

Memorandum

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TO: Members of Council
FROM: Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: Monday, June 22, 2020
SUBJECT: Additional Information
Committee of the Whole/City Council – June 22, 2020

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Additional Information

1. Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated June 22, 2020 providing an amendment relative to Report No. R 73/2020 – Council Remuneration Increase.

CITY COUNCIL

Additional Information

1. Correspondence received from Ms. L. Kloosterhuis, Mayor, Oliver Paipoonge and Mr. Kevin Holland, Mayor, Conmee Township on June 22, 2020 relative to Designated Truck Route By-law.

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TO: Krista Power, City Clerk

FROM: Mayor Bill Mauro

DATE: June 22, 2020

SUBJECT: Amendment – Report R 73/2020 – Council Remuneration Increase
Committee of the Whole – June 22, 2020

Report R 73/2020 (City Manager’s Office – Human Resources & Corporate Safety) Council Remuneration Committee provides information relative to work completed by the Council Remuneration Special Purpose Committee in 2017. This work resulted in a direction that beginning in January 2020, Council should receive an annual adjustment in remuneration that equaled half the rate of inflation for the city of Thunder Bay. While I appreciate the effort to provide small incremental increases annually rather than large increases after long periods of time to equalize council salaries, I am not in favour of proceeding with this year’s increase for a variety of reasons.

As such, I provide the following amendment for Council’s consideration:

With respect to Report R 73/2020 (City Manager’s Office – Human Resources & Corporate Safety) – Council Remuneration Increase, we recommend that paragraph 1 of the recommendation be amended to read” City Council forego the annual adjustment of half the rate of inflation for 2020”;

AND THAT paragraph 2 of the recommendation be deleted;

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

June 22, 2020

Krista Power, Clerk
City of Thunder Bay

On behalf of Council and the residents of the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and the Township of Conmee, we are writing to request that City Council not pass the Designated Truck Route (DTR) By-Law coming up for Council's consideration this evening.

We are aware that some believe that the By-Law is justified. Removing heavy truck traffic from city roads, particularly Arthur Street and Dawson Road, may help make these roads safer and increase their longevity. On the other hand, our studies have shown that taking truck traffic off Arthur Street and Dawson Road and putting it all on Hwy 11/17 will drastically decrease the safety on that route.

While some see benefits to implementing the DTR by-law, we hope you understand that there will be costs as well. In these trying times local businesses and consumers are struggling with increasing costs and reduced income. Recently the carbon tax was introduced and its effect is magnified locally where transportation is a key factor in the economy. Since March, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on local business and consumers. Economists are telling us that it will take years for the economy to recover from the blows delivered by COVID-19.

In these difficult times, to introduce measures like a DTR by-law, that will increase costs for local businesses and consumers, can have lasting negative effects. No one can afford longer hauls to receive or deliver goods due to the DTR by-law.

Local businesses and consumers have two strikes against them: carbon tax and COVID-19. We all know what 3 strikes mean in baseball. Please, don't pitch the third strike by passing the DTR by-law.

Lucy Kloosterhuis, Mayor, Oliver Paipoonge

Kevin Holland, Mayor, Conmee Township