



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, November 1, 2021 *Reference No.* COW – 42/52

OPEN SESSION in the McNaughton Room at 5:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Special Session
Chair: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Aldo Ruberto

OFFICIALS:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: Norm Gale, City Manager

Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Brian McKinnon
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Peng You

Establishment of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

At the October 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, the following resolution was passed to establish the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session for November 1, 2021.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Resolution to Amend the Purpose of Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

WITH RESPECT to the resolution to establish the Monday, November 1, 2021 Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, we recommend that the following reasons be deleted:

“ a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.”

AND THAT the meeting start time be changed to 5:30 p.m

CARRIED

Amended – Establishment of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION in the McNaughton Room at 5:31 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

Chair: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Shelby Ch’ng
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Aldo Ruberto

OFFICIALS:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Norm Gale, City Manager
Karie Ortgiese, Director – Human Resources &
Corporate Safety

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Andrew Foulds

Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Brian McKinnon
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Peng You

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Human Resources Matter

Confidential Document relative to the above-noted.

City Manager Norm Gale provided an overview and responded to questions.

Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety Karie Ortgiese responded to questions.

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Operations Session

Chair: Councillor Brian McKinnon

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Aldo Ruberto

OFFICIALS:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Leanne Lavoie, Council & Committee Clerk
Lori Wiitala, Council & Committee Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Brian McKinnon
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Peng You

Norm Gale, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Linda Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer
Kerri Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &
Operations
Kelly Robertson, General Manager – Community
Services
Karen Lewis, General Manager – Development &
Emergency Services
Chief Greg Hankkio, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue
Kayla Dixon, Director – Engineering & Operations
Doug Vincent, Manager – Licensing & Enforcement
Cynthia Olsen, Manager – Community Strategies

Matthew Miedema, Project Engineer
Amy Coomes, Sustainability Coordinator
Jacob Porter, Climate Adaptation Coordinator

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Kristen Oliver declared a conflict relative to Joining the Race to Zero as the operations of their current employer may be impacted.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - November 1, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the November 1, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

East Ave Weight Restrictions

At the June 7th, 2021 Committee of the Whole, a resolution was passed recommending that Administration review the feasibility of implementing weight restrictions on East Avenue including the potential of issuing and enforcing fines for non-compliance and that Administration report back on or before December 2, 2021.

Report R 146/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) containing a recommendation relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

WITH RESPECT to Report R 146/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations – Engineering & Operations), we recommend that Schedule C of By-law 087-2007 being a By-law to prohibit heavy traffic on certain highways within the City of Thunder Bay, be amended to prohibit a maximum registered weight of greater than 10,000 kilograms from operating on East Avenue from Dawson Road to County Boulevard, and Market Street from East Avenue to Wardrobe Avenue;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be presented to City Council for ratification.

CARRIED

Climate Adaptation Update

Report R 144/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations) providing information on progress made in implementing the City of Thunder Bay Climate Adaptation Strategy: Climate-Ready City, for information.

Memorandum from Climate Adaptation Coordinator Jacob Porter, dated October 18, 2021 requesting to provide a presentation relative to the above noted.

Jacob Porter appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Ontario Regulation 406-19 On-Site and Excess Soil Management Update

Report R 145/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) providing a summary of impacts of Ontario Regulation 406/19, On-Site and Excess Soil Management, under the Environmental Protection Act, for information.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue – Emergency Plan By-law – Amendments

Report R 150/2021 (Development & Emergency Services - Thunder Bay Fire Rescue) recommending amendments to By-law 76/2021, the Emergency Plan By-law.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report R 150/2021 (Development & Emergency Services – Thunder Bay Fire Rescue), we recommend that By-law 76/2021 (the “Emergency Plan By-law”), be amended to designate the Director, Strategic Initiatives & Engagement as the Emergency Information Officer;

AND THAT the Emergency Plan By-law be further amended to designate and authorize Acting Mayors, designated in accordance with the By-law Respecting the Appointment of Acting Mayors, as may be amended or replaced from time to time, to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Mayor under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act or the Emergency Plan By-law, where the Mayor is absent or unable to act;

AND THAT By-law 76/2021 be amended as outlined in this report and presented to City Council for ratification.

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Agreement Approval

Memorandum from Director - Engineering & Operations Kayla Dixon, dated October 21, 2021 recommending that the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Local Government Intake, be approved.

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Director – Engineering & Operations dated October 21, 2021, we recommend the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Local Government Intake and any/all subsequent years agreements or amendments between the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure and the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay be approved;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documentation;

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

CARRIED

Wayfinding Signage – Centennial Park and Trowbridge Falls

At the July 19, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting a resolution as passed directing Administration to report back on or before November 30, 2021 with options for Council's consideration to procure and install wayfinding signage at intersecting junctions of the maintained trails throughout Centennial Park and Trowbridge Falls.

Memorandum from Manager - Parks & Open Spaces Cory Halvorsen, dated October 20, 2021 containing a recommendation relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Cory Halvorsen, Manager – Parks & Opens Spaces dated October 20, 2021, we recommend that the report back date relating to the Wayfinding Signage – Centennial Park and Trowbridge be changed from November 30, 2021 to December 6, 2021.

CARRIED

Joining the Race to Zero

Memorandum from Councillor Andrew Foulds, Chair – Earthcare Advisory Committee, dated October 12, 2021, containing a motion relative to joining the Race to Zero campaign.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

WITH RESPECT to joining the Cities Race to Zero campaign, The City of Thunder Bay pledges to:

1. Publicly endorse the following principles:
 - We recognise the global climate emergency.
 - We are committed to keeping global heating below the 1.5°Celsius goal of the Paris Agreement.
 - We are committed to putting inclusive climate action at the center of all urban decision-making, to create thriving and equitable communities for everyone.
 - We invite our partners – political leaders, CEOs, trade unions, investors, and civil society – to join us in recognising the global climate emergency and help us deliver on science-based action to overcome it.
2. We pledge to reach (net)-zero by mid-century at the latest, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5°Celsius.
3. We pledge to reduce emissions by 55% below 2016 levels by 2030 by following the pathway outlined in the Net-Zero Strategy.
4. Immediately proceed to planning the following inclusive and equitable climate actions as listed on www.citiesracetozero.org that will help to place Thunder Bay on a resilient pathway consistent with the 1.5°Celsius objective of the Paris Agreement and begin implementation no later than 2022:
 - a. Collect information on the needs of frontline communities (including children, workers in transitioning industries, women, refugees, etc) with respect to climate planning and/or implementation.
 - b. Pilot test and procure, with partners as necessary, zero emissions buses by 2025.
 - c. Develop a roadmap by 2030 to achieve net-zero carbon municipal buildings and policy approval by 2025 to deliver a commitment to own, occupy, and develop net zero carbon municipal assets by 2030.
5. Continue to report progress annually through the CDP reporting platform.

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay declares support for the Cities Race to Zero as part of the United Nation's Race to Zero campaign by joining hundreds of others cities in fighting climate change through the Cities Race to Zero campaign.

CARRIED

Request for Report - Strategy Development for Reducing Homelessness and Poverty in Our Community

Memorandum from Councillor Mark Bentz, dated October 20, 2021 containing a motion relative to Strategy development for reducing homelessness and poverty in our community.

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Councillor Mark Bentz, dated October 20, 2021, we recommend that Administration be directed to report back with options for a multi-faceted approach to finance, leverage and influence solutions to address homelessness and poverty in Thunder Bay;

AND THAT the options include specific concepts/strategies for the municipality to act as a catalyst and facilitator to address:

- identified gaps such as supportive transitional housing;
- other gaps as may be identified across the municipal-community collaborative to significantly improve the lives of people experiencing homelessness, precarious housing, and poverty;

AND THAT the options include opportunities for Council to advocate, partner and work together with agencies, other levels of government and grass roots community groups to achieve positive outcomes;

AND THAT this report be received by City Council on or before December 20, 2021;

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

CARRIED

2022 Annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference

Memorandum from Councillor Brian McKinnon, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated October 19, 2021 relative to 2022 Annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference, for information.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Outstanding List for Operations as of October 19, 2021

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power, dated October 19, 2021 providing the Operations Outstanding Items List, for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.