



# **AGENDA MATERIAL**

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING DATE:** MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021

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

**TIME:** IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE



**MEETING:** City Council

**DATE:** Monday, June 7, 2021

*Reference No. CC - 13/52*

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

City Council  
Chair: Mayor B. Mauro

***OPENING CEREMONIES***

One Minute of Silence

***DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST***

***CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA***

Confirmation of Agenda - June 7, 2021 - City Council **(Page 4)**

WITH RESPECT to the June 7, 2021 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 May 17, 2021. **(Pages 5 – 10)**

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

1. The Thunder Bay City Council meeting held on May 17, 2021.

## ***REPORTS OF COMMITTEES***

### **Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

1. May 17, 2021 Committee of the Whole. **(Pages 11 – 21)**

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

1. May 17, 2021 Committee of the Whole.

### **Ward and Town Hall Meeting Minutes**

The Minutes of the following Ward and Town Hall Meetings to be received:

1. Meeting 02-2020 of the Neebing Ward held on November 12, 2020; **(Pages 22 – 28)**
2. Meeting 01-2020 of the At Large Town Hall held on November 26, 2020; **(Pages 29 – 40)**
3. Meeting 03-2020 of the Neebing Ward held on December 3, 2020; **(Pages 41 – 45)**
4. Meeting 01-2021 of the Red River Ward held on January 26, 2021; **(Pages 46 – 51)**
5. Meeting 01-2021 of the McIntyre Ward held on March 9, 2021. **(Pages 52 – 56)**

THAT the Minutes of the following Ward and Town Hall Meetings be received:

1. Meeting 02-2020 of the Neebing Ward held on November 12, 2020;
2. Meeting 01-2020 of the At Large Town Hall held on November 26, 2020;
3. Meeting 03-2020 of the Neebing Ward held on December 3, 2020;
4. Meeting 01-2021 of the Red River Ward held on January 26, 2021;
5. Meeting 01-2021 of the McIntyre Ward held on March 9, 2021.

### **Ratifying Resolutions**

## ***BY-LAWS***

### **BL 43/2021 - Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ontario Minister of Long-Term Care.**

A By-law to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Long-Term Care ("the Province") and The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (the "Recipient") for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for Long-Term Care Homes. **(Pages 57 – 58)**

## **By-law Resolution**

By-law Resolution - June 7, 2021 **(Page 59)**

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 authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Long-Term Care ("the Province") and The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (the "Recipient") for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for Long-Term Care Homes.

By-law Number: BL 43/2021

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

## ***NOTICE OF MOTION***

## ***CONFIRMING BY-LAW***

**BL 44/2021 - Confirming By-law - June 7th, 2021**

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 7th day of June, 2021.  
**(Pages 60 – 61)**

**Confirming By-law Resolution - June 7, 2021 - City Council (Page 62)**

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021

By-law Number: BL 44/2021

## ***ADJOURNMENT***



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**MEETING DATE**     06/07/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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**SUBJECT**             Confirmation of Agenda

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***SUMMARY***

Confirmation of Agenda - June 7, 2021 - City Council

***RECOMMENDATION***

WITH RESPECT to the June 7, 2021 City Council meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.



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**MEETING DATE**     06/07/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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**SUBJECT**             City Council Minutes

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***SUMMARY***

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

1. The Thunder Bay City Council held on May 17, 2021.

***RECOMMENDATION***

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

1. The Thunder Bay City Council meeting held on May 17, 2021.

***ATTACHMENTS***

1. Minutes - City Council - May 17, 2021



**MEETING:** City Council

**DATE:** Monday, May 17, 2021

*Reference No.* CC 12/52

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**OPEN SESSION in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium 11:48 pm.**

City Council

Chair: Mayor B. Mauro

**ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:**

Mayor B. Mauro  
Councillor A. Aiello  
Councillor M. Bentz  
Councillor S. Ch'ng  
Councillor A. Foulds  
Councillor C. Fraser  
Councillor T. Giertuga  
Councillor B. Hamilton  
Councillor R. Johnson  
Councillor B. McKinnon  
Councillor K. Oliver  
Councillor A. Ruberto  
Councillor Peng You

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk  
Ms. F. Track, Council & Committee Clerk

**OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager  
Ms. C. Cline, Acting City Solicitor  
Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services  
& Long Term Care  
Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &  
Operations  
Ms. K. Lewis, General Manager – Development &  
Emergency Services  
Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community  
Services  
Ms. C. Olsen, Acting Director – Corporate Strategic  
Services

***OPENING CEREMONIES***

One Minute of Silence

***DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST***

***CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA***

**Confirmation of Agenda - May 17, 2021 - City Council**

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to the May 17, 2021 City Council, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

***MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS***

**City Council Minutes**

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

1. The Thunder Bay City Council (Special Session - Thunder Bay Hydro AGM ) held on May 10, 2021 were distributed separately on Friday, May 17, 2021.
2. The Thunder Bay City Council held on May 10, 2021 were distributed separately on Friday, May 17, 2021.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

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

1. The Thunder Bay City Council (Special Session - Thunder Bay Hydro AGM ) held on May 10, 2021;
2. The Thunder Bay City Council meeting held on May 10, 2021.

CARRIED

***REPORTS OF COMMITTEES***

**Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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

1. May 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole was distributed separately on Friday, May 17, 2021.



MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

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

1. May 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

### **Ratifying Resolutions - May 17, 2021**

Pending the passage of the resolution relative to the above-noted at the Committee of the Whole meeting, to be held earlier in the evening, the resolution will be presented for ratification and under Council's policy will require a two-thirds vote.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT the following ratifying resolutions be introduced, read, dealt with individually:

1. Pioneer Ridge ICIP COVID funding to put air conditioning in resident rooms at Pioneer Ridge;
2. Mountdale Fuel Farm and Dispenser Replacement – Tender Award
3. Advocacy – Regional Approach to Reopening

CARRIED

### ***BY-LAWS***

#### **BL 36/2021 - A By-law to amend By-law BL 40/2016, being a by-law to Regulate Traffic on the Roads and Highways of the City of Thunder Bay**

A By-law to amend By-law BL 40/2016, being a by-law to Regulate Traffic on the Roads and Highways of the City of Thunder Bay with respect to Schedule Two – Prohibited Parking Specified Places and Times, Schedule Four – Parking Permitted – Specified Times, Schedule Six - Calendar Parking, Schedule Eight – Angle Parking, Schedule Seventeen – Stop Intersections and Schedule Twenty Six – Parking Prohibited without Signs - Exceptions.

**BL 37/2021 - Amendment to By-law Number 100-2007 - Schedule C - Streets with 2 hour Parking Limits**

A By-law to amend By-law Number 100-2007 being a By-law to regulate parking within the City of Thunder Bay with respect to Schedule "C" - Streets with 2 hour Parking Limits.

**BL 41/2021 - Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation for ICIP.**

A By-law to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario ("the Province") and The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (the "Recipient") for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Public Transit Stream.

**By-law Resolution - City Council – May 17, 2021**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

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 40/2016, being a by-law to Regulate Traffic on the Roads and Highways of the City of Thunder Bay  
  
By-law Number: BL 36/2021
2. A By-law to amend By-law Number 100-2007 - Schedule C - Streets with 2 hour Parking Limits  
  
By-law Number: BL 37/2021
3. A By-law to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario ("the Province") and The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (the "Recipient") for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Public Transit Stream.  
  
By-law Number: BL 41/2021

CARRIED

***CONFIRMING BY-LAW***

**BL 40/2021 - Confirming By-law - May 17th, 2021.**

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 17th day of May, 2021.

**Confirming By-law Resolution - May 17, 2021 - City Council**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

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 17th day of May, 2021

By-law Number: BL 40/2021

CARRIED

***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 pm.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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**SUBJECT**              Committee of the Whole Minutes

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***SUMMARY***

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

1. May 17, 2021 Committee of the Whole.

***RECOMMENDATION***

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

1. May 17, 2021 Committee of the Whole.

***ATTACHMENTS***

1. Minutes - Committee of the Whole - May 17, 2021



**MEETING:** Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** Monday, May 17, 2021

*Reference No. COW 28/52*

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**CLOSED SESSION via MS Teams at 6:00 p.m.**

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session  
Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

Committee of the Whole – Closed Session was cancelled on Friday, May 14, 2021. The items scheduled for presentation have been re-scheduled to a future meeting.

**OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:32 p.m.**

Committee of the Whole - Planning Session  
Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

**ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:**

Mayor B. Mauro  
Councillor A. Aiello  
Councillor M. Bentz  
Councillor S. Ch'ng  
Councillor A. Foulds  
Councillor C. Fraser  
Councillor T. Giertuga  
Councillor B. Hamilton  
Councillor R. Johnson  
Councillor B. McKinnon  
Councillor K. Oliver  
Councillor A. Ruberto  
Councillor Peng You

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk  
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Ms. C. Cline, Acting City Solicitor  
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& Long Term Care  
Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &  
Operations  
Ms. K. Lewis, General Manager – Development &  
Emergency Services  
Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community  
Services  
Ms. C. Olsen, Acting Director – Corporate Strategic  
Services  
Ms. K. Ortgieste, Director – Human Resources &  
Corporate Safety  
Ms. L. McEachern, Director – Planning Services

Mr. G. Broere, Director Facilities, Fleet & Energy  
Management - Community Services  
Mr. F. Marchese, Manager, Facilities Services -  
Community Services Mr. D. Lopes, Senior Planner  
– Development & Emergency Services  
Chief G. Hankkio, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue  
Mr. R. Furioso, Construction Services Supervisor -  
Community Services  
Mr. D. Lopes, Senior Planner – Development &  
Emergency Services  
Mr. A. Ward, Project Engineer – Infrastructure &  
Operations  
Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor - Corporate  
Communications

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

## **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

### **Confirmation of Agenda - May 17, 2021 - Committee of the Whole**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to the May 17, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

## ***DEPUTATIONS***

### **Extension of the Sanitary Trunk Sewer, West of Parkdale**

Correspondence from T. Rizzuto dated April 28, 2021 requesting to appear before Committee to provide a deputation relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Friday, May 14, 2021.

Mr. T. Rizzutto, Consultant - Stantec Consulting, Mr. N. Nadin and Mr. L. Nadin - Nadin Construction appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided a presentation and responded to questions.

**Motion - Extension of the Sanitary Trunk Sewer, West of Parkdale**

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the deputation relative to the request of the extension of the sanitary trunk sewer, west of Parkdale we recommend that Administration report back on the request and include recommendations, potential financial implications and any other relevant data;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before December 13, 2021.

CARRIED

***REPORTS OF COMMITTEES***

**Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes**

Minutes of Meeting 03-2021 of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on March 25, 2021, for information.

**Lakehead Source Protection Authority Minutes**

Minutes of Meeting No. 1 of the Lakehead Source Protection Authority held on April 29, 2021, for information.

**Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Minutes**

Minutes of Meeting No. 3 of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Committee held on March 31, 2021, for information.

**Committee of Adjustment**

Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2021 and 03-2021 of the Committee of Adjustment held on February 14, 2021 and March 24, 2021 respectively, for information.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Canada Healthy Communities Initiative – Round Two Grant Application**

Memorandum from Ms. K. Lewis, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services and Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager - Realty Services dated April 22, 2021 containing a recommendation relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Ms. K. Lewis and Mr. J. DePeuter dated April 22, 2021, we recommend that Administration submit a grant application for the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative to advance streetscape, public space designs and pilot projects associated with the Victoriaville Civic Centre Demolition and Reconstruction of Victoria Avenue Roadway;

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

CARRIED

**Request for Information – Open Air Burning By-law**

Memorandum from Councillor K. Oliver dated April 26, 2021 containing a motion relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor K. Oliver dated April 26, 2021, we recommend that Administration provide Council with options for a by-law relating to open air fire burning that would provide a fair and balanced approach of rules and regulations;

AND THAT Administration consult with the public and report back on or before November 15, 2021;

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

CARRIED

**OPEN SESSION in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium**

Committee of the Whole - Administrative Services Session  
Chair: Councillor M. Bentz



***REPORTS OF COMMITTEES***

**Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes**

Minutes of Meeting 03-2021 of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee held on April 12, 2021, for information.

**Official Recognition Committee Minutes**

Minutes of Meetings 02-2021 of the Official Recognition Committee Citizens of Exceptional Achievement held on March 30, 2021, for information.

**Community Communications Committee Minutes**

Minutes of Meeting 01-2021 of the Community Communications Committee held on March 3, 2021, for information.

***REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS***

**Mountdale Fuel Farm and Dispenser Replacement – Tender Award**

Report No. R 44/2021 (Community Services - Asset Management) recommending that the work being recommended in this tender includes the removal of the existing underground fuel storage systems and the installation of a new above-ground fuel storage and dispensing system.

The City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted would be presented for ratification at the City Council meeting to be held later in the evening and would require a two-thirds vote.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to Corporate Report No. R 44/2021 (Community Services – Facilities, Fleet and Energy Management), we recommend that Project No. 19-162, for the Mountdale Fuel Farm Replacement be awarded to PDR Contracting, up to the amount of \$1,417,445.00 (inclusive of all taxes and a contingency allowance);

AND THAT appropriation No. 9 be approved;

AND THAT the Manager – Supply Management be authorized to issue any purchase orders related to this project;

AND THAT the Director – Facilities, Fleet & Energy Management report any circumstances to City Council should significant variations in contract values occur as the work proceeds;

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AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign all documentation related to these matters;

AND THAT any necessary By-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

CARRIED

### **2020-2022 Community Communications & Engagement Plan**

Report R 60/2021 (City Manager's Office - Corporate Strategic Services) recommending approval of the 2020-2022 Community Communications & Engagement Plan.

Memorandum from Ms. C. Olsen, Acting Director – Corporate Strategic Services dated May 13, 2021 requesting an opportunity to provide a presentation relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Friday, May 14, 2021.

Ms. C. Olsen, and Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor - Corporate Communications appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided a presentation and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report R 60/2021 (City Manager's Office - Corporate Strategic Services), we recommend that the 2020-2022 Community Communications & Engagement Plan as outlined in Attachment A be approved,

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

CARRIED

### **Pioneer Ridge ICIP COVID funding to put air conditioning in resident rooms at Pioneer Ridge**

R 62/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Long Term Care & Senior Services ) recommending the approval of the Pioneer Ridge and Ontario ICIP COVID Transfer Payment Agreement whereby the City of Thunder Bay will be provided with funding to improve the present cooling system to include resident living spaces that currently do not have any cooling systems in place.

The City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted would be presented for ratification at the City Council meeting to be held later in the evening and would require a two-thirds vote.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to Report R 62/2021 (Corporate Services & Long-Term Care – Long Term Care & Senior Services), we recommend the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada

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Infrastructure Program (ICIP): COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for Long-Term Care Homes and any/all subsequent years agreements or amendments between the Ontario Minister of Long-Term Care and the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay be approved;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documentation;

AND THAT Appropriation Change Order No. 7 be approved;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to Council for ratification

CARRIED

### ***PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS***

#### **Free Menstrual Products at City Facilities**

At the December 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting Administration was directed to provide options and costs for a pilot project that would offer menstrual products in recreation centres and library locations.

Memorandum from Mr. F. Marchese, Manager Facility Services dated May 7, 2021 providing a recommendation relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Mr. F. Marchese, Manager – Facilities dated May 7, 2021, we recommend that Administration proceed with Option 1 as outlined in the memorandum;

AND THAT the pilot project be funded in 2021 from the Stabilization Reserve Fund;

AND THAT the costs associated with the pilot project be included in the respective 2022 operating budgets;

AND THAT Administration report the results of the pilot project on or before September 30, 2022;

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

CARRIED

#### **Vacancy Review**

At the January 29, 2020 Committee of a Whole Budget meeting, Council directed Administration through the City Manager to suspend the hiring of all vacant positions, and that the City Manager approve any necessary hires under specific criteria including necessary service levels, maintaining compliance and managing potential liability. The City Manager was tasked with reporting back to

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Council by June 19, 2021.

Memorandum from Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety dated May10, 2021 relative to the above noted, for information.

### **Request for Information – Police Capital Projects Reserve Fund**

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro dated April 22, 2021 containing a motion relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro dated April 22, 2021, we recommend that Administration report back to provide options for funding the reserve fund, including the use of annual positive variance, and defined disbursement options for the Police Capital Projects Reserve Fund;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before October 31, 2021;

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

CARRIED

### **Request for Expression of Interest Proposals – Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility**

Memorandum from Councillor M. Bentz dated May 3, 2021 containing a motion relative to the above noted.

At the request of the Chair, Councillor B. Hamilton assumed the Chair during the discussion of this item.

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Councillor M. Bentz, dated May 3, 2021, we recommend that Administration be directed to begin an Expression of Interest Process to invite proposals from the private sector and other interested organizations for a Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility;

AND THAT proposals be invited for both short and long term solutions;

AND THAT the location of Chapples Park be the preferred location but also allow for the inclusion of other locations for consideration;

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AND THAT Administration report back on the status of this process by June 14, 2021.

CARRIED

### **11:00 pm Resolution**

During discussion of the above noted item, the following resolution was passed:

MOVED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT the hour being 11:00 p.m., we continue with the business at hand.

CARRIED

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

Councillor M. Bentz resumed the Chair.

### **Advocacy – Regional Approach to Reopening**

Memorandum from Councillor K. Oliver dated May 13, 2021 containing a motion relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Friday, May 14, 2021.

The City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted would be presented for ratification at the City Council meeting to be held later in the evening and would require a two-thirds vote.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver  
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Councillor K. Oliver dated May 13, 2021, we recommend that City Council support a return to the previously approved colour coded framework and that a regional approach to re-opening Ontario be considered by the province;

AND THAT the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee be tasked with advocacy for this position;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, NOMA and the Members of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay – Michael Gravelle (Thunder Bay – Superior North) and Judith Monteith-Farrell (Thunder Bay - Rainy River);

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

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole – Monday, May 17, 2021

**Establishment of Closed Session - Monday, June 7, 2021**

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

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in order to receive information relative to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 pm.

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**MEETING DATE** 06/07/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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**SUBJECT** Ward and Town Hall Meeting Minutes

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***SUMMARY***

The Minutes of the following Ward and Town Hall Meetings to be received:

1. Meeting 02-2020 of the Neebing Ward held on November 12, 2020;
2. Meeting 01-2020 of the At Large Town Hall held on November 26, 2020;
3. Meeting 03-2020 of the Neebing Ward held on December 3, 2020;
4. Meeting 01-2021 of the Red River Ward held on January 26, 2021;
5. Meeting 01-2021 of the McIntyre Ward held on March 9, 2021.

***RECOMMENDATION***

THAT the Minutes of the following Ward and Town Hall Meetings be received:

1. Meeting 02-2020 of the Neebing Ward held on November 12, 2020;
2. Meeting 01-2020 of the At Large Town Hall held on November 26, 2020;
3. Meeting 03-2020 of the Neebing Ward held on December 3, 2020;
4. Meeting 01-2021 of the Red River Ward held on January 26, 2021;
5. Meeting 01-2021 of the McIntyre Ward held on March 9, 2021.

***ATTACHMENTS***

- 1 Neebing Ward Minutes - Nov 12 2020
- 2 At Large Town Hall Minutes - Nov 26 2020
- 3 Neebing Ward Minutes - Dec 3 2020
- 4 Red River Ward Minutes - Jan 26 2021
- 5 McIntyre Ward Minutes - Mar 9 2021

**DATE:** THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020**MEETING NO. 02-2020****TIME:** 7:00 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](http://thunderbay.ca/watchcouncil).

**RESOURCE PERSON:**

Mr. B. Loroff, Manager – Transit Services

Ms. S. Borjian, Planning and Scheduling Analyst

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk

Ms. L. Crago, Records, Research &amp; By-law Clerk – Office of the City Clerk

**1.0 WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**

The Chair, Councillor C. Fraser 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](http://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](mailto:Tony.Santos@thunderbay.ca) or by phoning 807-684-2160.

The Chair advised that the 2021 City of Thunder Bay Budget will be made available on the City's website on January 5, 2021. The 2021 budget process kicks off on January 12 with the Long Term Financial Overview. The public has two opportunities to participate in the budget process. The first is the pre-budget deputation on January 14. This allows you to address any concerns with Council prior to their budget review. The second opportunity is on February 4. This is your opportunity to discuss any concerns to decisions that Council made during the budget review process. The budget is scheduled to be finalized on February 8.



## 2.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2020, of the Neebing Ward held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 were provided for information.

The Chair provided an overview relative to the above noted.

## 3.0 TRANSIT #4 NEEBING

The Chair advised Mr. B. Loroff, Manager – Transit Services and Ms. S. Borjian, Planning and Scheduling Analyst will provide an overview relative to the above noted followed by a question and answer discussion.

Mr. B. Loroff, Manager – Transit Services provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Mobility ON-Demand, an alternative transit service delivery strategy for the Neebing Ward.”

- Brief overview of the current Transit #4 Neebing Route.
- Statistics of passenger’s usage per hour by route. Neebing is the least used route. 7 before Covid, 4 during.
- Mobility ON-Demand – A transit service without a fixed schedule of route. Bus travel is determined by rider trip requests via a mobile app.
- The Neebing route has been chosen for the pilot project.
- The existing route structure will remain but it will be divided into 2 zones. People would be able to travel ‘curb to curb’ from an address such as their home or a current transit stop to another within their zone directly without transferring.
- Riders would request a pick-up from a smaller City of Thunder Bay authorized transit vehicle at their location using the Mobile app and will be dropped off at a transit route transfer point within their zone such as Arthur Street Market Place in Zone A or Frederica & Brown Street in Zone B that will connect to transit routes outside of the Neebing Ward zones.
- No more than 20-30 min will be needed on a transit vehicle for any ON-Demand Route.
- Future ON-Demand expansion may include Parkdale, and Rosslyn to Neebing as well as potential Sunday transit service.
- A rider can reserve/book a ride using the App, webportal or phone
  - Launch the App
  - Select your pick-up location, day and time
  - Confirming who is travelling
  - Confirm mobility aid options
  - Review your trip and payment
  - Trip confirmation and overview
  - Payment can be made through the app, web portal, or on board the bus

- ON-Demand Service is available to everyone using Transit to travel in the Neebing Ward.
- Lift+ is a separate service for registered clients.
- Further stakeholder consultation will be required including mail-out info sheets and public messaging prior presenting the pilot project report to Council on or before April 30, 2021.
- The earliest start for the pilot project following Council approval will be a late spring/early summer of 2021.

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

1. How will the pilot project be evaluated?

Mr. B. Loroff provided the following response: It will be evaluated through a set of key performance indicators. These are still to be developed and will measure whether or not we are hitting a successful target level for customer satisfaction.

2. How much advance notice does a resident have to give to reserve a spot on the On-Demand Transit service

Mr. B. Loroff provided the following response: Initially the rule will be one day in advance to call the booking line between 10am and 4pm. The goal is to allow for same day trip requests only 1-2 hours before the time to be requested.

3. Can ride bookings be over-booked?

Mr. B. Loroff provided the following response: If there is no available pick-up time, the rider will be offered an alternate time of 10 or so minutes before or after the original request.

4. How long are the On-Demand transit rides compared to conventional transit?

Mr. B. Loroff provided the following response: The conventional transit route for the Neebing Ward is 45 min total. The ON-Demand services ride will be 20-30 minutes at the longest as it will be a direct route not a continuous “circle” route.

5. What is the maximum capacity for ON-Demand transit vehicles and how will the social distancing rules for the pandemic be addressed?

Mr. B. Loroff provided the following response: The vehicles have a maximum of 14 passengers and masks are required. However, at this time the maximum will be 3+ the driver.

6. Can we expect any reduced service levels going to this pilot project?

Mr. B. Loroff provided the following response: There are no service levels reductions expected. Operating times and service days will not change.

7. Why is Transit Services raising the cost of fares?

Mr. B. Loroff provided the following response: There was a fare increase that occurred in 2020. These were already approved as part of the City's Budget process prior to COVID-19. During most of 2020, fares were free and when they were re-introduced, the originally scheduled fare increase was implemented. Also, due to the pandemic, routes and times needed to be altered and are continuing to be evaluated for efficiencies.

#### 4.0 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

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## 5.0 WARD AND CITY ISSUES

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

1. Concerns about the slow Tbaytel internet connectivity in South Neebing.

The Chair provided the following response: Spoke to Tbaytel and was advised that South Neebing is currently scheduled to begin "fibre-to-home" improvements in early 2021.

2. Update on Arthur Street resurfacing between Canadian Tire and 20<sup>th</sup> Side Road

The Chair provided the following response: A number of miscellaneous lane repairs have already been undertaken on Arthur Street in this area in past years. This is not to say other locations may now warrant some attention. We are waiting to populate and prioritize our forecast with our new pavement assessment study which we do every 4 years. The study is done but we must analyze the data. The budget forecast allows for miscellaneous repairs and we will be looking in this area as well.

3. Mountain Road pavement in need of repairs

The Chair provided the following response: This section of road has been awarded to a Contractor this past season. The work was supposed to be completed this year along with an extension of the watermain within the limits. Land acquisition and agreement on a watermain tie-in is just being completed now, so the Contractor was unable to complete the work this Construction season. The legal work will wrap up soon and the watermain and associated road work will be completed in early spring.

4. Speeding and Heavy Trucks on 20<sup>th</sup> Side Road and Rosslyn Road

A resident expressed concerns related to on-going speeding on Rosslyn Road and 20<sup>th</sup> Side Road as well as lack of enforcement from police.

5. Designated Truck Route

The Chair advised he has received numerous concerns regarding speed and heavy trucks on Arthur Street as well as questions regarding the status of the Designated Truck Route. Currently, the Designated Truck By-law is stalled at City Council and he is looking at other traffic calming measures with Engineering and the City Clerk's Office for Arthur Street alone without including Dawson Road and process on how to proceed.

6. Airport Land Development – Concerns regarding a Second Access off Arthur Street

The Chair provided the following response: Any development on airport land will be done through the current Hawker Road access. He has not heard of any new access road being constructed off of Arthur Street at this time.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked members of the public for participating.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

**DATE:** THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020

**MEETING NO.** 01-2020

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** S.H. BLAKE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (VIA MS TEAMS)

**CHAIR:** COUNCILLOR MARK BENTZ

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](http://thunderbay.ca/watchcouncil).

**ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillor M. Bentz  
Councillor T. Giertuga  
Councillor R. Johnson  
Councillor A. Ruberto  
Councillor Peng You

**RESOURCE PERSONS**

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk  
Ms. F. Track, Committee Coordinator

**1. WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**

The Chair, Councillor M. Bentz introduced his fellow At Large Councillors and welcomed those attending the virtual meeting.

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Councillor R. Johnson provided the following information for viewers:

To participate in this evenings Virtual At Large Town Hall Meeting you can email your questions to the [officeofthecityclerk@thunderbay.ca](mailto:officeofthecityclerk@thunderbay.ca) or call 625-2230.

The Chair, M. Bentz advised that several emails and phone calls have been received prior to tonight's meeting about water pipe related concerns and that the best person to assist with questions is Tony Santos, Manager – Compliance and Quality. He can be contacted by email at [Tony.Santos@thunderbay.ca](mailto:Tony.Santos@thunderbay.ca) or phone 684-2160.

## 2. MAJOR CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Chair, Councillor M. Bentz provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Major Capital Commitments and Future Capital Projects have been included for discussion to provide information and to allow the public to ask questions regarding individual projects and capital projects.

Councillor R. Johnson provided an overview relative to the above noted.

A list of priorities have been identified by various Committees, and by City Council. Some projects have been allocated to next year's budget, others are listed but decisions relative to funding and timelines have not yet been determined.

The following list is not inclusive of all priorities, and is in no particular order:

- Victoriaville
- Conservatory
- Fort William Gardens
- Thunder Bay Public Library – various projects/various locations
- Police Headquarters
- Recycling/Landfill – automated collection has to be reviewed
- Roads to be completed – Junot, Memorial and Balmoral
- Canada Games Complex
- Thunder Bay 55+ Centre is looking for an expansion of a second location on the South side
- Thunder Bay Fire Services – Thunder Bay Fire Services Master Plan
- Waterfront
- Area and Image Routes
- Infrastructure Deficit
- Legal Matters

Discussion was held relative to the above noted.

## 3. FUTURE CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Chair, Councillor M. Bentz provided an overview relative to Future Capital Projects and the correlation to Major Capital Commitments.

The following estimated costs were provided for information:

- Victoriaville – estimated \$10M – \$15M

- Conservatory – estimated \$2M for new greenhouses and potentially another \$3M to refurbish the showcase area
- Fort William Gardens –awaiting a report relative to options to potentially replace this facility, whether it is in 10 years or 20 years, could be estimated around \$70M
- Police Station - \$55M

### 3.1 Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility

As a member of the Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility Committee, Councillor M. Bentz provided an overview relative to the above noted.

- Council directed Administration to move to tender and the submission period should close sometime in December
- Council expects to receive recommendations relative to the tender award from Administration in February 2021
- The cost of the facility is estimated to be \$33 – 35M, with a debenture it would be upwards of \$40M, due to interest on the debenture
- Approximately \$15M would be debentured and the balance would come from reserves, estimating approximately \$8M in interest over 25 years

Discussion was held relative to the above noted.

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk advised that the following questions were received prior to, and during the meeting from citizens, via email and telephone, relative to the above noted.

1. The indoor turf is out for tender. When the tenders come back to council to be voted on, whether to proceed or not, does the public have a say? If the citizens of Thunder Bay convince Council not to proceed, how does this effect the \$21M projected deficit?

Councillor M. Bentz provided the following response:

Council has moved forward with tendering this project. Potential contractors are putting together bid packages to submit prior to the bid process closing. Administration will review the bid packages and provide recommendations to Council. It is at that time members of the public can provide input, this should be sometime in February 2021. The next step would be for Council to make a decision, to award the contract or not.

If Council chooses to award a tender, \$18M will come from reserves, and \$15M will be in the form of a debenture (loan), monies that will not be available to impact the infrastructure deficit. Important to note, \$21M is the annual infrastructure deficit, compounding the importance of the decisions that are made.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted.



During discussion of the above noted item Ms. K. Power, City Clerk provided the following information relative to making a deputation to City Council, for information:

- Agendas are published on the CTB website, available to the public in advance
- A request to speak to Council can be made via an online form, by calling the Office of the City Clerk, via email and in writing
- Deadlines for submitting a request apply
- Deputations will be scheduled according to subject matter
- Due to COVID 19 related safety measures, written deputations, deputations over the phone, via MS Teams or at the Kiosk located in City Hall via MS Teams will be accepted

2. Why does the Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility take precedent over a new police headquarters? Will these funds be redistributed towards a new police headquarters?

Councillor T. Giertuga provided the following response:

The Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility does not take precedent over a new police headquarters, it was presented to Council first and identified as a priority of Council. A recommendation relative to the police headquarters will come before Council at a future date and Council will make a decision at that time.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. Some points of interest were:

- All projects are competing for limited resources
- The Multi Use Indoor Turf Facility project could affect the timelines for a new Police Station
- If a \$60M debenture is necessary to pay for the Police Station, it will require an additional 2.5 % tax levy increase annually to pay for it

3. Is Council or City Administration able to stop the Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility from proceeding, i.e. at Budget time, at tender? What is the latest point it could be stopped?

Councillor T. Giertuga requested that the City Clerk provide a brief overview of the process.

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk provided the following, for information:

The tender has not gone to market yet. Should Council seek to change the direction they have provided Administration, a Notice of Motion could come forward, at any time, to rescind the decision. Alternately, when the tender comes before Council to be awarded, Council could choose not to award, for a variety of reasons. Essentially, that would halt the project for now, unless Council provided direction to Administration, to do other work. City Council has determined by resolution that a permanent structure for indoor turf sports is a priority and should be located in Chapples Park and that decision still stands as a priority for City Council.

#### 4. INFRASTRUCTURE DEFECIT

The Chair, Councillor M. Bentz provided an overview relative to the above noted.

The infrastructure deficit is an estimated shortfall in funding, it is annual, and supports the life cycle costs and replacement costs of the assets the City owns. Currently the tax supported infrastructure deficit is estimated at \$21.7M annually. That means our budgets have a shortfall of \$20M that we feel we should be doing in maintenance or putting in reserves for eventual replacement. The rate supported budget, which is mainly Water, Waste Water and Land Fill, are at a \$7.6M annual deficit. This is a problem that Council needs to deal with. We have to increase our spending on capital just to maintain what we own. The \$21.7M is not for new infrastructure such as buildings, trails or other such expenditures. So each time we make a decision to support new infrastructure, we are making our deficit larger. The Province has asked Municipalities to put together a financial plan by the year 2024 to address these deficits and shortfalls in funding. This does not mean that Municipalities have to eliminate the shortfall by 2024, as that would require significant tax increases, but City Council should have a plan in place that will deal with deficits. This is not uncommon, currently the Province has an estimated deficit of \$60B. The main reason for this is Municipalities are not taxing for the infrastructure they own, and are building infrastructure that they cannot afford to maintain.

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk advised that the following questions were received prior to, and during the meeting from citizens, via email and telephone.

##### 4.1 Transportation Master Plan

Just over a year ago the Transportation Master Plan and the Active Transportation Master Plan was passed by Council. The following are questions about implementation of the plan:

1. Is it possible to get an update and some detail of the progress towards the short and long term action plans over the past year?
2. This should be the year that a funding plan kicks in to make it happen according to plan because the target completion year is 2038, just 17 years away. My view is we must proportionately fund active transportation.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. The following was included:

- Council is committed to Active Transportation. In order to implement priority pedestrian and cycling networks an annual investment of \$1.2M is required. In 2020 \$3.9M was invested
- Explore alternate options to fund Active Transportation, for example: work with outside partner groups to sponsor portions of the network; or through private donations, made in memory of loved ones, similar to dedicating a wing of a hospital or section of highway in honour of a loved one

3. If the ultimate network is to be realized the city needs to start spending \$7.5 Million a year over 17 years towards the projects in the Transportation Master Plan. If we are to work towards more sustainable modes of transportation, then we need to proportionately spend more on transit and active transportation and less to support motor vehicle use. What percentage of the total roads budget are we currently spending to build and support active transportation infrastructure? Doesn't it make sense to spend more money in order to encourage people to safely get around on foot and on bikes to meet the targets above?

Ms. K. Dixon, Director- Engineering provided the following response to be shared for the viewers and within the minutes:

Previous discussions around the Memorial Ave. bridge crossing were to provide a safe crossing for cyclists over the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway as an option to the C.N. bridge. The proposed 2021 Capital Budget includes an item to address the floodway crossing safety concern by providing infrastructure and wayfinding for a crossing using the Balmoral St. bridge. This bridge when last rehabilitated provided a minor widening to allow for Active Transportation infrastructure.

With impacts to staff from the current pandemic, unfortunately there has not been significant movement on the Road Safety Action Plan this year.

To clarify, although the Transportation Master Plan and Active Transportation Plan presented Ultimate Networks, they also identified the Priority Networks that were feasible to implement in the planning horizon for the 20 year plans. In order to implement these priority pedestrian and cycling networks the average annual investment needs to be \$1.3M. In 2020 the City invested three times that, investing \$3.9M in active transportation infrastructure including completion of the Ford St. multiuse trail, as well as multiuse trails on both sides of Balmoral. Engineering worked with Transit to identify priority sidewalk gaps to transit stops and invested almost a million dollars to address these with support from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. Significant investment was also made in Transit rolling stock and infrastructure in addition to the investment in Active Transportation infrastructure. In addition to capital investment, the City continued to support programming to encourage people to be active and use active transportation, including for example Safe Cycling programs, closure of W. Lyons Boulevard on the weekends in the summer and closure of a lane on the Cumberland St. bridge over the Current River to support trail users of the Boulevard Lake loop during the dam rehabilitation project and closure of the walkway over the dam.

Investment in Active Transportation infrastructure fluctuates year to year, as does our roads budget, but there will continue to be a focus on growing our Active Transportation networks based on priorities identified in the new Active Transportation Plan.

## 5. 2021 BUDGET OUTLOOK

As the Chair of the Administrative Services Session, Councillor M. Bentz provided an overview relative to the above noted.

In the Fall of 2020 Council directed Administration to provide a budget for 2021 Operating and Capital, that did not exceed a 2% increase, outside of COVID. With COVID, there are millions of dollars in additional costs and lost revenues, which could be up to \$8M, which are not built into our regular budget. The 2% levy increase is on our base budget and does not address the COVID situation. We have asked that Administration does not use the Stabilization Fund, the Provincial Restart Money for COVID or budget surpluses to come in at a 2% tax levy increase, we have asked that it be found using other means. One time COVID costs have been excluded from the budget, they are currently estimated at \$9.2M, but we have Safe Restart carry-over from 2020 and a budget surplus from our 2020 budget. We have to find approximately \$5-6M in savings in order to come in at 2%. We can turn to our reserve, usually meant to cover one-time costs (which many of the COVID costs will be), but we do not know how long our revenues will be reduced and how it will impact people accessing services once it is over. We will take care of the COVID costs through other means, that could be the Stabilization Fund, or it could be that the Provincial or Federal Government provides funding to help us. These are some of the discussions for the 2021 budget.

Councillor R. Johnson shared the following information:

The budget will be made available on the City's website on January 5, 2021. Council receives the Budget in December, prior to Christmas for review. The 2021 budget process kicks off on January 12 with the Long Term Financial Overview. The public has two opportunities to participate in the budget process. The first is the pre-budget deputation on January 14. This allows the public an opportunity to address any concerns with Council prior to the budget review. The second opportunity is on February 4, to discuss any concerns to decisions that Council made during the budget review process. The budget is scheduled to be finalized on February 8.

December 21, 2020 - Budget Package (Operating and Capital) delivered to City Council

January 5, 2021 – Budget Package (Operating and Capital) will be available online

January 12, 2020 – Long Term Financial Overview

January 14, 2021 - Public Pre-Budget deputation meeting

January 19, 21, 27, 2020 and February 2, 2021 – Budget Review

February 4, 2021 – Public Post-Budget Deputation Meeting

February 8, 2021 – Ratification by City Council

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk advised that the following questions were received prior to, and during the meeting from citizens, via email and telephone.

#### 5.1 Synergy North

1. It appears that the proposed \$600,000 dividend from Synergy North to the City of Thunder Bay in 2021, is the result of OM&A cost savings in the merger of the Kenora and Thunder Bay utilities that should provide \$900,000 in perpetuity?

As a member of the Synergy North Board, Councillor M. Bentz provided the following response:

When Kenora Hydro & Thunder Bay Hydro merged, it was in between rate applications. The reason for the merger was for cost efficiencies, and those efficiencies may be distributed to the shareholders. The City of Thunder Bay tax payers would get a dividend, in the event that the Board at Synergy North declares a dividend to the City of Thunder Bay. Whether a dividend will be declared is still pending, it has not been decided at the Board level. The dividend would be enjoyed by the ratepayers, if it is declared.

## 5.2 Police – Budget

1. Halifax council approved to outline a timeline and process for a broad review of policing and public safety. Their CAO said, "This (review) is squarely in the wheelhouse of council," ... "Council decides the police budget and decides the police model." Why has City Council not asked for an efficiency review of the Thunder Bay police service like it has of other departments in the city?

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. The following was included:

- The Provincial rules and regulations are different in Nova Scotia than in Ontario
- In Thunder Bay, City Council has no control over the Police Budget, this is described within the Police Services Act. The Police Services Board oversees Police
- City Council cannot go line by line through the Police budget, City Council can accept or reject it
- City Council can request that efficiencies are explored, but, The Police Services Board can move ahead with the Budget as presented
- Two members of Council represent the City of Thunder Bay on the Police Services Board

## 6. OPEN FORUM

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk advised that the following questions were received prior to, and during the meeting from citizens, via email and telephone.

### 6.1 Questions on the Ballot

1. Will any of the councillors present be willing to have a question on the ballot prepared for the 2022 municipal elections, asking if residents want to reinvest the yearly \$3.9 M in debt service costs related to the maturity of Homes for the Aged debt in 2024 or remove the \$3.9M cost from the tax levy? This amount is almost equivalent to a yearly tax levy increase. It would be nice to have a year with no tax levy increase.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. The following was included:

- Public input is very important and always welcome

- All Ontario municipalities must have a financial plan in place for their infrastructure deficits by 2024
- The capital infrastructure deficit must be addressed, either by raising taxes or cutting services

## 6.2 Road Maintenance

1. Why has Government Road (the gravel side past the Fire hall west) not been paved as was promised. There is no problem increasing taxes which are very high but they cannot pave the road.

Councillor T. Giertuga provided the following response:

The residents were told that the gravel portion of Government Road would be paved in 1970. This is an issue that has been brought forward several times over the past 20 years via deputations, reports and resolutions. With Councils support, \$150K was allocated to chip-seal gravel roads that Administration identified which were situated between roads that were already paved, where they could chip-seal within that \$150K budget. In the past we have increased this amount to \$230K to address priority roads, such as Tom's Road. Government Road will require a lot more money, four to five times more than other roads, as the original corduroy base requires complete reconstruction. Councillor A. Aiello has been working very hard to address this, and we have suggested to Administration, that monies be set aside each year over two or three years, until we have enough to do the project.

## 6.3 Delivery Vehicles

1. Why are oil tankers using a residential street like Hargrave Street instead of Island Drive to get to the CP Rail property.

Councillor M. Bentz provided the following response:

City Council can only assume that driver's are using the street as the law allows, relative to the gross vehicle weight.

## 6.4 Budget Priorities

1. How can council, in good conscience, proceed with the construction of the Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility given the current state of the city's finances? Address other necessities including our infrastructure deficit as well as the additional costs associated with Covid 19. This is not a priority item at this time.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. The following was included:

- Administrators overseeing our Corporation recommended not to tender this project, and advised that it may not be the right time to tender due to current circumstances
- Council has directed Administration to commence with the tendering process
- The public will have an opportunity to provide input when Administration presents recommendations on the award of tender to Council
- COVID costs in 2020 were covered by the Provincial and Federal Governments with some carry over for 2021
- Council will have another opportunity to review when the tender award is presented

#### 6.5 Council Composition

1. How do you feel about having a smaller council and would that get more work done?

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. The following was included:

- Democracy requires representation, careful consideration and review is necessary
- Council has directed Administration to review the composition of other Municipal Councils and facilitate public consultation sessions over the next couple of years, in preparation for the 2026 Municipal Election
- Ultimately, it is the community that should decide how they wish to be represented

#### 6.6 Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility

1. Are the published numbers for the Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility correct? The Indoor Sports Facility does not mention the costs associated with: the Dease Trail conversion to a second access roadway that will be required, nor does it mention the round a bout at Redwood and Edward, which would only be done for the Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility project.

Councillor M. Bentz provided the following response:

The roundabout was a decision for the refurbishment of Edward Street There were two options, a conventional intersection or a roundabout. A roundabout has lower operating costs associated with it over time. There is a lot of data showing roundabouts are safer, in terms of the number of high speed crashes and the severity of crashes. The capital cost differential was not significant, but the operating costs over the long term were favorable for the roundabout. The roundabout was a consideration, with or without the Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility, at that location.

Dease Street has been mentioned as a potential option for access. Engineering has not indicated that the Dease Street extension is a necessity, noting the volumes will not be such that it is required.

The costs associated with the roundabout and the Dease Street extension are not attributable to the Multi Use Indoor Sports Facility.

2. How can it be said on one hand that public/private partnerships need to be developed, when a willing private corporation wanted to develop an indoor turf facility but Council went into competition with this private corporation?

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. The following was included:

- The City of Thunder Bay's Strategic Plan supports and encourages private enterprise
- CEDC works with Council to develop incentives for new and future private industry
- Lapse of time between the collapse of the Sports Dome and potential development of new facilities
- One facility will not be sufficient to service all potential users/user groups
- Significant use during the winter months, reduced usage during the summer
- City does not want to compete with private industry
- Private industry improves the City's tax base

3. Can there be a plebiscite for the public to vote on the indoor turf facility, there was one for the Auditorium?

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. The following was included:

- Public consultation and input is very important, there are policies and procedures in place to ensure the public has opportunity's to offer support or discuss concerns (noted earlier)
- Plebiscite's can be binding
- Large expenditure's such as these require public consultation

#### 6.7 Increased Traffic on John St. Rd.

1. Housing projects and new apartment buildings going up in the John Street Road area has increased traffic on John St. Rd., is there a plan to 4-lane John St Rd. from Valley to Belrose.

Ms. K. Dixon, Director – Engineering provided the following response to be included in the minutes:

The City's Transportation Master Plan does not identify John Street Road for 4-laning. This Plan did model traffic for expected development within the City for a 20 year horizon.

The most recent apartment development (John & Chercover) is not expected to generate more than 100-peak hour trips, and past traffic counts for the area did not indicate there were any significant traffic issues along John Street Road.

John Street Road is a busy street, as it is a Minor Arterial, but it does operate within expected levels of service.



It is anticipated that once Hutton Park Drive is re-surfaced this year, it will help to divert traffic from John Street Road, as residents north of John Street Road have been avoiding Hutton Park Drive due to its poor condition.

#### 6.8 Reopening Facilities

1. When will Volunteer Pool re-open? Why can't the pool re-open without the rest of the building?

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. The following was included:

- Administrators are working hard to provide service levels, while minimizing exposure
- All things are being done with COVID in mind
- Specific care related to staffing must be considered with regards to pools
- Currently there is not sufficient demand to open all facilities
- We want to ensure we are proceeding in a safe manner, an integrated approach that is in line with Public Health recommendations
- Administration has taken advantage of the situation and moved forward with maintenance projects, which will prevent further service interruptions once facilities are able to reopen

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M

**DATE:** THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020**MEETING NO. 03-2020****TIME:** 7:00 P.M.**PLACE:** S.H. BLAKE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (VIA MS Teams)**CHAIR:** COUNCILLOR CODY FRASER

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**RESOURCE PERSON:**

Mr. A. Ward, Project Engineer

Ms. K. Dixon, Director of Engineering &amp; Operations

Mr. D. Lopes, Senior Planner

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk

Mr. G. Stover, Committee Coordinator

**1.0 WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**

The Chair, Councillor C. Fraser introduced members of Administration and welcomed those to the virtual meeting. The Chair advised that the main focus of the meeting is a presentation regarding the second access study for Parkdale. Additional Ward and City Issues will be addressed after the presentation.

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](http://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.

**2.0 UPDATE ON PARKDALE SECOND ACCESS STUDY**

The Chair provided an overview relative to the above noted and introduced Mr. A. Ward, Project Engineer, Ms. K. Dixon, Director of Engineering & Operations and Mr. D. Lopes, Senior Planner.

Mr. A. Ward provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Neebing Ward Meeting Parkdale Subdivision – Access Study".

- Council approved \$250,000 in the 2020/2021 Capital Budget for a Parkdale Access Study.
- Brief overview of the history of the Parkdale Subdivision, development uses and the current 6<sup>th</sup> stage of construction that includes the extension of Weiler Boulevard & Parkdale Boulevard to create a “loop” connection.
- Presently, there are 625 residential units built or under construction in the subdivision.
- Currently there is one public access into Parkdale located on Parkdale Boulevard over the Neebing River. (4-lane divided bridge with sidewalks)
- Transit Services is also reviewing the possibility of extending transit routes into the subdivision.
- Traffic studies were completed in 1993, updated in 2004 and again in 2017 that included a conceptual layout for the undeveloped lands for future traffic volume estimations to the year 2032.
- The 2017 study concluded that without any physical improvements, the Arthur Street road network can accommodate +/- 1,030 total units from Parkdale (only intersection signal timing adjustments would be needed). With improvements (double left at Parkdale/Arthur and Highway Intersection improvements), the Arthur Street road network can accommodate +/- 1,330 units from Parkdale.
- Additional studies completed along Arthur Street (Hampton Inn, Arthur Street Marketplace, Second additional hotel development) since 2014 also concluded that the current level of traffic service on Arthur Street was working well and that an additional public access for the Parkdale subdivision itself is not required until 2032, and likely much later.
- In addition to the main access bridge on Parkdale Boulevard, there is a sewer maintenance road that serves as an emergency access to the highway if the bridge is unavailable for a long period of time. It is maintained and inspected year-round, including snow plowing in the winter. The access route has recently been widened with culvert improvements and signage. The road begins at the end of Weiler Boulevard running north along Highway 61 and connecting to Highway 11/17.
- If the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process is to go ahead, questions to be explored may include does the existing and continued development of the Parkdale Subdivision need an additional access and if yes, where should it be? Should it be a full public access or emergency only? When will it be required? Who will pay for it? What are the options for the location of the additional access?
- Possible locations for the second access road include: extending Parkdale Boulevard north to Highway 11/17, Extending Weiler Boulevard east to Highway 61, building a second bridge south to Arthur Street over the Neebing River to Neebing Avenue, or extending Weiler Boulevard west to Vanguard Avenue.
- All of the options for a second access include high costs, infrastructure development and improvements as well as Ministry of Transportation approval.

- If the study does not proceed, the \$250,000 will be applied back to the City's Budget as part of the cost containment for the City's COVID expenses.
- Comments and feedback from residents on whether or not the City should proceed with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process at this time or deferred to the future are encourage and being received by the City's Engineering Division. All public input will be reviewed and a decision will be made on whether or not to proceed.
- Mr. A. Ward can be contacted at 625-2444 or [aaron.ward@thunderbay.ca](mailto:aaron.ward@thunderbay.ca).

The Chair asked the following questions to Administration:

1. Was there ever an intent to move forward with more then one access to the subdivision?

Mr. A. Ward provided the following response: Additional connections were originally considered prior to construction of the subdivision such as a highway overpass connecting to Churchill Avenue but due to portions of the surrounding land being sold and wet land designations, the second connection plan was abandoned.

2. If the Study is to go forward at this time, what is the likely outcome?

Mr. A. Ward provided the following response: We cannot make a pre-supposed decision until the report is completed. Engineering factors as well as public input must be considered.

3. Traffic congestion at the Arthur Street and Parkdale Boulevard intersection is the greatest concern for residents especially during rush hour. Do you think the "loop" connection (Weiler Boulevard to Parkdale Boulevard) will alleviate the rush-hour traffic pressure?

Mr. A. Ward provided the following response: The "loop" will take some of the pressure off of Parkdale Boulevard. It will be possibly completed 2 years from now depending on the speed of housing construction.

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

1. Is there any intention to create a 3 way stop at the intersection of Parkdale Boulevard and Porcupine Boulevard particularly once the "loop" connection is made with Weiler Boulevard?

Mr. A. Ward provided the following response: For now, the only stop sign at the intersection will remain on Porcupine Boulevard. Traffic counts will continue, and the issue will be re-examined once the Weiler Boulevard connection is complete.

2. Concern related to increased speeding in the subdivision.

Mr. A. Ward and Ms. K. Dixon provided the following response: Traffic speed radar signs and bollards were placed along Porcupine Boulevard every year except this one. Mail outs for comments were sent to area residents last year. Speed data collected by the City has shown that there were minimal incidents of speeding 10km over the posted the speed limit. Speed study had indicated that the average was 53km in the 50km zone. As a result of resident input, the bollards will be put back up.

3. Question received about improving the left hand turn lane from Hawker Road onto Arthur Street. Road signage/street markers are unclear about the straight and left turn lanes.

Mr. A. Ward provided the following response: Hawker Road is not a city road. It is on airport property. A letter from Engineering will be sent to the Airport Authority making a suggestion for signage improvements.

4. Is the traffic flow and current standard acceptable at the intersection of Confederation Drive and Arthur Street?

Mr. A. Ward provided the following response: This is a traffic light controlled intersection and is properly meeting the standards for the low traffic volume.

5. How does the City plan to make a second entrance to the new subdivision off of Mapleward Road.

Mr. A. Ward provided the following response: Two road connections exist to Maple Wood Estates (Hickory Street and Paramount Street) as well as a construction access. When the development is complete there will be potentially 4 points of access.

6. Are there any other subdivisions in Thunder Bay with only one public access road?

Mr. A. Ward provided the following response: No, only Parkdale at this time.

7. Can the City have discussions with Canadian Tire to build another exit onto Arthur Street?

Mr. A. Ward provided the following response: A letter can be sent asking them to consider, but there is nothing requiring it and the City would need to evaluate if a second access onto Arthur Street is necessary.

8. Is there a potential of looking at a traffic calming measure for Arthur Street alone, not including Dawson Road as it relates to the Designated Truck Route issue?

Ms. K. Dixon provided the following response: There are 2 possible options. The first is speed reduction. This cannot be applied to only transport trucks but must include all vehicles. The second is to look at creating a Designated Truck Route, not including Dawson/Highway 102 to address Arthur Street separately. All would require Council approval.

### 3.0 WARD & CITY ISSUES

The Chair received the following question via email from a citizen prior to the meeting:

1. Can the City remove the Adopt a Road sign - Harbour Youth Mission, located on West Arthur Street? The Harbour Youth Mission no longer exists.

The Chair advised that Administration has been made aware of the issue and the sign will be removed and returned to the Ministry of Transportation.

### 4.0 ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair reminded viewers that comments and feedback from residents on whether or not the City should proceed with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process for the Parkdale Subdivision Second Access Study at this time, or deferred to the future, are encouraged and being received by the City's Engineering Division. All public input will be reviewed and a decision will be made on whether or not to proceed at this time.

Mr. A. Ward can be contacted at 625-2444 or [aaron.ward@thunderbay.ca](mailto:aaron.ward@thunderbay.ca).

The Chair thanked members of the public for participating.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

**DATE:** TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021**MEETING NO.** 01-2021**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.**PLACE:** S.H. BLAKE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (VIA MS Teams)**CHAIR:** COUNCILLOR BRIAN MCKINNON

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**RESOURCE PERSONS**

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk

Ms. T. Larocque, Coordinator – Boards, Committees and Special Projects

Ms. F. Track, Committee Coordinator

**1. WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**

The Chair, Councillor B. McKinnon 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](http://www.tbdhu.com) – has resources for the general public regarding 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.

The Chair advised that he has received several emails and phone calls prior to tonight's meeting about water pipe related concerns and that the best person to assist with questions is Tony Santos, Manager – Compliance and Quality. He can be contacted by email at [Tony.Santos@thunderbay.ca](mailto:Tony.Santos@thunderbay.ca) or phone 684-2160.

**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. 2021 BUDGET

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

In the Fall of 2020 Council directed Administration to provide a budget for 2021 that did not exceed a 2% increase. Administration worked very hard to get to 1.93% before growth or more easily 1.67% after growth, the impact to the public is 1.67%, with no dramatic impact to service levels. Overall, Council is reluctant to add anything more. There are still 2 more budget meetings before ratification. The public services review is still underway and has been a useful tool during the budget process, identifying money saving opportunities. Surveys such as these have been conducted over the years and 92% of the respondents do not want to see a reduction of services the City provides.

The budget was made available on the City's website on January 5, 2021. The 2021 budget process started on January 12 with the Long Term Financial Overview. Council will meet twice more to discuss the budget prior to confirmation on February 8. The public has one more opportunity to participate in the budget process on February 4 as part of the Post-Budget deputation meeting. If you would like to speak to Council on February 4, you can submit your request by emailing [officeofthecityclerk@thunderbay.ca](mailto:officeofthecityclerk@thunderbay.ca) by this Friday, January 29.

### 4. WARD & CITY ISSUES

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

This summer the Red River Ward will see fairly substantial works being completed in the following areas:

- Wishart Cr. new storm sewers and paving
- Theresa St. from Madeline St. to Bruce St., storm sewers and paving
- Tupper St. from Duke St. to Pine St., storm sewers and paving
- Tupper St. from High St. to Pine St., paving
- Aspen St. from River St. to Dawson St., some sidewalks



- Rockwood Ave. from Robinson Dr. to Van Norman St., some sidewalks

The Red River Road Image Route design is also underway. Consultants are currently working on a new plan to improve traffic flow and the overall street scape of Red River Road, considering suggestions such as making portions of it one way, and removing parallel parking. This is ongoing and will take some time.

Rate supported work, installation of sanitary sewers, will also be completed in the following areas:

- Knight St. from Dawson St. to River St.
- Regent St. from Van Norman St. to Red River Rd.
- College St. from Hebert to Red River Rd.

The above noted work will require the redirection of traffic to complete, public notice will be provided.

## 5. OPEN FORUM

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

- 5.1** A motion was passed to remove \$30,000 from the budget for duct cleaning at Victoriaville because the structure will be demolished. My understanding is that the demolition will not happen until at least next year. In the meantime, people still go to work everyday in that building. And we are still in full pandemic mode. Do you not think that, for the health and safety of those that work in that building, the ducts should be cleaned? I respectfully ask you to re-visit the motion and make the case for a re-vote so the ducts can be cleaned.

The Chair provided the following response:

The cleaning of the ducts was not presented as a health and safety issue, only as regular maintenance. The ducts were recently cleaned and Council was given an assurance that the ducts are good for another year. Dependant on when Victoriaville is demolished, we may have to re-visit this maintenance issue.

- 5.2** With respect to the motion (from last night's meeting) to re-instate the nets on city rinks, is the motion in order (i.e. - is it legal)? Because we are in a State of Emergency and a Provincial Order has been issued banning team sports, does the City actually have the authority to overturn the Provincial Order?

The Chair provided the following response:

Taking the nets off the Outdoor Skating Rinks was not a Provincial Order. Outdoor Rinks with boards are currently limited to a specified capacity, and signage indicates that capacity.

The removal of the nets came about because individuals and groups were not adhering to the rules, nor following the recommendations provided by the Health Unit. The nets were removed to prevent the closure of the Outdoor Skating Rinks.

- 5.3** Why is City Council not introducing a motion to overturn the Provincial Order to re-open the ski hills? Why has a motion been passed to take the issue to Inter-Governmental Affairs? Why is this issue not being dealt with locally - similar to the net issue?

The Chair provided the following response:

Ski Hills were closed by Provincial Order. The City has no recourse, so we must comply. The Intergovernmental Affairs Committee will craft a letter to ask that the North West be treated differently than areas of the Province that are heavily populated, local Ski Hills are not in the same demand. The owners of the local Ski Hills have been diligent to ensure that only locals are utilizing their facilities, going as far as asking for identification. During the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference, held this week, this issue was discussed with the Minister of Tourism, making a good case for our local Ski Hills to reopen.

- 5.4** I would like Mr. McKinnon's thoughts on council size going forward, whether or not he thinks council size should be reduced.

The Chair provided a response relative to the above noted:

- 5.5** I would also like your thoughts on the number of people employed by the City as I believe we have a much larger contingent in comparison to other cities of the same size

The Chair provided the following response:

Without providing a comparison to other Cities, the City of Thunder Bay does have a large number of employees. Council is working at identifying efficiencies and reducing the number where possible. This budget period has seen a reduction of 10 employees.

- 5.6** Keeping the budget below 2% is good but on top of that the Water Rates & Sewer Rates are being increased which actually makes our increase more than 2 % ....why are these rates being increased?

The Chair provided the following response:

As mandated by the Province, water and wastewater infrastructure must pay for itself. Walkerton was the catalyst of this change to ensure safe drinking water is being provided, and infrastructure needs are taken care of. The City of Thunder Bay was one of the first to install a state of the art water treatment and sewage treatment system, costing \$30 – 40M. As part of

our Long Term Financial Plan the system will be paid for in 2035. These systems are paid for by the end user, meaning, you pay for the amount that you use

- 5.7** Please comment on the poor road conditions of tourist destinations such as Hillcrest Park and the Marina.

The following response was provided by Administration after the meeting:

Regarding the Marina Park location, 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 this parking lot, the status of the application is still pending

- 5.8** Initially I was against the traffic lights at Pine St. because I believe they were not needed. However, they have worked out ok. Any chance these types of traffic lights can be used in other areas of Red River Rd. where traffic is stopped for no reason i.e.: River St/Balsam-Knight intersection; Red River Rd./Algonquin St?

The Chair provided the following response:

As some of that area is being renewed this year I have asked Administration if this is an option. I will try to include the response in the minutes, and get back to you.

- 5.9** Thank you for the effort into tonight's meeting. You mentioned earlier that we are not high for water rates in comparison to other cities. Is that the water rate alone or once you add in all the fixed costs?

The following response was provided by Administration after the meeting:

Thunder Bay is below the average for Northern communities for water/wastewater (combined). The Northern average is \$1249.00 to Thunder Bay's at \$1235.00. Storm sewers are covered by taxes.

- 5.10** Has council pondered the possibility of Bombardier closing permanently, and the possible property tax loss consequence to the City and the tax base?

The Chair provided the following response:

Yes, we have. We are doing everything we can to encourage other cities, such as Toronto, to work with Bombardier, and submit an order for additional cars, this was discussed twice yesterday at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference.

Looking back, we had twenty-eight Grain Elevators, now we have eight, we had five Paper Mills, now we have one. We do not want to see another large industry go, not only because of the tax base, but we also don't want to see high paying jobs lost either. Large industries are a benefit to the City as a whole.

MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) determines the value of your property, we only apply a formula to those values. At the request of some large local corporations, MPAC has reassessed and reduced the property value, which in turn, increases the amount residential property owners pay. These are just a few of the reasons we encourage large industry development in Thunder Bay.

- 5.11** I am assuming the City has saved funds thus far on snow plowing. Where do those funds go? Added to next year's budget or reallocated elsewhere?

The Chair provided the following response:

An annual budget for snow removal is allocated and based on the calendar year, January 1 – December 31<sup>st</sup>. Any money not utilized at the end of the year is considered a positive variance and is returned to be reallocated.

**6. CITY SERVICES - FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS**

The Chair provided the following, for information:

**Dispatch – 625-2195:** Waste & Recycling, Roads, Potholes, Sewer & Water

**Transit – 684-3744:** Schedules, Customer Service, Trip Planning

**By-Law Enforcement – 625-2710:** Parking, Yard Maintenance, Noise

**Revenue – 625-2255:** Water and Tax bills

**General City Information – 625-2230**

**7. ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chair thanked members of the public for participating.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

**DATE:** TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021**MEETING NO. 01-2021****TIME:** 7:00 P.M.**PLACE:** S.H. BLAKE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (VIA MS Teams)**CHAIR:** COUNCILLOR ALBERT AIELLO

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**RESOURCE PERSON:**

Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community Services

Ms. C. Olsen, Coordinator, Thunder Bay Drug Strategy

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk

Mr. G. Stover, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk

**1.0 WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**

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

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**2.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2020, of the McIntyre Ward held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 were provided for information.

The Chair provided an overview relative to the above noted.

**3.0 CITY OF THUNDER BAY – COVID-19 RESPONSE**

Ms. C. Olsen, Coordinator, Thunder Bay Drug Strategy provided an overview of the work of the Vulnerable Population Covid-19 planning table:

- The groups mandate is to address the needs of vulnerable people through collaborative efforts to reduce the spread of Covid-19 among this group of people and the broader community at large.
- During the beginning of the pandemic, the group worked to promote isolation shelters/spaces and other options for people who were exhibiting Covid symptoms.
- Food security and access was also a concern.
- Over 25 community partners/organizations have participated in this initiative and the group still meets by-weekly or monthly to discuss issues and find solutions such as cold weather shelters in the winter months.
- Salvation Army and Shelter House continued to operate and serve the vulnerable population during the pandemic as well.
- City Council agreed to purchase 75,000 disposable masks to distribute to the vulnerable population.

Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community Services provided an overview of the opening and closing of City facilities during the provincial shut-down orders:

- As of March 8, 2021 city staff had been directed to remove ice from the indoor skating rinks except Current River Arena. The facilities themselves have already been closed. If the province allows it, the Current River Arena hockey rink will be re-open for summer ice in June.
- Waterfront outdoor rink will remain open for a few more weeks.
- Current shut-down has already closed most indoor recreation facilities such as the complex and community centres. Swimming facilities will not be re-open until the City re-enters the “orange level”
- Thunder Bay 55+ centre is currently closed to the public as well. Virtual services are being offered at this time.
- The City needs to be compliant with the opening and closing of facilities as per the provincial guidelines

The Chair asked for further clarification on the current status of the mandatory mask policy on City Transit.

Ms. K. Robertson advised that City Council has directed Administration to look at re-deploying by-law officers to transit terminals to help continue education efforts to explain to transit users and operators about the mandatory compliance policy for masks.

The Chair received the following question via email from a citizen during the meeting:

1. The spread of Covid in our community is by no fluke. Why in your opinion do we have one of the highest, if not the highest case counts per capita? Who will be held accountable?

The Chair provided the following response: We have had Covid in our community for a while now, it was tracked and limited more successfully with our lower case numbers at the

beginning of the pandemic. Recently, since the outbreak at the jail, it has spread to the community and we are currently in a very difficult time dealing with Covid. We need to continue to refer to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit for advice on containing and minimizing the spread.

#### 4.0 2021 CITY BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Chair advised that the 2021 City of Thunder Bay budget was limited to a 1.6% levy increase thanks to the hard work by Administration and City Council. The capital spending budget was also increased by \$1.6 million to help close the infrastructure gap.

#### 5.0 2020 & 2021 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS REVIEW

The Chair provided an overview of the completed 2020 capital projects for the McIntyre Ward as well as the 2021 planned capital projects.

Detailed descriptions were outlined including streets designated for sidewalk replacement, pavement rehabilitation, storm sewer work and pedestrian crossovers.

The Chair received the following question via email from a citizen during the meeting:

1. With the spring melt, many of our city drivers have shown disregard to the number of walkers on our neighbourhood streets. What type of traffic calming measures can be used to reduce speeding and reckless driving?

The Chair provided the following response: The reality is that law enforcement cannot be everywhere at once. He has called a number of times and they have responded. Calming measures such as installing more intersection lights or more 4 way stops does not always work. We have had speed radars set up in specific areas and well as speed traps but these are only temporary measures. Pedestrian crosswalks are being implemented more frequency throughout the city as another method.

#### 6.0 WARD AND CITY ISSUES

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

1. Greenspace behind Minstrel Bay

Email received from a citizen asking what is happening to the greenspace behind minstrel bay. Has approval been given to build, and if not, when will this happen?

The Chair advised that the concerns were forwarded to the City's Planning Services division. The response received is as follows:

Some site prep has been underway, but there have been no approvals for development granted. Administration has reached out to the property owner (in early February) and encouraged them to schedule a pre-consultation meeting to discuss the necessary planning approvals required to advance development on this site. The lands are in a designated Growth Area where a Secondary Plan would be required prior to development. Further, prior to entertaining a Secondary Planning exercise it must be demonstrated that there is a need to expand the residential supply.

## 2. Transition House on Junot Avenue and Designated Truck Route

Email received from citizen asking if there any updates on the youth transition house to be built on Junot Avenue or the designated truck route.

The Chair provided the following response regarding the Designated Truck Route (DTR): the DTR is in "limbo" right now. Even though the motion to have the DTR, Council has not been able to pass the relative by-law for final approval. He is aware of the problem of idling transport trucks alongside county fair mall next to resident homes during the night hours.

The Chair provided the following response regarding the Transition House on Junot Avenue: the proposal was passed by Council but no development on the property has started aside from initial clearing the land. Construction is at a stand still due to Covid-19.

## 3. What would you like to see in the North core redesign?

The Chair provided the following response: The outdoor patio project was very successful last summer. Hopes to see this continue. The opportunity to one day have people enjoy the Red River Road without traffic at certain times of the day would be ideal. The walking experience of the area can be enhanced.

## 4. Red Light Cameras

The Chair provided an overview relative to the associated maintenance costs funded first by the fines issued, then the tax payer will cover the difference. Cameras would have been located at approximately 10 high-rate intersections. The Chair advised he did not support the item at Committee of the Whole due to the high costs. It will be re-presented in June following public consultation.



5. Indoor Turf Facility

The Chair provided an overview of the tender not being awarded at the March 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. The Chair advised he did not support the approval at Committee of the Whole due to the high costs.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked members of the public for participating.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

## *Memorandum*

Corporate By-law Number BL 43/2021

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

**FROM:** Linda Pauluik  
Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Homes for the Aged

**DATE:** 05/13/2021

**SUBJECT:** BL 43/2021 - Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ontario Minister of Long-Term Care.

**MEETING DATE:** City Council - 06/07/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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**By-law Description:** A By-law to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Long-Term Care ("the Province") and The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (the "Recipient") for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for Long-Term Care Homes.

**Authorization:** Corporate Report R 62/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Homes for the Aged) - Committee of the Whole - May 17, 2021.

**By-law Explanation:** The purpose of this by-law is to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Long-Term Care (the "Province") and The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (the "Recipient") for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for Long-Term Care Homes.

**Schedules and Attachments:**

**Amended/Repealed By-law Number(s):**



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY  
BY-LAW NUMBER BL 43/2021

A By-law to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Long-Term Care ("the Province") and The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (the "Recipient") for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for Long-Term Care Homes.

Recitals

1. City Council authorized the execution of an Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (the "Corporation") and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Long-Term Care for the Province of Ontario, related to the funding provided by the Province of Ontario (the "Province") to the Municipality under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for Long-Term Care Homes.

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

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are empowered and authorized to execute on behalf of The Corporation, affix the seal of the Corporation, and deliver the Agreement attached as Schedule "A" to this By-law and all subsequent years' agreements or amendments in respect to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for Long-Term Care Homes.

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

Enacted and passed this 7th day of June, A.D. 2021 as witnessed by the Seal of the Corporation and the hands of its proper Officers.

Bill Mauro  
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Mayor

Krista Power  
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City Clerk

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**MEETING DATE**     06/07/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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**SUBJECT**             By-law Resolution

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***SUMMARY***

By-law Resolution - June 7, 2021

***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 authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Long-Term Care ("the Province") and The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (the "Recipient") for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for Long-Term Care Homes.

By-law Number: BL 43/2021



## *Memorandum*

Corporate By-law Number BL 44/2021

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

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

**DATE:** 05/14/2021

**SUBJECT:** BL 44/2021 - Confirming By-law - June 7th, 2021.

**MEETING DATE:** City Council - 06/07/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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**By-law Description:** A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council, this 7th day of June, 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 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 44/2021

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council,  
this 7th day of June, 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:

7th day of June, 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 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 7th day of June, A.D. 2021 as witnessed by the Seal of the Corporation and the hands of its proper Officers.

Bill Mauro

Mayor

Krista Power

City Clerk

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**MEETING DATE**     06/07/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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**SUBJECT**             Confirming By-law Resolution - June 7, 2021 - City Council

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***SUMMARY***

Confirming By-law Resolution - June 7, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021

By-law Number: BL 44/2021