

Memorandum

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TO: Members of Council
FROM: Ms. K. Power, City Clerk
DATE: Monday, November 23, 2020
SUBJECT: **New Business**
Committee of the Whole – November 23, 2020

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

New Business

1. Memorandum from Councillor A. Foulds, dated November 23, 2020 containing a motion relative to the Friends of Chippewa Park – Carousel
2. Memorandum from Councillor A. Foulds, dated November 19, 2020 containing a motion relative to Advocacy - Bill 229: Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act

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TO: Krista Power, City Clerk

FROM: Councillor Andrew Foulds

DATE: November 23, 2020

SUBJECT: *New Business* – Motion – Friends of Chippewa Park – Carousel
Committee of the Whole – November 23, 2020

At the November 2, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting The Friends of Chippewa Park advised Council of an opportunity for funding support for a new building to house and operate the historic C.W. Parker Carousel. At this time, Administration was tasked with responding to this request with more information.

Mr. Cory Halvorsen, Manager – Parks and Open Spaces has provided a memorandum for council's information and I am of the opinion that this project has merit and support the request from the Friends of Chippewa Park and the recommendation from Administration on the value of this asset.

As such, I provide the following motion for Council's consideration:

With respect to the memorandum from Mr. Cory Halvorsen, Manager – Parks and Open Spaces dated November 20, 2020 and in response to the deputation from the Friends of Chippewa Park received on November 2, 2020, we recommend that City Council support the work associated with the potential development of a structure to house the C.W. Parker Carousel and the associated funding applications;

AND THAT it be acknowledged that The Friends of Chippewa Park have submitted a Stage II application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for 50% of the cost of constructing a building to house and protect the fully restored City owned 105 year old C.W. Parker Heritage Carousel;

AND THAT NOHFC has requested that the City of Thunder Bay confirm by resolution that it is prepared to be a formal partner in the NOHFC application, which will include leading the procurement and financial control and reporting for all aspects of the project, in partnership with The Friends of Chippewa Park;

AND THAT we further recommend the support of the application by The Friends of Chippewa Park to Heritage Canada under the Building Communities Through Arts and

Heritage program for which they are eligible as part of Chippewa Park celebrating its 100th anniversary of the official opening in 2021;

AND THAT City Council support the submission by The Friends of Chippewa Park to Heritage Canada for \$500,000 to be used towards the construction of a building to house the heritage Carousel owned by the City of Thunder Bay and also agrees to be a formal partner in the application and project;

AND THAT \$300,000 be committed to this project upon approval of funding from NOHFC and Heritage Canada;

AND THAT the \$300,000 be funded from the City of Thunder Bay from the Renew Thunder Bay Reserve Fund;

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

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DATE: November 19, 2020

SUBJECT: *New Business* - Advocacy – Bill 229, Schedule 6 Conservation Authorities Act Committee of the Whole – November 23, 2020

Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020 was introduced on November 5 and at the time of writing this memo was in Second Reading Debate. Schedule 6 of the amendment proposed a number of changes to the *Conservations Authorities Act*.

There are concerns that the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications.

Local Conservation Authorities are relied upon to provide watershed expertise to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act. Conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative.

In conclusion, I provide the following motion for Council's consideration:

With respect to the memorandum from Councillor A. Foulds dated November 19, 2020, we recommend that City Council advocate to the Province of Ontario to repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229);

AND THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth that do not negatively impact natural hazards;

AND THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships;

AND THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Hon. John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Michael Gravelle, MPP-Thunder Bay-Superior North, Judith Monteith-Farrell, MPP-Thunder Bay-Atikokan, and Lakehead Region Conservation Authority municipalities.