



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Present:

- Mayor Ken Boshcoff
- Councillor Rajni Agarwal
- Councillor Albert Aiello
- 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
- John Collin, City Manager
- Cynthia Cline, Acting City Solicitor

1. Closed Session in the McNaughton Room

Closed Session Agendas were distributed separately to Members of Council and ELT only.

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

1.1 City Manager Training Session

City Treasurer Keri Greaves, General Manager - Corporate Services Karen Lewis, General Manager - Infrastructure, Development & Operations Kerri Marshall, Director - Strategic Initiatives Cynthia Olsen, Director - Human Resources Karie Ortgiese, and General Manager - Community Services Kelly Robertson entered the meeting room.

City Manager John Collin and City Treasurer Keri Greaves provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Keri Greaves, Karen Lewis, Kerri Marshall, Cynthia Olsen, and Karie Ortgiese left the meeting room.

1.2 Legal Matter

Report 2024CLS.039 (City Manager’s Office - Legal Services) relative to the above noted was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager and City Solicitor only.

Deputy City Solicitor Dawne Latta, Manager - Transit Services Brad Loroff, Law Clerk & Litigation Support Specialist Ashley Eager and Lawyer - Eryou Barristers Gene Prpic entered the meeting room.

Gene Prpic provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Brad Loroff responded to questions.

Dawne Latta responded to questions.

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

The 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.

Dawne Latta, General Manager - Community Services Kelly Robertson, Brad Loroff, Ashley Eager, and Gene Prpic left the meeting room.

1.3 Property Related Matter

Report 2024CLS.030 (Infrastructure, Development & Operations - Realty Services) relative to the above noted was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and General Manager - Infrastructure, Development & Operations only.

City Treasurer Keri Greaves, General Manager - Corporate Services Karen Lewis, General Manager - Infrastructure, Development & Operations Kerri Marshall, and Manager - Realty Services Deanna Walker entered the meeting room.

City Manager John Collin provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Deanna Walker responded to questions.

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

The 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 6:23 p.m. the Closed Session concluded. It was the consensus of Committee that Open Session reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

2. Open Session (Operations) in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:34 p.m.

Present:

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

Officials:

- John Collin, City Manager
- Krista Power, Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk
- Cynthia Cline, Acting 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
- Kayla Dixon, Director – Engineering & Operations
- Brad Loroff, Manager – Transit Services
- Matt Miedema, Manager - Engineering
- Rilee Willianen, Policy & Research Analyst
- Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

Chair: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

3. Disclosures of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the August 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

5. Items Arising from Closed Session

5.1 Legal Matter

Report 2024CLS.039 (City Manager's Office - Legal Services) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

The City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted would be presented for ratification at the City Council meeting to be held later in the evening and would require a two-thirds vote.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

WITH RESPECT to Report 2024CLS.039 (Legal Services) we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

5.2 Property Related Matter

Report 2024CLS.030 (Infrastructure, Development & Operations - Realty Services) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

WITH RESPECT to Report 2024CLS.030 (Infrastructure, Development & Operations - Realty Services) we recommend that

Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

6. Reports of Municipal Officers

6.1 Contract 9, 2024 - Storm Separation - Report 272-2024 Infrastructure, Development & Operations

Report 272-2024-Infrastructure, Development & Operations-Engineering & Operations recommending the award of Contract 9 - Storm Separation, for the renewal of underground infrastructure, for Council's consideration.

The City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted would be presented for ratification at the City Council meeting to be held later in the evening and would require a two-thirds vote.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to Report 272-2024-Infrastructure, Development & Operations-Engineering & Operations, we recommend that Contract 9, 2024 for Storm Separation be awarded to Bay City Contractors, which submitted the lowest tender in the amount of \$1,205,986.85 (inclusive of HST);

AND THAT the amount shown is based on estimated quantities; final payment for this Contract will be based on measured quantities for the complete work and may be higher than the tender value;

AND THAT the General Manager of Infrastructure, Development and Operations report any circumstances to City Council should significant variation in the contract quantities occur;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign all documentation related to this matter;

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

CARRIED

7. Outstanding Items

7.1 Outstanding Items - Operations

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power dated July 30, 2024 relative to the above noted, for information.

8. Open Session (Community Services)

Chair: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

At the request of the Chair, Councillor Kristen Oliver assumed the Chair.

9. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies

9.1 The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 11-2024 and 12-2024 (Closed Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on June 20, 2024, for information.

10. Reports of Municipal Officers

10.1 U-Pass Agreement with Lakehead University Student Union

Report 169-2024-Community Services-Transit Services providing a recommendation relative to the establishment of a new U-Pass Agreement with Lakehead University Student Union Inc., for a one-year term commencing September 1, 2024, for Council's consideration.

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report 169-2024-Community Services-Transit Services, we recommend that Administration be authorized to establish a new Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay and the Lakehead University Student Union Inc. (LUSU), including such ancillary documents, amendments and renewal agreements as may be required to give further effect to the intended relationships of the parties for a one-year term commencing on September 1, 2024;

AND THAT the General Manager, Community Services be authorized to execute all documentation with respects to the U-Pass program agreement;

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

CARRIED

10.2 Report Back – Review of Encampment Distance Guidelines

Report 312-2024 - City Manager's Office-Strategic Initiatives & Engagement recommending the approval of Encampment Distance Guidelines, and the removal of Outstanding Item 2024-00-ADM from the outstanding list, for Council's consideration.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to Report 312-2024 (City Manager's Office - Strategic Initiatives & Engagement), we approve including the following in the Distance Guidelines:

“on or within 5 metres of any trail, sidewalk, or parking lot, or on or under any bridge, including pedestrian access points to such areas and structures”;

AND THAT item 2024-008-ADM be removed from the outstanding list;

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

CARRIED

11. Petitions and Communications

11.1 The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board - Advocacy

Memorandum from Councillor Brian Hamilton, Chair - The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board dated July 19, 2024 providing a Motion with respect to the endorsement of advocacy documents (position papers) Conference Delegates will be presenting to various Ministries at the upcoming AMO Conference, for Council's consideration.

The City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted would be presented for ratification at the City Council meeting to be held later in the evening and would require a two-thirds vote.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Brian Hamilton, Chair – District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB), dated July 19, 2024, we recommend that the following Position Papers

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Planning for the Future of Housing in the District of Thunder Bay (COCHI, OPHI, COHB);
- Ministry of Health: Supportive Housing Strategy;
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services: Social Assistance Modernization Update Request; and
- Attorney General: Landlord and Tenant Board Hearing Timelines.

as attached to this memorandum, be endorsed in their entirety;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the TBDSSAB, Minister Paul Calandra – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones – Ministry of Health; Minister Michael Parsa – Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services; and Attorney General Doug Downey – Ministry of the Attorney General;

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

CARRIED

11.2 Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program - Advocacy

Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair - Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated July 31, 2024 providing a Motion with respect to advocacy documents relating to the Rural Immigration program.

The City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted would be presented for ratification at the City Council meeting to be held later in the evening and would require a two-thirds vote.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated July 31, 2024, we recommend that the City of Thunder Bay urge the Government of Ontario to ensure that the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program which addresses labour market challenges by

allocating 3,000 nominee spots to Northern Ontario acknowledging that the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program has been expanded from 9,750 nominees in 2022 to a goal of 21,500 nominees in 2024;

AND THAT this action is supported by employers across Northern Ontario that are experiencing a shortage of qualified employees and a shrinking labour market;

AND THAT the population and migration trends to 2021 suggest that Northern Ontario needs 100,000 newcomers by 2041 to sustain current population;

AND THAT the success of the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot indicates that allocating nomination spots to address regional labour shortages is an effective way to attract newcomers to Northern Ontario;

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

CARRIED

11.3 Establishment of Closed Session Meeting - Monday, August 26, 2024

Memorandum from Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power dated August 2, 2024 providing a recommendation to establish a Committee of the Whole Closed Session meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2024 at 4:30 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;

(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; and

(3.1) the purpose of educating or training the members relative to City Manager Orientation.

CARRIED

12. Outstanding Items

12.1 Outstanding Items - Community Services

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power dated July 30, 2024 relative to the above noted, for information.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.