



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: August 10, 2020

Reference No. 31/51

OPEN SESSION in the McNaughton Room at 5:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Special Session

Chair: Councillor T. Giertuga

Resolution to Amend Purpose of Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon

THAT the purpose of the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting on August 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. be amended to receive information relative to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and 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.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION in the McNaughton Room at 5:02 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

Chair: Councillor T. Giertuga

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor T. Giertuga

OFFICIALS – ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk
Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. P. Robinet, City Solicitor
Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care

Councillor B. Hamilton
Councillor R. Johnson
Councillor B. McKinnon
Councillor K. Oliver
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

Ms. C. Cline, Deputy City Solicitor, Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager - Community Services, and Mr. G. Broere, Director - Asset Management entered the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Project Development/Legal Advice

Confidential memorandum from Mr. G. Broere, Director – Asset Management, dated August 10, 2020, relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, and General Manager – Community Services only on Thursday, August 6, 2020.

Confidential memorandum from Ms. C. Cline, Deputy City Solicitor, dated August 10, 2020 relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, and General Manager – Community Services only on Thursday, August 6, 2020.

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager, Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager - Community Services, Mr. G. Broere, Director - Asset Management and Ms. C. Cline, Deputy City Solicitor responded to questions.

Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community Services and Mr. G. Broere, Director – Asset Management left the meeting.

Mr. M. Smith, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services and Ms. M. Panizza, Director - Human Resources and Corporate Safety entered the meeting.

Human Resources Matter

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager, dated July 31, 2020 relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services and Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety only on Thursday, August 6, 2020.

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

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Mr. M. Smith, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services and Ms. M. Panizza, Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety responded to questions.

It was consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

Committee of the Whole Recess

At 6:09 p.m. the Closed Session concluded. It was the consensus of Committee that Open Session reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:31 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Operations Session
Vice-Chair: Councillor A. Aiello

PRESENT:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor B. Hamilton
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:
Councillor T. Giertuga
Councillor R. Johnson
Councillor B. McKinnon
Councillor K. Oliver

OFFICIALS:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. K. Piche, Committee Coordinator
Mr. G. Stover, Committee Coordinator

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk
Ms. P. Robinet, City Solicitor
Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care
Mr. C. Campbell, Acting General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations
Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community Services
Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services
Mr. G. Broere, Director – Asset Management
Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services
Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager- Parks & Open Spaces
Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long Term Planning
Mr. M. Dixon, Supervisor – Forestry & Horticulture
Ms. C. Olsen, Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Coordinator – Corporate Strategic Services

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - August 10, 2020 - Committee of the Whole

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

With respect to the August 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Parking Authority Board Minutes

Minutes of Meeting Nos. 6-2020 and Special Meeting 03-2020 of the Parking Authority Board held on June 9, 2020 and June 18, 2020, respectively, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Emerald Ash Borer 2019 Update

Report No. 94/2020 (Infrastructure & Operations - Parks & Open Spaces Division) providing an update on the implementation of the Emerald Ash Borer Management Strategy, for information.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Review of Policies – Sidewalk Construction

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated July 22, 2020, containing a motion relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

With respect to the City of Thunder Bay's policies relative to sidewalk construction, we recommend that Administration review and provide options for updated policies that consider active transportation and accessibility and cost containment;

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AND THAT this report be received on or before October 26, 2020;

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

CARRIED

Letter of Support - Polar-Class Icebreaker

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated July 31, 2020, relative to the above noted, for information.

At the request of Councillor A. Aiello, Councillor S. Ch'ng assumed the Chair.

Complaint of Breach of Ontario's Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated July 29, 2020 containing an overview of the report by Mr. J. Abrams, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Thunder Bay relative to the above noted, for information.

Mr. J. Abrams, Integrity Commissioner responded to questions.

OPEN SESSION in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Committee of the Whole - Community Services Session
Chair: Councillor S. Ch'ng

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Minutes

Minutes of Meeting No.10/2020 of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board held on June 18, 2020, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

R 74/2020 - Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility - Project Advancement

At the July 20, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, Report No. R 74/2020 (Community Services - Asset Management) relative to the above noted, was presented as a First Report to allow Committee of the Whole and the general public time to consider the implications of the report before its recommendations are considered by Committee of the Whole on August 10, 2020.

Report No. R 74/2020 (Community Services - Asset Management) recommending that the Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility be tendered for construction upon completion of the tender package to support the advancement of the project.

Memorandum from Mr. G. Broere, dated August 10, 2020, relative to First Report – R 74/2020 Follow Up including Attachment A – Summary of Community Consultation and Engagement; Attachment B – Proposed Chapples Multi-Use Indoor Turf Facility Overview; and Attachment C – Proposed Chapples Multi-Use Indoor Turf Facility Public Comment were distributed separately on Friday August 7, 2020.

Memorandum from Mr. N. Gale, City Manager, dated July 31, 2020 relative to the Proposed Turf Facility Economic Development was distributed separately on Friday August 7, 2020.

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, Chair – Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility Committee, dated August 6, 2020 relative to the Proposed Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility was distributed separately on Friday August 7, 2020.

Correspondence from Ms. L. Paras, dated July 13, 2020, requesting to appear before Committee to provide a deputation relative to the above noted.

Ms. L. Paras appeared before Committee, provided a deputation relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Correspondence from Mr. M. Venezia, Soccer Northwest Ontario, dated July 28, 2020 requesting to appear before Committee to provide a deputation relative to the above noted.

Additional correspondence from Soccer Northwest Ontario (SNO) relative to the proposed Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility was distributed separately on Friday August 7, 2020.

Mr. M. Venezia, Soccer Northwest Ontario appeared before Committee, provided a deputation relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Correspondence from Mr. J. Virdiramo, Board of Directors - Canadian Lakehead Exhibition, dated August 4, 2020, requesting to appear before Committee to provided a deputation relative to the above noted.

Additional correspondence from Canadian Lakehead Exhibition entitled CLE Annual Report and CLE History were distributed separately on Friday August 7, 2020.

Mr. J. Virdiramo, Board of Directors - Canadian Lakehead Exhibition and Mr. L. Timko, Board of Directors - Canadian Lakehead Exhibition appeared before Committee, provided a deputation relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Correspondence from Mr. H. Wojak, dated July 31, 2020, requesting to appear before Committee to provide a deputation relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Friday August 7, 2020.

Mr. H. Wojak appeared before Committee and provided a deputation relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

With respect to Report No. R 74/2020 (Community Services - Asset Management), we recommend that the new Multi-Use Sports Facility be tendered for construction upon completion of the Tender package to support the advancement of the project;

AND THAT the source of financing be as identified in this report;

AND THAT Appropriation #16 be approved;

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

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

With respect to Report No. R 74/2020 (Community Services - Asset Management), we recommend that a decision in respect of the source of financing and tender of construction of the new Multi-Use Sports Facility be referred to Administration;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before November 2021 in respect of the City's financial position, confirmation of the sources of financing for the project including any funding from other levels of government to support the advancement of the project;

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

LOST

11:00 p.m. Resolution

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

THAT the hour being 11:00 p.m., we continue with the business at hand.

CARRIED

Original Resolution - Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility - Project Advancement

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

With respect to Report No. R 74/2020 (Community Services - Asset Management), we recommend that the new Multi-Use Sports Facility be tendered for construction upon completion of the Tender package to support the advancement of the project;

AND THAT the source of financing be as identified in this report;

AND THAT Appropriation #16 be approved;

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

CARRIED

Fourth Annual Report Responding to Inquest

Report No. R 93/2020 (City Manager's Office - Corporate Strategic Services) recommending that the Fourth Annual Report as described in Attachments A, B and C be approved and submitted to the Ontario Chief Coroner.

The City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted would be presented for ratification at the City Council meeting to be held later in the evening and would require a two-thirds vote.

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

With respect to Corporate Report No. R 93/2020 (City Manager's Office - Corporate Strategic Services), we recommend that the Fourth Annual Report as described in Attachments A, B and C be approved and submitted to the Ontario Chief Coroner;

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

CARRIED

Appointment of Deputy City Treasurer

Report No. R 85/2020 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care) recommending the appointment of a Deputy City Treasurer to act in the absence of the City Treasurer.

The City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted would be presented for ratification at the City Council meeting to be held later in the evening and would require a two-thirds vote.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

With respect to R 85/2020 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care), we recommend that By-law 78/2015 be amended to remove Dawn Paris as Deputy City Treasurer effective May 13, 2020;

AND THAT Emma Westover, Director - Financial Services be appointed as a Deputy City Treasurer effective July 27, 2020;

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

CARRIED

Ward and Town Hall Meetings - Options for 2020

Report No. R 95/2020 (City Manager's Office - Office of the City Clerk) providing options for virtual and in person ward and town hall meetings for 2020, for information only.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Costing, Availability, and Distribution Options for Disposable Face Masks for Vulnerable Populations

At the July 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole, Administration was directed to report back at the August 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, relative to the funding request for masks for the vulnerable population.

Memorandum from Ms. C. Olsen, Thunder Bay Drug Strategy Coordinator - Corporate Strategic Services relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Friday, August 7, 2020.

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

With respect to the Memorandum from C. Olsen, Drug Strategy Coordinator dated August 7, 2020 relative to the procurement of disposable face masks, we recommend purchasing an additional 75,000 adult face masks;

AND THAT 1,300 child masks be purchased;

AND THAT Supply Management assist with the procurement, storage, and distribution of the face masks to outside agencies;

AND THAT Administration work with partners of the Vulnerable Populations Planning Table to determine appropriate agencies for distribution of masks;

AND THAT the \$28,475 cost for the masks be funded from the Stabilization Reserve Fund;

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

CARRIED

12:00 a.m. Resolution

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT the hour being 12:00 a.m., we continue with the business at hand.

CARRIED

Advocacy – Social Issues, Support for Vulnerable People

Memorandum from Councillor A. Ruberto, dated July 22, 2020 containing a motion relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Friday, August 7, 2020.

Memorandum from Councillor A. Ruberto dated July 22, 2020 containing an amended motion relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Monday, August 10, 2020.

MOVED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

With respect to concerns about vulnerable people in our city, we recommend that Administration report back on the development of a pilot project to support those requiring access to safe spaces;

AND THAT Administration work in collaboration with stakeholders relative to the development of a Safe Supply Program similar to the Managed Alcohol Program for those who would benefit;

AND THAT Administration work to review the pilot project approved in the city of Kenora relative to funding support for the Bear Clan to determine if a similar project would be of benefit for Thunder Bay;

AND THAT Administration highlight any opportunities for funding with stakeholders relative to an exemption for decriminalization of simple drug possession, under section 56 of the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act for our City;

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

Referral Resolution - Advocacy – Social Issues, Support for Vulnerable People

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

With respect to the memorandum from Councillor A. Ruberto, dated July 22, 2020, relative to Advocacy, Social Issues for Vulnerable People, we recommend that the content and associated motions be referred to Administration in order to consult and collect feedback from the Thunder Bay Police Service, Crime Prevention Council and Thunder Bay Drug Strategy;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before November 23, 2020.

CARRIED

Delegation of Authority

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated July 22, 2020, containing a motion relative to the above noted.

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

With respect to the authorities of senior leaders within the corporation, we recommend that a report be drafted that outlines the authority delegated to members of administration for City Council's information;

AND THAT this report be received on or before October 26, 2020;

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

Amending Resolution – Delegation of Authority

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

With respect to the memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated July 22, 2020 relative to Delegation of Authority, we recommend that the word "for" be deleted and replaced with "by";

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AND THAT the date of October 26, 2020 be changed to April 26, 2021.

CARRIED

Amended Resolution – Delegation of Authority

With respect to the authorities of senior leaders within the corporation, we recommend that a report be drafted that outlines the authority delegated to members of administration by City Council, for information;

AND THAT this report be received on or before April 26, 2021;

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

LOST

Establishment of Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Awards Meeting

At the June 1, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed relative to the re-scheduling of the Annual Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Banquet due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated July 29, 2020, containing a motion relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

With respect to the 2020 Annual Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Banquet, we recommend that the 2020 Committee of the Whole/City Council Meeting Calendar be amended to reflect the re-scheduled date for the Banquet to September 29, 2020;

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

Memorandum from K. Power, City Clerk, dated August 10, 2020, relative to establishing Committee of the Whole Closed Session meetings on August 11 and August 24, 2020 was distributed separately on Monday, August 10, 2020.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

THAT a Special Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of educating or training the members;

AND THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; 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; and 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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 a.m.