



Committee of the Whole - Budget Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 3, 2025, 5:02 p.m.

S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Present:

- Councillor Rajni Agarwal
- Councillor Albert Aiello
- Councillor Mark Bentz
- Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
- Councillor Kasey Etrei
- Councillor Andrew Foulds
- Councillor Trevor Giertuga
- Councillor Greg Johnsen
- Councillor Kristen Oliver
- Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
- Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials:

- Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
- John Collin, City Manager
- Kayla Dixon, Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations
- Keri Greaves, Commissioner - Corporate Services & City Treasurer
- Kerri Marshall, Commissioner - Growth
- Kelly Robertson, Commissioner - Community Services
- Joel DePeuter, Director – Development Services
- Michelle Warywoda, Director - Environment
- Matthew Miedema, Director – Engineering
- David Paxton, Chief of Fire
- Cory Halvorsen, Manager – Parks & Open Spaces
- Jason Sherband, Manager – Waste & Recycling Services
- Ian Spoljarich, Manager – Roads
- Katie Piché, Council & Committee Clerk

1. Open Session in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Chair: Councillor Mark Bentz

2. Disclosures of Interest

3. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the February 3, 2025 Committee of the Whole - Budget meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4. Unfinished Business

Unfinished business from the January 30, 2025 Committee of the Whole - Budget meeting.

5. Reports of Municipal Officers

5.1 2025 Proposed Operating Budget

Report 1-2025-Corporate Services-Finance relative to the proposed 2025 Operating Budget was printed in the January 30, 2025 Committee of the Whole-Budget agenda.

2025 Budget - FTE Expansions

Memorandum from Director - Finance Andrea Morrison, dated January 31, 2025, relative to FTE Expansions, for information was distributed separately on Monday, February 3, 2025.

User Fees - Summary of Notable Changes

Memorandum from Director - Finance Andrea Morrison, dated January 31, 2025, providing a summary of notable changes in 2025 user fees, for information was distributed separately on Monday, February 3, 2025.

6. Budget Summaries

6.1 Growth

A review of the Growth Department was provided as outlined in Report 1-2025-Corporate Services-Finance-Attachment A -Tab 11.

6.2 Infrastructure & Operations

A review of the Infrastructure & Operations Department was provided as outlined in Report 1-2025-Corporate Services-Finance-Attachment A – Tab 12.

6.3 Outside Boards

A review of the Outside Boards was provided as outlined in Report 1-2025-Corporate Services-Finance - Attachment A - Tab 13.

Memorandum from the Waterfront District Board of Management, dated January 27, 2025, relative to a reallocation of funds, for information was distributed separately on Friday, January 31, 2025.

Correspondence received from Chief Executive Officer Ken Ranta, dated January 31, 2025 relative to the 2025 District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Budget, for information was distributed separately on Friday, January 31, 2025.

CEO - Community Economic Development Commission Jamie Taylor responded to questions.

Chief of Police Darcy Fleury and Thunder Bay Police Service Director of Finance & Facilities Dawn Paris responded to questions.

Waterfront District BIA Executive Director Kara Pratt responded to questions.

Dr. Janet DeMille and Thunder Bay District Health Unit Director of Corporate Services Dan Hrychuk responded to questions.

Victoria Avenue BIA Board Member Aldo Ruberto responded to questions.

Amendment to Budget - Thunder Bay Police Service

Memorandum from Commissioner - Corporate Services & City Treasurer Keri Greaves, dated January 31, 2025 containing a recommendation relative to the 2025 Proposed Operating Budget was distributed separately on Friday, January 31, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to Report 1-2025-Corporate Services-Finance Proposed 2025 Operating Budget and the Memorandum from Keri Greaves, Commissioner Corporate Services & City Treasurer, dated January 31, 2025, we recommend that the Thunder Bay Police Service operating budget be increased by \$193,000;

AND THAT the contribution to the Solid Waste & Recycling Reserve Fund be reduced by \$193,000;

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

CARRIED

7. Amended Resolution - Proposed 2025 Operating Budget

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to Report 1-2025-Corporate Services-Finance, we recommend that the proposed 2025 Operating Budget for tax- and rate-supported operations be approved as outlined in this Report;

AND THAT the 2025 Tax-Supported Operating Budget of \$385,052,500 be approved as outlined in this Report;

AND THAT the 2025 Municipal Taxes raised to support the Tax-Supported Operating Budget, including Assessment Growth, be approved at \$219,063,800 as outlined in this Report;

AND THAT with respect to the Tax-Supported Operating Budget, contributions to reserves and reserve funds from operations totalling up to \$9,934,900 and transfers from reserves and reserve funds totalling up to \$1,204,100 be approved as outlined in this Report;

AND THAT the Waterfront District Business Improvement Area levy of \$117,300 be approved;

AND THAT the Victoria Avenue Business Improvement Area levy of \$60,000 be approved;

AND THAT the 2025 Solid Waste (Landfill) Operating Budget be approved at \$5,076,300 gross expenditure and \$921,500 net income, with a contribution to the Solid Waste – Landfill Reserve Fund to result in \$0 net income;

AND THAT the 2025 Waterworks Operating Budget be approved at \$29,077,600 gross expenditure and \$8,154,000 net income, with a contribution to the Waterworks Reserve Fund to result in \$0 net income;

AND THAT the 2025 Wastewater (Sewer) Operating Budget be approved at \$24,162,400 gross expenditure and \$4,925,700 net income, with a contribution to the Wastewater Reserve Fund to result in \$0 net income;

AND THAT the 2025 Prince Arthur's Landing – Boater Services Operating Budget be approved at \$499,700 gross expenditure and \$152,600 net income, with a contribution to the Boater Services Capital Reserve Fund to result in \$0 net income;

AND THAT the 2025 Parking Operating Budget be approved at \$2,891,700 gross expenditure and \$562,200 net income, with a contribution to the Parking Reserve Fund to result in \$0 net income;

AND THAT User Fee By-law 028-2007, as amended, be repealed and replaced with draft By-law 024-2025, as appended to this report as Attachment B as amended;

AND THAT reconciliation adjustments for the Budget presentation in accordance with Ontario Regulation 284/09 and Public Sector Accounting Board Standards be approved as outlined in this Report;

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

CARRIED

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.