



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, April 4, 2022

Reference No. COW – 21/53

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

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Cody Fraser
Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Norm Gale, City Manager

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Brian McKinnon
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Aldo Ruberto

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

City Manager Performance Review Process

Karie Ortgiese Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety entered the meeting.

Confidential Memorandum and Confidential Attachments from Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety Karie Ortgiese, dated March 25, 2022 relative to the above noted were distributed to Members of Council, Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety and City Manager only.

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Norm Gale provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Karie Ortgiese provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Norm Gale responded to questions.

Karie Ortgiese responded to questions.

It was consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

Karie Ortgiese left the meeting.

Councillor Andrew Foulds left the Chair. Councillor Aldo Ruberto assumed the Chair.

Citizen Appointments – Committees & Boards

Confidential Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power, dated March 28, 2022 relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager and City Solicitor only.

It was consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The Deputy 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.

City Official Marks

Solicitor Mike Grimaldi entered the meeting.

Report 2022CLS.010 (Legal Services) relative to the above-noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager and City Solicitor only.

Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) Matter

General Manager – Development & Emergency Services Karen Lewis entered the meeting.

2022CLS.008 (Legal Services) relative to the above-noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services and Director – Planning Services only.

It was consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The Deputy 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.

The meeting recessed at 4:55 p.m. It was consensus of Committee to reconvene Committee of the Whole (Open Session) 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 B. McKinnon

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Cody Fraser
Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS:

Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Kerri Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations
Kelly Robertson, General Manager – Community Services
Gordon Stover, Committee & Meeting Management System Coordinator

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Brian McKinnon
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Aldo Ruberto

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Norm Gale, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Linda Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care & City Treasurer
Karen Lewis, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services
Gerry Broere, Director – Facilities, Fleet & Energy Management
Kayla Dixon, Director – Engineering & Operations
Cory Halvorsen, Manager – Parks & Open Spaces
Matthew Pearson, Manager – Central Support
Louisa Costanzo, Supervisor – Cultural Development & Events
Werner Schwar, Supervisor – Parks & Open Spaces Planning

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Andrew Foulds made a transparency disclosure respecting Report 27/2022 (Community Services) enabling him to participate in the matter having disclosed a non-disqualifying interest arising from his spouse being part of a group which uses the tennis facility to run a tennis training program.

Councillor Andrew Foulds declared a pecuniary interest relative to Lifeguard Recruitment and Retention Review as his son is currently employed as a lifeguard at the Canada Games Complex.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - April 4, 2022 - Committee of the Whole

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the April 4, 2022 Committee of the Whole, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

CEDC and Science North Presentation

Memorandum from Eric Zakrewski, Chief Executive Officer - CEDC, dated March 28, 2022 requesting that Science North's CEO, Jennifer Booth provide a presentation relative to Science North's Northwest Expansion Project.

Eric Zakrewski, Chief Executive Officer - CEDC, Jennifer Booth, Chief Executive Officer - Science North, Ryan Land - Science North and Emily Kerton - Science North appeared before Committee provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

ITEMS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Citizen Appointments - Committees & Boards

Confidential memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power, dated March 28, 2022 relative to the above noted was presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

The Deputy 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 Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the confidential memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power, dated March 28, 20212 relative to Citizen Appointments – Committees & Boards, we recommend that the following individuals be appointed:

EarthCare Advisory Committee

One (1) citizen to serve for the remainder of a 4 year term expiring November 30, 2024, or as soon as a replacement has been appointed:

1. Keira Essex

Thunder Bay Public Library

One (1) citizen to be appointed for the remainder of a four year term expiring November 30, 2022, or as soon as a replacement has been appointed:

1. Sarah Lewis

Fort William Business District BIA Appointment

We recommend that Taylor Green be appointed for the remainder of a four year term expiring November 30, 2022.

CARRIED

Ontario Land Tribunal Matter

Report 2022CLS.008 (Legal Services) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

The Deputy 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 Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

WITH RESPECT to Report 2022CLS.008 (Legal Services), we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 01-2022 of the Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee held on February 16, 2022, for information.

Waterfront Development Committee Minutes

Minutes of meeting 01-2021 of the Waterfront Development Committee held on January 12, 2022, for information

Earthcare Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 01-2021 and 02-2021 of the Earthcare Advisory Committee held on January 4, 2022 and February 8 2022, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Chippewa Park - Thunderbird Wildlife Rescue

Report R 49/2022 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) recommending that portions of the former Chippewa Park Wildlife Exhibit facility, as outlined in this report, be excluded from planned decommissioning so they can remain available for raptor (birds of prey) rescue and rehabilitation operations.

Letter received from Jenn Salo, Thunderbird Wildlife Rescue, dated March 15, 2022 requesting to appear before Committee relative to the above noted.

Additional material including Letters of Support provided by Jenn Salo relative to the above noted were distributed separately on Monday, April 4, 2022.

Jenn Salo and Fort William First Nation Council Member Sheldon Bannon appeared before Committee provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 49/2022 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations), we recommend that portions of the former Chippewa Park Wildlife Exhibit facility, as outlined in this report, be excluded from planned decommissioning so they can remain available for raptor (birds of prey) rescue and rehabilitation operations;

AND THAT Administration develop an applicable lease agreement with Thunderbird Wildlife Rescue for use of these portions of the facility to conduct raptor rescue and rehabilitation operations;

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

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

CARRIED

Eye on the Street Outcomes for 2021

Report R 23/2022 (Infrastructure & Operations - Central Support) providing an annual overview of the Eye on the Street Program and presenting the statistics related to the 2021 operations in comparison to previous years, for information only.

Solid Waste Management Strategy Annual Update

Report R 48/2022 (Infrastructure & Operations - Environment) providing an overview of the progress made in implementing the Solid Waste Management Strategy (SWMS) in 2021 and identifies key planned objectives for 2022, for information only.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Safety Improvements for Dawson Road – Request for Information

Memorandum from Councillor Mark Bentz, dated January 31, 2022 containing a motion recommending that Administration review and report on potential safety improvement measures that could be implemented in absence of a Designated Truck Route or weight restrictions on Dawson Road not limited to speed reductions, signage and road design considerations, including the use of additional turning lanes.

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Mark Bentz dated January 31, 2022, we recommend that Administration review and report on potential safety improvement measures that could be implemented in absence of a Designated Truck Route or weight restrictions on Dawson Road not limited to speed reductions, signage and road design considerations, including the use of additional turning lanes;

AND THAT Administration include their recommendation of improvements and costs associated with those improvements;

AND THAT Administration explore the need for additional turning lanes and other design considerations that could improve motorist safety on MTO controlled sections of Dawson Road within city limits and report back on any recommendations and possible paths forward to lobby for such improvements;

AND THAT Administration work with the OTA and/or MTO to explore the feasibility of potential paths forward to advocate for increased training and/or awareness campaigns for tractor-trailer operators and report back on any recommendations;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before August 9, 2022.

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

It was requested that paragraphs 1 and 2 of the resolution, be voted on separately, followed by the remaining paragraphs.

Safety Improvements for Dawson Road – Request for Information - Paragraphs 1 & 2

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Mark Bentz dated January 31, 2022, we recommend that Administration review and report on potential safety improvement measures that could be implemented in absence of a Designated Truck Route or weight restrictions on Dawson Road not limited to speed reductions, signage and road design considerations, including the use of additional turning lanes;

AND THAT Administration include their recommendation of improvements and costs associated with those improvements;

CARRIED

Safety Improvements for Dawson Road – Request for Information - Remaining Paragraphs

MOVED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

AND THAT Administration explore the need for additional turning lanes and other design considerations that could improve motorist safety on MTO controlled sections of Dawson Road within city limits and report back on any recommendations and possible paths forward to lobby for such improvements;

AND THAT Administration work with the OTA and/or MTO to explore the feasibility of potential paths forward to advocate for increased training and/or awareness campaigns for tractor-trailer operators and report back on any recommendations;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before August 9, 2022.

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

CARRIED

Safety Improvements for Dawson Road – Request for Information

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SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

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AND THAT Administration work with the OTA and/or MTO to explore the feasibility of potential paths forward to advocate for increased training and/or awareness campaigns for tractor-trailer operators and report back on any recommendations;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before August 9, 2022.

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

CARRIED

Boulevard Lake Dam Power Generation Update

Memorandum from Manager – Central Support Matthew Pearson, dated March 24, 2022, containing a motion recommending that the report back date relating to Outstanding Item No. 2021-105-INO (Boulevard Dam Power Generation) be changed from May 2, 2022 to May 31, 2023 was distributed separately on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

MOVED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser
SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Manager – Central Support Matthew Pearson dated March 24, 2022, we recommend that the report back date relating to Outstanding Item No. 2021-105-INO (Boulevard Dam Power Generation) be changed from May 2, 2022 to May 31, 2023.

CARRIED

Monument to Injured Workers Request - Outstanding Item

At the February 7, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed relative to the monument to injured workers owned by the Thunder Bay Labour Council, recommending that Administration continue to work with the Injured Workers Group and the Thunder Bay Labour Council relative to reaching an agreement and develop a potential partnership to move and house the monument to injured workers on city lands and that Administration report back to City Council on the outcome of this work including any financial impacts on or before April 4, 2022.

Memorandum from Werner Schwar, Supervisor Parks & Open Space Planning, dated March 23, 2022 providing an update relative to the above noted and containing a motion recommending that Outstanding List Item 2022-100-INO Injured Workers Monument be removed from the outstanding list as Administration has committed to further work with the relevant organizations and will report back to Council as required.

MOVED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser
SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Supervisor Parks & Open Space Planning Werner Schwar dated March 23, 2022, we recommend that Outstanding List Item 2022-100-INO Injured Workers Monument be removed from the outstanding list as Administration has committed to further work with the relevant organizations and will report back to Council as required.

CARRIED

Temporary Street Closures for Special Events – Administration Outstanding Item Update

Memorandum from Matthew Pearson, Manager - Central Support dated March 11, 2022 containing a motion recommending that the report back date relating to Outstanding Item No. 2009-015-INO (Temporary Street Closures) be changed from May 2, 2022 to August 8, 2022.

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Matthew Pearson, Manager Central Support Division dated March 11, 2022, we recommend that the report back date relating to Outstanding Item No. 2009-015-INO (Temporary Street Closures) be changed from May 2, 2022 to August 8, 2022.

CARRIED

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Outstanding List for Operations as of March 22, 2022

Memorandum from City Clerk K. Power, dated March 22, 2022 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 S. Ch'ng

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 01/2022, 02/2021 and 03/2022 (Closed) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board held on January 13, 2022 and February 17, 2022, respectively, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Administrative Update Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre Indoor Project

Report R 27/2022 (Community Services) providing Council with information regarding a request from the Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre to access City lands north of the existing seasonal facility at Chapples Park to accommodate a proposed indoor racquet facility.

Deputation request received from Vice-President - Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre Pasi Pinta requesting to appear before Committee relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Pasi Pinta and Chair - Indoor Racquet Sport Committee David Heroux appeared before Committee and provided a verbal deputation and responded to questions relative to the above noted.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 27/2022 (Community Services), we recommend that Council provide Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre (TBCTC) with access to City lands adjacent to the Chapples Park Golf Course (part of PIN 62098-0068 and reflected as Option 3 in Attachment A) to accommodate a proposed indoor racquet sport facility;

AND THAT Administration be directed to amend, terminate or rescind any existing agreements or enter into any new agreements between the parties relative to this project in such form and content satisfactory to the General Manager – Community Services, Treasurer, and City Solicitor;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all associated documents;

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

Referral - Administrative Update Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre Indoor Project

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 27/2022 (Community Services), we recommend that the Report be referred to Administration to review the available capital, operating and development costs associated with an air-supported structure as outlines in Options 2 and 3 of the report, in consultation with the Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before May 9, 2022;

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

CARRIED

Victoriaville Civic Centre Ventilation –Tender Award

Report R 52/2022 (Community Services - Facilities, Fleet & Energy Management) recommending the award of a contract for the installation of a new centralized fresh air system and energy recovery ventilator ducted directly to occupied areas in the Victoriaville Civic Centre.

The Deputy 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 Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

WITH RESPECT to Corporate Report R 27/2022 (Community Services – Facilities, Fleet and Energy Management), we recommend that the installation of a new centralized fresh air system at the Victoriaville Civic Centre be awarded to Thermal Mechanical Systems Inc in the amount of \$741,579.10 inclusive of a HST and a contingency;

AND THAT Appropriation No. 8 be approved;

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

2022 Events Season

Memorandum from Louisa Costanzo, Supervisor – Cultural Development & Events, dated March 24, 2022 providing information relative to the Cultural Development & Events Section, Recreation & Culture Division’s plans for City-run events for the 2022 season.

Memorandum from Leah Prentice, Director - Recreation & Culture, dated March 8, 2022 requesting that Louisa Costanzo, Cultural Development & Events Supervisor provide a presentation relative to the above noted.

Louisa Costanzo, Supervisor – Cultural Development & Events appeared before Committee via MS Teams provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Power to Play Annual Fundraising Campaign for PRO Kids

Memorandum from Laura Daniele, Coordinator Support Services (PRO Kids), Recreation & Culture Division, dated March 3, 2022 providing information relative to the launch of “Power to Play”, PRO Kids’ first annual fundraising campaign taking place from April 1 to 30, 2022, for information.

Lifeguard Recruitment and Retention Review

Memorandum from Councillor Aldo Ruberto dated March 9, 2022 containing a motion recommending that Administration undertake a review of the City’s lifeguard program and provide for Council’s consideration recommendations to increase recruitment and retention of qualified staff and that Administration report back on or before September 12, 2022.

Councillor Andrew Foulds declared a pecuniary interest relative to the above noted as his son is currently employed as a lifeguard at the Canada Games Complex and refrained from discussing or voting on the following resolution.

MOVED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Aldo Ruberto dated March 9, 2022 we recommend that Administration undertake a review of the City’s lifeguard program and provide for Council’s consideration recommendations to increase recruitment and retention of qualified staff;

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

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

Amendment - Lifeguard Recruitment and Retention Review

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Aldo Ruberto dated March 9, 2022 we recommend that the following be added after the second paragraph:

“AND THAT Administration report back on or before June 13, 2022 with information and a potential recommendation relating to lifeguard wages.”

LOST

Lifeguard Recruitment and Retention Review

MOVED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Aldo Ruberto dated March 9, 2022 we recommend that Administration undertake a review of the City’s lifeguard program and provide for Council’s consideration recommendations to increase recruitment and retention of qualified staff;

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

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

CARRIED

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OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Outstanding List for Community Services as of March 22, 2022

Memorandum from City Clerk K. Power, dated March 22, 2022 providing the Operations Outstanding Items List, for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.