



AGENDA MATERIAL

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

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

TIME: Immediately following Committee of the Whole



MEETING: City Council

DATE: Monday, January 24, 2022

Reference

CC - 4/53

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 - January 24, 2021 - City Council **(Page 4)**

WITH RESPECT to the January 24, 2022 City Council meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

City Council Minutes

The Minutes of the following Meeting of the Thunder Bay City Council, to be confirmed:

1. The Thunder Bay City Council held on January 17, 2022. (Distributed Separately) **(Page 5)**

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Committee of the Whole Minutes

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1. January 17, 2022 Committee of the Whole. (Distributed Separately) **(Page 6)**

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1. January 17, 2022 Committee of the Whole.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Ward Meeting Minutes

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1. Meeting 02-2021 of the Neebing Ward held on November 24, 2021.

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REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Ratifying Resolutions - January 24, 2022

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BY-LAWS

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

BL 8/2022 - Confirming By-law - January 24, 2022

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 24th day of January 2022.
(Pages 16 – 17)

Confirming By-law Resolution - January 24, 2022 - City Council

Confirming By-law Resolution - January 24, 2022 - City Council **(Page 18)**

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 24th day of January, 2022.

By-law Number: BL 8/2022

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING DATE 01/24/2022 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Confirmation of Agenda

SUMMARY

Confirmation of Agenda - January 24, 2021 - City Council

RECOMMENDATION

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ATTACHMENTS

1 Neebing Ward Meeting Minutes dated November 24, 2021

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021**MEETING NO. 02-2021****TIME:** 7:01 P.M.**PLACE:** S. H. BLAKE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (VIA MS TEAMS)**CHAIR:** COUNCILLOR CODY FRASER

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 PERSONS

Acting Sergeant S. Carchildi, Traffic Unit
Kayla Dixon, Director – Engineering & Operations
David Binch, Traffic Technologist
Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Tina Larocque, Coordinator Boards, Committees and Special Projects

1.0 WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

The Chair, Councillor C. Fraser provided introductory comments, an overview of the agenda 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 copper 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 PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2021 of the Neebing Ward held on Thursday, April 22, 2021, for information.

2.0 ILLEGAL USE OF OFF ROAD VEHICLES

The Chair advised that he has received many calls and emails regarding the illegal use of off road vehicles.

Acting Sergeant S. Carchildi was in attendance to provide information relative to the above noted.

Acting Sergeant S. Carchildi provided the following information:

He advised that the Police is well aware of the issues, through their own patrols that they encounter, ATV's. Dirt bikes and skidoos. It's part of their routine patrols in those areas, specifically targeting those issues prominently in the spring, summer and fall.

They have had a good response from people stopping for them and for the most part it's been residents in the area or close by in the area that are operating there, so right now we are taking an educational approach, versus enforcement. They advise them that they can't operate the off road vehicles on properties, if it's a serious safety concern, they can address it with further enforcement action.

In the winter months, they do snowmobile patrols as it allows them to interact with the users to let them know it's not an authorized activity at that location and their primary focus is on safety, crossing over people's driveways, using high speeds etc.

A discussion was held relative to possible signage, however, Sergeant. S. Carchildi advised that most people are aware that it's prohibited and not sure signage would deter residents from doing so.

They are looking at an educational campaign to the parents of these users, as many of these users are in the 15-17 age group. During the Covid-19 closures, they had seen an influx because they had nothing to do. Their media relations will be planning an upcoming media education event on this issue.

Residents are encouraged to call the non-emergency number 684-1200 when issues arise and they will be logged with the Police.

The Chair thanked Acting Sergeant S. Carchildi for attending the meeting.

The Chair advised that he will work with Administration on how to have some signage posted.

3.0 ARTHUR STREET WEST SPEED REDUCTION

Kayla Dixon, Director – Engineering and Operations and David Binch, Traffic Technologist were in attendance to respond to questions relative to the above noted.

The Chair advised that he has received many comments in favour of the speed reduction on Arthur Street due to safety concerns and he also has received objections over the speed reduction as it would extend residents travel time. The Chair advised that a report relative to this matter will be brought forward to Council.

Kayla Dixon advised that they are bringing a report to Council on December 6, 2021 relative to Councillor Fraser's motion for the reduction of the speed limit on Arthur Street. The information will be available to the public the Wednesday prior to the meeting. She further advised that she would like to hear comments from residents at the meeting.

David Binch advised that there are many factors that Administration considers when analyzing the speed of the roadway, and recommended posted speed limits on all roadways. This information will be presented in the report that will be presented on December 6.

4.0 WARD AND CITY ISSUES

The Chair received the following questions via email from citizens prior to and during the meeting:

Question 1: Highway 61 Corridor Study

What is the status of the Hwy 61 corridor study? It would be good to have MTO represented at a ward meeting.

Response from Kayla Dixon, Director – Engineering & Operations:

Kayla Dixon advised that the corridor study has been re-initiated by the MTO. They are looking at the limits from Neebing Avenue south to Mountain Road. They did present at Council and they have also done a public information meeting that was held virtually last month. They focused on the individual intersections along the corridor that they would be looking at during this study. They have some significant alternatives, and they are even looking at a secondary bridge going over the Kam River, which would provide a service road so people would not have to get on the highway to get into town if they are not comfortable with that.

She further advised that residents along that corridor, that use that corridor, should take a look at the information that is available and provide feedback. Right now the consultant that the MTO has working on that and will be looking through all of the alternatives that were presented,

reviewing the feedback and making a recommendation to the MTO. At that point, there will be additional public meetings.

Question 2: Subdivision Applications/ Zoning By-law

How can subdivision applications, currently identified a City of Thunder Bay's OP "Rural Settlements" (Mountain Rd & 20th Side Road), be placed on hold, pending Hwy 61 and active transportation improvements? How can these concerns be dealt with through the proposed zoning by-law process?

Response from Devon McCloskey, Planning Services Supervisor

Through a subdivision application process any person can submit a public comment on the proposal.

The Zoning By-law on the other hand deals with as of right land use regulations that would be referenced in the creation of a proposal for subdivision.

Question 3: Proposed Zoning By-Law

An observation - What comments should citizens make to the proposed zoning-by-law? I went to an Open House today and I am still confused about what input ordinary residents can make, it seems one needs to be an architect, planner, etc., to make a difference.

Response from Devon McCloskey, Planning Services Supervisor:

The Zoning By-law is a technical document, so persons may find it challenging to read cover to cover. If people have specific interests or questions in mind, planning staff are available to help persons navigate the By-law. We strongly recommend directing individuals to the ***get involved webpage***, where we have several standard questions to prompt discussion and feedback on various popular topics.

Question 4: Parkdale – Weiler and Parkdale

Why isn't work being done at Weiler and Parkdale, instead of the North East corner of Parkdale?

When did that N/W corner of Parkdale area get rezoned for approval for construction of housing?

Response from Aaron Ward, Project Engineer, Engineering and Operations Division:

Bruno's has been doing some earthworks (excavating poor soils and bringing in new soil / gravel) relating to the future extension of Weiler Boulevard, and other streets, in the north-east

corner of the subdivision. To date, I have not seen any design drawings and nothing has been submitted to the City for review and approval. Bruno's does not need any approvals or permissions from the City to do the earthworks they have been doing to date as it is their private property.

For the Parkdale Boulevard / Weiler Boulevard connection (and Muskrat Drive – the new street where the houses are currently being built), Bruno's will be looking to install the curbs and the first layer of asphalt on Muskrat Drive in 2022. This will connect to Weiler Boulevard and Parkdale Boulevard.

For the Weiler Boulevard extension to Parkdale, they are still working on finishing some underground construction and aim to be finished that by the Spring of 2022. That would then allow for the Weiler extension to be made open to public traffic, but as a gravel road – this would not likely be curbed and paved in 2022 as this typically happens after housing construction is well underway.

Question 5: Is there information available about collisions and near misses in the 80 km/hr zone on Arthur St?

David Binch provided a response:

In regards to the 80 km zone on Arthur Street, the report coming forward speaks to this extensively, and the collision history and the collision rate of Arthur Street compared to the Ontario average, over the corresponding years. However this report cannot speak to the near misses as there is no way to quantify or count those near misses. The information will be contained in the report presented on December 6.

Question 6: As a city employee, I have been coming into work during the entire pandemic. Why are city councillors, including Cody Fraser, not attending city council meetings in person on Mondays. This is not good leadership. The federal and provincial parliaments are meeting in person, why can't the 13 city council members?

Response from Councillor C. Fraser:

The Chair advised that they were provided the option to participate from home, there are spacing issues in Council Chambers and therefore there is plexi glass to keep everyone safe but they do have the option. He advised that he enjoys going home after work to have dinner with his family. He further advised that he does not view his participation or his effort any different when he is attending the meeting at city hall or from his home office.

Question 7: Development along the Mosquito Creek Watershed

Why is the Thunder Bay Conservation Authority allowing extensive development along the Mosquito Creek Watershed? It once advised concern about over-development - so, what has changed?

Response from Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority:

Any proposed development within the regulated area (i.e. floodplain/erosion prone areas/wetlands) requires a permit under Ontario Regulation 180/06 from the LRCA. Development is directed away from all hazards and a permit is only issued if the development will not create new hazards and not negatively impact existing hazards. New large scale development such as subdivisions, require planning approval from the City of Thunder Bay.

During the planning process the LRCA is a commenting agency (not the approval authority) whose role is to determine conformity with the Natural Hazard policies of the Provincial Policy Statement. One aspect of LRCA's review is to confirm that each lot is considered developable from a natural hazard perspective. Once a subdivision is approved, the developer and/or each individual home owner may need permits during the development phase from the LRCA. It is noted that floodplain mapping on Mosquito Creek was updated in 2020 and all wetlands in the watershed were evaluated in 2019.

Recent concern expressed to City Council from the TBDHU related to the concept of partial servicing (i.e. City water with septic systems) is applicable to existing and soon to be proposed subdivisions within the Mosquito Creek watershed.

Question 8: Thunder Bay Housing Needs Predictions

I have not found information on the predicted 10 - 25 year housing needs in Thunder Bay.

Response from Decio Lopes, Senior Planner

The City Planning department does not have information on housing predictions nor any information that is driving those predictions.

Question 9: Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility

It has been reported in the press that the city has received 8 Expressions of Interest regarding building a Multi-use Indoor Turf Facility.

- 1) Have any members of city council had the opportunity to look at these?
- 2) At what date will the city definitively know whether they have or have not been successful in their application for this funding?

Response from Councillor C. Fraser:

No, Council has not seen the Expressions of Interest, and they don't have the information on the timeframe of when the City will find out whether they have or have not been successful in the application for funding.

Question 10: Is there an opportunity for part of Hwy 61 to be a municipal road instead of a provincial of highway and then the potential to lower the speed limit?

Response from Kayla Dixon:

Kayla Dixon advised that part of the Highway 61 corridor study is looking at a service road option north of Chippewa into the City. It may be transferred to the City to own and maintain after it's built. This is one of the options that is being considered. From that point, residents would not need to get on the highway.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair thanked members of the public for participating and staff support for assisting with the virtual ward meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

MEETING DATE 01/24/2022 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Ratifying Resolutions - January 24, 2022

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Memorandum

Corporate By-law Number BL 8/2022

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

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

DATE: 12/17/2021

SUBJECT: BL 8/2022 - Confirming By-law - January 24, 2022

MEETING DATE: City Council - 01/24/2022 (mm/dd/yyyy)

By-law Description: A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 24th day of January 2022.

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 8/2022

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council,
this 24th day of January 2022.

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 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 24th day of January, A.D. 2022 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 01/24/2022 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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