



## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 6:34 p.m.**

**S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium**

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
- Jeff Walters, Deputy City Clerk
- John Collin, City Manager
- Brendan Hardick, 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
- Kerri Bernardi, Acting Director - Human Resources
- Katie Piché, Council & Committee Clerk

**1. City Council**

Speaker: Councillor Andrew Foulds

**2. Opening Ceremonies**

**2.1 Land Acknowledgement**

Speaker Councillor Andrew Foulds provided a Land Acknowledgement.

**2.2 Moment of Silent Reflection**

**2.3 National Anthem**

Jocelyn Schaaf performed the National Anthem.

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

Aside from those disclosures already recorded in the previous minutes as presented here, no additional disclosures of interest were announced.

**4. Consent Agenda**

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the Consent Agenda for the September 2, 2025 City Council meeting, we recommend that the following items be confirmed:

- Confirmation of Agenda
- Audit Committee Minutes
- Community Communications Committee Minutes
- Waterfront Development Committee Minutes
- Appointment of Acting Mayors 2025-2026

For (12): Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etrene, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Gieruga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (1): Mayor Ken Boshcoff

CARRIED (12 to 0)

**4.1 Confirmation of Agenda**

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**4.2 Audit Committee Minutes**

Minutes from Meeting 02-2025 of the Audit Committee, held on June 3, 2025, for information.

**4.3 Community Communications Committee Minutes**

Minutes of Meeting 02-2025 of the Community Communications Committee held on June 19, 2025, for information.

**4.4 Waterfront Development Committee Minutes**

Minutes from meeting 06-2025 of the Waterfront Development Committee, held on June 17, 2025, for information.

**4.5 Appointment of Acting Mayors 2025-2026**

Report 272-2025-City Manager's Office-Office of the City Clerk recommending that all Members of Council be appointed Acting Mayor, in the Mayor's absence, for the months indicated within the report.

**5. Reports of Committees, Boards and Outside Agencies**

**5.1 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Committee of the Whole meeting, to be adopted:

1. August 25, 2025 Committee of the Whole was distributed separately on Friday, August 29, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT the Minutes of the following Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:

1. August 25, 2025 Committee of the Whole.

For (12): Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etrene, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (1): Mayor Ken Boshcoff

CARRIED (12 to 0)

## **5.2 Deferral of Ratification - Allowable Tent Encampment Areas**

At the August 25, 2025 City Council meeting, a resolution was passed at City Council, deferring the ratification relative to Allowable Tent Encampment Areas, as contained within the August 11, 2025 Committee of the Whole minutes.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, dated July 11, 2025 we recommend that Administration be directed to create criteria for Allowable Tent Encampments in the City of Thunder Bay and report back to City Council for approval;

AND THAT once criteria are approved, Administration work with agency partners, and individuals living in encampments to determine where Allowable Tent Encampments are located;

AND THAT Administration continue to update City Council on this work and share information with the public to provide education, support and assistance related to the Human Rights-Based Community Action Plan;

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

For (6): Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etrene, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, and Councillor Kristen Oliver

Against (6): Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (1): Mayor Ken Boshcoff

LOST (6 to 6)

## **6. Minutes of Previous City Council Meetings**

The Minutes of the following Meetings of the Thunder Bay City Council, to be confirmed:

1. The Thunder Bay City Council held on August 25, 2025 were distributed separately on Friday, August 29, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Johnsen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

THAT the Minutes of the following Meetings of the Thunder Bay City Council, be confirmed:

1. The Thunder Bay City Council held on August 25, 2025.

For (12): Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etrene, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (1): Mayor Ken Boshcoff

CARRIED (12 to 0)

## **7. Presentations**

### **7.1 City Manager's Workplan Update – Q3 2025**

City Manager John Collin provided a PowerPoint presentation and update on the City Manager's Workplan for Q3 2025 and responded to questions.

**8. By-laws and By-law Resolution**

**8.1 By-law 270-2025 - Appointment of Persons to Enforce Parking**

A By-law to amend By-law Number 99-2005, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay for the enforcement of Municipal Parking By-laws.

**8.2 By-law 271-2025 – Appointment of Acting Mayors 2025 - 2026**

A By-law respecting the appointment of Acting Mayors

**8.3 By-law Resolution**

By-law Resolution - September 2, 2025 - City Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rajni Agarwal

THAT the following By-laws be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered:

By-law Number 270-2025

1. A By-law to amend By-law Number 99-2005, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay for the enforcement of Municipal Parking By-laws.

By-law Number 271-2025

2. A By-law respecting the appointment of Acting Mayors

For (11): Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etreni, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, and Councillor Brian Hamilton

CARRIED (11 to 0)

**9. Notice of Motion**

**9.1 Notice of Motion – Report Back – Temporary Village Initiative – Site Location – Suspend the Rules – Same Night Debate**

Memorandum from Councillor Michael Zussino, dated August 25, 2025 providing a Motion to Rescind relating to Report 239-2025 Report Back - Temporary Shelter Village Initiative - Alternate Locations.

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to By-law 217-2025 (Being a By-law to govern the proceedings of meetings of City Council and its Committees), we recommend that Section 10.02 (a)(i), as set out below, be suspended relative to City Council's prior decision of July 21, 2025 Report 239-2025 Report Back - Temporary Shelter Village Initiative - Alternate Locations.

S. 10.02 (a)(i) Introduced at City Council

AND THAT if the above noted rule is suspended that requires the timelines of introduction and debate at the subsequent meeting of City Council which allows debate at the same meeting of presentation;

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

For (6): Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Kristen Oliver, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Against (6): Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Kasey Etreni, Councillor Greg Johnsen, and Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

Absent (1): Mayor Ken Boshcoff

LOST (6 to 6)

This memorandum will be moved forward to the September 16, 2025 City Council meeting for debate and decision as per procedural by-law 217-2025.

## **10. Recess**

Committee of the Whole recessed at 8:20 p.m.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kasey Etrene

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting recess until called to order by the Chair.

For (11): Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etrene, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, Councillor Dominic Pasqualino, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, and Councillor Trevor Giertuga

CARRIED (11 to 0)

## **11. New Business**

### **11.1 Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session - September 16, 2025**

The following resolution is presented to establish a Committee of the Whole - Closed Session Meeting on September 16, 2025:

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 4:30 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;
- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- (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; or

(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

For (11): Councillor Rajni Agarwal, Councillor Albert Aiello, Councillor Mark Bentz, Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, Councillor Kasey Etrene, Councillor Andrew Foulds, Councillor Trevor Giertuga, Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Greg Johnsen, Councillor Kristen Oliver, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, and Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

CARRIED (11 to 0)

## **12. Confirming By-law and Confirming By-law Resolution**

### **12.1 By-law 274-2025 – Confirming By-law – September 2, 2025**

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2025.

### **12.2 Confirming By-law Resolution**

Confirming By-law Resolution - September 2, 2025 - City Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT the following By-law be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered:

By-law Number 274-2025

1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 2nd day of September 2025.

For (11): 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, and Councillor Michael Zussino

Absent (2): Mayor Ken Boshcoff, and Councillor Dominic Pasqualino

CARRIED (11 to 0)

### **13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Speaker

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City Clerk