



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, May 3, 2021

Reference No. COW – 26/52

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

Committee of the Whole - Closed 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 T. Giertuga
Councillor B. Hamilton
Councillor R. Johnson
Councillor K. Oliver
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care
Ms. C. Cline, Acting City Solicitor

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Committee Appointment

Confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated April 27, 2021 relative to the above noted, distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, and General Manager – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, only.

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

The City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to the above noted would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

Human Resources Matter

Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety, Ms. T. O'Neill, Manager - Labour Relations, and Mr. S. Harkness, Interim Senior Labour Relations Consultant entered the meeting room via MS Teams.

Report 2021CLS.011 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) relative to the above noted, distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care and Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety, only.

Mr. S. Harkness responded to questions.

Ms. T. O'Neill responded to questions.

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

The City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to Report 2021CLS.011 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

Ms. T. O'Neill, Mr. S. Harkness, Ms. L. Evans, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care and Ms. C. Cline, Acting City Solicitor left the meeting room.

City Manager Performance Review

Confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety, dated April 28, 2021 relative to the above noted, distributed to City Council and City Manager, only.

Ms. K. Ortgiese provided an overview.

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager provided an overview and responded to questions.

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:38 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Operations Session
Vice Chair: Councillor A. Aiello

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:

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

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk
Ms. L. Lavoie, Council & Committee Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care
Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &
Operations
Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community
Services
Ms. K. Lewis, General Manager – Development &
Emergency Services
Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director – Human Resources &
Corporate Safety
Ms. C. Cline, Acting City Solicitor
Mr. J. Sherband, Manager – Solid Waste & Recycling
Services
Ms. S. Stevenson, Sustainability Coordinator

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - May 3, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

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

WITH RESPECT to the May 3, 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 COMMITTEES

Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 02-2021 of the Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee held on March 17, 2021, for information.

Earthcare Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 03-2021 of the Earthcare Advisory Committee held on March 2, 2021, for information.

Parking Authority Board Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 03-2021 of the Parking Authority Board held on March 9, 2021, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Committee Appointment

Confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated April 27, 2021 relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

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

WITH RESPECT to the confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated April 27, 2021, relative to the Advisory Committee Appointment, we recommend that the following person be appointed:

Heritage Advisory Committee

One citizen to serve the remainder of a 4-year term, expiring on November 30, 2022, or as soon after as their replacement has been appointed:

1. Jacob O'Neill

CARRIED

Human Resources Matter

Report 2021CLS.011 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report 2021CLS.011 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) we recommend that the Memorandum of Settlement between the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay and Unifor Local 229 (Jasper Place) be approved;

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

AND THAT the necessary by-law be presented to City Council for ratification.

CARRIED

Contract 5, 2021 - Edward Street Reconstruction

Report R 51/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) recommending that Contract 5, 2021 - Edward Street Reconstruction be awarded to Nadin Contracting Ltd, which submitted the lowest tender in the amount of \$2,673,146.08.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 51/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations – Engineering & Operations), we recommend that Contract 5, 2021 for Edward Street Reconstruction be awarded to Nadin Contracting Ltd, which submitted the lowest tender in the amount of \$2,673,146.08 (inclusive of HST); it being noted that the amount shown is based on estimated quantities; final payment for this Contract will be based on measured quantities for the complete work;

AND THAT the General Manager of Infrastructure and Operations report significant variations in the Contract quantities to City Council;

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

Contract 2, 2021 - Sidewalk Construction - New & Replacement

Report R 52/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) recommending that Contract 2, 2021 – Sidewalk Construction - New & Replacement, be awarded to RJ Concrete & Construction Ltd who submitted the lowest tender in the amount of \$845,715.05.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 52/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations), we recommend that Contract 2, 2021 – Sidewalk Construction - New & Replacement be awarded to RJ Concrete & Construction Ltd who submitted the lowest revised tender in the amount of \$845,715.05 [inclusive of HST]; it being noted that the amount shown is based on estimated quantities; final payment for this contract will be based on measured quantities for the completed work;

AND THAT the General Manager of Infrastructure and Operations report any circumstances to City Council should significant variation in the contract quantities occur;

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

Solid Waste Management Strategy Update

Report R 54/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Environment) outlining the progress made implementing the Solid Waste Management Strategy in 2020 and identifying key planned objectives for 2021, for information.

FIRST REPORTS

Net-Zero Strategy - First Report

Report R 50/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations) recommending that the Net-Zero Strategy be received and endorsed in principle by Council, to guide future direction and investment in climate change mitigation.

Attachment A: Climate-Forward City: Thunder Bay Net-Zero Strategy, distributed separately on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

This report is being introduced as a 'first report' to allow Committee of the Whole and the general public time to consider the implications of the report before the recommendations are considered by Committee of the Whole on June 7, 2021.

Memorandum from Ms. S. Stevenson, Sustainability Coordinator, dated April 16, 2021 requesting to provide a presentation relative to the above noted.

Mr. T. Sidhu, Mr. R. Torrie and Ms. K. Bell-Pasht, Sustainability Solutions Group and Ms. S. Stevenson appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Receive Report R 50/2021 as a First Report

Recommendation to receive Report R 50/2021 as a First Report.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 50/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations), we recommend that the Report be received;

AND THAT Report R 50/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations) be presented at the June 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ontario Bill 197 – Development Approval for Landfills

Memorandum from Councillor B. McKinnon, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee dated March 15, 2021, containing a motion relative to the above noted.

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Brian McKinnon, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee dated March 15, 2021, we recommend that City Council advocate to the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the ‘host’ municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction;

AND THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPP's., the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) and Ontario’s Big City Mayors.

CARRIED

Removal of Traffic Signals – Administration Update

At the March 1, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed directing Administration to proceed with the process set out in the Removal of Existing Traffic Signals Policy No. 11-02-07 to inform the public of the City’s interest in removing the traffic signals at the intersections of Frederica Street/Brown Street and Donald Street/Vickers Street.

Memorandum from Mr. D. Binch, Traffic Technologist dated April 22, 2021 providing an update relative to the above noted, for information.

Consultation - Municipal Act

Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated April 19, 2021 relative to the above noted, for information.

Correspondence from Hon. S. Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated April 27, 2021, relative to the above noted, distributed separately on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

Resolution - Consultation - Municipal Act

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

WITH RESPECT to Consultation on the Municipal Act and the correspondence from Hon. S. Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated April 27, 2021, we recommend that Councillor K. Oliver be appointed as the representative on behalf of Thunder Bay City Council to attend the June 10, 2021 Town Hall Session with representatives from Northern Ontario Municipalities and provide feedback on Codes of Conduct for Municipal Councils.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of Closed Session - May 10, 2021

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

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; labour relations or employee negotiations; 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; and 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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.