



## Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

**Monday, December 2, 2024**

**Committee of the Whole – Closed Session in the McNaughton Room at 5:01 p.m.**

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
- John Collin, City Manager
- Patty Robinet, City Solicitor

### **1. Closed Session in the McNaughton Room at 5:01 p.m.**

Vice-Chair: Councillor Brian Hamilton

### **2. Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Rajni Agarwal made a transparency disclosure respecting Report 2024CLS.053 (Realty Services) and Report 2024CLS.051 (Legal Services) enabling her to participate in the matter having disclosed a non-disqualifying interest arising from her business relationship with a party with interests in the matter.

### **3. Reports of Municipal Officers**

#### **3.1 Board Appointment – Thunder Bay Community Foundation**

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

Confidential Memorandum from Director – Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power, dated November 18, 2024 was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager, and City Solicitor on Thursday, November 28, 2024.

Director-Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power responded to questions.

It was 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.

Coordinator – Boards, Committees, Special Projects & Events Tina Larocque left the meeting room.

It was the consensus of committee to recess to 5:15 p.m. to allow for members of external counsel to attend virtually.

Closed Session reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

#### **3.2 Property Related Matter**

Commissioner–Growth Kerri Marshall, Deputy City Solicitor Cynthia Cline, Director–Development Services Joel DePeuter, and Manager-Realty Services Deanna Walker entered the meeting room.

External counsel Alec Clute, Sylvain Rouleau, Abbey Sinclair of WeirFoulds LLP entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Report 2024CLS.053 (Realty Services) and Report 2024CLS.051 (Legal Services) were distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, and Commissioner-Growth on Thursday, November 28, 2024.

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City Manager John Collin provided opening remarks.

Joel DePeuter and Deanna Walker provided an overview relative to Report 2024CLS.053.

Cynthia Cline provided an overview relative to Report 2024CLS.051.

City Solicitor Patty Robinet, John Collin, Cynthia Cline, Kerri Marshall, Joel DePeuter, and Deanna Walker responded to questions.

External counsel Abbey Sinclair and Sylvain Rouleau responded to questions.

It was 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 6:25 p.m. the Closed Session concluded. It was the consensus of Committee that Open Session reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

**Committee of the Whole – Open Session in the S. H. Blake Auditorium at 6:32 p.m.**

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  
John Collin, City Manager  
Cynthia Cline, Deputy City Solicitor  
Kerri Marshall, Commissioner - Growth  
Kelly Robertson, Commissioner - Community Services  
Kayla Dixon, Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations  
Keri Greaves, Commissioner - Corporate Services & City

Treasurer  
Ian Spoljarich, Manager - Roads  
Werner Schwar, Supervisor – Parks & Open Space Planning  
Katie Piché, Council & Committee Clerk  
Crystal DePeuter, Council & Committee Clerk

**2. Open Session (Operations) in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:32 p.m.**

Chair: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

**4. Confirmation of Agenda**

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the December 2, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations**

**5.1 Winter Control Standards**

Memorandum from Manager - Roads Ian Spoljarich dated November 6, 2024 requesting to make a presentation on the City of Thunder Bay's Winter Control Standards.

Manager - Roads Ian Spoljarich provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

**6. Items Arising from Closed Session**

**6.1 Board Appointment - Thunder Bay Community Foundation Board of Trustees**

Confidential Memorandum from Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power, dated November 18, 2024 was previously presented at Committee of the Whole - Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

WITH RESPECT to the confidential memorandum from Krista Power, Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk, dated November 18, 2024 relative to the Thunder Bay Community Foundation Board of Trustees, we recommend that Terri Hrkac be appointed.

CARRIED

## **6.2 Property Related Matter**

2024CLS.053 (Realty Services) was previously presented at Committee of the Whole - Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to Report 2024CLS.053 (Realty Services) we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

## **7. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies**

### **7.1 Earthcare Advisory Committee Minutes**

Meeting 04-2024 of the Earthcare Advisory Committee, held on October 9, 2024, for information.

### **7.2 Waterfront Development Committee Minutes**

Meeting 06-2024 of Waterfront Development Committee, dated September 10, 2024, for information.

## **8. Reports of Municipal Officers**

### **8.1 Update on the Waverley Park Fountain and Cenotaph Restoration Project**

On June 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole passed a resolution following a deputation from the Coalition for Waverley Park that the contents of the deputation be referred to Administration for review including the addition of the Waverley Fountain maintenance costs into the Parks & Open Spaces 3-year capital budget

and the use of funding from the sale of surplus park lands to report back on or before December 2, 2024 to inform the 2025 Budget.

Report 416-2024-Infrastructure & Operations-Parks providing an update to City Council on the planning and budgeting for the Waverley Park Fountain and Cenotaph Restoration project including 2025 capital budget impacts, recommended project staging, and opportunities to secure external funding.

Correspondence received from David Noonan - The Coalition for Waverley Park, dated November 19, 2024 requesting to provide a deputation.

Members of The Coalition for Waverley Park, David Noonan and Keith Nymark provided a deputation and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

WITH RESPECT to Report 416-2024 – Infrastructure and Operations - Parks & Open Spaces dated November 19, 2024, we recommend that Outstanding Item 2024-104-INO be removed from the Outstanding List;

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

CARRIED

## **9. Petitions and Communications**

### **9.1 Approval and Authorization for Interocean Development Infrastructure Servicing Agreement**

Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner of Infrastructure & Operations dated October 10, 2024 recommending that the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) for the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) between the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay be approved.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner of Infrastructure & Operations dated October 10, 2024, we recommend that the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) for the Housing-Enabling Water

Systems Fund (HEWSF) between the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay be approved;

AND THAT the municipal contribution required to fund the remaining portion of the project to be included in the 2025 and 2026 Capital Budgets;

AND THAT the Director Engineering & Operations be authorized to execute any necessary agreements;

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

CARRIED

### **9.2 Red Light Cameras - Request for Report - Outstanding Item 2024-103-INO**

Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner - Infrastructure & Operations, dated November 18, 2024, recommending that the date for the report back of Outstanding Item 2024-103-INO Red Light Cameras be changed from December 2, 2024 to the First Quarter (Q1) of 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations, dated December 2, 2024, we recommend that the date for the report back of Outstanding Item 2024-103-INO Red Light Cameras be changed from December 2, 2024 to the First Quarter (Q1) of 2025;

AND THAT any necessary bylaws be presented to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

### **9.3 Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act**

Memorandum from Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Councillor Kristen Oliver dated November 13, 2024 recommending that the Province be called upon to update the *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)* with priority amendments as outlined by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), in advance of Summer 2025 to allow adequate time for planning for the 2026 municipal elections.

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated November 13, 2024, we recommend that the Province be called upon to update the *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)* with priority amendments as outlined by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), in advance of Summer 2025 to allow adequate time for planning for the 2026 municipal elections;

AND THAT the Province commence work to review and re-write the *MEA* with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

AND THAT the *MEA* be reviewed and updated every four years to keep pace with changing voter expectations, technology, and trends;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Education, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP Thunder Bay–Atikokan, MPP Thunder Bay–Superior North, and AMCTO;

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

CARRIED

#### **9.4 Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations**

Memorandum from Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Councillor Kristen Oliver dated November 19, 2024 recommending support of the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations aimed at attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated November 19, 2024, we recommend support of the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations aimed at attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario;



AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement, Minister of Mines, Minister of Energy and Electrification, Minister of Finance, Minister of Northern Development/Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation, MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan/ Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products, MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North, and all NOMA member municipalities;

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

CARRIED

### **9.5 Post-Graduation Work Permit Program Reforms**

Memorandum from Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Councillor Kristen Oliver dated November 19, 2024 recommending that Council calls for the Federal Government to delay the implementation of PGWP reforms as these changes will have profound negative impacts on Northwestern Ontario and worsen the region's critical labour gaps.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated November 19, 2024, we recommend that Council calls for the Federal Government to delay the implementation of PGWP reforms as these changes will have profound negative impacts on Northwestern Ontario and worsen the region's critical labour gaps;

AND THAT the delay of PGWP reforms would allow the Federal Government the necessary time to engage collaboratively with industry leaders, provincial authorities, and the public college sector, to safeguard economic growth in Thunder Bay and across Northwestern Ontario;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Prime Minister and Minister of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship in addition to the Presidents of Confederation College and Lakehead University;

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

CARRIED

**10. Outstanding Items List as of November 19, 2024 for Operations**

Memorandum from Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power dated November 19, 2024, providing the Operations Outstanding List, for information.

**11. New Business**

**11.1 Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session - December 9, 2024**

The following resolution will be presented to establish Committee of the Whole - Closed Session:

MOVED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

THAT a Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

(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.

CARRIED

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.