation related to how other municipalities are responding;

AND THAT City Clerk Krista Power report back to Committee with their recommendations.

CARRIED

8.0 ADVOCACY – ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO)
RESOLUTION ON HOMELESSNESS

[AMO 2023 Pre-Budget Submission and Call to Action on Housing and Homelessness | AMO](#)

Copy of draft resolution from AMO, relative to the above-noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the Call to Action on Housing and Homelessness from the AMO, we recommend that City Council consider passing a resolution to end homelessness in Ontario, in advance of the provincial budget.

CARRIED

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) ROMA Conference Update

Copy of media release from NOMA, dated January 27, 2023, relative to the above-noted, for information.

Copy of the delegation package, presented to government, on behalf of NOMA.

9.2 Streamline Development Approval Fund (SDAF) Extension

Copy of letter from the Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Mayor Ken Boshcoff, City of Thunder Bay, dated January 24, 2023, relative to the above-noted, for information.

9.3 National Summit to Address Mental Health and Vulnerable People

Copy of news article, dated January 25, 2023, relative to the above-noted, for information.

9.4 Addressing the Homelessness, Addiction and Mental Health Crisis in the North

Copy of research report from the Northern Policy Institute, dated August 2022, relative to the above-noted, for information.

9.5 Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians

Copy of letter from the President Charla Robinson, Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance and the

Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship, dated February 2, 2023, relative to the above-noted, for information.

9.6 Community Housing and Homelessness Prevention Programs

Copy of letter from the Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Chair Ken Boshcoff, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, dated February 3, 2023, relative to the above-noted, for information.

9.7 Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) Key Municipal Priorities

Copy of media release from OBCM, dated February 13, 2023, relative to the above-noted, for information.

9.8 Ontario School Board Elections

Copy of letter from Clerk Jackie Mellon, Town of Deep River to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, dated February 16, 2023, relative to the above-noted, for information.

The committee discussed Ontario School Board Elections. City Clerk Krista Power will continue to track this file and will bring back any relevant additional information to the committee.

9.9 2023 Pre-Budget Consultation

Copy of notes for the City of Thunder Bay, relative to the above-noted, for information.

Copy of letter from Chair Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) to the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, dated February 2023, relative to the above-noted, for information.

9.10 Vulnerable Populations

Copy of letter from Deputy Grand Chief Anna Betty Achneepineskum, Nishnawbe Aski Nation to Mayor Ken Boshcoff, City of Thunder Bay, dated February 13, 2023, relative to the above-noted, for information.

It was the consensus of the committee to add this item to the April 12, 2023 meeting agenda.

10.0 OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Outstanding List for the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee as of March 1, 2023.

Memorandum from Executive Administrator Erin Nadon, dated March 1, 2023 providing the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Outstanding Items List, for information.

It was the consensus of the committee to remove the committee terms of reference and the letter of support for the national summit to address mental health and vulnerable people from the Outstanding List.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

AMO Ending Homelessness Symposium in Toronto May 3-4, 2023

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

With respect to the AMO Ending Homelessness Symposium, being held in Toronto, May 3-4, 2023, we recommend that all expenses for this conference be paid for Chair Kristen Oliver and Manager of Community Strategies Cynthia Olsen;

AND THAT these expenses be paid through the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee budget.

CARRIED

12.0 NEXT MEETING

The next regular Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2023 at 16:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

It was the consensus of the committee to cancel the meeting scheduled for May 10, 2023.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 18:37 p.m.