



AGENDA MATERIAL

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

LOCATION: S. H. BLAKE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
(Council Chambers)

TIME: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE



MEETING: City Council

DATE: Monday, December 20, 2021

Reference No. CC - 2/53

OPEN SESSION in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium immediately following Committee of the Whole

City Council
Chair: Mayor Bill Mauro

OPENING CEREMONIES

One Minute of Silence.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - December 20, 2021 - City Council

WITH RESPECT to the December 20, 2021 City Council meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed. **(Page 4)**

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

City Council Minutes

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1. The Thunder Bay City Council held on December 6, 2021. **(Distributed Separately)**

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PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Committee of the Whole Minutes

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2. December 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole. **(Distributed Separately)**

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Ward Meeting Minutes

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Ratifying Resolutions

BY-LAWS

BL 96/2021 - A By-law to amend By-law 69/2021 - Appointment of Acting Mayors.

A By-law to amend By-law BL 69/2021, being a By-law to appoint Acting Mayors 2021-2022.
(Pages 28 - 30)

By-law Resolution - December 20, 2021

THAT the following By-law(s) be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered: **(Page 31)**

1. A By-law to amend By-law BL 69/2021, being a By-law to appoint Acting Mayors 2021-2022

By-law Number: BL 96/2021

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

BL 92/2021 - Confirming By-law - December 20, 2021

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 20th day of December 2021.
(Pages 32 - 33)

Confirming By-law Resolution - December 20, 2021 - City Council

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1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 20th day of December, 2021.

By-law Number: BL 92/2021

ADJOURNMENT



MEETING DATE 12/20/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Confirmation of Agenda - December 20, 2021 - City Council

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes - Meeting 01-2021 - Westfort Ward - Apr 14, 2021
2. Minutes - Meeting 02-2021 - McKellar Ward - Sept 15, 2021
3. Minutes - Meeting 02-2021 - Red River Ward - Oct 14, 2021

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021**MEETING NO. 01-2021****TIME:** 7:00 P.M.**PLACE:** S.H. BLAKE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (VIA MS Teams)**CHAIR:** COUNCILLOR KRISTEN OLIVER

Members of the public were invited to participate via phone call, email submission and viewed the meeting on Shaw Spotlight Ch10 or on BlueCurve Ch105, Tbaytel TV Channel 110 or online at thunderbay.ca/watchcouncil.

RESOURCE PERSON:

Deputy Police Chief Ryan Hughes

Rick Harms, Project Engineer

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk

Tina Larocque, Coordinator – Boards, Committees and Special Projects

1.0 WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

The Chair, Councillor K. Oliver introduced members of Administration and welcomed those to the virtual meeting.

The following information was provided for viewers: The Thunder Bay District Health Unit is the main contact for any questions relating to COVID-19. Their website – www.tbdhu.com – has resources for the general public regarding testing, symptoms, how to protect oneself, one's family and the community, and how to stop the spread. If citizens have questions about anything COVID-19 related, they are encouraged to visit the health unit's website or call the health unit at 807-625-5900 or toll free at 1-888-294-6630.

The Chair acknowledged that prior to the meeting, emails and phone calls were received relative to water pipe concerns and he noted that water pipe questions could be directed to Tony Santos, Manager – Compliance and Quality via email, Tony.Santos@thunderbay.ca or by phoning 807-684-2160.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2020, of the Westfort Ward held on March 5, 2020 were provided for information.

The Chair provided an overview relative to the above noted.

3.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Chair invited Deputy Police Chief Ryan Hughes to provide a presentation on Community Safety.

The following information was provided:

Deputy Chief Hughes advised that all officers are wearing PPE, for their safety and for the safety of the public.

Deputy Chief Hughes provided information relative to presentations in the community and volunteering. Unfortunately due to COVID-19, they are having a difficult time providing in person presentations or volunteering. He also advised that the School resource officers are doing everything virtually with the schools when schools are in, and they are not attending in person which makes it difficult because the students and teachers like to see the officers in the schools.

Deputy Chief Hughes provided information about crime and their continued efforts with the drug and gang trade in the Westfort area and community at large. Deputy Chief Hughes advised that they have been able to increase their intelligence unit by six officers to help battle the drug and gang trade. He emphasized that if you do see something in your area, please contact the police, and should you not want to leave your name, you can go through crime stoppers and officers will follow through.

Deputy Chief Hughes provided information relative to traffic accidents in 2020. He advised that there were fewer traffic accidents last year due to Covid-19 as fewer residents were driving on the road. He noted that officers take in approximately ten traffic accidents in one day and some of the reasons for these collisions are following too close, speeding, driving too fast for road conditions, driving too slow, improper passing, wrong way on a one way road and improper lane changing. He further advised that they are actively seeking the impaired drivers and impaired driving violations, which are not only by alcohol but also by drugs, as they have drug recognition experts and therefore they have had several arrests with drug impairment.

They are also focusing enforcement on aggressive and distracted driving, which includes looking at your cell phone, speeding and stunt driving, traffic light and stop sign enforcement. They continue to focus on the removal of suspended drivers and uninsured vehicles from the road.

Deputy Chief Hughes provided information relative to a Pilot Project that was started called Project Impact in which officers work alongside a Canadian mental health worker, and they are staffed 24 hours a day. They have one officer and one mental health worker in a police vehicle, attending mental health act calls, to attempt to free up other officers sitting in the hospital, waiting for hours waiting for an assessment, with a person with a mental health issue. He further advised that the mental health workers are trained and can divert people properly to the correct agencies.

He advised that they continue to deal with a high rate of homelessness and domestic violence and work with partnering agencies to keep the people in Thunder Bay safe and secure.

Deputy Chief Hughes emphasized that residents not to hesitate to contact the Police, if they see something or are nervous about something, they are there to help.

Question from the public relative to the Thunder Bay Police Headquarters.

1. When will more communication with City Council and the General Public take place for the proposed \$56 Million dollar new police station, as was moved at the Jan.19, 2021 Thunder Bay Police Services Board which was to take place before the April 20, 2021 Board meeting?

The Chair provided the following response:

The Police Services Board is contemplating on replacing the Police Station that we currently have located at 1200 Balmoral. The Chair advised that the opportunity to build a facility that can address victim care, mental health situations and all of those partners are really important to moving the Police Service forward which is what this new police station is considering.

The Chair advised that they are currently in Phase One that includes determining needs assessment, which is done and that it will be presented to the Police Services Board. Also Part of Phase one includes an assessment piece and having discussions with City Council along with some of the stakeholders, particular the partner organizations that the Police Service works with.

As they are moving forward and having these discussions, that information will be gathered and brought back to the Police Services Board, then the Board will either approve or not approve this project moving forward. Should they approve, this project would move forward for City Council's consideration. They could also not approve and then there would be a need to explore other options

That is what is being contemplating during this Phase One process.

If Council provides approval, then it goes into Phase Two. The new piece will include community consultation, where community at large will now be engaged and understand the importance of this project.

4.0 UPCOMING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The Chair invited Rick Harms, Project Engineer, City of Thunder Bay to speak about the 2021 upcoming Infrastructure Projects in the Westfort Ward.

Rick Harms presented a city diagram and provided an overview on the following 2021 upcoming Infrastructure Projects:

Road Reconstruction

Leland Avenue – Arthur Street to Walsh Street, includes curb and water main replacement
E. Frederica Street – Ford to Tarbutt Street

Hot in place paving

Frederica Street – James to Ford Street

Lane Repair/Residential paving

James Street S. – Lane repair near government building
Tarbutt Street – Empire to Moodie
Heath – Mary Street to Amelia (for 2 blocks)

New Sidewalks

Neebing – Francis to Frederica Street
Frederica – Neebing to Wallbridge
Tarbutt – Frederica to Amelia
Isabella – Franklin to Norah

Sidewalk Replacements

Francis – Edward to Brown (sidewalks sections that are hollow)
Isabella – Syndicate to Franklin (sidewalk sections that are hollow)
Ridgeway – Waterloo to Ford (includes lighting replacement)

New pedestrian crossover

Neebing and Frederica Street
Edward and Isabella

Storm Separation

Isabella – Selkirk to Hyde Park
Murray – Selkirk to Hyde Park
Ernestine – Walsh to Empire
Empire – Parks Yard

Traffic Signal Removal

Frederica and Brown Street

Rick Harms responded to the following questions:

1. Can you please clarify what work is being done on Tarbutt, between Empire and Moodie?

Rick Harms provided a response:

He advised that they are stripping off the asphalt surface and replacing with another 2 inches of asphalt.

2. Can you please clarify that Ernestine, Isabella & Murray will be the last three street that will be removed from the Storm Water Separation System in the Westfort Ward?

Rick Harms provided the following response:

He advised that the information was correct, along with the project on Crawford and a small catch basin. Once they have all of those projects completed, they will have storm water removed from the sanitary system and flowing into another separating system in Westfort.

5.0 GENERAL WARD AND CITY ISSUES

The Chair received the following questions via email and phone calls from citizens during to the meeting relative to the above noted:

Question 1: Timelines for Sidewalk Repair

When are they planning to repair the sidewalks with the pink markings on them?

Rick Harms provided the following response:

Engineering has an annual contract with a firm that completes this type of work, to take out the trip edges. If they are marked, then they are scheduled under this year's work program.

Question 2: 4 Way Stops

I am not in support of 4 way stops. Has there been any investigation regarding the visibility for traffic at these intersections with 4 way stops. The lights have been there for years and I am concerned with the visibility as there are buildings on each corner which makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic or pedestrians.

The Chair provided the following response:

Engineering has brought forward a report to Council for the removal of the lights at Brown and Frederica Street, and replacing it with a 4 way stop. Vehicles have to come to a complete stop and watch out for pedestrians at the corners of the intersections. If someone does not support this initiative, they can submit comments and concerns to the traffic technologist in the Engineering Division as he will be putting together a summary of comments and feedback before they make a final recommendation back to City Council.

Question 3: Request for Cross Walk at Edward/Christina Streets

I would like to propose a cross walk at St. Martins School. With the Skate Park, library, and school in the area, I believe it would assist with everyone's safety.

Rick Harms provided the following response:

He advised that the Engineering department can place that location on their list that they review on an annual basis, when they decide where the next pedestrian crossovers could possibly be. Volume and pedestrian counts would be completed at the intersection.

Question 4: Need for Sidewalks & Roadwork– 100 Block of Empire Avenue

There are no sidewalks on the 100 Block of Empire Avenue west and the road is in horrible condition. This road leads to the Mary J.L. Black library and West Thunder community centre. Will there be any work done to this road?

Rick Harms provided the following response:

There are no fronting houses and therefore this location would not be on their forecast for sidewalks, but he will investigate further on this matter.

Question 5: Signage requiring reflective paint

Turning left on off of Arthur St on to Kingsway is confusing as the signage needs more reflective paint on it to make it visible in the evening. I have witnessed more than one vehicle turning on to that lane that would have oncoming traffic.

Rick Harms provided the following response:

R. Harms will note the location and the traffic investigator will look for any issues with the signage.

Question 6: Indoor Multi Use Facility

I am wondering why the City continued to pursue the Indoor Multi-Use Facility when there was a private group planning one in the Oliver Road area.

The Chair provided the following response:

It's a large project, and all of the consultant's reports that we have from over the years, one of the things that was identified was a multi-use facility and not just a soccer facility, like the private developer was considering. There would be variety of sports and user groups, as well as a track, it would offer a safe place for people to walk in the winter months in a climate controlled safe environment. When they looked at the scope of what the project would entail, and what the private developer was proposing to offer, there was still an opportunity for the private developer to utilize that space and rent that space out, accommodating mostly the soccer groups that they were looking to serve in that manner.

City Council did work to the best of their ability with the planning department to change some of the zoning requirements, to make it easier for the private developer to move their project forward. What they have been seeing over the years, is that it has not come to realization, so recognizing that there was an opportunity for a developer to still make a go of it.

The Chair advised that the project has still continued on and it's important to realize that while the tender was not successful last month moving forward with construction, Council has approved the building of an indoor turf facility.

The Chair further advised that there was a Non-Business meeting scheduled for April 29 to provide additional clarification to Council on what the options are, recognizing there is a motion to move forward with it. There is a lot of work underway and the community would be well served with an indoor turf facility, should they do so in an affordable way, recognizing that they do have a lot of other projects on the radar that also needs some attention.

Question 7: Road Work – Leland Avenue between Arthur Street and Walsh Street

The condition of Leland Avenue between Arthur and Walsh Street is atrocious. I have lived in this neighbourhood for over 50 years and I cannot recall the last time it was paved. Is there a plan to have this road resurfaced in the future?

Rick Harms provided the following response:

Leland Avenue between Arthur Street and Walsh Street will be a significant project this year. The work that is planned is road paving, water main replacing, curb replacements, street lighting. It's been on the list for a number of years and this is the year that it's being attended to.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked members of Administration for attending and the public for participating in this evening's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**MEETING NO. 02-2021****TIME:** 7:00 P.M.**PLACE:** S.H. BLAKE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (VIA MS Teams)**CHAIR:** COUNCILLOR BRIAN HAMILTON

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RESOURCE PERSONS:

Kelly Robertson, General Manager – Community Services

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk

Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

1. WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

The Chair, Councillor B. Hamilton introduced members of Administration and welcomed those to the virtual meeting.

The following information was provided:

Effective June 2, 2021 the province has ended the stay at home order; however, we do remain in the Shutdown Zone of the Reopening Framework. The government has announced a new re-opening plan called the Roadmap to Reopen. It is a three-step plan to safely and cautiously reopen the province and gradually lift public health measures.

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit is the main contact for any questions relating to the pandemic. Their website – www.tbdhu.com – has resources for the general public regarding vaccination clinics, testing, symptoms, how to protect yourself, your family and your community and how to stop the spread. If you have questions about anything COVID-19 related, I encourage you to visit the health unit's website or call the health unit at 625-5900 or toll free 1-888-294-6630.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2021, of the McIntyre Ward held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 were provided for information.

3. 2022 BUDGET

The Chair provided a brief overview relative to the above noted, for information.

Council has been consistent over the last three years, approving some of the lowest tax increases this past decade. Council and Administration have worked hard to maintain capital assets, setting aside capital funds for infrastructure, maintenance of facilities, roads and bridges. Council has committed to a long term plan to ensure proper maintenance of the City's capital assets. Tough decisions have been made, but failing to maintain current assets will result in greater spending in the future.

Concerns received since elected relate to property standards, by-law enforcement and crime. For the 2022 Budget, resources to expand By-law Enforcement operations such as extended hours and a more visible presence of By-law Enforcement Officers to contribute to safer, cleaner and more accessible neighborhoods is one of my top priorities.

We will continue to look for efficiencies as operating costs rise. It has been a challenge to provide the same level of services without higher tax increases.

Please provide your feedback, reach out, let us know what you feel is important, and is a priority to you. We need your feedback to guide us during the budget process.

2022 Budget Key Dates:

- 2022 City of Thunder Bay Budget will be made available on the City's website in January 2022.
- Pre-Budget Town Hall was held on June 22, 2021.
 - Administration responded to citizen questions and shared information about the 2022 City Budget.
- 2022 Budget process kicks off on January 11, 2022 with the Long Term Financial Overview.
- The public will have two opportunities to participate in the budget process.
 - The first is the Public Pre-Budget Deputation Meeting scheduled on January 13, 2022, allowing citizens to address any concerns with Council prior to their budget review.
 - The second opportunity is the Public Post-Budget Deputation Meeting scheduled on February 3, 2022, providing an opportunity to discuss any concerns to decisions that Council made during the budget review process.
- The budget is scheduled to be finalized on February 7, 2022.

4. PINGSTREET MOBILE APP

The Chair provided information relative to the above noted.

The City of Thunder Bay officially launched Pingstreet in August 2016. The free mobile app uses location-based technology to give citizens easy access to real-time information directly on their mobile device. The City of Thunder Bay has customized the app to deliver information relevant to the community, including:

- i. sending in water meter readings
- ii. applying for a city job
- iii. garbage and recycling calendars/reminders
- iv. transit schedules and stops
- v. real-time municipal service issues reporting
- vi. major road closures and detours
- vii. news and emergency alerts
- viii. social media
- ix. community event calendars and more

The Pingstreet App can be downloaded by visiting the City of Thunder Bay's website at www.thunderbay.ca/en/pingstreet.aspx

5. MCKELLAR WARD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

5.1. Capital Projects

The Chair provided an overview relative to the above noted, for information.

Re-investment in our local business areas is a priority. One of the large infrastructure projects for our City is the Waterfront Revitalization Plan, construction is scheduled to begin 2023. The Downtown North Core is a robust neighborhood in our City, with several businesses and a lot of pedestrian traffic. This project includes the re-building of Court Street from Bay Street to Red River Road. We are investing a large amount of money in the infrastructure, pavement, sidewalks and street lighting, to improve the overall streetscape and appeal of the area for citizens, visitors and businesses. Many public consultation and engagement opportunities have taken place to guide this work. This is ongoing and will take some time. There were several opportunities for citizen input over the summer via in-person and online surveys, the results of the preliminary public consultation surveys and info boards can be viewed on the City of Thunder Bay's website at <https://getinvolvedthunderbay.ca/> - Reimagining the North Core Streetscapes Survey. The 2021 Summer Feedback Forum is still open, please review the June 28 Info Boards available at the above noted website before leaving your comments.

Council has also voted to tear down Victoriaville. With several local business and resources located in the area, this project will provide an opportunity to rejuvenate and to re-envision the Downtown South Core neighborhood. City Council approved the Terms of Reference for the new Downtown Fort William Revitalization Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide strategic direction, advice and advocacy relative to the

revitalization of Downtown Fort William. Council and Citizen Appointments were confirmed on Monday, September 13, 2021.

Please visit the City of Thunder Bay's Get Involved webpage for progress updates and public engagement opportunities.

Some of the capital rehabilitation projects scheduled during the 2021 construction season were:

- Hill Street, from the Canada Games Complex to Oliver Road
- Island Drive, from Main Street to McIntyre Floodway (including trail)
- Victoria Avenue, from Franklin Street to Waterloo Street

Some of the capital rehabilitation projects scheduled for the 2022 construction season are:

- Court Street, between Wilson Street and Park Avenue.
- Memorial Avenue, between Central Avenue to Second Avenue (as part of the image route rehabilitation project)

The above noted construction will, at times, require traffic redirection to complete, public notice will be provided.

5.2. Redesigning Vickers Park Playground

The Chair provided an overview relative to the above noted, for information.

Feedback received from the public engagement sessions held in 2019 supported the overall theme of trees/tree forts, but also good support for both the historical as well as the storybook/fairy tale theme. In addition, natural or natural-looking materials with natural and earthy colours were preferred by a majority of residents.

The consultation was undertaken because the current playground area is not fully accessible and inefficient in its use of space. Play structures have been removed over the years and not replaced, and the remaining structures are aging and nearing the end of their useful life.

Accessibility and inclusivity will be of primary importance in the new design, complemented with the unique setting of this playground in a heritage park with mature trees.

In the 2021 City Capital Budget, City Council approved the inclusion of \$800,000 for the restoration of the Vickers Park playground into an accessible and inclusive hub for the south side of the city. Public feedback will inform the Design/Build Request for Proposals, for construction in the spring of 2022.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL BEING UPDATE

The Chair provided an update relative to the above noted, for information.

In accordance with the direction of Thunder Bay City Council, the Crime Prevention Council was tasked with coordinating the development of a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan for our municipality, as required under provincial legislation. This work took place with the guidance and collaboration of the CSWB Steering Committee, which was comprised of members of the Crime Prevention Council and other community partners.

Public engagement data was used to help inform the actions and strategies selected for Thunder Bay's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan which included six priority areas: racism and discrimination, housing, mental health and substance misuse, community violence and gender based violence, poverty reduction and supports for children, youth and families.

The Community Safety and Well Being Plan was presented to Committee of the Whole on June 28, 2021 and shared with the Solicitor General.

In that same report, Administration recommended that the Crime Prevention Council be dissolved and that the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee be appointed as the Committee of Council for Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) implementation and monitoring. Terms of Reference for the new Advisory Committee are expected to be presented to Council this fall.

Additionally, the CSWB Roundtable will be established. The Roundtable will meet three times a year to share information, network, provide information to the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee, and coordinate an annual CSWB community forum.

To view the plan please visit the City of Thunder Bay's "get involved" webpage at <https://getinvolvedthunderbay.ca/> and click on the Community Safety and Well Being Planning icon.

7. DEASE PARK UPDATE

General Manager - Community Services Kelly Robertson participated electronically via MS Teams, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions relative to the above noted.

The following information was provided:

There has been broad community support for the redevelopment plan of Dease Park. Public consultation guided the design of the Dease Park/Pool redevelopment plan. Council has

approved concept drawings of the redevelopment plan for Dease Park which includes some of the following priority features:

- Year round boarded rink with basketball nets and asphalt surface designed to accommodate several sports
- Open space for large events and activities
- Renewed playground equipment
- Walkways between features
- Amenity building to include accessible washrooms, change room and storage

This will be a phased project:

- Phase 1 - includes the boarded asphalt surface, half-court basketball area, some of the lighting and sod replacement to allow for year round play
- Phase 2 – includes the playground structure
- Phase 3 – includes the amenity building

To date, Council has approved capital for Phase 1 of the project, and work will commence spring of 2022. External funding sources have been explored to assist with the costs of Phase 2 and 3. Currently no funding source has been secured so Phase 2 and 3 will commence as money becomes available.

For the formal Dease Pool site, there are 2 options for consideration. The community will have an opportunity to provide feedback.

- Option 1 – would allow for a Tennis/Pickle Ball Court, community garden, shaded seating area and walkway retrofit and tree plantings
- Option 2 – urban skate park, trees, seating area with shade structure, provision for living wall to help mitigate noise

The public will also be asked to provide feedback relative to various traffic calming options for Dease Street to potentially increase pedestrian safety between Dease Park and the former Dease Pool Site. There are X options for consideration:

- Option 1 –would still allow vehicular access to Dease Street; colour enhanced crosswalks; and possible speed bumps
- Option 2 – would allow the option to close section of road during events; new curbing; colour enhanced pavement art
- Option 3 – Road closure option; introduces infrastructure to minimize traffic flow between Vickers Street and Dease Street

To provide your feedback on the proposed development of the former Dease Pool site and Dease Street between McKellar Street and Vickers Street, the Draft Plan and online survey are available on the City of Thunder Bay's "get involved" webpage at <https://getinvolvedthunderbay.ca/>, click on the Future Uses of the Dease Pool & Park Area. The survey will be available until Sept. 30, 2021. In addition a Family Fall Festival will be held at Dease Park on Thursday, September 23, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.,

activities and entertainment will be provided, as well an opportunity to provide feedback on the park redevelopment plans will be available.

8. WARD AND CITY ISSUES

The Chair provided the following, for information.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns via email at Brian.hamilton@thunderbay.ca or by calling 807-251-2551

To contact the City of Thunder Bay regarding an enquiry or to report a concern, the following are frequently called numbers:

- Infrastructure related: Roads, Street Lighting, Sewer & Water and Waste & Recycling enquiries call 807- 625-2195
- Transit related: schedules, customer service and trip planning enquiries call 807-684-3744
- By-law Enforcement related: Parking, yard maintenance and noise complaints call 807-625-2710
- Revenue related: Water and Tax bill enquiries call 807-625-2255
- For any other General City Enquiries call 807-625-2230

9. ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked Administration and members of the public for participating.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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RESOURCE PERSONS:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk

Tina Larocque, Coordinator – Boards, Committees & Special Projects

Robert Scott, Emerald Ash Borer Coordinator

1. WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

The Chair, Councillor B. McKinnon introduced members of Administration and welcomed those to the virtual meeting.

The following information was provided:

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit is the main contact for any questions relating to the pandemic. Their website – www.tbdhu.com – has resources for the general public regarding vaccination clinics, testing, symptoms, how to protect yourself, your family and your community and how to stop the spread. If you have questions about anything COVID-19 related, I encourage you to visit the health unit's website or call the health unit at 625-5900 or toll free 1-888-294-6630.

2. PINGSTREET MOBILE APP

The Chair advised that The City of Thunder Bay officially launched Pingstreet in August 2016. The free mobile app uses location-based technology to give citizens easy access to real-time information directly on their mobile device. The City of Thunder Bay has customized the app to deliver information relevant to the community, including:

- i. sending in water meter readings
- ii. applying for a city job
- iii. garbage and recycling calendars/reminders
- iv. transit schedules and stops

- v. real-time municipal service issues reporting
- vi. major road closures and detours
- vii. news and emergency alerts
- viii. social media
- ix. community event calendars and more

The City of Thunder Bay Pingstreet promotional video was shown.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2021, of the Red River Ward held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 were provided for information.

4. PRESENTATION – CITY TREES

Robert Scott, Emerald Ash Borer Coordinator participated electronically via MS Teams and provided a presentation relative to the above noted.

The following information was provided:

- Fall has arrived early and some trees are responding differently than others, some will lose leaves a lot faster than others, depending on different factors such as the lack of rain between June and July or species of the tree that may have an early leaf drop.
- Raking Leaves, they don't recommend residents raking leaves, it's not required for the tree unless it's something you want to engage in. Leaves will decompose and help the tree thorough their decomposition.
- In the spring, they recommend to wait some time before raking your yard or before performing yard maintenance as there are some insects that have wintered in the leaves and lawn. They use that as a habitat to wake up in the spring.
- Pruning Private Trees, in the fall, is the best time for pruning and larger scale work because less there is less activity of insects, heat stresses and moisture. A tree can take pruning quite easily at this time. When pruning your private trees, it is recommended to follow the best practices available. When in doubt to please call a professional arborist.
- Mulching – the benefits of mulching are that it increases water retention of the soil underneath, adds nutrients to soil as mulch will decompose, insulating the ground from extremes in weather temperatures, summer and winter months. To avoid piling mulch and should remain level with the ground to assist with healthy roots of the trees.
- Pruning Boulevard Trees, they don't recommend pruning boulevard trees if they are 1 or 2 cm in diameter, small things can be taken care of, as long as residents are following good pruning practices. They recommend calling the City's Dispatch at 625-2195 and request a tree assessment. One of the arborists will attend, inspect the tree and provide a full assessment of the tree.
- Tree Planting, they have extended the tree planting considerably, working to find locations that don't have a lot of tree coverage, and establish some tree canopy at those locations.

This year that had planted 1100 trees. Notice of tree planting is provided to residents in the area 2-3 weeks prior, to provide residents an opportunity to ask questions, to request a specific tree species, or to object to any of the tree planting at that time.

- They respond to all requests for service, but work is done on a priority basis.
- Emerald Ash Borer, they have been monitoring and they have seen an increase in the number of insects but not seeing an increase in trees showing symptoms.
- There is no plan to remove the crab apple trees that cause nuisances for some residents, but will be replaced when they reach their maximum life. In the meantime, they can be pruned considerably to reduce the fruit.

Robert Scott responded to the following question:

1. Do you suppose that the one possible cause of the trees aging faster this season is due to the potential of lead from the pipes leaking into the soil?

Robert Scott advised that some species of trees are able to absorb heavy metals but they would not be impacted.

5. WARD AND CITY ISSUES

The Chair responded to the following questions received via email and telephone during the meeting:

5.1 Are there any plans for in-person Ward Meetings?

The Chair provided the following response:

At this time, in-person ward meetings will be reviewed in January, it can then be determined if it's safe to do so, depending on Covid-19 and the Delta variant.

5.2 Are there any updates on the Marina Park parking lot and Hillcrest Park? Both need major overhauls and the asphalt is in terrible condition.

The Chair provided the following response:

The Chair advised that he had a discussion with the Manager of Parks about this issue as the park is well used, and sees many tourists viewing Thunder Bay for the first time. They also discussed the concerns relative to parking and traffic congestion. The Chair has requested Administration to have this work included as a Budget Item for 2022 and administration will seek options to address the traffic congestion.

A response provided by Administration after the meeting relative to Marina Park parking lot.

Renewal of this parking lot is not currently in the 3 year Capital plan, however an application for funding through the “Investing in Canada Plan” has been submitted as part of a larger overall project at the Marina that would include the parking lot.

- 5.3 Any plans for a facelift to the Junot and Red River Road intersection? It is a very congested area and it would benefit from having turning lanes. Is there the possibility of adding a turning lane for vehicles turning right from Junot to Red River Road? Vehicles stopped at a red light on Junot will often create a backlog of vehicles wanting to turn right.

The Chair provided the following response:

The Chair advised that this intersection is very busy and wait times can be lengthy, however there is nothing scheduled at the moment, as there is no room for expansion. He has requested that the lights be synchronized to help alleviate traffic congestion. There may be possible work on a clover leaf at Red River and Expressway that could alleviate the issue.

- 5.4 Is there a possibility for turning lanes at the **Junot and John Street** Intersection? Vehicles hoping to turn right are held back by vehicles stopped at a red light on John Street. There is only room for maybe one vehicle in the smallest turn lane I have ever seen. The room is there to expand. In my opinion this is an important intersection as vehicles may be rushing to get to the regional yet have no right turn lane

The Chair provided the following response:

The Chair advised that this intersection is also very busy, however there is nothing currently scheduled. He has requested that the lights be synchronized to help alleviate traffic congestion at this location as well. The Chair further advised that this intersection would benefit with a roundabout, and will follow up with Administration.

- 5.5 Can you put an advance left turn on the traffic lights on the corner of John Street and Balmoral Avenue, coming from the east on John Street turning left onto Balmoral Avenue?

The Chair provided the following response:

The Chair advised that the intersection would be a good location for an advance left turn and he will follow up with Administration.

- 5.6 Are there any plans to propose a by-law to prohibit vehicles with only one passenger on the road to reduce pollution in the city, the traffic congestion and to reduce the effect on the ageing of the trees?

The Chair provided the following response:

Currently we do not have a by-law that prohibits vehicles with only one passenger on the road. However, the City of Thunder Bay has Earth Care Committee who are working towards making Thunder Bay more sustainable, climate-safe and pollution free.

6. ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked Administration and members of the public for participating.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Memorandum

Corporate By-law Number BL 96/2021

TO: Office of the City Clerk **FILE:**

FROM: Linda Crago
City Manager's Office - Office of the City Clerk

DATE: 11/25/2021

SUBJECT: BL 96/2021 - A By-law to amend By-law 69/2021 - Appointment of Acting Mayors.

MEETING DATE: City Council - 12/20/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

By-law Description: A By-law to amend By-law BL 69/2021, being a By-law to appoint Acting Mayors 2021-2022.

Authorization: City Council - Resolution - December 6, 2021.

By-law Explanation: The purpose of this By-law is to amend By-law BL 69/2021, being a By-law to appoint Acting Mayors for the term of Council, commencing December 1, 2021 up to and including November 14, 2022.

Schedules and Attachments:

Amended/Repealed By-law Number(s):



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY
BY-LAW NUMBER BL 96/2021

A By-law to amend By-law BL 69/2021, being a By-law to
appoint Acting Mayors 2021-2022.

Recitals

1. Section 242 of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that the Council of any municipality may by By-law or Resolution appoint a member of the Council to act from time to time in the place and stead of Head of the Council when the Head of the Council is absent from the municipality or absent through illness or his office is vacant.
2. By-law 51/2021, being a By-law to govern the proceedings of meetings on City Council and its Committees was passed by City Council on August 9, 2021.
3. Section 9.02 (c) Rescission or Amendment, of By-law 51/2021 allows for amendments of a decision previously adopted by City Council.
4. By Resolution of Council, the procedures relative to Section 9.02 (c) Rescission or Amendment, of By-law 51/2021, in order to expedite the authority of this By-law prior to January 1, 2022 have been waived.

ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF
THUNDER BAY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. It is deemed necessary and expedient to amend By-law Number 69/2021 being a By-law respecting the appointment of Acting Mayors.
2. Section 1 of By-law 69/2021 is amended by replacing the following Members of Council who shall act from time to time in the place and stead of the Mayor, when the Mayor is absent from the Municipality or absent through illness or his office is vacant, during the month opposite their names respectively.

January 2022
February 2022

Councillor Aldo Ruberto
Councillor Brian McKimmon

3. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date it is passed.

Enacted and passed this 20th day of December, A.D. 2021 as witnessed by the Seal of the Corporation and the hands of its proper Officers.

Bill Mauro

Mayor

Dana Earle

Deputy City Clerk

MEETING DATE 12/20/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT By-law Resolution - December 20, 2021

SUMMARY

By-law Resolution - December 20, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following By-law(s) be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered:

1. A By-law to amend By-law BL 69/2021, being a By-law to appoint Acting Mayors 2021-2022

By-law Number: BL 96/2021

ATTACHMENTS



Memorandum

Corporate By-law Number BL 92/2021

TO: Office of the City Clerk **FILE:**

FROM: Linda Crago
City Manager's Office - Office of the City Clerk

DATE: 11/15/2021

SUBJECT: BL 92/2021 - Confirming By-law - December 20, 2021

MEETING DATE: City Council - 12/20/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

By-law Description: A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 20th day of December 2021.

Authorization: Committee of the Whole - 2003/02/24

By-law Explanation: To confirm the proceedings and each motion, resolution and other action passed or taken by the Council at this meeting is, except where prior approval of the Ontario Land Tribunal required, adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings had been expressly embodied in this By-law.

Schedules and Attachments:

Amended/Repealed By-law Number(s):



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY
BY-LAW NUMBER BL 92/2021

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council,
this 20th day of December 2021.

Recitals

1. Subsection 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are exercised by its Council. Subsection 5(3) provides that those powers are to be exercised by by-law.
2. Council considers it appropriate to confirm and adopt its proceedings at this meeting by by-law.

ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF
THUNDER BAY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The actions of the Council at the following meeting:

20th day of December, 2021 OPEN SESSION, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

and each motion, resolution and other action passed or taken by the Council at that meeting is, except where prior approval of the Ontario Land Tribunal is required, adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings had been expressly embodied in this By-law.

2. The Mayor and the proper officials of The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay are authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions of the Council referred to in Section 1 of this By-law. In addition, the Clerk is authorized and directed to affix the corporate seal to any documents which require it.
3. This By-law shall come into force on the date it is passed.

Enacted and passed this 20th day of December, A.D. 2021 as witnessed by the Seal of the Corporation and the hands of its proper Officers.

Bill Mauro

Mayor

Dana Earle

Deputy City Clerk

MEETING DATE 12/20/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Confirming By-law Resolution - December 20, 2021 - City Council

SUMMARY

Confirming By-law Resolution - December 20, 2021 - City Council

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following By-law be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered:

1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 20th day of December, 2021.

By-law Number: BL 92/2021