



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 3, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

1. Open Special Session - Committee of the Whole

Present: Councillor Rajni Agarwal
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Greg Johnsen
Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials: Krista Power, Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk
John Collin, City Manager
Dawne Latta, Acting City Solicitor
Cynthia Cline, Deputy City Solicitor

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

1.1 Establishment of Closed Session

At the February 24, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting the following resolution was passed to establish a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025:

Moved: Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Seconded: Councillor Greg Johnsen

THAT a Committee of the Whole Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025, 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;
- (i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- (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; and
- (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.

The following recommendation will be presented to amend the start time and purpose of the March 3, 2025 Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meeting:

Amendment – Establishment of Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

WITH RESPECT to the resolution to establish the Monday, March 3, 2025 Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, we recommend that the meeting start time be changed to 5:00 p.m.;

AND THAT the following reason pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) be added:

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

AND THAT the following reasons be removed:

- (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; and

(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.

CARRIED

Amended - Establishment of Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT a Committee of the Whole Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; and

(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.

CARRIED

2. Closed Session in the McNaughton Room 5:02 p.m.

Present: Councillor Rajni Agarwal
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Kasey Etrei
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

Dawne Latta, Acting City Solicitor

Cynthia Cline, Deputy City Solicitor

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

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

3. Disclosures of Interest

None.

4. Reports of Municipal Officers

4.1 Personnel Matter

Verbal update from City Manager John Collin and Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power, for information.

City Manager John Collin provided an overview and responded to questions.

4.2 Legal Matter - Thunder Bay Public Library

Report 2025CLS.019 (City Manager's Office - City Solicitor & Corporate Council) relative to the above noted was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager and City Solicitor only.

Commissioner - Growth Kerri Marshall and Commissioner - Corporate Services & City Treasurer Keri Greaves entered the meeting room.

Director, Strategy & Engagement Cynthia Olsen entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Deputy City Solicitor Cynthia Cline provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

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

City Manager John Collin responded to questions.

5. Recess

At 5:52 p.m. the Closed Session concluded. It was the consensus of Committee that Committee of the Whole Open Session reconvene immediately following the Non-Business

Meeting.

6. Open Session (Operations) in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:52 p.m.

Present: 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
John Collin, City Manager
Dawne Latta, Acting City Solicitor
Cynthia Cline, Deputy City Solicitor
Kayla Dixon, Commissioner - Infrastructure & Operations
Keri Greaves, Commissioner - Corporate Services & City Treasurer
Kerri Marshall, Commissioner - Growth
Kelly Robertson, Commissioner - Community Services
Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement
Karie Ortgiese, Director - Human Resources
Cory Halvorsen, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces
Lorraine McPhail, Manager - Talent Acquisition & Development
Jason Sherband, Manager - Solid Waste and Recycling Services
Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

Chair: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

7. Disclosures of Interest

None.

8. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

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

CARRIED

9. Presentations

9.1 City of Thunder Bay Employer Branding Platform

Memorandum from Director - Human Resources Karie Ortgiese dated January 29, 2025 requesting an opportunity to provide a presentation of the City of Thunder Bay Employer Branding Platform.

Director - Human Resources Karie Ortgiese, Manager - Talent Acquisition & Development Lorraine McPhail and Chief Talent Strategist and Founder - Advance Human Capital Solutions Colette O'Neill appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint Presentation relative to the City of Thunder Bay Employer Branding Platform and responded to questions.

10. Deputations

10.1 Tree removal

Written deputation from Lorella Costanzo dated January 27, 2025 relative to the removal of a city owned tree.

Referral – Tree Removal

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the contents of the deputation from Lorella Costanzo dated January 27, 2025, we recommend that this matter be referred to Administration to determine if potential options may be available to deal with nuisance trees as outlined in the deputation;

AND that the financial costs of potential options be included in the report for council's consideration.

Amendment – Referral – Tree Removal

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the contents of the deputation from Lorella Costanzo dated January 27, 2025, we recommend that the following be added to the referral as paragraph 3;

“AND THAT Administration complete a review of existing policy relative to nuisance trees to determine if policy changes are necessary and appropriate.”

It was requested that the referral resolution and the amendment to the referral be voted on separately.

Referral – Tree Removal – Paragraph 1 & 2

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the contents of the deputation from Lorella Costanzo dated January 27, 2025, we recommend that this matter be referred to Administration to determine if potential options may be available to deal with nuisance trees as outlined in the deputation;

AND that the financial costs of potential options be included in the report for council’s consideration.

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Referral – Tree Removal – Paragraph 3

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the contents of the deputation from Lorella Costanzo dated January 27, 2025, we recommend that Administration complete a review of existing policy relative to nuisance trees to determine if policy changes are necessary and appropriate.

CARRIED

11. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies

11.1 Waterfront Development Committee Minutes

Minutes of meeting 01-2025 of the Waterfront Development Committee held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, for information.

11.2 Earthcare Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of meeting 1-2025 of the EarthCare Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, for information.

12. Reports of Municipal Officers

12.1 Program Implementation Update - Food and Organic Waste (Green Bin) Program and Automated Cart Based Collection

Report 067-2025 Infrastructure & Operations - Environment outlines the progress made to date on implementing the Food and Organic Waste Diversion (Green Bin) Program and Automated Cart Based Collection, and an updated timeline on implementation, for information.

12.2 Financial Assistance Program for Private Lead Water Service Replacement – 2024 Annual Update

Report 065-2025 Infrastructure & Operations - Environment providing an update on the Financial Assistance Program for Private Lead Water Service connections, for information.

13. First Reports

13.1 Council Composition Review Committee

At the Committee of the Whole meeting held on August 24, 2020, a motion relative to a council composition review was deferred to the September 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

At the September 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed requesting that Administration complete work associated with the process and requirements to undertake a public consultation process relative to decreasing the composition of City Council and report back with a recommended plan for consultation, financial implications relative to this work and the legislative deadlines

and considerations required to make any changes in advance of the 2022 Municipal Election.

At the November 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, the recommendation presented in Report No. R 126/2020 (City Manager's Office - Office of the City Clerk) was approved which provided for a review of Council Composition led by the City Clerk to commence in 2023 and be completed prior to the 2026 Municipal Election.

At the June 19, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, the recommendation presented in Report 188-2023-2023-City Manager's Office-Office of the City Clerk was approved which provided the Terms of Reference for the Council Composition Review Committee.

At the September 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, a presentation was provided to members of Council by Committee Chair Rebecca Johnson to provide an update on the completion of Phase One of the project, with respect to the Council Composition Review Committee's work completed to date, and to provide an overview of the Committee's next steps.

Memorandum from Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power dated February 24, 2025 requesting an opportunity for the Council Composition Review Committee to provide a presentation.

Council Composition Review Committee - Final Report providing a recommendation relative to changing the composition of Council.

This report is being introduced as a 'first report' to allow Committee of the Whole and the general public time to consider the implications of the report before the following recommendations are considered by Committee of the Whole on April 7, 2025.

Correspondence from Shane Judge dated January 13, 2025 requesting an opportunity to provide a deputation relative to Council Composition.

Correspondence from Cory Bagdon dated February 4, 2025 requesting an opportunity to provide a deputation relative to Council Composition.

Chair Rebecca Johnson and Vice-Chair Cody Fraser - Council Composition Review Committee appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint Presentation relative to Council Composition and responded to questions.

Shane Judge appeared before Committee, provided a deputation relative to the above noted, and responded to questions.

Cory Bagdon appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint Presentation relative to the above noted, and responded to questions.

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

WITH RESPECT to Council Composition Review Committee - Final Report we recommend that the recommendations included in this report be re-presented at the April 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting for approval and include any feedback received internally and externally for information.

CARRIED

14. Petitions and Communications

14.1 Surplus Declaration - 172 and 168 Woodside Street (the "Lands")

At the June 25, 2024 City Council meeting the resolution, as contained in the June 3, 2024 Committee of the Whole minutes, relative to 172 and 168 Woodside Street, be deferred to January 13, 2025.

At the January 6, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting a resolution was passed deferring the report back date for Woodside Parkette - Outstanding Item 2024-004-DEV from January 13, 2025 to March 3, 2025.

Memorandum from Deanna Walker, Manager – Realty Services, dated February 3, 2025, providing a recommendation relative to the Surplus Declaration of "the Lands" known as 172 and 168 Woodside Street, for Council's consideration.

Correspondence from Kevin Green dated February 27, 2025 requesting an opportunity to provide a deputation relative to the Woodside Parkette, distributed separately on Friday, February 28, 2025.

Kevin Green and Pat Slivinski appeared before Committee, provided a deputation relative to the Woodside Parkette - Surplus Declaration utilizing a PowerPoint Presentation, and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Deanna Walker, Manager – Realty Services, dated February 3, 2025, we recommend the vacant lands legally described as Lot 284 and Part of Lot 285, Registered Plan M243 (D77) and municipally known as 172 and 168 Woodside Street (the "Lands") be declared surplus to the City's requirements pursuant to the City's policies;

AND THAT the City's interest in the Lands, be sold on the open market at fair market value;

AND THAT the Director – Development Services be authorized to execute all required documentation in consultation with the Manager – Realty Services;

AND THAT that item 2024-025-DEV be removed from the Outstanding List;

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

Deferral - Surplus Declaration - 172 and 168 Woodside Street (the "Lands")

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to the recommendation as contained in the Memorandum from Deanna Walker, Manager - Realty Services, dated February 3, 2025, as presented, we recommend that the decision be further deferred for a period of 2 years;

AND THAT this matter be added to the Outstanding List for report back on or before March 31, 2027.

CARRIED

14.2 Red Light Camera Program

Memorandum from Director - Engineering -Infrastructure & Operations Matthew Miedema dated February 11, 2025 containing a recommendation requesting the report back date for the Red Light Camera Program, Outstanding Item 2024-INO-130, be deferred from Q1 2025 to Q2 2025, for Council's consideration.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Matt Miedema, Director Engineering – Infrastructure & Operations, dated February 18, 2025, we recommend that Outstanding Item 2024-130-INO – Red Light Camera Program be deferred from Q1 2025 to Q2 2025;

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

CARRIED

14.3 Solve the Crisis Campaign

Memorandum from Chair - Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Councillor Kristen Oliver dated February 11, 2025 providing a recommendation relative to correspondence received from Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM), the Solve the

Crisis Campaign and a call for the Premier and the Government of Ontario to address the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis in Ontario, for Council's consideration.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated February 11, 2025, we recommend that City Council support the OBCM Solve the Crisis Campaign by calling on the provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the humanitarian crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health and addictions grows exponentially;

AND THAT the province officially make homelessness a Health Priority;

AND THAT the province appoint a Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as the single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs, mental health, addictions and wrap-around supports that must be resourced and put in place;

AND THAT the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, people with lived experience, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a Made in Ontario Action Plan;

AND THAT this provincial task force reviews the current programs and policies developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, as well as programs and policies proposed by various stakeholders, to evaluate their effectiveness, ability to be scaled up, and to ensure that a variety of solutions are available to be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis;

AND THAT the federal government is included in these conversations;

AND THAT both levels of government provide adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

AND THAT Thunder Bay City Council calls on the residents of Thunder Bay to join the appeal to the provincial and federal governments by visiting SolveTheCrisis.ca and showing support;

AND THAT if approved, a copy of the resolution passed by City Council be provided to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Thunder Bay - Superior North, MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan, MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North, and Ontario's Big City Mayors;

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

CARRIED

15. Outstanding Items

15.1 Outstanding Items List - Operations

Memorandum from Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power dated February 18, 2025 providing the Operations Outstanding List, for information.

16. New Business

16.1 Establishment of Closed Session - Monday, March 10, 2025

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT a Committee of the Whole Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2025, at 5:30 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;

(i) A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

(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; and

(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.

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.