



Memorandum

TO: Krista Power, City Clerk **FILE:**

FROM: Councillor Brian Hamilton

DATE: 06/14/2024 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT: Committee of the Whole Minutes June 3, 2024 Re: Surplus Properties – Holly Crescent, Thistle Crescent & Thornloe Drive

MEETING & DATE: City Council – 06/24/2024 (mm/dd/yyyy)

On Monday, June 3, 2024 I am of the opinion that Committee of the Whole made an unfortunate decision to remove 3 parkettes from the surplus property list – Holly Crescent, Thistle Crescent & Thornloe Drive. I believe these properties are not only critical to meeting our housing targets but represent good planning and align with the council approved strategies for intensification and highest best use.

These properties could host needed land development that builds strong neighbourhoods and generate much needed tax revenue. These neighbourhood are attractive and desirable for quality housing projects. The current process seeks qualified and experienced builders to acquire the land, so that neighbourhood character is maintained and supported.

There will always be opposition to change but some of the wariness is unfounded. Infill projects mean greeting a few new neighbours; a few more kids, a few more seniors, or a few more families. But they ultimately mean a safer, more affordable and prosperous Thunder Bay.

It is my view and hope that Council will support my motion to extract this item from the June 3, 2024 Committee of the Whole minutes to amend the resolution to add the 3 parkettes and then refer the amendment back to Administration to begin the surplus

process. To support housing targets, create a diversity of housing solutions and generate tax revenue, it is my view that City Council should be strategic and bold.

As outlined in this memorandum, I provide the following referral motion for Council's consideration,

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Brian Hamilton dated June 14, 2024 and relative to the minutes of Committee of the Whole June 3, 2024 and Report 2024CLS.031 (Realty Services) we recommend that the following parkette properties; 724 Holly Crescent, 628 Thistle Crescent, and Part of 661 Thornloe Drive be referred to Administration to add to the list of properties recommended for surplus;

AND THAT Administration provide notice to the public as per policy with respect to the surplus of these properties;

AND THAT be brought forward for ratification at the July 22, 2024 City Council meeting;

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

C.C. Norm Gale, City Manager
Kerri Marshall, GM Infrastructure & Operations
Joel DePeuter, Director of Development Services
Deanna Walker, Manager of Realty Services