

Memorandum

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TO: Members of Council
FROM: Krista Power, City Clerk
DATE: Monday, June 7, 2021
SUBJECT: Additional Information
Committee of the Whole – June 7, 2021

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Additional Information

1. Correspondence Ms. K. Lynch, President – Confederation College, dated June 3, 2021 expressing support for Net-Zero Strategy.
2. Correspondence from City of Thunder Bay Anishinaabe Elders Council, dated June 7, 2021 expressing support for Net-Zero Strategy.
3. Memorandum from Councillor S. Ch'ng, dated June 7, 2021 containing an amending motion relative to 2020 Year End Surplus Allocation.



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June 3, 2021

Mayor Bill Mauro and
Members of City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay ON P7E 5V3

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

I am writing to you on behalf of Confederation College to express our support for Climate-Forward City: Thunder Bay Net-Zero Strategy and the ambitious target of reaching net-zero by 2050.

Climate change represents an economic and environmental threat to our community, as acknowledged by the climate emergency declared by City Council on January 13, 2020. Addressing the climate emergency is an urgent priority and we are counting on you to take strong action. The Net-Zero Strategy provides one potential pathway for us to kick-start this action. We must all do our part and find ways to reduce our impact on the planet.

Our organization works to support climate action through goals set out in our strategic plan, sustainability plan as well as the objectives of the Sustainability Development Goals Accord set out by the United Nations that Confederation College has recently become signatory to. The Net-Zero Strategy includes a number of objectives that align with these goals, including the restoration and preservation of green spaces; providing technical education that supports emerging and innovative green industries; building responsible infrastructure; and improving waste diversion at our campuses.

Accomplishing the objectives outlined in this Strategy will be challenging and require significant collaboration and investment. The college is committed to supporting collaborations with the City of Thunder Bay and its stakeholders to help advance our common goals.

We applaud the leadership that the City of Thunder Bay has demonstrated on climate action since 1997. The adoption of this Net-Zero Strategy will signal to residents, businesses, institutions, and other levels of government that the climate crisis warrants serious attention and urgent action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Lynch".

Kathleen Lynch
President



June 7, 2021

Dear Members of City Council:

We are writing the following deputation to inform your decision making in this evening's deliberations on the proposed "Net-Zero Strategy," in the hopes that you will vote to approve, bearing in mind the well-being for our next seven generations of people to come. The Elders Council supports the Net-Zero Strategy in principle, on the condition that Indigenous community be involved in the implementation planning and operation.

Collectively, we form the City of Thunder Bay Anishinaabe Elders Council, and are recognized members of First Nations communities of this region, and of the Metis community. Our objective as a Council is to "guide the City of Thunder Bay and City Council with the support of the Indigenous Relations and Inclusion Office on the following: ... working with the Indigenous community to help the City achieve its goals, with involvement of Indigenous partners in decision-making..." In Indigenous decision-making processes and when deciding on matters that will have an impact on Indigenous peoples, it is protocol to include the counsel of Elders and Traditional Knowledge keepers- they hold teachings and remind us to take a holistic approach so that our decisions do not fail to leave anyone or anything behind.

We urge City Council to consider the interests of the Indigenous community and interests that all citizens would appreciate. Thunder Bay is built on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe people, and has always been a place of gathering and a place where our people harvested medicines, conducted ceremony, lived off the land and animals since time immemorial: Anishinabek are taught to respect Mother Earth (land), Nibi (waters), animals, and Spirit World, and to leave the land as you arrived upon Mother Earth. Today, we continue to have a spiritual connection to the land and animals and rely on them for our survival- to not include them in decision-making would be detrimental to their futures and our future generations. There is a saying shared by Elders across Turtle Island: "You need water, but you can't eat money."

Being situated in Thunder Bay, the city is mindful that the Crown signed the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850 with several Ojibwa Bands in this region. As we are all treaty people, we commit to live in good relations and to continue to act in each other's best interest, while committing to working together. In the spirit of reconciliation and fostering good relations, involvement of Indigenous peoples in this proposed Strategy is critical to its sustainability. Our people are traditional stewards and caretakers of the land, water protectors, and keepers of knowledge on how to live on this land in a good way. There is an opportunity for us to learn much from each other and to work together to secure the legacy and spirit of what living in this beautiful city offers to our people. Our Indigenous laws require us to consider the next seven generations when making important decisions.

We hope that you consider the health of the next seven generations and interests of Indigenous communities when deciding on your vote. We also look forward to working together, walking together on a shared path. In closing, we share this quote from a Cree proverb that is apt to include:

“Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught, will we realize that we cannot eat money.”

Respectfully submitted,
City of Thunder Bay Anishinaabe Elders Council.



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TO: Krista Power, City Clerk

FROM: Councillor S. Ch'ng

DATE: June 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Amendment - 2020 Year End Surplus Allocation
Committee of the Whole – June 7, 2021

In response to Councillor Fraser's motion relative to the 2020 Year End Surplus Allocation, it is my request that an amendment be put on the floor to allow for the surplus funds identified by Councillor Fraser of a total of \$2.8 million be reallocated from the Stabilization Reserve Fund to the Renew Thunder Bay Reserve Fund in 2021 and that the 2022 Capital Budget reflect a \$2.8 million one-time increase.

This change will allow all City departments to identify capital projects for 2022 that require additional funding that meets the criteria of the Renew Thunder Bay Reserve Fund in the 2022 Capital budget and bring forward significant opportunities for infrastructure work.

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Councillor C. Fraser dated June 1, 2021 relative to 2020 Year End Surplus Allocation, we recommend that the motion be amended by replacing "General Capital Reserve Fund" with "Renew Thunder Bay Reserve Fund";

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