



Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

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1. Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting 02-2025

Vice-Chair: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

2. Members

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

3. Officials

John Collin, City Manager
Krista Power, Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk
Leanne Lavoie, Executive Administrator

4. Resource Persons

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

5. Disclosures of Interest

6. Agenda Approval

MOVED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to the February 12, 2025 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 01-2025 of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, held on January 8, 2025, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 01-2025 Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, held on January 8, 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED

8. Terms of Reference

Committee Terms of Reference were reviewed, as required annually.

Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power recommended that language within the Terms of Reference be updated to provide more clarity.

Krista Power and City Manager John Collin responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

THAT the Terms of Reference be referred to Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power to report back at the March 13, 2025 Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee meeting with proposed updates for committee approval prior to approval by City Council.

CARRIED

9. Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference 2025

Members provided their views on discussions with Ministers at the 2025 ROMA Conference, held in Toronto, Ontario January 19-21, 2025 and noted that meetings went well with increased engagement from Ministers.

There was discussion relative to Administration's role in inter-governmental matters and whether the corporation and Council would benefit from additional resources dedicated to inter-governmental issues.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Municipal Accountability Act, 2024

Correspondence from Town of Hawkesbury Mayor Robert Lefebvre to Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing containing feedback relative to the proposed *Municipal Accountability Act, 2024*, for information.

11. Outstanding Items

Memorandum from Executive Administrator Leanne Lavoie, dated February 7, 2025, providing the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Outstanding Items List, for information.

There was discussion relative to Short Term Rentals and City Manager John Collin advised that Administration is currently working on this item.

12. New Business

12.1 New Tariffs

Councillor Kristen Oliver advised that AMO released a policy on potential new tariffs from the United States of America. There was discussion relative to possible impacts of tariffs on the municipality.

City Manager John Collin and Director of Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to proposed tariffs by the United States of America, we recommend that City Council share the following information with the provincial and federal governments and associated stakeholders relative to proposed tariffs,

- City Council for the City of Thunder Bay stands resolute with the federal and provincial governments, and all municipal and business associations, as they work to eliminate the threats of tariffs and trade wars with the United States.
- We will stand ready to provide any assistance requested.
- We will remain fully responsive to providing information and support to our federal and provincial leaders as they map out the strategic way forward, and the assistance that can be offered to those affected by any future tariffs.

AND THAT if approved, a copy of the resolution passed by City Council be provided to the Federal and Provincial government, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC), and Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce

CARRIED

The above noted resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole at the February 24, 2025 meeting for City Council's information and input.

13. Next Meeting

The next regular Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.