



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: September 14, 2020

Reference No. COW 34/51

CLOSED SESSION in the McNaughton Room at 4:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

Chair: Councillor T. Giertuga

PRESENT:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor T. Giertuga
Councillor B. McKinnon
Councillor A. Ruberto

OFFICIALS:

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Mr. N. Gale, City Manager

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care
Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &
Operations
Ms. D. Latta, Acting City Solicitor
Ms. C. Cline, Solicitor
Mr. R. Mace, President & CEO- Synergy North
Mr. G. Armstrong, Board Chair – Synergy North
Ms. C. Speziale, Treasurer – TBHRPI and TBHC

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor R. Johnson
Councillor K. Oliver

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor C. Fraser disclosed an interest relative to Thunder Bay Hydro Corporation as the Law Firm he works for represents Synergy North.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Thunder Bay Hydro Corporation

Memorandum from Ms. C. Speziale, Treasurer - TBHRPI and TBHC dated August 26, 2020 relative to the above noted, was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager and City Solicitor only on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Memorandum from Ms. L. Evans, City Treasurer & General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care dated September 2, 2020 relative to the above noted, was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager and City Solicitor only on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

At 4:31 P.M. Mr. R. Mace, President & CEO - Synergy North, Ms. C. Speziale, Treasurer - TBHRPI and TBHC and Mr. G. Armstrong, Board Chair - Synergy North joined the meeting electronically.

Mr. R. Mace, President & CEO - Synergy North responded to questions.

At 4:41 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 6:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Operations Session

Chair: Councillor B. McKinnon

PRESENT:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor B. Hamilton
Councillor B. McKinnon
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor T. Giertuga
Councillor R. Johnson
Councillor K. Oliver

OFFICIALS:

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. G. Stover, Committee Coordinator

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care
Ms. D. Latta, Acting City Solicitor
Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations
Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community Services
Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services
Mr. D. Binch, Traffic Technologist
Ms. K. Dixon, Director of Engineering & Operations
Mr. C. Campbell, Manager – Central Support
Ms. S. Reid, Digital and Travel Media Officer
Mr. B. Loroff, Manager – Transit Services
Mr. D. Glena, Manager – Fleet Services

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor M. Bentz disclosed an interest relative to Thunder Bay Hydro Corporation as he is an appointed member of the Board of Directors for Synergy North.

Councillor C. Fraser disclosed an interest relative to Thunder Bay Hydro Corporation as the Law Firm he works for is retained by Synergy North.

Councillor A. Ruberto disclosed an interest relative to Thunder Bay Hydro as his son in law is an employee of Synergy North.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - September 14, 2020 - Committee of the Whole

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

With respect to the September 14, 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. 5-2020 and 07-2020 of the Parking Authority Board held on May 12, 2020 and July 14, 2020, respectively, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Thunder Bay Hydro Corporation

Councillor M. Bentz and Councillor C. Fraser declared conflicts and refrained from discussing or voting on the resolution relative to above noted.

Confidential Memorandum from Ms. L. Evans, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, dated September 2, 2020 relative to the above noted was previously presented at Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) held earlier in the evening.

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 the Confidential Memorandum dated September 2, 2020 from Linda Evans, General Manager- Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, Treasurer, we recommend that Administration proceed as directed.

CARRIED

Parking Exemption - Pioneer Drive at Jumbo Gardens

At the February 3, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council requested Administration report back on the feasibility of providing a parking exemption annually for the months of May to June to allow parking on the north side of Pioneer Drive between Jameson Street and Newcastle Drive in bike lanes for special events.

Report No. R 52/2020 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering) recommending that dedicated bicycle lanes not be unnecessarily impeded by vehicle traffic, parking or other forms, as outlined in this report and that city council consider the community support for an expansion of the current Jumbo Gardens parking lot brought forth by administration, for information.

Traffic Signal Review

Report No. R 62/2020 (Infrastructure & Operations – Engineering & Operations) recommending that new and reconstructed intersections continue to be constructed to meet AODA standards and that standardized pedestrian signal timings be implemented.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

With respect to Report No. R 62/2020 (Infrastructure & Operations – Engineering & Operations), we recommend that new and reconstructed intersections continue to be constructed to meet AODA standards;

AND THAT standardized pedestrian signal timings be implemented as discussed in this report;

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

CARRIED

Eye on the Street

Report No. 105/2020 (Infrastructure & Operations - Central Support) providing an overview of the Eye on the Street Program and statistics related to the 2019 operations, for information only.

Memorandum from Councillor Peng You, dated September 10, 2020 containing a motion to Review Eye on the Street Program with Thunder Bay Police Services was distributed separately on Monday, September 14, 2020.

MOVED BY: Councillor Peng You
SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

With respect to the Eye on the Street annual report (R 105/2020), we recommend that Administration, together with the Thunder Bay Police Service (TBPS), review the feasibility of transferring the Eye on the Street program to the TBPS;

AND THAT the report include potential costs associated with transferring the program;

AND THAT the report include any recommendations for the Thunder Bay Police Services Board's consideration;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before December 21, 2020;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Chief of Police and the Thunder Bay Police Services Board;

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

LOST

Solid Waste Management Strategy Update

Report No. 108/2020 (Infrastructure & Operations - Environment) outlines the progress made implementing the Solid Waste Management Strategy (SWMS) in 2019 and identifies key planned objectives for 2020, for information only.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Boulevard Lake Cleanup

At the July 20, 2020, Committee of the Whole meeting, Council directed Administration to report back on several clean up options at Boulevard Lake Park including litter cleanup from the lake bottom, removal of organics from the lake bottom at the beach areas, removal of driftwood, and dredging to provide a deepened channel to meet dragon boat racing standards.

Memorandum from Ms. K. Dixon, Director of Engineering & Operations, dated September 2, 2020 providing information relative to several clean up options at Boulevard Lake Park, for information.

Memorandum from Councillor A. Foulds, dated September 11, 2020 containing a motion relative to Boulevard Lake Clean-up – Driftwood and Dredging was distributed separately on Monday, September 14, 2020.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

With respect to the memorandum from Ms. K. Dixon, Director – Engineering, we recommend that Administration report to Council the costs associated with the clean up of driftwood at Boulevard Lake at the two (2) north beach locations;

AND THAT Administration report to Council the costs associated with implementing the recommendations contained within the 2010 Boulevard Lake Dredging feasibility study, including the additional measures outlined in the memorandum;

AND THAT the report include costs associated with additional studies to complete the dredging project;

AND THAT the report include estimated timelines associated with the dredging project;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before December 21, 2020;

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

Boulevard Lake Cleanup Motion - Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

It was requested that the above noted paragraphs be voted on separately.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

With respect to the memorandum from Ms. K. Dixon, Director – Engineering, we recommend that Administration report to Council the costs associated with implementing the recommendations contained within the 2010 Boulevard Lake Dredging feasibility study, including the additional measures outlined in the memorandum;

AND THAT the report include costs associated with additional studies to complete the dredging project;

AND THAT the report include estimated timelines associated with the dredging project;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before December 21, 2020;

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

CARRIED

Boulevard Lake Cleanup Motion - Paragraphs 1, 5, 6

It was requested that the above noted paragraphs be voted on separately.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

With respect to the memorandum from Ms. K. Dixon, Director – Engineering, we recommend that Administration report to Council the costs associated with the clean up of driftwood at Boulevard Lake at the two (2) north beach locations;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before December 21, 2020;

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

CARRIED

Boulevard Lake Cleanup - Final Resolution

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

With respect to the memorandum from Ms. K. Dixon, Director – Engineering, we recommend that Administration report to Council the costs associated with the clean up of driftwood at Boulevard Lake at the two (2) north beach locations;

AND THAT Administration report to Council the costs associated with implementing the recommendations contained within the 2010 Boulevard Lake Dredging feasibility study, including the additional measures outlined in the memorandum;

AND THAT the report include costs associated with additional studies to complete the dredging project;

AND THAT the report include estimated timelines associated with the dredging project;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before December 21, 2020;

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

CARRIED

Police Facility Needs Assessment - Request for Additional Options - Update

Memorandum from Chief S. Hauth, Thunder Bay Police Services, dated August 24, 2020 requesting to present a report providing additional options to either build a new facility or expand and upgrade the existing facility to Committee of the Whole on November 23, 2020, for information only.

Permanent Thunder Bay Word Sign

Memorandum from Councillor S. Ch'ng dated August 18, 2020 containing a motion recommending the design and installation of a Permanent “Thunder Bay” Word Sign at the waterfront.

Ms. K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services and Ms. S. Reid, Digital and Travel Media Officer appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

With respect to the memorandum from Councillor S. Ch'ng dated August 18, 2020, we recommend the design and installation of a Permanent “Thunder Bay” Word Sign at the waterfront;

AND THAT up to \$100,000 of funding be approved through the City’s unallocated Municipal Accommodation Tax funds for the design and installation of the Permanent “Thunder Bay” Word Sign;

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

CARRIED

OPEN SESSION in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

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

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Homemakers Program

Report No. R 19/2020 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care) recommending authorization for Administration to facilitate the provision of services to the maximum number of clients while remaining within the Homemakers Program approved annual budget.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

With respect to Report No. R 19/2020 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Long Term Care & Senior Services) we recommend that City Council authorize Administration to facilitate the provision of services to the maximum number of clients while remaining within the Homemakers Program approved annual budget;

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

CARRIED

Transit Service Update

Report No. R 107/2020 (Community Services - Transit Services) providing an update on the status of Thunder Bay Transit service, impacts and adjustments made to date in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon

With Respect to Report R 107/2020 (Community Services –Transit Services) we recommend that Administration be directed to implement the Transit Service Measure Improvements - Recommended as outlined in this report;

AND THAT Administration continue with the approach of adjusting service levels to match fluctuating ridership demand and to make incremental adjustments to gradually return to pre-pandemic service levels;

AND THAT Administration report back to Council for direction on future pandemic related impacts that may include the need for major service level reductions from normal levels;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before November 30, 2020 with a plan to commence testing of a micro transit/On-Demand service pilot project on route 4-Neebing by January 31, 2021;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before April 30, 2021 to provide more information on the benefit, viability and feasibility of implementing future micro transit options or other service adjustment options that may be warranted at that time:

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

Amending Motion - Transit Service Update Amendment

MOVED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

With respect to the motion relative to Report No. R 107/2020 (Community Services – Transit Services), we recommend that the following be added after the 4th paragraph:

“AND THAT the Report include financial implications inclusive of tax-related information relative to the 4-Neebing bus route;”

CARRIED

Amended Motion - Transit Service Update

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon

With Respect to Report R 107/2020 (Community Services –Transit Services) we recommend that Administration be directed to implement the Transit Service Measure Improvements - Recommended as outlined in this report;

AND THAT Administration continue with the approach of adjusting service levels to match fluctuating ridership demand and to make incremental adjustments to gradually return to pre-pandemic service levels;

AND THAT Administration report back to Council for direction on future pandemic related impacts that may include the need for major service level reductions from normal levels;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before November 30, 2020 with a plan to commence testing of a micro transit/On-Demand service pilot project on route 4-Neebing by January 31, 2021;

AND THAT the Report include financial implications inclusive of tax-related information relative to the 4-Neebing bus route;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before April 30, 2021 to provide more information on the benefit, viability and feasibility of implementing future micro transit options or other service adjustment options that may be warranted at that time:

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

CARRIED

Purchase of Two New Tandem Trucks with Sideload Refuse Packers Tender Award

Report No. R 104/2020 (Community Services - Asset Management) recommending award of tender for the replacement of two existing Refuse Packers. The trucks being replaced are 9 and 13 years old and are at the end of their useful life. Both units have exceeded the expected average life cycle of six (6) years for this class of asset.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

With respect to Corporate Report No. R 104/2020 (Community Services – Asset Management), we recommend that Tender No. 24/2020 for the Supply and Delivery of two (2) new Tandem Trucks with Side Load Refuse Packers be awarded to Shu-Pak Equipment Inc. of Cambridge Ontario in the amount of \$649,750 (inclusive of HST);

AND THAT the Manager – Supply Management be authorized to issue any purchase orders related to this tender;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign all documentation related to these matters;

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

CARRIED

Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program Emergency Funding – Phase III

Report No. R 110/2020 (Community Services) recommending allocation of the remaining \$22,850 of Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program Emergency Funding to assist existing grant recipients with COVID-19 Pandemic response.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

With Respect to Report R 110/2020 (Community Services – Recreation & Culture) we recommend that \$22,850 in Phase III Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program Emergency Funding be allocated to Shelter House;

AND THAT this allocation be conditional that the City may request repayment of funds if provincial or federal funding is allocated towards the specific needs funded by CYCFP Emergency Fund;

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

CARRIED

COVID-19: Summer and Fall Services Update

Report No. R 111/2020 (Community Services - Recreation & Culture) providing information on outcomes of Summer Operations that resumed under COVID-19 Pandemic reopening plans and updates on Fall Operations that have recently been approved to reopen, for information only.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Election Readiness 2022

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated September 4, 2020 containing a motion recommending that that City Council receive a report on the status of the 2022 Municipal Election and on any impacts relative to the COVID-19 pandemic that would impact the 2022 Municipal Election and that the report be received on or before August 23, 2021.

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

With respect the memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated September 4, 2020 we recommend that City Council receive a report on the status of the 2022 Municipal Election and on any impacts relative to the COVID-19 pandemic that would impact the 2022 Municipal Election;

AND THAT this work be assigned to the City Clerk and that the report be received on or before August 23, 2021;

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of Committee of the Whole – Closed Sessions and City Council – Special Session

The following resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole for consideration:

MOVED BY: Councillor Peng You
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and the security of the property of the municipality or local board; a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or

organization; 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.

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 4:10 p.m. in order to receive information relative to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and;

THAT the City Council Special Session – CEDC AGM meeting scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. be amended to start at 5:30 P.M.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.