AGENDA MATERIAL

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020

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

TIME: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING: City Council

DATE: February 10, 2020

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

City Council
Chair: Mayor B. Mauro

OPENING CEREMONIES

Prayer or One Minute of Silence

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

With respect to the February 10, 2020 City Council meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

THAT the Minutes of the following Meetings of the Thunder Bay City Council, be confirmed:

1. The Thunder Bay City Council - Special Session held on February 3, 2020. (Distributed Separately)
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole Minutes

The Minutes of the following Committee of the Whole meeting(s), to be adopted:

1. February 3, 2020 Committee of the Whole. (Distributed Separately)

2. January 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole - Special Session 2020 Budget. (Distributed Separately)

3. January 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole - Special Session 2020 Budget. (Distributed Separately)

4. January 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole - Special Session 2020 Budget. (Distributed Separately)

5. January 16, 2020 Committee of the Whole - Special Session 2020 Budget. (Distributed Separately)

6. January 22, 2020 Committee of the Whole - Special Session 2020 Budget. (Distributed Separately)

7. January 29, 2020 Committee of the Whole - Special Session 2020 Budget. (Distributed Separately)

THAT the Minutes of the following Committee of the Whole meeting(s), be adopted:

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Ward Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the following Ward Meetings to be received:

1. Meeting No. 03-2019 of the Neebing Ward held on October 29, 2019. (Pages 9 – 11)
2. Meeting No. 03-2019 of the McKellar Ward held on November 6, 2019. (Pages 12 – 15)
3. Meeting No. 02-2019 of the Current River Ward held on December 12, 2019. (Pages 16 – 18)

THAT the Minutes of the following Ward Meetings be received:

1. Meeting No. 03-2019 of the Neebing Ward held on October 29, 2019;
2. Meeting No. 03-2019 of the McKellar Ward held on November 6, 2019;

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

BL 19/2020 - Confirming By-law - February 10, 2020

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 10th day of February, 2020. (Pages 19 – 21)

Confirming By-law Resolution - February 10, 2020 - City Council

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 10th day of February, 2020.

By-law Number: BL 19/2020

ADJOURNMENT
MEETING DATE 02/10/2020 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Confirmation of Agenda

SUMMARY

Confirmation of Agenda - February 10, 2020 - City Council

RECOMMENDATION

With respect to the February 10, 2020 City Council meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.
MEETING DATE 02/10/2020 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT City Council Minutes

SUMMARY

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SUBJECT Committee of the Whole Minutes

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MEETING DATE   02/10/2020 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT    Ward Meeting Minutes

SUMMARY

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RECOMMENDATION

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1. Meeting No. 03-2019 of the Neebing Ward held on October 29, 2019;

2. Meeting No. 03-2019 of the McKellar Ward held on November 6, 2019;


ATTACHMENTS

1 Neebing Ward Minutes

2 McKellar Ward Meeting

3 Current River Ward Minutes
NEEBING WARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2019  Meeting No. 03-2019
Time: 6:58 P.M.
Location: Vickers Heights Community Centre
1695 Broadway Avenue

Chair: Councillor Cody Fraser

RESOURCE PERSONS

Mr. P. Gauvreau, Supervisor – Transit Operations
Ms. S. Borjian, Planning & Scheduling Analyst
Ms. G. Stover, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk

ATTENDANCE


Approximately 14 people were in attendance, including those that signed the attendance sheet.

1. WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2019 held on May 1, 2019 were provided for information.

3. TRANSIT ROUTE OPTIMIZATION PLAN – ON DEMAND SERVICE FOR NEEBING

Mr. P. Gauvreau, Supervisor – Transit Operations and Ms. S. Borjian, Planning & Scheduling Analyst provided an overview of the proposed transit route optimization plan for the Neebing ward and responded to questions.
The new plan proposes to scale back the use of conventional transit routes and implement ‘on-demand’ services for lower ridership areas such as the Neebing Ward in order to better serve riders on the City’s busiest lines.

The proposed on-demand service would operate in a similar manner to the city's specialized Lift paratransit service, where passengers call and request transit trips, which could be provided using smaller vehicles. Riders would be picked-up from a set location and taken to a nearby transfer hub such as Arthur Street Market Place. At the hub, riders can transfer onto the regular fixed-route network without extra charge. Users can also schedule a ride back to their original destination from the transfer hub.

The draft plan is tentatively scheduled to be presented at a spring 2020 City Council meeting for consideration. If the plan is approved, a pilot project will first be tested in early 2021 prior to full implementation. There will be future dates in 2020 for public input into the plan.

Concerns were expressed relative to the following:

- cost efficiency;
- the use of the taxi service/smaller vehicle pick-ups;
- property taxes from Neebing residents will still support transit without having access to the regular service. There is no proposed decrease to the transit portion of the property taxes for the Neebing Ward;
- There needs to be further consultation and notice to the ward residents

4. DESIGNATED TRUCK BY-LAW

The Chair provided an overview of the current status of the Designated Truck By-law including the report being approved by Council and the deferral of the by-law. The by-law is now scheduled to be presented at Council in January 2020.

The Chair advised that he will be voting in favour of the Designated Truck Route By-law aimed at diverting truck traffic to the Shabaqua Extension highway as opposed to using Arthur Street.

Concerns were raised relative to the on-going issues such as lack of policing at the 50km/h zone on Arthur Street prior to the transition to 80km/h. It was suggested that speed radar signs be used again as a deterrent. The main problem is the speed of the pulp trucks down Arthur Street resulting in safety concerns as well as noise and vibrations.
5. WARD AND CITY ISSUES

5.1 Thunder Bay Airport Community Improvement Plan

Discussion was held relative to the upcoming changes to the Thunder Bay Airport Community Improvement Plan. The financial incentive plan encourages the development of property around the airport that includes grants and rebates to area businesses.

A full report to City Council will be presented at the November 18, 2019 Public Meeting.

5.2 Neebing Memorial Gardens

A resident asked about the current and future plans for the Neebing Memorial Gardens. The Chair advised that nothing new is planned at this time. Still status quo.

5.3 Playfield User Fees

Concerns were raised relative to the increased user fees for baseball/softball fields.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
MCKELLAR WARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2019  Meeting No. 03-2019
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Oliver Road Community Centre
563 Oliver Road

Chair: Councillor Brian Hamilton

RESOURCE PERSONS

Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager – Realty Services
Ms. L. Prentice, Manager – Community & Cultural Development
Mr. W. Schwar, Supervisor – Parks & Open Space Planning
Ms. T. Heino, Community Program Developer – Community Centres
Ms. N. Arcon, Program Supervisor, Children, Youth & Strategic Initiatives
Ms. G. Stover, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk

ATTENDANCE


Approximately 35 people were in attendance, including those that signed the attendance sheet.

1. WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2019 of the McKellar Ward held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 were provided for information.
3. VICTORIAVILLE MALL

Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager – Realty Services provided an overview relative to the future use and possibilities for re-vitalizing Victoriaville Mall including by not limited to demolition.

Consultant has been hired to study the building and present options to City Council. Public open houses have been held and surveys are posted on the City’s website.

Discussion was held relative to the following:

- current deficit of $600K annually
- size of the mall and possible other uses for the building
- if demolished, the parkade will remain
- timelines and approval process
- comparing with other municipalities
- deteriorating condition of the roof

The chair advised that Realty Services will be invited to attend a future ward meeting to provide an update on the consultant’s report and City Council’s decision.

4. ENHANCED DEASE PARK PROGRAMMING

Ms. L. Prentice, Manager – Community & Cultural Development, Ms. T. Heino, Community Program Developer – Community Centres and Ms. N. Arcon, Program Supervisor, Children, Youth & Strategic Initiatives provided a PowerPoint presentation relative to the above noted and responded to questions. Topics included:

- Current Dease Park area summer programs being offered include swimming, biking, playground, youth move group.
- Additional programs include skate nights, movie nights and park festivals.
- Public engagement sessions are currently underway to develop new and upcoming programs for the area.

Residents suggested that on-going scheduled events for kids in the summer evenings is a must have. Concerns were raised relative to the cost of activities and programs.

Concerns were raised relative to the demolition of Dease Pool and the impact of closing the pool. Neighbourhood children will have less options for recreation without the pool. Safety walking to Art Widnall Pool must be a priority.
Mr. W. Schwar, Supervisor – Parks & Open Space Planning provided an overview of the site drawing/map entitled “Dease Park Area Recreational Opportunities Development”.

- Permanent bordered hockey rink will be installed in Dease Park
- Tennis, pickleball, community gathering areas, and gardens are options
- Year-round recreational programming will be scheduled for the area
- Traffic calming measures on Dease Street will also be implemented to connect the pool site and the park site
- Consultation process is currently underway
- Inclusion of washroom/change facilities

A resident raised a concern relative to the possibility of the concept plan never being fully implemented. Does not want to see the project shelved after Dease Pool is demolished.

5. WARD AND CITY ISSUES

5.1 Proposed 2020 McKellar Ward Infrastructure Projects – 2020 Budgets

The Chair provided an overview of the handout entitled “Proposed 2020 McKellar Ward Infrastructure Projects – 2020 Budget” that includes sanitary and watermain replacement locations and pavement rehabilitation areas.

A final list of approved the projects will be presented at the February McKellar Ward meeting, for information.

5.2 East End Tunnel

Safety concerns were raised relative to the above noted. Vandalism, needles, drugs, fires, assaults are all daily occurrences at the east end entrance of the tunnel.

Residents identified the need for security in the areas such as cameras, better lighting, greater police presence, neighbourhood watch, building a stronger sense of community.
Neighbourhood residents believe the City is not helping and that the area is not considered a priority.

Discussion was held relative to social issues such as poverty and need for better social assistance and housing.

5.3 Shopping Carts

Concerns were raised relative to the amount of unclaimed shopping carts in the McKellar Ward.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

   The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

   The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.
CURRENT RIVER WARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2019  Meeting No. 02-2019
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: St. Margaret School - Gymnasium
89 Clayte Street, Thunder Bay

Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

RESOURCE PERSONS

Mr. G. Mason, Planner II – Planning - Development & Emergency Services
Mr. J. Porter, Climate Adaptation Coordinator
Ms. J. Carastathis – Thunder Bay District Health Unit
Mr. G. Stover, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk

ATTENDANCE


Approximately 15 people were in attendance, including those that signed the attendance sheet.

1. WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2019 of the Current River Ward held on May 23, 2019 were provided for information.
3. PRESENTATION: HEALTH AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Ms. J. Carastathis – Thunder Bay District Health Unit, G. Mason, Planner II – Development & Emergency Services and Mr. J. Porter, Climate Adaption Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint Presentation relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Discussion was held relative to healthy living, walkability, bikes lanes and active transportation, how to become involved in the City planning process and taking action in the community.

Concerns were raised with respect to budget and cost containment for these initiatives.

4. WARD AND CITY ISSUES

4.1 Recap of 2019 Issues

The Chair provided a brief overview of the current status of the following items:

- Dease Pool – Report recommending closure is scheduled for the December 16, 2019 City Council meeting.
- Designated Truck Route By-law – deferred to January 2020.
- Boulevard Lake Dam Rehabilitation – Included in the 2020 Budget and if approved, is scheduled to begin in 2020.

4.2 Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital (LPH) Property

Discussion was held relative to the current status of the LPH property. The Chair advised that the property is zoned as residential, not open space.

Concerns were raised relative to the cost to the City if it were to purchase the property from the province.

4.3 Waste Collection and Recycling

Discussion was held relative to cost-saving measures already implemented including reducing 3 bags to 2 and removing a garbage truck.

Recycling contract is up for renewal and the RFP will be released in early 2020.
4.4 Frequency of Ward Meetings

A resident raised the concern relative to the low number of ward and town hall meetings. The maximum of four ward meetings per Councillor per year should be raised, and a minimum should be enforced. More opportunities for public input should be a priority.

4.5 Core Services Review

Discussion was held relative to the on-going Core Services Review being undertaken by a consultant. Phase 1 of the report is scheduled to be presented to City Council on December 16, 2019 with Phase 2 returning in June 2020.

The report is identifying areas to improve efficiencies in the Corporation.

Fire and EMS services are not included in the report and are undergoing separate independent reviews.

4.6 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

The Chair provided an overview of MPAC’s assessment process, appeals and how the results may affect property taxes.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.
Memorandum

TO: Office of the City Clerk

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

DATE: 01/30/2020

SUBJECT: BL 19/2020 - Confirming By-law - February 10, 2020

MEETING DATE: City Council - 02/10/2020 (mm/dd/yyyy)

By-law Description: A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 10th day of February, 2020.

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 Local Planning Appeal Tribunal is 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 19/2020

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 10th day of February, 2020.

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:

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and each motion, resolution and other action passed or taken by the Council at that meeting is, except where prior approval of The Local Planning Appeal 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 10th day of February, A.D. 2020 as witnessed by the Seal of the Corporation and the hands of its proper Officers.

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Bill Mauro
Mayor

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Krista Power
City Clerk
MEETING DATE  02/10/2020 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT  Confirming By-law Resolution - February 10, 2020 - City Council

SUMMARY

Confirming By-law Resolution - February 10, 2020 - City Council

RECOMMENDATION

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1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 10th day of February, 2020.

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