



McIntyre Ward Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 6:57 p.m.
Jumbo Gardens Community Centre
330 Toivo Street**

1. McIntyre Ward Meeting 02-2023

Chair: Councillor Albert Aiello

2. Resource Persons

Chief Darcy Fleury, Thunder Bay Police Service
Inspector Jeremy Pearson, Thunder Bay Police Service
Scott Paradis, Communications Officer - Thunder Bay Police Service
Chief Shane Muir, Superior North EMS
Ian Spoljarich, Manager - Roads
Lori Wiitala, Committee Clerk/Legislative Specialist - Office of the City Clerk

3. Attendance

There were approximately 100 individuals in attendance.

4. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair called the meeting to order, welcomed Administration and those in attendance and provided introductory comments.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the McIntyre Ward meeting held on February 7, 2023, for information.

6. Thunder Bay Police Service

Chief Darcy Fleury provided the following information relative to the Thunder Bay Police Service (TBPS).

Chief Fleury joined TBPS in May 2023 after a lengthy career with RCMP in Alberta, including a background in investigation.

Current objectives for TBPS include community consultation, agency structure and enforcement. TBPS hosted 2 Town Hall meetings and will host another in the fall. Citizens are encouraged to participate and provide feedback.

Partnerships have been recently developed with Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS) and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), along with other community agencies.

The presentation handout will be available to view on the TBPS website under Reports: <https://www.thunderbaypolice.ca/reports>

Discussion was held relative to keeping offenders in custody and it was advised that the current judicial system and legislation makes it difficult to keep offenders in custody. It is recommended for citizens to report any information related to crime to TBPS which will assist with securing the arrest. Prevention comes with the community outreach piece by providing education and support.

Discussion was held relative to gangs and guns and the drug trade in the city, and how to prevent or slow down the distribution. The lack of resources to house people who are intoxicated is an issue as the city presently has a total of 6 detox beds. It was recommended to reach out to lobby the Federal and Provincial governments for assistance, and to reach out to the local MP and MPP's as a resource.

Constituents requested that the local MP and MPP information be included in the minutes:

Marcus Powlowski: 807-625-1160

Patty Hajdu: 807-766-2090

Information was provided relative to TBPS IMPACT Team, and their role as mental health specialists to provide relative service as opposed to sending EMS to attend an emergency that is mental health related.

7. EMS Update

Chief Shane Muir, North Superior EMS provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

The 2021-2030 Paramedic Services Master Plan is available to view at the following link: <https://www.thunderbay.ca/en/2021-2030-paramedic-services-master-plan.aspx>

The constituents asked questions relative to recruitment and what positions are available, and the potential of apprenticeship programs. It was advised that there are 3 designations: full-time, part-time and casual, with casual employment being the trend as people are pursuing multiple careers; apprenticeship programs are not permitted under the Ambulance Act. The Ontario Learn and Stay Grant is available for those interested in the Paramedic program, recruitment is active and 26 Paramedics have been recently hired: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-learn-and-stay-grant>

The constituents asked questions relative to how many ambulances are in service, why all of the emergency service providers attend the calls, and if utilizing AmbuTrans would be permitted or beneficial when all ambulances are in service. It was advised that there are 11 ambulances on at full compliment and are staggered through the day; when emergency calls are received at dispatch not all of the information provided is accurate and the health care system responsibility is to send the required emergency service providers to each call; AmbuTrans is an available option for transportation but not always a care option as the drivers don't meet the requirements to provide the necessary level of care.

8. Roads Update

Manager – Roads Ian Spoljarich, responded to questions.

The constituents had concerns relative to the high usage and condition of the following roads: Sherwood Drive, Townline Road, Community Hall Road, Belton Road and Granite Road. The concerns included insufficient grading and levelling, insufficient snow maintenance and removal, calcium chloride usage for dust hazards and health concerns relating to ingesting dust, and the potential for contaminants in the water systems from the calcium chloride. The higher tax rate and limited amount of city services provided is also a concern. It was advised that calcium chloride is used for dust control and reports are submitted to Environment Canada and MSDS sheets are completed when using chemicals, at

this time any health effects are unknown. It was recommended to attend City Council during budget discussions and make a deputation relative to concerns with the abovementioned roads.

The constituents provided a petition with signatures and a letter regarding issues with the abovementioned roads.

The constituents requested that Engineering attend the next ward meeting.

9. Ward & City Issues

The following questions were received prior to and at the meeting.

1. Will the hydro poles on Masters Street be removed?

Synergy North will complete all of its work on the electrical system in the project area, including Masters Street, by the end of June. At that point, the third-party attachers (Tbaytel/Shaw) will be notified to transfer their overhead lines from the old poles to the new ones. If they can do so by the end of September, Synergy North will remove the poles. If they can not, the ownership transfers to those attachers and the timeline is in their hands.

2. Will the dead-end section of Melbourne Road be paved?

Chip sealing this section of Melbourne Road is not listed in the City's forecast for the coming years. Administration is currently working on higher volume streets, with good road base and drainage.

3. Can the At Large Councillors be required to attend the ward meetings?

It was advised that At Large Councillors host Town Hall meetings and attendance is available to everyone, the ward meeting minutes are provided to City Council in the meeting agenda, for information.

A constituent brought forward photos of personal injuries from a dog attack in their neighbourhood, it was advised that there was no action taken from By-law Enforcement towards to dog owner or the dog. It was recommended that the constituent look into the Dog Owner's Liability Act for further information and to take action.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.