

Memorandum

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TO: Members of Council
FROM: Krista Power, City Clerk
DATE: Monday, August 10, 2020
**SUBJECT: Additional Information/New Business
Committee of the Whole – August 10, 2020**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Additional Information

1. Correspondence from Mr. L. Timko, Canadian Lakehead Exhibition relative to the Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility deputation request.
2. Memorandum from Councillor A. Ruberto, dated July 22, 2020, containing revised motions relative to Advocacy – Social Issues, Support for Vulnerable People.

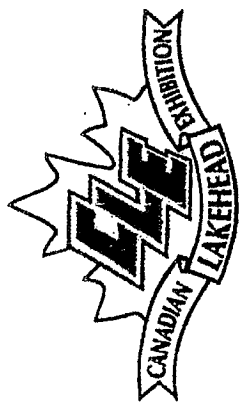
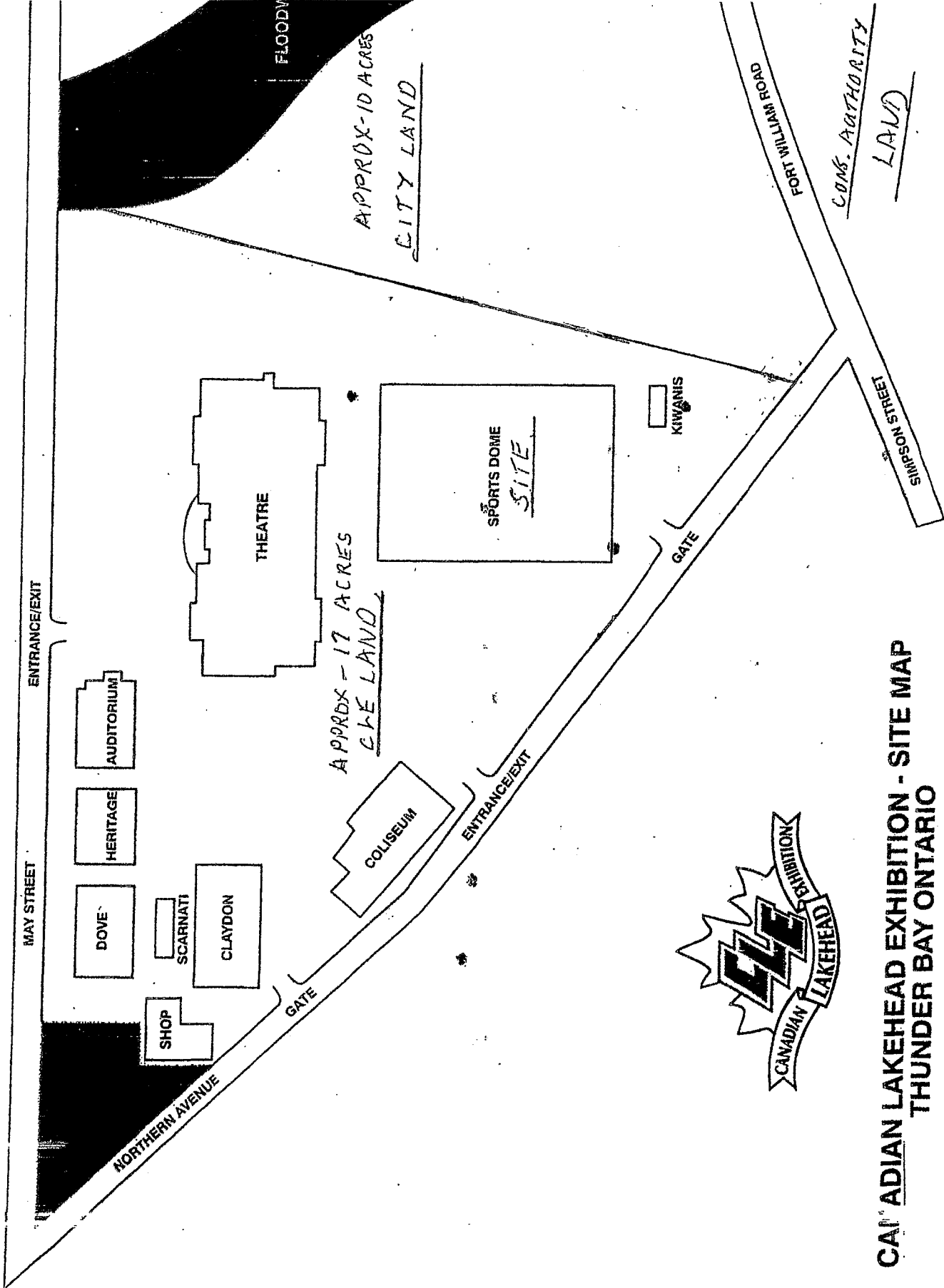
New Business

1. Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

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

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.



CANADIAN LAKEHEAD EXHIBITION - SITE MAP
THUNDER BAY ONTARIO

NOT TO SCALE

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TO: Krista Power, City Clerk

FROM: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

DATE: July 22, 2020

**SUBJECT: REVISED MOTIONS - Advocacy – Social Issues, Support for Vulnerable People
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This memo and associated motion is in regards to advocacy that I believe is needed for those in our community who are vulnerable. While the City of Thunder Bay has done more than it is required to do as a municipality with work like Crime Prevention, Drug Strategy and the Indigenous and Inclusion Office, I am putting forward a few actions that we can take as a regional center in conjunction with First Nations participation, Federal and Provincial governments.

It is important to state that health care addictions falls within the jurisdiction of the Provincial government and that housing is a responsibility of the Federal Government. I would strongly suggest that the people of Thunder Bay who are concerned about these issues assist the city with advocacy and contact our representatives in the Provincial and Federal Government to ask what is the long term plan for communities like ours that are struggling.

On July 20th at Committee of the Whole, I presented a motion to ask administration to work on the development of a loitering bylaw. This did not pass due to mainly fear that it targeted those who are marginalized in our community. Although I strongly disagree with those positions, I remain committed to come back with other possible solutions.

I believe strongly that the following statements reflect the need in our community and provide for an opportunity for our municipal council to respond.

- The opioid crisis should be dealt with the same intensity and resources that we are dealing with COVID-19.
- Advocating for the decriminalization small amounts of drugs for personal use should be a priority for this Council and all municipalities. The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police have endorsed this as a first step.
- A safe outdoor space for individuals to use drugs, in addition to the safe indoor injection site and a mobile safe injection vehicle, to bring a safe site to the user on the streets, this would also provide much needed supports and provide greater support to those who require it.

- Advocate for safer supply initiatives in Thunder Bay where individuals who use drugs for whom other treatment options have not worked are provided drugs at a low or no cost and are connected with the health care system. There have been positive outcomes with the Managed Alcohol Program.
- Advocate for increased counselling and other supportive services to be attached to opioid agonist treatment clinics across the province.

As a result of the statements listed above and the concerns that have been presented to me by constituents, I offer two motions for Council's consideration.

Motion #1 - Pilot PROJECT

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.

Motion #2 – Advocacy

With Respect to the social housing, addictions and vulnerable populations in our community, we recommend that the Intergovernmental Committee advocate for change in the following areas as priorities;

- Basic Income Support/Program for those that require it to allow for greater equity which allows for opportunity for health and wellbeing;
- decriminalization of hard drugs for personal use
- increased funding relative to the opioid crisis that includes a national and provincial strategy and support for municipalities
- the development of a safe supply program similar to the Managed Alcohol Program for those requiring substance use support
- greater funding for supervised consumption services (mobile and outdoor sites)
- greater funding for social housing and associated supports

- additional funding for Emergency Shelter in Thunder Bay during the day in addition to the much needed SOS program

AND THAT the Drug Strategy Coordinator and the Crime Prevention Council Coordinator include information in their annual reports on how the municipality is working with partners to achieve positive outcomes for those struggling with homelessness and addictions;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with the Ministers of Health for Ontario and Canada, the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, NOMA, the Premier of Ontario and the Prime Minister of Canada.