



Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

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1. Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting 05-2024

Chair: Councillor Kristen Oliver

2. Members

Mayor Ken Boshcoff
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Kasey Etreni
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

3. Officials

Norm Gale, City Manager
Krista Power, Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk
Tina Larocque, Coordinator - Boards, Committees and Special Projects

4. Resource Persons

Larry Joy, Policy Assistant to the Mayor
Stacey Levanen, Supervisor, Corporate Communications & Community Engagement

5. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures announced at this time.

6. Agenda Approval

WITH RESPECT to the June 4, 2024 meeting of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the June 4, 2024 meeting of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting 04-2024 of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, held on May 15, 2024, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 04-2024 Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, held on May 15, 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED

8. Advocacy to the Province of Ontario to Adopt the Proximity Principle

At the October 30, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, a memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee was presented relative to the above noted. At that time, a resolution passed recommending that the item be referred back to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee to allow for further consultation with Environment North and We Are The Nuclear Free North, and that the Committee report to City Council with their recommendations and findings.

At the February 14, 2024 meeting, Dodie LeGassick, on behalf of Environment North provided a PowerPoint presentation and Wendy O'Connor, on behalf of We the Nuclear Free North also provided a PowerPoint presentation relative to the above noted.

The Committee discussed the information provided relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

THAT the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee advise that the previous recommendation still stands, to not endorse the proximity principle;

AND THAT the City Manager work with relevant members of Administration to

review the current Dangerous Goods route and determine if there are any changes that may be enacted relative to the travel of hazardous materials through the City of Thunder Bay to better protect the citizens of Thunder Bay.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence

9.1 Proposed New Highway 400/69 Extension from Sudbury to Chapleau to White River

The agenda item was deferred from the May 15, 2024 Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee meeting as the Mayor was not in attendance.

Correspondence received May 3, 2024 from Gilbert Boland to Mac Bain, Executive Director, The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities attaching a resolution from the Township of Chapleau relative to the above noted, re-presented.

Correspondence received March 24, 2024 from Judith M. Meyntz, Chief Administrative Officer, Township of Chapleau, attaching a resolution passed in support of the proposed new Highway 400/69 extension from Sudbury to Chapleau to White River, for information - re-presented.

Correspondence received April 19, 2024 from Sue Lord, Municipality of Wawa, attaching a resolution passed in objection to the proposed new Highway 400/69 extension to be built from Sudbury to Chapleau to White River, for information, re-presented.

The Committee discussed the proposed new highway 400/69 extension from Sudbury to Chapleau to White River.

MOVED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT the recommendation as contained in the correspondence, in support of the letter from Gilbert Boland in support of the new Highway 400/69 extension from Sudbury to Chapleau to White River, be presented to Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

9.2 Regulations around animal species and exotic animals

Correspondence received May 23, 2024 from Dolf DeJong, Chief Executive Officer - Toronto Zoo, relative to seeking support and adoption of a resolution to urge the Ontario government to address the lack of regulations related to the public display and keeping of exotic wild animal species.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the correspondence relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

THAT the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee refer this item to the next committee meeting;

AND THAT an update from Administration be provided relative to the animals in care at the Chippewa Park Zoo.

CARRIED

9.3 Enbridge Gas rate rebasing application and the Government's introduction of the Keeping Energy Costs Down Act

Correspondence received May 17, 2024 from Heidi Bredenholler-Prasad, Vice President and Chief Customer Officer - Enbridge Gas relative to providing an update relative to the above noted.

The Chair had advised that Bill 165 had passed and advocacy was no longer required. The City Clerk will advise Council on this matter.

10. Outstanding Items

Outstanding List for the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee as of May 28, 2024.

Memorandum from Tina Larocque, Coordinator - Boards, Committees and Special Projects, dated May 28, 2024 providing the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Outstanding Items List, for information.

11. New Business

11.1 Census Update

City Manager Norm Gale provided an update on Our Health Counts, population counts. There is the inability to use the 120,000 plus the undercounting of indigenous people that has been collected. The data collected can't be used towards census and population data.

11.2 2024 AMO Conference

The committee discussed the upcoming AMO conference being held August 18-21, 2024.

MOVED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

SECONDED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

WITH RESPECT to the 2024 AMO Conference, being held August 18-21, 2024, we recommend that all expenses for this conference be paid for Mayor Boshcoff, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Shelby' Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etreni and Policy Assistant Larry Joy;

AND THAT these expenses be paid through the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee budget.

CARRIED

12. Next Meeting

The next regular Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.