



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, December 21, 2020 *Reference No. COW – 3/50*

CLOSED SESSION in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 5:03 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session
Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor S. Ch’ng
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor B. McKinnon
Councillor K. Oliver
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care
Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations
Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services
Ms. D. Latta, Acting City Solicitor

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor A. Foulds disclosed an interest relative to Report 2020CLS.057 having a family member employed by the City of Thunder Bay.

Councillor A. Aiello disclosed an interest relative to Report 2020CLS.057 having a family member employed by the City of Thunder Bay.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Human Resources Matter

Report 2020CLS.058 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care and Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety only on Thursday,

December 17, 2020.

Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety, Ms. E. Anderson, Senior Labour Relations Consultant and Ms. T. O'Neill, Manager - Labour Relations entered the meeting via MS Teams.

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

The Deputy City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to Report 2020CLS.058 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

Ms. E. Anderson left the meeting.

Human Resources Matter

Report 2020CLS.054 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care and Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety only on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

Chief W. Gates, SNEMS entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager responded to questions.

Ms. T. O'Neill, Manager - Labour Relations responded to questions.

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

Councillor A. Foulds, Councillor A. Aiello and Chief W. Gates left the meeting.

Human Resources Matter

Report 2020CLS.057 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care and Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety only on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

Ms. A. Turuba, Manager - Compensation, Benefits & Health Services entered the meeting via MS Teams.

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

Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety provided an overview relative to

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the above noted.

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk responded to questions.

Ms. K. Ortgiese responded to questions.

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

Ms. K. Ortgiese and Ms. A. Turuba left the meeting.

Surplus Properties Report

Report 2020CLS.047 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services) relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services and the General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care only on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

Councillor A. Foulds entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Councillor A. Aiello entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager, Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Mr. J. DePeuter provided an overview relative to the above noted and 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 2020CLS.047 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services) would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

Property Related Matter

Report 2020CLS.036 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services) relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services and General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care only on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager, Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services responded to questions.

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

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:44 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Administrative Services Session

Chair: Councillor M. Bentz

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor R. Johnson
Councillor B. McKinnon
Councillor K. Oliver
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Ms. F. Track, Committee Coordinator

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care
Ms. D. Latta, Acting City Solicitor
Ms. K. Marshall, Acting City Manager
Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community Services
Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services
Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services
Ms. K. Cannon, Director - Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Revenue
Ms. K. Dixon, Director - Engineering
Ms. C. Olsen, Coordinator - Drug Strategy

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor A. Ruberto disclosed an interest relative to COVID-19 Emergency Response - Cold Weather Plan Warming Centre as he holds a lease agreement with one of the community partners.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - December 21, 2020 - Committee of the Whole

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

WITH RESPECT to the December 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

State of the City Address

Memorandum from Ms. K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, dated December 3, 2020 advising that Mayor B. Mauro will present his annual State of the City Address on Monday, December 21, 2020.

Memorandum from Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk dated December 16, 2020, advising that the above noted item has been withdrawn from the agenda and will be rescheduled in 2021, was distributed separately on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

Community Economic Development Reserve Fund Project

Memorandum from Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk dated December 16, 2020, advising that the above noted item has been withdrawn from the agenda, was distributed separately on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

DEPUTATIONS

Religiously Neutral Public Spaces

Correspondence from C. Chenette dated December 15, 2020 relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

Thunder Bay Fire Fighters Association

Correspondence from Mr. D. Brescacin, Thunder Bay Fire Fighters Association dated December 16, 2020 requesting to provide a deputation relative to Report No. R 146/2020 (Development & Emergency Services – Thunder Bay Fire Rescue) Thunder Bay Fire Rescue Strategic Master Fire Plan – Implementation Plan, previously presented on December 14, 2020, was distributed separately on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

Correspondence from Mr. D. Brescacin, Thunder Bay Fire Fighters Association entitled Geographic Information System Emergency Response Capabilities Analysis - Final Report, dated October 2020, was distributed separately on Monday, December 21, 2020, for information.

Mr. D. Brescacin, Thunder Bay Fire Fighters Association appeared before Committee via MS Teams and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

The Polish Combatants' Association - 195 N. Cumberland Street

Correspondence from Mr. T. Michalak, President - The Polish Combatants' Association, Branch #1 dated November 17, 2020 requesting to provide a deputation relative to the above noted.

Correspondence from Ms. K. Peters, Tax Revenue Analyst (Acting) dated November 26, 2019 to the Polish Combatants' Association, Branch #1 relative to the above noted property.

Correspondence from Ms. K. Peters, Tax Revenue Analyst (Acting) dated October 28, 2019 to the Polish Combatants' Association, Branch #1 relative to the above noted property.

Correspondence from Mr. T. Michalak - President - The Polish Combatants' Association, Branch #1 dated June 5, 2020 relative to a request to re-classify the above noted property under section 6.1 of the Property Assessment Act.

Mr. T. Michalak, President and Mr. K. Telpuk, Executive Member - Polish Combatants' Association Branch #1 appeared before Committee via MS Teams and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

WITH RESPECT to the deputation by the Polish Combatant's Association relating to 195 N. Cumberland Street, we recommend that the deputation be referred to Administration;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before March 31, 2021;

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

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Crime Prevention Council

Minutes of Meeting 03-2020 of the Crime Prevention Council held on September 23, 2020, for information.

50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 04-2020 of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee held on October 23, 2020, for information.

Audit Committee

Minutes of Meeting 02-2020 of the Audit Committee held on July 8, 2020, for information.

Human Resources Matter

Report No. 2020CLS.058 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) 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 Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

With respect to Report No. 2020CLS.058 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) we recommend that the Memorandum of Settlement between the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 87 be approved;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary agreements;

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

CARRIED

Surplus Properties

Report No. 2020CLS.047 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report 2020CLS.047 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services), we recommend that the properties and easement interests described in this report be declared surplus to the City's requirements pursuant to the City's policies, and be disposed of in accordance with the method(s) set out in this report;

AND THAT public notice of the proposed disposals be given in the manner set out in this report;

AND THAT the City's interest in the vacant property municipally known as 714 Brodie Street North, being Lot 1075, Registered Plan W-357 Neebing Additional (C218), be sold to the abutting property owner of 720 Brodie Street North for lot enlargement purposes at the appraised market value of \$12,760.00;

AND THAT the City transfer an easement interest over a portion of City-owned parkland municipally known as 321 Madeline Street and legally described as Part of Block A, Registered Plan M-220 (D62), for utility purposes at the request of TBayTel at the appraised market value of \$3,807.37;

AND THAT the City transfer an easement interest over a portion of City-owned parkland municipally known as 700 River Street and legally described as Part of Block G, Registered Plan M243 McIntyre (D70), for utility purposes at the request of TBayTel at the appraised market value of \$5,201.36;

AND THAT the City's interest in the lane, being Lane abutting Lots 78 to 80 and a Portion of Lot 77, Registered Plan 195 Port Arthur (D72), once closed, be sold to the abutting property owner of 521 John Street (1561329 Ontario Inc.), for lot enlargement purposes at the appraised market value of \$10,071.18;

AND THAT the City transfer an easement interest over a portion of City-owned parkland municipally known as 114 Court Street South and legally described as Part of Lot 3, A/S Court Street, Registered Plan 359 McIntyre (E92), for utility purposes at the request of TBayTel at the appraised market value of \$5,237.55;

AND THAT the General Manager of Development & Emergency Services be authorized to execute all required documentation in a content and form satisfactory to Administration;

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

CARRIED

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Community Partnership Funding

Corporate Report R 133/2020 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services) seeks approval from City Council to provide funding of up to \$108,000 to Wequedong Lodge toward a project eligible under the Community Partnership Grant.

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

WITH RESPECT to Corporate Report R 133/2020 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care – Financial Services) we recommend that City Council approve funding in the amount of up to \$108,000 for Wequedong Lodge pursuant to an application submitted under the Community Partnership Program;

AND THAT the funding to Wequedong Lodge be contingent on securing the balance of the required funding for the Project;

AND THAT The City of Thunder Bay enter into a formal partnership agreement with Wequedong Lodge in accordance with the requirements of the Community Partnership Policy;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the contract in the form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor and City Treasurer;

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

CARRIED

2021 Interim Tax Levy

Corporate Report R 141/2020 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Revenue) recommending an interim tax levy and due dates for 2021.

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon

WITH RESPECT to Corporate Report R 141/2020 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Revenue) we recommend that the 2021 interim tax levy be established at 50% of the 2020 final tax obligation;

AND THAT the 2021 interim tax levy be due in two installments, March 3 and May 5;

AND THAT the penalty shall be one and one-quarter per cent (1.25%) of the amount in default on the first day immediately following the installment due date for tax installments due in 2021;

AND THAT interest shall be one and one-quarter per cent (1.25%) against all amounts that have become due and remain unpaid. Such interest shall be calculated and imposed on the first day of the calendar month.

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Public Notice of Council Meetings

Memorandum from Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk dated December 10, 2020 relative to the above noted.

Boulevard Lake Clean Up

At the September 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting City Council passed a resolution directing Administration to provide information relative to costs associated with the cleanup efforts for Boulevard Lake.

Memorandum from Ms. K. Dixon, Director - Engineering dated December 10, 2020 relative to the above noted, for information.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID-19 Emergency Response – Cold Weather Plan Warming Centre.

Memorandum from Ms. Cynthia Olsen, Drug Strategy Coordinator – Corporate Strategic Services, Vulnerable Populations COVID-19 Planning Table Chair dated December 18, 2020 was distributed separately on Monday, December 21, 2020.

Councillor A. Ruberto disclosed an interest and refrained from discussing or voting on the following resolutions.

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 Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Ms. C. Olsen, Drug Strategy Coordinator, dated December 18, 2020, we recommend that to assist with mitigating risks associated with cold exposure on people experiencing homelessness during COVID-19, funds be allocated to provide a one-time grant for a community partner, to be determined by the City's COVID-19 Emergency Response Team (ERT), to staff a daytime warming centre until approximately the end of March 2021;

AND THAT the grant to cover the estimated staffing cost of \$46,000 be funded from the Stabilization Reserve Fund;

AND THAT the community partner selected to operate the warming centre, as determined by ERT, shall be required to comply with reporting requirements of the Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program;

AND THAT if additional funding is required for expenses to effectively support the operation of the warming centre, City Council authorizes that up to \$20,000 in Stabilization Reserve Funds be allocated to meet these needs;

AND THAT Administration proceed as set out in this Memorandum;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary agreements;

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.