



City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 27, 2024, 10:00 p.m.

S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Present:

- Mayor Ken Boshcoff
- Councillor Rajni Agarwal
- Councillor Mark Bentz
- Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
- Councillor Kasey Etreni
- Councillor Andrew Foulds
- Councillor Trevor Giertuga
- Councillor Brian Hamilton
- Councillor Greg Johnsen
- Councillor Kristen Oliver
- Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
- Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials:

- Krista Power, Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk
- Norm Gale, City Manager
- Cynthia Cline, Deputy 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
- Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement
- Karie Ortgiese, Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety
- Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

1. City Council

Chair: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

2. Opening Ceremonies

One Minute of Silence.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Aside from those disclosures already recorded in the previous minutes as presented here, no additional disclosures of interest were announced.

4. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

WITH RESPECT to the May 27, 2024 City Council, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

5.1 City Council

The Minutes of the following Meetings of the Thunder Bay City Council, to be confirmed:

1. The Thunder Bay City Council - Special Session - Thunder Bay Hydro Corporation Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on May 13, 2024.
Distributed separately on Thursday, May 23, 2024;

2. The Thunder Bay City Council - Special Session held on May 13, 2024.
Distributed separately on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

THAT the Minutes of the following Meetings of the Thunder Bay City Council, be confirmed:

1. The Thunder Bay City Council - Special Session - Thunder Bay Hydro Corporation Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on May 13, 2024;

2. The Thunder Bay City Council (Special Session) meeting held on May 13, 2024.

CARRIED

6. Reports of Committees, Boards, and Outside Agencies

6.1 Committee of the Whole Minutes

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

THAT the Minutes of the following Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:

1. May 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole.

Memorandum from Director, Revenue - Corporate Services Kathleen Cannon dated May 21, 2024 containing a revised recommendation relative to Report 098-2024 Corporate Services - Revenue to correct a clerical error, and to provide authorization to repeal and replace By-law 45-2014, being a By-law to provide for a 10 year exemption from municipal taxes for land used by Veterans pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, A.31., for Council's consideration.

It was requested that the above noted resolution as contained in the May 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole minutes be voted on separately.

2024 Tax Policy - Report 098-2024 - Corporate Services - Revenue

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to Report 98-2024-Corporate Services-Revenue, we recommend that the tax ratios and tax rates included in Attachment 10 and outlined in Option 3 be approved for the 2024 taxation year;

AND THAT the final tax levy be due in two installments on August 7 and October 2, 2024;

AND THAT an exemption from municipal taxes be granted for a term of 10 years (2034) or until such lesser time that the lands no longer meet the criteria as identified in S. 6.1 of the Assessment Act R.S.O. 1190, A.31 to

the properties used and occupied by the Polish Combatants Association in Canada Branch No 1 (Lakehead) Inc.

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

Amendment - 2024 Tax Policy - Report 098-2024 - Corporate Services - Revenue

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

WITH RESPECT to the Motion relative to 2024 Tax Policy Report 098-2024 - Corporate Services - Revenue as contained in the May 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole minutes presented here, we recommend that the Motion be amended to include the following after paragraph 3:

"AND THAT By-law 45-2014 be repealed;

AND THAT By-law 46-2006 being a by-law to Identify Prescribed Special Service Areas in the City of Thunder Bay, be amended by extending the sewage and drainage areas as identified in Attachment 2;"

CARRIED

Amended - 2024 Tax Policy - Report 098-2024 - Corporate Services - Revenue

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to Report 098-2024-Corporate Services-Revenue, we recommend that the tax ratios and tax rates included in Attachment 10 and outlined in Option 3 be approved for the 2024 taxation year;

AND THAT the final tax levy be due in two installments on August 7 and October 2, 2024;

AND THAT an exemption from municipal taxes be granted for a term of 10 years (2034) or until such lesser time that the lands no longer meet the criteria as identified in S. 6.1 of the Assessment Act R.S.O. 1190, A.31 to the properties used and occupied by the Polish Combatants Association in Canada Branch No 1 (Lakehead) Inc.;

AND THAT By-law 45-2014 be repealed;

AND THAT By-law 46-2006 being a by-law to Identify Prescribed Special Service Areas in the City of Thunder Bay, be amended by extending the sewage and drainage areas as identified in Attachment 2;

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

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Minutes

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

THAT the Minutes of the Following Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:

1. May 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

6.2 Ward Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the following Ward Meetings to be received:

1. Meeting 01-2024 of the Neebing Ward held on March 14, 2024.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT the Minutes of the following Ward Meetings to be received:

1. Meeting 01-2024 of the Neebing Ward held on March 14, 2024.

CARRIED

6.3 At Large Town Hall

The Minutes of the following Town Hall Meeting to be received:

1. Meeting 02-2023 of the At Large Town Hall held on November 2, 2023.

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT the Minutes of the following Town Hall Meetings be received:

1. Meeting 02-2023 of the At Large Town Hall held on November 2, 2023.

CARRIED

7. Ratifying Resolution

The City Clerk advised that the resolution previously adopted by Committee of the Whole held earlier in the evening relative to the above noted required ratification by Council. Under Council's policy a two-thirds vote of Council was necessary.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT the following ratifying resolutions be introduced, read, dealt with individually:

1. Report 147/2024 - Contract 11, 2024 – McKellar River Bridge Deck Replacement;
2. Report 148/2024 – Contract 17, 2024 – Burwood Road Sanitary Sewer & Central Avenue Storm Sewer.

CARRIED

8. By-laws and By-law Resolution

8.1 By-law 099-2024 - 2024 Tax Policy

A By-law to establish tax policy decisions including tax ratios, and optional property classes, and provide for the final levy of taxes for 2024.

8.2 By-law 113-2024

A By-law to amend By-law 046-2006, being the Special Services By-law for the City of Thunder Bay, in the District of Thunder Bay. Distributed separately on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

8.3 By-law 114-2024 - Municipal Tax exemption for land used by Veterans

A by-law to provide for a 10 year exemption from municipal taxes for land used by Veterans, pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Assessment Act R.S.O. 1990, c.A.31. Distributed separately on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

8.4 By-law 141-2024 - Amendment to User Fee By-law 028-2007

A By-law to amend By-law Number 028-2007, being a by-law to set fees and charges imposed for various Municipal Services

8.5 By-law Resolution - May 27, 2024 - City Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

THAT the following By-laws be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered:

1. A By-law to establish tax policy decisions including tax ratios, and optional property classes, and provide for the final levy of taxes for 2024.

By-law Number: BL 099/2024

2. A By-law to amend By-law 046-2006, being the Special Services By-law for the City of Thunder Bay, in the District of Thunder Bay.

By-law Number: BL 113/2024

3. A by-law to provide for a 10 year exemption from municipal taxes for land used by Veterans, pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Assessment Act R.S.O. 1990, c.A.31.

By-law Number: BL 114/2024

4. A By-law to amend By-law Number 028-2007, being a by-law to set fees and charges imposed for various Municipal Services.

By-law Number: BL 141/2024

CARRIED

9. Confirming By-law and Confirming By-law Resolution

9.1 Confirming By-law Resolution - May 27, 2024 - City Council

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 11th day of March 2024.

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

THAT the following By-law be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered:

By-law Number: BL 191/2024

1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 27th day of May 2024.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk