



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Present: Mayor Ken Boshcoff
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Kasey Etreni
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials: Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Norm Gale, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

1. Special Session

1.1 Establishment of Closed Session

At the February 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting the following resolution was passed to establish a Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meeting on Monday, February 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.:

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

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

- local board;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
 - (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;
 - (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

The following recommendation will be presented to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Amendment – Establishment of Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT the resolution relative to the Establishment of the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024 passed at the Monday, February 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, be amended to change the start time to 5:00 p.m.;

AND THAT the following reason to Establish a Closed Session meeting be added:

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

AND THAT the following reasons to Establish a Closed Session meeting be removed:

- (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- (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;
- (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;
(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

Amended – Establishment of Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- (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.

CARRIED

**2. Closed Session
McNaughton Room 5:01 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Ken Boshcoff
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Kasey Etreni
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials: Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk

Norm Gale, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

2.1 Disclosures of Interest

None.

2.2 Reports of Municipal Officers

2.2.1 Board Appointment - Thunder Bay Recruitment Committee

Confidential memorandum from Krista Power City Clerk dated February 21, 2024, relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager and City Solicitor only.

Coordinator - Boards, Committees & Special Projects Tina Larocque entered the meeting room.

City Manager Norm Gale responded to questions.

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

The Deputy 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.

Tina Larocque left the meeting room.

2.2.2 Tbaytel Shareholder Update

Dan Topatigh, President & CEO – Tbaytel and Scott Potts, Chair – Tbaytel Board to provide information relative to the above noted.

Fourth Quarter Financial Update Report was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and City Treasurer only.

City Treasurer Keri Greaves, President & CEO - Tbaytel Dan Topatigh and Chair - Tbaytel Board of Directors Scott Potts entered the meeting room.

Dan Topatigh provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Scott Potts provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Keri Greaves, Dan Topatigh and Scott Potts left the meeting room.

2.2.3 Human Resources Matter - Bargaining Mandate - Amalgamated Transit Union

Report 2024CLS.001 (Human Resources) relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety only.

Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety Karie Ortgiese, Manager - Labour Relations Erin Anderson, Senior Labour Relations Consultant Steve Harkness, Manager - Transit Services Brad Loroff and Manager - Fleet Services Doug Glena entered the meeting room.

Erin Anderson provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

City Manager Norm Gale responded to questions.

Brad Loroff responded to questions.

Doug Glena responded to questions.

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

The Deputy 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.

Brad Loroff and Doug Glena left the meeting room.

2.2.4 Human Resources Matter - Bargaining Mandate - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 339

Report 2024CLS.011 (Human Resources) relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety, only.

Manager - Roads Ian Spoljarich entered the meeting room.

Manager - Labour Relations Erin Anderson provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

City Manager Norm Gale responded to questions.

Director Human Resources & Corporate Safety Karie Ortgiese responded to questions.

Ian Spoljarich responded to questions.

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

The Deputy 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. Ian Spoljarich left the meeting room.

2.2.5 Human Resources Matter - Bargaining Mandate for the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 175

Report 2024CLS.015 (Human Resources) relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety, only.

Senior Labour Relations Consultant Steve Harkness provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

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

The Deputy 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.

At 6:18 p.m. the Closed Session concluded. It was the consensus of Committee that Committee of the Whole Open Session reconvene immediately after City Council (Public Meeting).

3. Open Session - Planning Services 7:08 p.m. S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Present:

- Mayor Ken Boshcoff
- Councillor Albert Aiello
- Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
- Councillor Kasey Etrene
- Councillor Andrew Foulds
- Councillor Trevor Giertuga
- Councillor Brian Hamilton
- Councillor Kristen Oliver
- Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials: Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Norm Gale, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Keri Greaves, City Treasurer
Karen Lewis, General Manager - Corporate Services
Kerri Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure, Development & Operations
Kelly Robertson, General Manager - Community Services
Devon McCloskey, Manager - Planning Services
Acting Fire Chief Dave Paxton
Jacob Porter, Climate Adaptation Coordinator
Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

4. Disclosures of Interest

None.

5. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

WITH RESPECT to the February 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

6. Deputations

6.1 Wildfire Preparedness Deputation

Correspondence received from Malcolm Squires dated February 9, 2024, requesting to appear before Committee to provide a deputation relative to the above noted.

Malcolm Squires and Peter Nicholas appeared before Committee, provided a deputation relative to the above noted, and responded to questions.

7. Items Arising from Closed Session

7.1 Board Appointment - Thunder Bay Recruitment Committee

Confidential memorandum from Councillor Albert Aiello, Chair - Thunder Bay Recruitment Committee, dated February 21, 2024, relative to the above noted was presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to the recruitment of three individuals to serve as Directors on the Synergy North Board, we recommend that the following be appointed:

- Dan Topatigh be appointed for a 3 year term, expiring April 30, 2027, or until such time as a replacement has been appointed;
- Maria Vasanelli be appointed for a 3 year term, expiring April 30, 2027, or until such time as a replacement has been appointed.
- Annette Bergeron be appointed for a 3 year term, expiring April 30, 2027 or until such time as a replacement has been appointed.

CARRIED

7.2 Human Resources Matter - Bargaining Mandate - Amalgamated Transit Union

Report 2024CLS.001 (Human Resources) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to Report 2024CLS.001 (Human Resources) we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

7.3 Human Resources Matter - Bargaining Mandate - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 339

Report 2024CLS.011 (Human Resources) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report 2024CLS.011 (Human Resources) we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

7.4 Human Resources Matter - Bargaining Mandate for the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 175

Report 2024CLS.015 (Human Resources) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to Report 2024CLS.015 (Human Resources) we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

8. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies

8.1 Downtown Fort William Revitalization Committee

The Minutes of Meeting 06-2023 of the Downtown Fort William Revitalization Committee held on October 4, 2023, for information.

8.2 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

The Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Board meeting, held on November 29, 2023, for information.

9. Reports of Municipal Officers

9.1 Purchase of New Fire Pumper Truck - Tender Award

Report 046-2024-Infrastructure, Development & Operations -Thunder Bay Fire Rescue, recommending the contract for the supply and delivery of one (1) Custom Fire Rescue Truck, in the amount of \$1,412,341.80 (inclusive of HST), be awarded to Fort Garry Fire Trucks Ltd.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report R 046-2024- Infrastructure, Development & Operations- Thunder Bay Fire Rescue, we recommend the contract for the supply and delivery of one (1) Custom Fire Rescue Truck, in the amount of \$1,412,341.80 (inclusive of HST), be awarded to Fort Garry Fire Trucks Ltd.;

AND THAT Appropriation 04-2024 be approved to increase the project financing by up to \$438,000 from the Fire Rescue Apparatus/Equipment Reserve Fund;

AND THAT the Manager-Supply Management be authorized to issue any purchase orders related to this contract;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign any necessary agreements related to this Report;

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

CARRIED

10. Outstanding Items

10.1 Outstanding List - Planning

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power dated February 13, 2024 relative to the above noted, for information.

11. Open Session - Administrative Services

Chair: Councillor Michael Zussino

12. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies

12.1 Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting(s) 05-2023, 06-2023 and 07-2023 of the Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee held on June 28, 2023, October 18, 2023 and November 15, 2023, respectively, for information.

12.2 Community Communications Committee

The Minutes of Meeting 05-2023 of the Community Communications Committee held on November 16, 2023, for information.

12.3 Official Recognition Committee Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting 06-2023 of the Official Recognition Committee held on November 2, 2023, for information.

12.4 Council Composition Review Committee

The Minutes of Meeting(s) 01-2023, 02-2023 and 01-2024 of the Council Composition Review Committee held on November 7, 2023, December 6, 2023 and January 9, 2024, respectively, for information.

12.5 Audit Committee

The Minutes of Meeting 03-2023 of the Audit Committee, held on September 28, 2023, for information.

12.6 Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Minutes of Meeting 07-2023 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 11, 2023, for information.

12.7 Anti-Racism & Equity Advisory Committee

The Minutes of Meeting 07-2023 of the Anti-Racism & Equity Advisory Committee meeting held on November 29, 2023, for information.

12.8 Appeals Tribunal (Property Standards) Committee

The Minutes of Meeting 03-2023 of the Appeals Tribunal (Property Standards) Committee, held on October 4, 2023, for information.

13. Petitions and Communications

13.1 Advocacy - Cap on International Students

Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair - Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, dated February 14, 2024, relative to the above noted, recommending that the federal government reconsider their position relating to the cap on international student permits.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair of Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, dated February 14, 2024, we recommend that the federal government reconsider their position relating to the cap on international student permits;

AND THAT a measured approach to implementation be considered that includes consultation with post secondary institutions in Northwestern Ontario like Lakehead University and Confederation College and municipalities affected by this change;

AND THAT we recognize and acknowledge that Confederation College and Lakehead University are vital to the economy of Thunder Bay and the region;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with the following:

- The Hon. Patty Hajdu, MP, Thunder Bay-Superior North, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario and Minister of Indigenous Services
- Marcus Powlowski, MP, Thunder Bay-Rainy River
- Kevin Holland, MPP, Thunder Bay-Atikokan
- Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Thunder Bay-Superior North
- Lakehead University President Gillian Siddall
- Confederation College President, Kathleen Lynch
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA);

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

CARRIED

14. Outstanding Items

14.1 Outstanding List - Administrative Services

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power dated February 13, 2024 relative to the above noted, for information.

15. New Business

15.1 Establishment of Closed Session - March 4, 2024

The following recommendation will be presented to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:30 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;

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

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

(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

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.