



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, January 10, 2022

Reference No. COW 4/53

OPEN SPECIAL SESSION via MS Teams at 5:30 p.m.

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

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Cody Fraser
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Aldo Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Norm Gale, City Manager
Linda Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor

Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

At the December 20, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting the following resolution was passed to establish the Committee of the Whole - Closed Session for January 10, 2022.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to;

- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (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.

Amendment - Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

WITH RESPECT to the resolution to establish the Monday, January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, we recommend:

THAT the following reason to establish a Closed Session Meeting be deleted:

“c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;”

AND THAT the following reason to establish a Closed Session meeting be added:

“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.”

CARRIED

Amended - Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to;

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

(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.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION via MS Teams at 5:31 p.m.

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

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Cody Fraser
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Aldo Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Norm Gale, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Linda Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Municipal Child Care (Licensed Private Home Child Care)

Confidential Memorandum from Manager – Labour Relations Terry O’Neill dated December 15, 2021 relative to the above noted was distributed with agenda to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager – Corporate Services and Long-Term Care and General Manager – Community Services only.

General Manager – Community Services Kelly Robertson and Manager – Labour Relations Terry O’Neill entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Terry O’Neill provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

City Manager Norm Gale responded to questions.

Kelly Robertson responded to questions.

Terry O’Neill and Kelly Robertson left the meeting.

Board Matter - Negotiations (Thunder Bay Community Auditorium)

Confidential Memorandum from General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care, City Treasurer Linda Evans dated January 5, 2022 relative to the above noted was distributed with agenda to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and General Manager – Corporate Services and Long-Term Care only.

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City Manager Norm Gale responded to questions.

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

City Solicitor Patty Robinet responded to questions.

It was the consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to Confidential Memorandum from General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care, City Treasurer Linda Evans dated January 5, 2022 would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

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

Committee of the Whole - Operations Session

Chair: Councillor Albert Aiello

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Cody Fraser
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Aldo Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

Flo-Ann Track, Council & Committee Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Norm Gale, City Manager
Linda Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Karen Lewis, General Manager – Development &
Emergency Services
Kerri Marshall – Infrastructure & Operations
Kelly Robertson, General Manager – Community
Services
Kayla Dixon, Director – Engineering
Chief Sylvie Hauth – Thunder Bay Police Service
Leah Prentice, Director - Recreation & Culture

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Albert Aiello declared a conflict relative to Report R 5/2022 (Community Services - Recreation & Culture) 2022 Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program Recommendations as he is employed by an agency that receives funds from this funding source.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - January 10, 2022 - Committee of the Whole

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

WITH RESPECT to the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

North Shore Steelhead Association

Correspondence from Secretary/Project Manager Frank Edgson - North Shore Steelhead Association dated December 6, 2021 requesting to provide a presentation relative to the above noted, was distributed separately on Friday, January 7, 2022.

Memorandum from Director – Engineering & Operations Kayla Dixon dated January 6, 2022 relative to the above noted for information, was distributed separately on Friday, January 7, 2022.

Secretary/Project Manager Frank Edgson North Shore Steelhead Association appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided a PowerPoint Presentation relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Referral - North Shore Steelhead Association

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

WITH RESPECT to the presentation by the North Shore Steelhead Association on January 10, 2022, we recommend that the request for \$27,000 for fish ladder improvements be referred to the 2022 Infrastructure & Operations budget meeting on January 18, 2022 for Council's consideration;

AND THAT Administration provide any necessary information for the budget meeting relative to the capital improvements of the fish ladder;

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

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS

Thunder Bay Police Services Strategic Plan

Correspondence from Secretary - Thunder Bay Police Services Board John Hannam dated December 17, 2021 requesting an opportunity to provide a deputation relative to the above noted.

Chief Sylvie Hauth -Thunder Bay Police Services, Vice Chair Michael Power - Thunder Bay Police Services Board, Chief Executive Officer Stephanie Ash - Firedog Communications and President Donna Smith – Bain Smith Consulting appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided a PowerPoint Presentation relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

ITEMS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Board Matter - Negotiations (Thunder Bay Community Auditorium)

Confidential Memorandum from General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care, City Treasurer Linda Evans dated January 5, 2022 relative to the above noted was previously presented during Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Peng You
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care, City Treasurer Linda Evans dated January 5, 2022, we recommend that Administration fully implement an arm's length relationship with the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium with an effective date of January 1, 2023.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 7-2021 of the Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee held on October 20, 2021, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Contract 4, 2021 - Storm Sewer Separation

Report R 3/2022 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) recommending that an increase in the value of Contract 4, 2021 – Storm Sewer Separation awarded to P.N.I Contracting

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Ltd. be authorized in the amount of \$103,314.18 (inclusive of HST) bringing the total contract value to \$2,249,982.41 (inclusive of HST).

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report R 3/2022 (Infrastructure & Operations – Engineering and Operations), we recommend that an increase in the value of Contract 4, 2021 – Storm Sewer Separation awarded to P.N.I Contracting Ltd. be authorized in the amount of \$103,314.18 (inclusive of HST) bringing the total contract value to \$2,249,982.41 (inclusive of HST);

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

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

CARRIED

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Outstanding List for Operations as at December 15, 2021

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power dated December 15, 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
Chair: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board

Minutes of Meetings 17/2021, 18/2021 (Closed), 19/2021 and 20/2021 (Closed) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board held on November 17, 2021 and November 18, 2021 respectively, for information.

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 8-2021 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee held on October 14, 2021, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Licensed Private Home Child Care

Report R 2/2022 (Community Services - Central Support Services) providing Council with information regarding the rationale for the City of Thunder Bay's proposed termination of administering the Licensed Private Home Child Care Program.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 2/2021 (Community Services – Central Support Services), we recommend that Administration proceed to provide formal notice to the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board to terminate the City's administration and delivery of the Licensed Private Home Child Care Program by July 1, 2022;

AND THAT the 2023 municipal child care budget be adjusted to reflect the absorption of the Licensed Private Home Child Care Program's share of administrative overhead costs estimated to be approximately \$100,000;

AND THAT Administration re-purpose the majority of the current complement and budget for the Licensed Private Home Worker position towards the creation of an Early Childhood Educator 1 position;

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

CARRIED

2022 Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program Recommendations

Report R 5/2022 (Community Services - Recreation & Culture) containing a recommendation relative to the above noted.

Councillor Albert Aiello declared a conflict and refrained from discussing or voting on the following resolutions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to Report R 5/2022 (Community Services – Recreation & Culture) 2022 Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program we recommend that the report be received;

AND THAT the 2022 proposed Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program budget reflect an increase of \$48,712;

AND THAT the recommendation cap for the Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program Operating category be increased to \$220,000 for 2023;

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Protective (Safety) Netting – Indoor Arenas

At the November 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting Council directed Administration to report back by the end of January 2022 on the netting options, financial implications, and potential funding sources for protective safety netting systems to be installed at City operated indoor arenas.

Memorandum from General Manager - Community Services Kelly Robertson dated December 21, 2021 relative to the above noted, for information.

Referral - Protective (Safety) Netting - Indoor Arenas

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from General Manager – Community Services Kelly Robertson dated December 21, 2021, we recommend that the item be referred to the 2022 Community Services budget meeting on January 20, 2022 for council’s consideration;

AND THAT the source of funding for \$284,250 to supply and install protective safety netting in indoor arenas be the uncommitted General Capital Reserve Fund;

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

Amendment - Referral - Protective (Safety) Netting - Indoor Arenas

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the Referral resolution relative to Protective (Safety) Netting – Indoor Arenas we recommend that the 2nd paragraph be deleted.

CARRIED

Amended - Referral - Protective (Safety) Netting - Indoor Arenas

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from General Manager – Community Services Kelly Robertson dated December 21, 2021, we recommend that the item be referred to the 2022 Community Services budget meeting on January 20, 2022 for council’s consideration;

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Pandemic Update

Memorandum from City Manager Norm Gale dated January 7, 2022 containing a recommendation relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Friday, January 7, 2022.

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

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from City Manager Norm Gale dated Friday, January 7, 2022 relative to administration’s legal obligation to prioritize maintaining critical and essential service and all legislative compliance requirements, we recommend that Administration be directed to make the following adjustments in an effort to respond to the increasing challenges presented to The City of Thunder Bay by the COVID-19 pandemic including but not limited to:

- Deferral of items on the Outstanding List for all Departments by up to two (2) months
- Prioritization of the work of Advisory Committees of Council as it relates to legislative responsibility, deadlines associated with funding and where staff resources are available to support this work

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

CARRIED

Establishment of Closed Session Meeting - January 11, 2022

Committee of the Whole – Monday, January 10, 2022

The following resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole in order to establish Committee of the Whole - Closed Session on January 11, 2022:

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

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of educating or training the members, training to be provided by Principles Integrity (Appointed Integrity Commissioner for the City of Thunder Bay) and the subject of the training will be a session on Good Governance, pursuant to the Municipal Act s. 239 (3.1).

CARRIED

Establishment of Closed Session Meeting – January 17, 2022

The following resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole in order to establish Committee of the Whole – Closed Session on January 17, 2022:

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

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, January 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
(h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

CARRIED

Establishment of City Council Meeting – January 17, 2022

The following resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole in order to establish City Council Meeting on January 17, 2022:

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

THAT a City Council meeting be scheduled immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled on Monday, January 17, 2022.

CARRIED

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Outstanding List for Community Services as at December 15, 2021

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power, dated December 15, 2021 providing the Community Services Outstanding Items List, for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm