



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, December 6, 2021 *Reference* *COW - 1/53*

CLOSED SESSION in the McNaughton Room at 4:34 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session
Chair: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

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Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Brian McKinnon
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Aldo Ruberto

Norm Gale, City Manager
Linda Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Kerri Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &
Operations

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Shelby Ch'ng declared a conflict relative to Report 2021CLS.018 (Legal Matter) as they own property related to the matter.

Councillor Cody Fraser declared a conflict relative to Report 2012CLS.018 (Legal Matter) as their employer is a party to the matter.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Legal Update (File – CLS100.00)

2021CLS.018 (Legal Services) related to the above-noted. (Distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, and General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, only)

Director - Environment Division Michelle Warywoda, Manager - Compliance and Quality Control Tony Santos, Chief Chemist Ian Morgan and Law Clerk & Litigation Support Specialist Ashley Eager entered meeting room via MS Teams.

Deputy City Solicitor Dawne Latta provided an overview and responded to questions.

Director - Environment Michelle Warywoda responded to questions.

Chief Chemist Ian Morgan responded to questions.

Manager - Compliance and Quality Control Tony Santos responded to questions.

Michelle Warywoda, Tony Santos and Ian Morgan left the meeting.

Legal Update (File – CLS100.01)

2021CLS.041 (Legal Services) relative to the above-noted. (Distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, and General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, only)

Deputy City Solicitor Dawne Latta responded to questions.

General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care Linda Evans responded to questions.

At 6:06 p.m. the Closed Session concluded. It was the consensus of Committee that Open Session reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Operations Session

Chair: Councillor Brian McKinnon

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Leanne Lavoie, Council & Committee Clerk
Lori Wiitala, Council & Committee Clerk

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor Albert Aiello

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Norm Gale, City Manager

Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Cody Fraser
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Brian McKinnon
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Aldo Ruberto

Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Linda Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer
Kerri Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &
Operations
Kelly Robertson, General Manager – Community
Services
Joel DePeuter, Acting General Manager –
Development & Emergency Services
Kayla Dixon, Director – Engineering & Operations
Michelle Warywoda, Director – Environment Division
Leah Prentice, Director – Recreation & Culture
Cory Halvorsen, Manager – Parks & Open Spaces
Brad Loroff, Manager – Transit Services
Werner Schwar, Supervisor – Parks & Open Space
Planning
Lee-Ann Chevrette, Community Safety & Well-being
Specialist
Steven Murphy, Project Manager
Mike Vogrig, Project Engineer
Amy Coomes, Sustainability Coordinator
Robert Scott, Emerald Ash Borer Coordinator

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - December 6, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

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

WITH RESPECT to the December 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

2021 Mayor's Community Safety Awards

Memorandum from Community Safety & Well-being Specialist Lee-Ann Chevrette, dated November 10, 2021, requesting the presentation of the 2021 Mayor's Community Safety Awards.

Acting General Manager - Development & Emergency Services Joel DePeuter, Mayor Bill Mauro,

Jeff Upton and Community Safety & Well-being Specialist Thunder Bay Lee-Ann Chevrette provided an introduction to the 2021 Mayor's Community Safety Awards and presented a recognition video.

The following individuals and organizations were recognized in the video for their efforts in making our community safer and more welcoming for everyone:

Community Hero Award sponsored by Apex Investigation and Security to Ma-Nee Chacaby

Young Leader Award sponsored by Generator to Cornelius Beaver

Outstanding Community Project sponsored by Circle K to On-Call Crisis Response

Outstanding Community Project sponsored by Thunder Bay Police Services Board to Indigenous Food Circle

Outstanding Community Project sponsored by Matawa First Nations Management to Care Bus

Outstanding Community Project sponsored by Enbridge Gas Inc. to Matawa Safe Sobering Site

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 6-2021 of the Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee held on September 15, 2021, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Asset Management Plan: Phase One

Report R 167/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations) recommending that City Council approve the Asset Management Plan: Phase One in principle.

Attachment A: Asset Management Plan: Phase One, distributed separately Thursday, December 2, 2021.

Memorandum from Project Manager Steven Murphy, dated November 15, 2021, requesting to provide a presentation on the above noted.

Project Manager Steven Murphy appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 167/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations), we recommend that City Council approve the Asset Management Plan: Phase One in principle;

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

CARRIED

Alloy Drive & Miles Street - Local Improvement

Report R 152/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations – Engineering & Operations) recommending Local Improvement projects on Alloy Drive and Miles Street.

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report R 152/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations – Engineering & Operations), we recommend that the Local Improvement project for curb and gutter on Alloy Drive between Balmoral Street to Central Avenue be included in the 2022 Proposed Capital Budget for \$353,800 (gross) and \$29,900 (net);

AND THAT the Local Improvement project for storm sewer on Alloy Drive between Balmoral Street to Central Avenue be included in the 2022 Proposed Capital Budget for \$250,600 (gross) and \$5,600 (net);

AND THAT the Local Improvement project for curb and gutter on Miles Street between Edward Street to Leland Avenue be included in the 2022 Proposed Capital Budget for \$181,300 (gross) and \$50,600 (net);

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

CARRIED

Private Lead Water Service Replacement Financial Assistance Program – Update

At the January 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed directing Administration to report back in the fall of 2021 on the Private Lead Water Service Replacement Financial Assistance Program and provide recommendations on the status of loans issued along with any demand not met by the existing loan envelope.

Report R 162/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Environment) recommending changes to the financial assistance program for Private Lead Water Service Replacements.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 162/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Environment) we recommend that City Council approve the changes to the financial assistance program for Private Lead Water Service Replacements as contained within this report;

AND THAT the maximum loan amount be increased to \$5,000 of eligible costs;

AND THAT an individual grant amount of \$1,000 towards eligible costs be established as part of the program for property owners that qualify under the Tax and Water Credit Program for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities or the Tax and Water Credit Program for Low-Income Persons as part of the program;

AND THAT a maximum of \$10,000 in grants be issued annually;

AND THAT Administration report back annually on the success of the program;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign all documentation related to this matter;

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

CARRIED

Tree Production - Feasibility Assessment

At the August 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting a resolution was passed directing Administration to prepare a report on the feasibility of building an orchard in the City and growing trees.

Report R 168/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations), recommending that Parks and Open Spaces implement a City operated tree nurse that will produce a target of 50% of the trees required for the annual tree plant.

MOVED BY: Councillor Peng You
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to Report R 168 /2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations), we recommend that Parks and Open Spaces implement a City operated tree nursery that will produce a target of 50% of the trees required for the annual tree plant;

AND THAT a position be added to the Forestry and Horticulture group in the 2022 budget with an Operating budget increase of \$105,000 for Council's consideration in order to provide the additional planning and administration resource capacity required for the tree nursery expansion;

AND THAT \$30,000 be added to the 2022 Capital budget for Council's consideration;

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

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

LOST

Pool 6 Infrastructure Requirements

Report R 174/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) recommending that Administration have the improvements outlined in this report completed to accommodate cruise ship dockings at Pool 6, distributed separately on Thursday, December 2, 2021.

MOVED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

WITH RESPECT to Report R 174/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations), we recommend that Administration have the improvements outlined in this report completed to accommodate cruise ship dockings at Pool 6;

AND THAT costs associated with the improvements be funded from Canada Community Building Funds to an upset limit of \$740,000;

AND THAT Appropriation No. 18 be approved;

AND THAT any necessary bylaws be presented to City Council for ratification.

CARRIED

Centennial Park Wayfinding Plan

At the July 19, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting a resolution as passed directing Administration report back with options for wayfinding signage at Centennial Park and Trowbridge Falls.

Report R 165/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) providing timelines and estimated costs to develop and install Wayfinding Signage in Centennial Park, for information.

Motion - Centennial Park Wayfinding Plan

MOVED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to Report R 165/2021 Centennial Park Wayfinding Plan (Infrastructure & Operations – Engineering & Operations), we recommend that the funding required to install map kiosks, directional signs, intersection signs and kilometer markers identified in the report be referred to the 2022 budget process for Council’s consideration.

CARRIED

Speed Restrictions on Arthur Street

At the August 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting a resolution was passed directing Administration to investigate and report back by December 6, 2021 on the potential decrease of speed limits on Arthur Street in addition to any potential traffic calming measures that may be recommended.

Report R 173/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations), relative to the above noted, for information.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, dated October 25, 2021, containing a motion directing Administration to explore the implementation of a school bus stop arm camera program.

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver dated October 25, 2021, we recommend that Administration be directed to explore the implementation of a school bus stop arm camera program in the City and provide a report to Council inclusive of a review of existing stop arm camera programs in the province, potential partnerships with private sector service providers, and operational impacts;

AND THAT the report include benefits and costs associated with a stop arm camera program;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before September 12, 2022;

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

CARRIED

Neebing River - Request for Report

Memorandum from Councillor Brian Hamilton, dated November 10, 2021, containing a motion requesting a report for information relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Brian Hamilton dated November 10, 2021, we recommend that Administration provide information relating to the jurisdictional authority for river use and maintenance;

AND THAT Administration include in the report current maintenance activities completed and planned by the City;

AND THAT Administration review and identify potential locations that could be used for safe watercraft launching including costs to establish and maintain the locations;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before May 2, 2022;

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

CARRIED

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Outstanding List for Operations as of November 23, 2021

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power, dated November 23, 2021 providing the Operations Outstanding Items List, for information.

OPEN SESSION in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Committee of the Whole - Community Services Session
Vice Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Thunder Bay District Health Unit - Board of Health Minutes

Minutes of Thunder Bay District Health Unit - Board of Health Meeting held on October 20, 2021, for information.

Sister Cities Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 04-2021, 05-2021 and 06-2021 of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee held on May 5, 2021, September 15, 2021 and October 6, 2021, for information.

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 08-2021 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee held on October 14, 2021, for information.

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 15/2021 and 16/2021 (Closed) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board held on October 21, 2021, for information.

Minutes of Meetings 15/2021 and 16/2021 (Closed) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board held on October 21, 2021, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Update Dease Park Redevelopment, Potential Future Uses former Dease Pool Site and Proposed Traffic Calming Measures Dease Street

At the March 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting a resolution was passed directing Administration to proceed with broader public engagement on a new proposed re-development option for the former Dease Pool site and report back with a recommendation on the revised concept plans by Q3 2021.

Report R 161/2021 (Community Services – Recreation and Culture; Infrastructure and Operations - Parks and Open Space) providing an update on the results of public engagement, and recommending approval of a revised concept plan for the redevelopment of Dease Park, and that Administration proceed with detailed design of the former Dease Pool site based on a proposed skate park/urban plaza concept plan.

Correspondence from John Kelly, Thunder Bay Skateboard Coalition dated December 1, 2021 requesting to provide a deputation relative to the above noted, distributed separately on Thursday, December 2, 2021.

John Kelly appeared before committee via MS Teams and responded to questions. The MS Teams connection with the deputant was lost during questions and re-established via MS Teams (audio).

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

WITH RESPECT to Report R 161/2021 (Community Services – Recreation and Culture; Infrastructure and Operations - Parks and Open Space), we recommend that Council receive the results of public engagement;

AND THAT Council approve a revised concept plan for the redevelopment of Dease Park, as reflected in Attachment A in this report;

AND that Council approve Appropriation #29 (Attachment F) to support construction Dease Park - Phase 1 redevelopment in 2022;

AND THAT Administration proceed with detailed design of the former Dease Pool site, in consultation with the Thunder Bay Skateboard Coalition and the community, based on a proposed skate park/urban plaza concept plan, as reflected in Attachment B in this report;

AND THAT Administration consult with the Heritage Advisory Committee, as part of the detailed design phase, regarding a more refined concept plan for the commemoration of the cultural history of Dease Pool, including the form, content, and location of that commemoration;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to conduct the necessary traffic calming pilot studies to inform future recommendations regarding the proposed traffic calming measures for Dease Street;

AND THAT Administration report back on the detailed design plans for the former Dease Pool site, the concept plan for the commemoration of the cultural history of Dease Pool and traffic calming measures by Q4 2022;

AND THAT Administration work in partnership with project partners and the community to continue to explore external funding opportunities to advance the redevelopment of Dease Park and the former Dease Pool site projects;

AND THAT the implementation schedule for future phases of Dease Park/former Dease Pool site be contingent on the priority of this project relative to other park renewal/redevelopment priorities, the available capital budget, and success with external funding applications;

AND THAT Administration include in the draft 2023 Parks and Open Space capital budget for Council's consideration funding to accelerate future phases of park redevelopment based on completed detailed design plans;

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

CARRIED

Transit Fare Strategy 2022 - 2026

At the March 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed directing Administration to report back with options relating to alternative fare strategies.

Report R 163/2021 (Community Services – Transit Services) recommending that the Transit Fare Strategy presented in this Report be adopted.

Correspondence from Paul Berger, Poverty Free Thunder Bay - dated December 1, 2021, requesting to provide a deputation relative to the above noted, distributed separately on Thursday, December 2, 2021.

Paul Berger and Tracey MacKinnon appeared before Committee via MS Teams.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report R 163/2021 (Community Services – Transit Services), we recommend that the Transit Fare Strategy presented in this Report be adopted;

AND THAT proposed adjustments to age categories, fare rates and the transfer validity period be implemented following approval of the 2022 Community Services User Fee schedule;

AND THAT Administration report back with recommendations and implications for a proposed Affordable Monthly Bus Pass program by Q4 2022;

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

CARRIED

11:00 p.m. Resolution

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

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

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

CARRIED

User Fee Model & Affordable Access Pilot

At the March 8, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council passed a resolution to endorse the Affordable Access to Recreation Policy Framework and requested that Administration review the cost recovery model and present a report to Committee of the Whole on the effectiveness of the model as it relates to affordable access and the "Everyone Plays" Policy.

Report R 164/2021 (Community Services - Recreation & Culture) recommending adoption of a Benefit & Cost Recovery Continuum Model to be used for establishing Recreation & Culture Division User Fees beginning in 2023.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 164/2021 (Community Services – Recreation & Culture), we recommend that the Benefit & Cost Recovery Continuum Model as attached to this Report be adopted;

AND THAT the Continuum Model be used by Administration to recommend Recreation & Culture Division User Fees beginning in 2023;

AND THAT Administration report back with recommendations and implications for a proposed Affordable Access to Recreation & Culture Pilot by Q4 2022;

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

CARRIED

Application to Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for Fort William Stadium

Report R 172/2021 (Community Services - Recreation & Culture) recommending that Administration submit a Stage 2 application for funding in the amount of \$1,188,640 to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Community Enhancement Program for infrastructure improvements at Fort William Stadium.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to Report R 172/2021 (Community Services – Recreation & Culture), we recommend that Administration submit a Stage 2 application for funding in the amount of \$1,188,640 to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Community Enhancement Program for infrastructure improvements at Fort William Stadium;

AND THAT the City will be responsible for mitigating funding shortfalls related to this project;

AND THAT the General Manager, Community Services be identified as the signing authority for the application;

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Expression of Interest Proposed Multi-use Indoor Sports Facility

Memorandum from City Manager Norm Gale, dated November 24, 2021, recommending that Administration report back on or before February 14, 2022 relative to the Expression of Interest for the Proposed Multi-use Indoor Sports Facility.

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from City Manager Norm Gale dated November 24, 2021, we recommend that the report back date related to the Expression of Interest for the Proposed Multi-use Indoor Sports Facility be February 14, 2022.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of Closed Session – December 13, 2021

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

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

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to;

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value;
- (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

All pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2))

CARRIED

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Outstanding List for Community Services as of November 23, 2021

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power, dated November 23, 2021, providing the Community Services Outstanding Items List, for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m.