



Ward Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

1. McKellar Ward Meeting

Chair: Councillor Brian Hamilton

2. Resource Persons

Ian Spoljarich, Manager - Roads Division

Gordon Stover, Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator

3. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair to provide introductory comments and introduced the resource persons.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the McKellar Ward meeting held on June 22, 2022, for information.

5. Snow Removal Operations

Ian Spoljarich, Manager - Roads Division provided a PowerPoint Presentation relative to the following.

- Road Maintenance Objectives
- When do we plow?
- What gets plowed and when?
- Calendar Parking
- Resources used

- Snow Removal process
- How to Report a Problem

Discussion was held relative to maintenance and repair of fleet assets and delays that may occur due to continuous snow events.

Overview was provided relative to snow-clearing and removal for priority routes, sidewalks, parking meters, bump-outs.

Icy conditions (roads, sidewalks) are dealt with immediately and may take priority over snow removal. Sand/salt will be used.

6. 2023 City of Thunder Bay Budget

The Chair provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Highlights include 7 new staffing positions created (overall complement remains the same). A new digital strategy initiative will be implemented to modernize service delivery procedures and to find efficiencies. Approximately 4.5% levy increase.

Overview of the approved infrastructure/road renewal projects for the 2023 McKellar Ward including Crown street (Cornwall to John), Cameron Street, Leith Street, paving of Memorial Avenue from Harbour Expressway to Central Avenue and McLeod Street.

The design for the Dease Park Skatepark is being finalized in 2023.

Public Post-Budget Consultation Meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 2, 2023 and the public is invited to attend and participate. Ratification is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2023.

7. Victoriaville Update

The Chair to provide an update relative to the above noted.

The Chair provided an overview of the Victoriaville demolition process/decision. The structure will be removed in 2024 to allow for the flow of traffic through Victoria Avenue. Step in the right direction for the area and revitalization plans are underway.

The McKellar Mall portion of Victoriaville will need a new facade once the street is opened along with the other attached businesses/buildings. The planned re-opening of Victoria Avenue is scheduled for Fall 2025.

The Fort William Revitalization Committee has been established to oversee the process as well as renewing the downtown Fort William Core.

A Citizen expressed a concern regarding snowplowing at the Victoria/Selkirk intersection - The Chair advised that timing of the snowplowing operations for the area as well as thawing/re-freezing affected the maintenance of this intersection which resulted in the "corduroy" on the roads.

8. Waterfront District Renewal

The Chair provided the following information:

- Road rehabilitation was started in 2018 on Court Street from Bay Street heading north
- 2022 - Court Street was completed to Lincoln Street
- 2023 - Lincoln Street to Red River Road is scheduled. A further report on the revitalization of Red River Road project will be coming to City Council for final review in April 2023 for approval.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.