



Waterfront Development Committee Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 4:06 p.m.
McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall**

1. Waterfront Development Committee Meeting 02-2025

Chair: Councillor Michael Zussino

2. Members

Roderick Bosch
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Warren Philp
Councillor Michael Zussino

3. Officials

Kayla Dixon, Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations
Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Guy Walter, Landscape Architect
Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

4. Disclosures

None.

5. Agenda Approval

Deputy City Clerk Dana Earle advised that the workshop relative to Workplan - Land Acknowledgement has been withdrawn from the agenda and that Administration will follow up with the Committee to advise a path forward at a future meeting.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Rod Bosch

WITH RESPECT to the February 18, 2025 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, we recommend that the Agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business be confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of Meeting 01-2025 Waterfront Development Committee, held on January 21, 2025 to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Warren Philp

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 01-2025 Waterfront Development Committee, held on January 21, 2025 be confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

7. Terms of Reference

At the January 21, 2025 meeting of the WDC during the discussion of the Annual Review of the Terms of Reference the following items were discussed: minor housekeeping edits to the Administrative Representative positions will be made; Section 5 - Terms of the Committee will be removed; and Administration would review the original Council Motion to advise a possible expansion to the Scope to include opportunities to consult with other Committees and Commissions where synergies exist; and the development of abutting lands that can impact Marina Park.

At the June 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting Report 90/2021 Infrastructure & Operations - Waterfront Development Committee Terms of Reference, and Attachment A - Proposed Waterfront Development Committee Terms Of Reference, was presented to Council for information.

Attachment A to Report 90/2021 Infrastructure & Operations entitled "Proposed WDC TOR - Final" attached, for information.

Discussion was held relative to potential revisions to Committee's scope which currently includes "To provide advice and recommendations to City Council concerning the visioning, long-term planning and development of the Thunder Bay Waterfront - including Prince Arthur's Landing and Phase two of the Waterfront Development."

Some of the items discussed as follows:

- Access for future expansions of the Waterfront Trail on private lands.
 - no consultation with the Committee on private development or sale of property of several waterfront properties. Developments may have negative impact on waterfront users (i.e. noise, smells, etc.).
 - CEDC encouraging industrial use, WDC wants public access.
- future WDC - no budget.

8. Waterfront Master Plan Update

Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations Kayla Dixon provided the following, for information.

- CEDC needs to present the Highest and Best Use Study to their Board and then Council before it will be presented to WDC. This will inform the Waterfront Master Plan

9. Infrastructure Project Update

Landscape Architect Guy Walter provided the following updates:

- Tender package for Roundabout and Cumberland Street Reconstruction to be posted on February 22, 2025, construction to be complete Fall 2025.
- Tender package for Phase 1 Festival Area Renewal to be posted in April 2025, construction to begin Fall 2025.

10. Work Plan Update

10.1 Land Acknowledgement

At the February 20, 2024 meeting of the WDC, Acting Manager - Indigenous Relations Alain Joseph provided a presentation and responded to questions relative to the above noted.

Members of the Committee were asked to share acknowledgements, that were of personal importance, with each other via an email to guide future discussions.

Document entitled "Guiding Points for Land Acknowledgements" was distributed separately to Members on Thursday, December 11, 2024 in advance of a workshop scheduled for the Tuesday, February 18, 2025 meeting, for information.

Item deferred to future meeting.

10.2 Work Plan

Document entitled WDC Action Timeline - WDC Focused 20242026 Action Plan, for information.

10.2.1 Communication

Discussion was held relative to WDC Action Timeline Pillar "Champion Superior Thunder Bay - Improvements to Communication and Promotion Plan". Some of the items discussed as follows:

- International Trails Day Native Species Planting - June 7, 2025
 - Representative from Trans Canada Trail attending.
 - Planting event - Pool 6 and Fisherman's Park locations.
 - Will WDC have a table?
- Past Stakeholder engagement.
 - Waterfront Development Committee Phase 1 Stakeholder Engagement.
 - Stakeholders and Contractors attended the small meeting room at the Italian Hall, provided presentations relative to their waterfront activities.
 - Event was public but was not well attended by the public.
 - Waterfront Development Committee Phase 2 Stakeholder Engagement.
 - Many stakeholders have attended WDC and provided presentations relative to their waterfront activities.
- New Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities
 - Waterfront locations/dates:
 - Live on the Waterfront.
 - International Trail Days.

- Baggage Arts Building.
- Stakeholder Tables.
- Survey to accumulate data.
- Poster Boards.
- Theme: Where it started to where we are today. Show Festival Area plans.
 - does Administration have access to previous presentation tableaus?

Administration to follow up with available dates for the Baggage Arts Building and Live on the Waterfront venues.

11. 2024 Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the Waterfront Development Committee will be scheduled from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 18, 2025
- Tuesday, April 15, 2025
- Tuesday, May 20, 2025
- Tuesday, June 17, 2025
- Tuesday, September 16, 2025
- Tuesday, October 21, 2025
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.