



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, April 25, 2022

Reference No. COW 23/53

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

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Aldo Ruberto

OFFICIALS:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Linda Evans, Acting City Manager
Dawne Latta, Acting City Solicitor

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Rebecca Johnson

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Deputy City Clerk Dana Earle noted Councillor Cody Fraser declared a conflict relative to Tbaytel Shareholder Update (Quarterly Report) as his employer is retained by Tbaytel and would not be attending the meeting.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Legal Matter (07-355)

2022CLS.011 (Legal Services) relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor & General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care and City Treasurer only.

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Eugene Prpic, B.A., LL.B. - Eryou Barristers entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Eugene Prpic responded to questions.

Acting City Solicitor Dawne Latta responded to questions.

It was the consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to Report 2022CLS.011 (Legal Services) would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

Eugene Prpic left the meeting.

Tbaytel Shareholder Update (Quarterly Report)

Confidential 1st Quarter 2022 Financial Summary was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor & General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care and City Treasurer only.

PowerPoint Presentation entitled “Forward Together, 2021 Annual Shareholder Update” dated April 25, 2022 relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care and City Solicitor only.

Dan Topatigh, President & CEO, Jack Jamieson, Chair and Scott Potts, Director - Tbaytel Municipal Service Board entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Dan Topatigh provided a PowerPoint Presentation relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Scott Potts provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Dan Topatigh responded to questions.

At 5:50 p.m. the Closed Session concluded. It was the consensus of Committee that Open Session reconvene immediately after City Council Special Session - Tbaytel Annual General Meeting.

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium 6:37 pm

Committee of the Whole - Administrative Services Session
Chair: Councillor Mark Bentz

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

OFFICIALS:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Linda Evans, Acting City Manager

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Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Aldo Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

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Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Kristen Oliver

Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Karen Lewis, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services
Kerri Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations
Kelly Robertson, General Manager – Community Services
Emma Westover, Director - Revenue
Kathleen Cannon, Director – Financial Services
David Scherbarth – Student – Legal Services

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - April 25, 2022 - Committee of the Whole

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

WITH RESPECT to the April 25, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Monthly – Citizens of Outstanding Achievement Award

Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk Dana Earle dated April 12, 2022 requesting an opportunity to provide a presentation relative to the Monthly Citizens of Outstanding Achievement Awards.

Deputy City Clerk Dana Earle read the biographies of the two Teams selected for the Monthly Outstanding Achievement Awards, under the Sports Achievement Category, Team Larocque and Team McCarville.

ITEMS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Legal Matter (07-355)

2022CLS.011 (Legal Services) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

The Deputy 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 Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to Report 2022CLS.011 (Legal Services), we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 02-2022 of the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee held on February 28, 2022, for information.

Official Recognition Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 02-2022 of the Official Recognition Committee held on February 14, 2022, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

2022 Budget Variance Report #1

Report R 72/2022 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services) provides projections to City Council of the City's financial position to year-end for information, was distributed separately on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

2023 Proposed Budget Calendar

Report R 59/2022 (Corporate Services & Long-Term Care - Financial Services) recommending approval of the Proposed Budget Calendar for the 2023 Budget.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 59/2022 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services), we recommend that the dates for Special Committee of the Whole meetings to deliberate the 2023 Capital and Operating Budgets for the City of Thunder Bay be approved in accordance with Attachment A - 2023 Budget Calendar;

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

Referral - 2023 Proposed Budget Calendar

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to R 59/2022 (Corporate Services & Long-Term Care – Financial Services) we recommend that the report be referred back to Administration to provide information relating to budget direction provided by Council in a municipal election year;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before May 9, 2022.

CARRIED

2022 Tax Policy Report

Report R 70/2022 (Corporate Services & Long-Term Care - Revenue) providing City Council with recommendations on the Corporate Tax Policy options and requirements under the Municipal Act, 2001 for the setting of tax policies, tax rates and due dates in preparation for the 2022 final property tax billing.

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

WITH RESPECT to the Corporate Tax Policy Report R 70/2022 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Revenue), we recommend that the tax ratios and tax rates included in Attachment 6 and outlined in Option 1 be approved for the 2022 taxation year;

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AND THAT the final tax levy be due in two installments on August 3 and October 5, 2022;

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

CARRIED

Terms of Reference - Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee

Report R 60/2022 (Development & Emergency Services – Community Strategies) recommending that the Terms of Reference for the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee, as appended to this Report, be adopted to replace the current Terms of Reference.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga

WITH RESPECT to Report R 60/2022 (Development & Emergency Services – Community Strategies), we recommend that the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee be renamed as the Anti-Racism & Equity Advisory Committee;

AND THAT the amended Terms of Reference for the Anti-Racism & Equity Advisory Committee, as appended to this Report, be adopted;

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

CARRIED

Conversion Therapy Resolution

At the July 26, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, memorandum from Councillor S. Ch'ng dated July 13, 2021 was presented. A resolution was passed directing Administration to report back on options available to prohibit the practice and advertising of conversion therapy in the City of Thunder Bay, through Planning, Development, Business Licensing and Human Resources support available for city employees along with engagement with local agencies such as Canadian Mental Health, Thunder Pride, Rainbow Collective, Children's Centre Thunder Bay and any other relevant stakeholders.

Report R 67/2022 (City Manager - City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel) providing a recommendation for Council consideration relative to the above noted.

Correspondence received from Jason Veltri, Rainbow Collective of Thunder Bay, dated April 20, 2022 requesting to provide a deputation relative to the above noted.

Jason Veltri appeared before Committee, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions.

Dr. Kristopher Wells, Canada Research Chair for the Public Understanding of Sexual and Gender

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Minority Youth - McEwan University appeared before Committee via MS Teams and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to Corporate Report R 67/2022 (City Manager's Office - City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel) it is recommended that this corporate report be received for information;

AND THAT Outstanding Item Subject, "Ban Against Conversion Therapy" (Reference No. 2021-105-DEV) be removed from the Outstanding List for Planning Services;

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

Amendment - Conversion Therapy Resolution

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

WITH RESPECT to the recommendation as contained in Report R 67/2022 (City Manager - City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel) we recommend that the following be added after paragraph 1;

"AND THAT the Administration be directed to review existing policies, processes, and best practices currently in place in city facilities in order to prevent unlawful activities, such as conversion therapy, are not conducted within a rental of a public facility;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before September 12, 2022;"

CARRIED

Amended - Conversion Therapy Resolution

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SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

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

CARRIED

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Outstanding List for Administrative Services as of April 11, 2022

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power, dated April 11, 2022 providing the Administrative Services Outstanding Items List, for information.

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of Closed Session Meeting – May 2, 2022

The following resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole in order to establish Committee of the Whole – Closed Session on May 2, 2022:

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

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022 at 5:00 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;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm