



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 5, 2025, 5:31 p.m.

McNaughton Room

Present:

- Mayor Ken Boshcoff
- Councillor Rajni Agarwal
- Councillor Albert Aiello
- Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
- Councillor Kasey Etrene
- Councillor Andrew Foulds
- Councillor Brian Hamilton
- Councillor Greg Johnsen
- Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
- Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials:

- Dana Earle, Manager – Legislative Services & Deputy City Clerk
- John Collin, City Manager
- Patty Robinet, City Solicitor

1. Committee of the Whole - Special Session in the McNaughton Room at 5:31 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

2. Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

At the April 28, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, the following resolution was presented to establish the May 5, 2025 Committee of the Whole - Closed Session Meeting:

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, May

5, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

- (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- (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;
- (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.

Amendment - Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

The following resolution was presented to amend the purpose of the May 5, 2025 Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meeting:

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the resolution to establish the Monday, May 5, 2025 Committee of the Whole - Closed Session, we recommend that the following reasons be removed:

- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

Amended - Establishment - Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

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SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

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CARRIED

3. Closed Session in the McNaughton Room at 5:32 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

Present: Mayor Ken Boshcoff
Councillor Rajni Agarwal
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Kasey Etreni
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Greg Johnsen

Councillor Dominic Pasqualino
Councillor Michael Zussino

Officials: Dana Earle, Manager – Legislative Services & Deputy City Clerk
John Collin, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor

4. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Albert Aiello declared a conflict relative to Report 2025CLS.020 (Legal Services) as they own property related to the matter.

Councillor Shelby Ch'ng declared a conflict relative to Report 2025CLS.020(Legal Services) as they own property related to the matter.

5. Reports of Municipal Officers

5.1 Labour Relations Matter

Commissioner-Community Services Kelly Robertson, Manager-Safety & Wellness Kerri Bernardi, Manager-Employee Relations Erin Anderson, Senior Employee Relation Consultant Steve Harkness, and Chief of EMS Shane Muir entered the room.

2025CLS.028 (Human Resources) was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, and Commissioner – Community Services only on Friday, May 2, 2025.

Erin Anderson provided an overview and responded to questions.

City Manager John Collin, Steve Harkness, and Shane Muir responded to questions.

Kelly Robertson, Kerri Bernardi, Erin Anderson, Steve Harkness, and Shane Muir left the room.

5.2 Legal Matter

Councillor Aiello and Councillor Ch'ng declared a conflict and left the room.

Commissioner-Infrastructure & Operations Kayla Dixon, Director - Environment Division Michelle Warywoda, Deputy City Solicitor Dawne Latta, and Law Clerk &

Litigation Support Specialist Ashley Eager entered the room.

2025CLS.020 (Legal Services) was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, and Commissioner – Infrastructure & Operations only on Friday, May 2, 2025.

Dawne Latta provided an overview and responded to questions.

City Manager John Collin, Kayla Dixon, and Michelle Warywoda responded to questions.

6. Open Session (Operations) in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:37 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Albert Aiello

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: Dana Earle, Manager – Legislative Services & Deputy City Clerk
John Collin, City Manager
Patty Robinet, 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
Cory Halvorsen, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces
Ian Spoljarich, Manager - Roads

Jason Sherband, Manager - Solid Waste & Recycling Services
Kristyn Lovato-Day, Policy & Research Analyst
Crystal DePeuter, Council & Committee Clerk

7. Disclosures of Interest

8. Confirmation of Agenda

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino
SECONDED BY: Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

WITH RESPECT to the May 5, 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 Manager's Workplan Update - Q1 2025

Memorandum from City Manager John Collin dated April 28, 2025 requesting the opportunity to provide a presentation relative to the City Manager's Workplan.

City Manager John Collin appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

10. Deputations

10.1 Magnus Theatre

Correspondence received from Vidyyut Sharma on behalf of Magnus Theatre dated February 23, 2025 requesting to make a deputation to provide an update on the Next Stage Project.

General Manager Alexis Rowlinson and Artistic Director Thom Currie, Magnus Theatre appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and

responded to questions.

11. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies

11.1 EarthCare Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes from the 03-2025 meeting of the EarthCare Advisory Committee held March 19, 2025, for information.

11.2 Waterfront Development Committee Minutes

Minutes from the 03-2025 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee held on March 18, 2025, for information.

12. Reports of Municipal Officers

12.1 By-law for Heavy Load Restriction – Meryle Street

Report 113-2025-Infrastructure & Operations-Engineering recommending that Meryle Street be included in By-law 087-2007 Schedule "D" restrictions over 5,000 kg.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to Report 113-2025 (Infrastructure & Operations – Engineering), we recommend that Meryle Street be included in By-law 087-2007 Schedule "D" restrictions over 5,000 kg;

AND THAT By-law 114-2025 be presented to City Council for ratification on May 26, 2025.

CARRIED

12.2 Consolidated Linear Infrastructure – Environmental Compliance Approvals Sewage and Stormwater Management Systems

Report 111-2025-Infrastructure & Operations-Engineering providing an overview of recent changes to the regulatory approval process for expansions to the City's sewage collection and stormwater management infrastructure systems through the

City's capital works and private developments, such as plans of subdivisions, for information.

12.3 Marina Boater Services Financial Plan

Report 086-2025-Infrastructure & Operations-Parks & Open Spaces recommending that City Council approve the 20-year Marina Boater Services Financial Plan appended to this report.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report 086-2025-Infrastructure & Operations-Parks & Open Spaces, we recommend that City Council approve the 20-year Marina Boater Services Financial Plan appended to this report;

AND THAT Appropriation Change Order 08-2025 be approved;

AND THAT the source of additional financing in the amount of \$700,000 for the fuel storage and pumping system renewal be by a debenture (Boater Services);

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

CARRIED

12.4 Residential Wattage Reduction - Update

Report 148-2025-Infrastructure & Operations-Roads providing an update on the program to replace all High Pressure Sodium (HPS) fixtures on local residential streets with energy-efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures and recommending that Outstanding Item 2014-002-INO be removed from the Outstanding list.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etreni

WITH RESPECT to Report 148-2025-Infrastructure & Operations-Roads, we recommend that Outstanding Item 2014-002-INO be removed from the Outstanding list;

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

12.5 Solid Waste Management Strategy Annual Update

Report 149-2025 – Infrastructure and Operations - Environment providing an update on the positive progress made in implementing the Solid Waste Management Strategy (SWMS), for information.

13. Outstanding Items

Memorandum from Director - Legislative Services & City Clerk Krista Power dated April 22, 2025, providing the Operations Outstanding List, for information.

14. Open Session (Community Services)

Chair: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

15. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies

15.1 The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 01-2025 (Regular Session) and 02-2025 (Closed Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administrative Board held on January 16, 2025, for information.

Minutes of Meetings 05-2025 (Regular Session) and 06-2025 (Closed Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administrative Board held on March 20, 2025, for information.

16. Reports of Municipal Officers

16.1 Impacts of U.S. Tariffs on City Procurement

Report 136-2025-Corporate Services-Supply Management providing information on the City of Thunder Bay's approach to procurement during the current trade dispute, for information.

This item was deferred from the April 28, 2025 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

16.2 Update - Animal Services Review

Report 112-2025-Corporate Services-Licensing & Enforcement, providing an update of the review of the City of Thunder Bay's Animal Services, for information.

This item was deferred from the April 28, 2025 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

17. Petitions and Communications

17.1 Municipal Alcohol Policy Exception - Request to Serve Alcohol at 'Festival Bonjour' in Waverley Park

Memorandum from Sport & Community Development Supervisor Paul Burke dated April 15, 2025 recommending that an exception to the Municipal Alcohol Policy be granted to allow alcohol to be served at the Festival Bonjour being held at Waverley Park from June 5 to 7, 2025.

Pending the passage of the resolution at the Committee of the Whole meeting, the resolution will be presented for ratification at the City Council meeting to be held later in the evening and will require a two-thirds vote.

Correspondence received from Paula Haapanen, Coopérative Centre francophone de Thunder Bay dated April 25, 2025 requesting the opportunity to provide a deputation relative to Festival Bonjour.

Additional information received from Paula Haapanen dated May 1, 2025 to support deputation request dated April 25, 2025 was distributed separately on Friday, May 2, 2025.

Claudette Gleeson, François Serve, and Paula Haapanen, Coopérative Centre francophone de Thunder Bay appeared before Committee, provided a deputation, and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Paul Burke, Sport & Community Development Supervisor, dated April 15, 2025, we recommend that an exception to the Municipal Alcohol Policy be granted to allow alcohol to be served at the Festival Bonjour being held at Waverley Park from June 5 to 7, 2025;

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

CARRIED

18. Outstanding Items

There are currently no listed Outstanding Items for the Community Services Session.

19. New Business

19.1 Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session - May 12, 2025

The following resolution was presented to establish Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Meeting on May 12, 2025:

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

THAT a Committee of the Whole Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025, at 5:00 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;

(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

20. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.