



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2025, 4:33 p.m.
McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall

Present:

- Mayor Ken Boshcoff
- Councillor Rajni Agarwal
- Councillor Albert Aiello
- 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
- Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
- John Collin, City Manager

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

1. Closed Session in the McNaughton Room

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

City Solicitor Patty Robinet, Deputy City Solicitor Cynthia Cline, Commissioner - Growth Kerri Marshall, Commissioner - Corporate Services & City Treasurer Keri Greaves, and Director, Strategy & Engagement Cynthia Olsen entered the meeting room.

2. Disclosures of Interest

None.

3. Reports of Municipal Officers

3.1 Legal Matter - Thunder Bay Public Library

Report 2025CLS.009 (City Manager's Office - City Solicitor & Corporate Council) relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and Commissioner - Growth only.

City Manager John Collin introduced the report.

Deputy City Solicitor Cynthia Cline provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

City Solicitor Patty Robinet responded to questions.

John Collin responded to questions.

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

The City Clerk advised that the amended recommendation relative to the Report 2025CLS.009 (City Manager's Office – City Solicitor & Corporate Council) would be presented at the February 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting.

City Solicitor Patty Robinet, Cynthia Cline, Commissioner - Growth Kerri Marshall, Commissioner - Corporate Services & City Treasurer Keri Greaves and Director - Strategic Initiatives Cynthia Olsen left the meeting room.

Dr. J.P. Gedeon - Transformational Directions and Jeffrey A. Abrams - Principles Integrity entered the meeting room.

3.2 Facilitated Training Session

At the March 18, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, in response to a report respecting Councillor Rajni Agarwal from Principles Integrity, the City's integrity commissioner, a motion was passed which referred the report to Administration to consult with the integrity commissioner on the provision of training options for consideration. Administration was tasked to report back to Committee of the Whole on April 8, 2024.

At the April 8, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, a memorandum from Krista Power, Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk included the recommendation that all members of City Council participate in a training session that focused on collaborative relationships, emotional reasoning, conflict resolution and other tools that will assist all Members of Council in their official capacity. Arising as it did out of the integrity commissioner's report, the session was to be mandatory for Councillor

Agarwal, but it was recognized that the most benefit would be achieved if all members of City Council were to participate.

Following Council's stated focus, Jeffrey A. Abrams of Principles Integrity and Dr. J.P. Gedeon of Transformational Directions have collaborated on an interactive training session which will facilitate Council's understanding of the tools that foster improved relationships with the people councillors encounter as they carry out their roles, and better governance and decision-making.

Jeffrey A. Abrams of Principles Integrity and Dr. J.P. Gedeon of Transformational Directions provided a PowerPoint presentation and led an interactive training session.

Recess

At 6:15 p.m. it was consensus of Committee to recess.

At 6:25 p.m. the Committee reconvened Committee of the Whole - Closed Session.

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At 8:05 p.m. it was consensus of Committee to recess.

At 8:10 p.m. the Committee reconvened Committee of the Whole - Closed Session.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.