



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, August 9, 2021

Reference No. COW – 34/52

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:31 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Operations Session
Chair: Councillor B. McKinnon

PRESENT:

Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Cody Fraser
Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS:

Krista Power, City Clerk
Leanne Lavoie, Council & Committee Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

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Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Brian McKinnon
Councillor Aldo Ruberto

Kelly Robertson, Acting City Manager and General
Manager – Community Services
Linda Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer
Kayla Dixon, Acting General Manager – Infrastructure
& Operations
Joel DePeuter, Acting General Manager –
Development & Emergency Services
Cynthia Cline, Acting City Solicitor
Werner Schwar, Supervisor – Parks & Open Space
Planning
Doug Glena, Manager – Fleet Services

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - August 9, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to the August 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Installation of 40km/h Speed Zones on Lillie Street and River Street

Report R 107/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) recommending that 40km/h speed limit zones be established on Lillie Street from Walnut Street to Victoria Avenue and on River Street from Court Street to Cumberland Street.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to Report R 107/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations), we recommend that 40km/h speed limit zones be established on Lillie Street from Walnut Street to Victoria Avenue and on River Street from Court Street to Cumberland Street;

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

CARRIED

Report on Dufferin and Secord Four Way Stop

Report R 108/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) providing an update on the four-way stop at the intersection of Secord Street at Dufferin Street, for information.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities Gift Agreement – Boulevard Lake Inclusive Playground Installation

Memorandum from Supervisor – Parks & Open Space Planning W. Schwar, dated July 19, 2021 containing a recommendation relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Supervisor – Parks & Open Space Planning W. Schwar, dated July 19, 2021, we recommend that the Gift Agreement provided by Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities for the Boulevard Lake Park Inclusive Playground between the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities and the City of Thunder Bay be executed;

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

CARRIED

Standard for Trails and Walking Paths – Line Painting

Memorandum from Councillor A. Foulds, dated June 29, 2021 containing a motion relative to development of a standard for trails and walking paths.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor A. Foulds dated June 29, 2021, we recommend that Administration review and develop a standard for walking trails/paths that increases safety and decreases collisions for users;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before March 7, 2022;

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

CARRIED

Request for Report - Boulevard Dam Electrical Power Production

Memorandum from Councillor M. Bentz, dated June 29, 2021 containing a motion requesting a report relative to the feasibility of resuming small-scale electrical power production at the Boulevard Lake Dam.

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor M. Bentz dated June 29, 2021, we recommend that Administration review the existing power generation infrastructure at the Boulevard Lake Dam to explore the feasibility of resuming a small-scale electrical power production at the site;

AND THAT the report include assumptions relating to potential revenue based on time-of-use purchase pricing and the ability for the City to partner with Synergy North to utilize the green power source;

AND THAT the report include a high level capital cost and operating expense estimate to initiate and maintain the power production;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before March 7, 2022;

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

CARRIED

Request for Report – Speed Restrictions on Arthur Street

Memorandum from Councillor C. Fraser, dated June 29, 2021 containing a motion requesting a report on a potential decrease of speed limits on Arthur Street in addition to any potential traffic calming measures that may be recommended.

MOVED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor C. Fraser dated June 29, 2021, we recommend that Administration investigate and report back on potential decrease of speed limits on Arthur Street in addition to any potential traffic calming measures that may be recommended;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before December 6, 2021;

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

Amending Motion - Request for Report – Speed Restrictions on Arthur Street

MOVED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

WITH RESPECT to Request for Report – Speed Restrictions on Arthur Street, we recommend that the motion be amended by adding 'west of Parkdale Boulevard to city limits' after 'Arthur Street' in the first paragraph.

CARRIED

Amended Motion - Request for Report – Speed Restrictions on Arthur Street

MOVED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor C. Fraser dated June 29, 2021, we recommend that Administration investigate and report back on potential decrease of speed limits on Arthur Street west of Parkdale Boulevard to city limits in addition to any potential traffic calming measures that may be recommended;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before December 6, 2021;

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

CARRIED

Request for Report - Tree Production at Conservatory

Memorandum from Councillor Peng You, dated June 29, 2021 containing a motion requesting a report on the feasibility of building an orchard in the City and growing trees in the renewed Conservatory greenhouses.

MOVED BY: Councillor Peng You
SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Peng You dated June 29, 2021, we recommend that Administration prepare a report on the feasibility of building an orchard in the City and growing trees in the renewed Conservatory greenhouses;

AND THAT the report include estimated costs of the project as well as potential cost-savings of producing the resource in-house as well as revenue generating opportunities;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before December 20, 2021 for Council's consideration for the 2022 budget;

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

Amending Motion - Request for Report - Tree Production at Conservatory

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

WITH RESPECT to Request for Report – Tree Production at Conservatory, we recommend that the motion be amended by removing 'in the renewed Conservatory greenhouses' from the first paragraph;

AND THAT the following be added to the end of the second paragraph: 'and information relative to grants available through Tree Canada and other eligible organizations;'

CARRIED

Amended Motion - Request for Report - Tree Production at Conservatory

MOVED BY: Councillor Peng You
SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Peng You dated June 29, 2021, we recommend that Administration prepare a report on the feasibility of building an orchard in the City and growing trees;

AND THAT the report include estimated costs of the project as well as potential cost-savings of producing the resource in-house as well as revenue generating opportunities and information relative to grants available through Tree Canada and other eligible organizations;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before December 20, 2021 for Council's consideration for the 2022 budget;

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

CARRIED

Automated Speed Enforcement - Report Back Change

At the November 2, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, Administration was directed to provide a report on the costs and timelines associated with the implementation of automated speed enforcement systems, as well as recommended locations for installation, by November 30, 2021.

Memorandum from Director – Engineering and Operations K. Dixon, dated July 20, 2021 advising that to allow time for proper analysis, a report relative to the above noted will be provided in February 2022, unless otherwise directed by Council.

OPEN SESSION in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Committee of the Whole - Community Services Session
Chair: Councillor S. Ch'ng

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Purchase of One Additional Motor Grader with Snow Wing

Report R 101/2021 (Community Services - Facilities, Fleet & Energy Management) recommending that a contract for the purchase of one motor grader with snow wing be awarded to Brandt Tractor LTD.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to Corporate Report R 101/2021 (Community Services – Facilities, Fleet, and Energy Management), we recommend that a contract for the purchase of one additional four-wheel drive motor grader with snow wing in the amount of \$367,250.00 (inclusive of HST) be awarded to Brandt Tractor LTD.;

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

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

Purchase of Two Conventional Transit Buses and Four Specialized Transit Buses

Report R 102/2021 (Community Services - Facilities, Fleet & Energy Management) recommending that the contract for the purchase of two conventional transit buses be awarded to Nova Bus, and the contract for the purchase of four specialized transit buses be awarded to Creative Carriage Ltd.

Memorandum from Manager – Fleet Services D. Glenna, dated August 6, 2021 containing a correction to Report R 102/2021, distributed separately on Monday, August 9, 2021.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to Report R 102/2021 (Community Services – Facilities, Fleet, and Energy Management), we recommend the contract for the purchase of two (2) new twelve meter low floor conventional transit buses in the amount of \$1,462,554.48 (inclusive of HST) be awarded to Nova Bus of Saint Eustache, Quebec;

AND THAT the contract for the purchase of four (4) new 8 meter low floor specialized transit buses in the amount of \$885,472.61 (inclusive of HST) be awarded to Creative Carriage Ltd of Saint George, Ontario;

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

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

Election Readiness 2022

At the September 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed directing Administration to report back by August 23, 2021 on the status of the 2022 Municipal Election and on any potential COVID-19 impacts.

Report R 74/2021 (City Manager's Office - Office of the City Clerk) relative to the above noted, for information.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Outstanding Item - Strategic Land Management Policy

At the February 25, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed relative to Report 2008CLS.013 (Realty Services), directing Administration to present a corporate policy dealing with strategic land management.

Memorandum from Manager – Realty Services J. DePeuter, dated July 28, 2021 recommending that Outstanding Item 2008-008, Strategic Land Management Policy be removed from the Outstanding List.

Outstanding Item – Sale of Municipal Property – Landscaping Conditions and/or Site Plan Control Policy

At the March 17, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed recommending that Administration establish a policy with respect to the sale of municipal property that would require the implementation of specific landscaping conditions and/or site plan control.

Memorandum from Director – Planning Services L. McEachern, dated July 28, 2021 recommending that Outstanding Item 2008-009, Sale of Municipal Property – Landscaping Conditions and/or Site Plan Control Policy be removed from the Outstanding List.

Outstanding Item – By-laws Impacting Student Housing

At the April 18, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed relative to Report 2011.013 (Legal Services) requesting that Administration consider policy and regulatory changes associated with Student Housing.

Memorandum from Director – Planning Services L. McEachern, dated July 28, 2021 recommending that Outstanding Item 2011-012, By-laws Impacting Student Housing be removed from the Outstanding List.

Outstanding Item – Non-Urgent Medical Transportation

At the April 15, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting, Report 2013.016 (SNEMS) was presented and a resolution was passed directing in principle that Superior North EMS assume a governance/oversight role in the provision of non-urgent transportation services throughout the District of Thunder Bay, with the condition that any new system be funded 100% by the Province and that Administration report back with implementation plans for the District and the City.

Memorandum from Chief – Superior North EMS W. Gates, dated July 28, 2021 recommending that Outstanding Item 2013-014, Non-Urgent Transportation be removed from the Outstanding List.

Outstanding Item – Fair Trade Town

At the August 26, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting Report 2013.117 (Supply Management) was presented and a resolution was passed recommending that the Report be referred to the Food Strategy Steering Committee for further review and recommendation.

Memorandum from Director – Planning Services L. McEachern, dated July 28, 2021 recommending that Outstanding Item 2013-033, Fair Trade Town be removed from the Outstanding List.

Resolution - Outstanding Items - Development & Emergency Services

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Manager – Realty Services J. DePeuter, dated July 28, 2021, we recommend that Outstanding Item No. 2008-008 relative to a corporate policy dealing with strategic land management be removed from the Outstanding List;

AND THAT with respect to the Memorandums from Director – Planning Services L. McEachern, dated July 28, 2021, we recommend that Outstanding Item No. 2008-009 relative to a policy with respect to the sale of municipal property that would require the implementation of specific landscaping conditions and/or site plan control, Outstanding Item No. 2011-012 relative to policy and regulatory changes associated with Student Housing, and Outstanding Item No. 2013-033 relative to the Fair Trade Town initiative, be removed from the Outstanding List;

AND THAT with respect to the Memorandum from Chief – Superior North EMS W. Gates dated July 28, 2021, we recommend that Outstanding Item No. 2013-014, relative to non-urgent transportation be removed from the Outstanding List.

CARRIED

Correspondence - Collection of Unpaid Provincial Offences Act Fines

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated July 23, 2021, containing correspondence from Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors (NOLUM) to The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General, relative to the above noted, for information.

NEW BUSINESS

Hosting of Evacuees in Thunder Bay Update

Memorandum from City Manager N. Gale, dated August 6, 2021 containing a recommendation that Council endorse the position of the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) relative to the inability to accommodate the transfer request of 470 evacuees, distributed separately on Friday, August 9, 2021.

The City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted has been withdrawn from the agenda as the circumstances of the transfer request have changed and council direction is no longer required.

Establishment of Closed Session - August 23, 2021

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in order to receive information relative to the security of the property of the municipality or local board; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.