



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, December 14, 2020 *Reference No. COW – 2/52*

CLOSED SESSION in the McNaughton Room at 5:08 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session
Chair: Councillor T. Giertuga

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Ruberto

OFFICIALS:

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

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

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. D. Latta, Acting City Solicitor
Ms. C. Cline, Deputy City Solicitor

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Mr. P. Hollinger, Legal Counsel - Edwards & Hollinger, Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, Ms. K. Bernardi, Manager - Corporate Safety, and Ms. M. Warywoda, Manager - Environment Division entered the meeting room.

Legal Matter

Report No. 2020CLS.056 (Legal Services) relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations, Manager – Corporate Safety, and Director - Environment Division only.

Mr. P. Hollinger responded to questions.

Ms. K. Bernardi responded to questions.

It was the consensus of Committee to proceed as directed.

The City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to Report 2020CLS.056 (Legal Services) would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

Mr. P. Hollinger, Ms. K. Bernardi, and Ms. M. Warywoda left the meeting room.

Potential Land Sale

Mr. M. Smith, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services, Mr. J. Depeuter, Manager - Realty Services and Ms. D. Walker, Law Clerk entered the meeting room.

Report No. 2020CLS.050 (Realty Services) relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care and General Manager – Development & Emergency Services only.

Mr. J. Depeuter provided an overview and responded to questions.

Ms. C. Cline responded to questions.

It was the consensus of Committee to proceed as directed.

The City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to Report 2020CLS.050 (Realty Services) would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

Mr. J. Depeuter and Ms. D. Walker left the meeting room.

Labour Relations Matter

Mr. D. Vincent, Manager - Licensing & Enforcement, Ms. T. O'Neill, Manager - Labour Relations, Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety and Ms. J. Kondrat, Supervisor - Animal Services entered the meeting room.

Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services provided information relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager responded to questions.

Mr. D. Vincent, Ms. T. O'Neill, K. Ortgiese and Ms. J. Kondrat left the meeting room.

Legal Matter

Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services provided information relative to the above noted.

Applications - Committees and Board Vacancies

Confidential Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated December 9, 2020 containing applications relative to the above noted was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor only.

Confidential Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated December 8, 2020 relative to Committee of the Whole - Chair Appointment was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor only.

Confidential Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated December 8, 2020 relative to Parking Authority – Councillor Appointment was distributed to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, and General Manager – Development & Emergency Services only.

It was the consensus of Committee to 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.

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 7:04 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Planning Session

Chair: Councillor T. Giertuga

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Ruberto

OFFICIALS:

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk

Ms. G. Stover, Committee Coordinator

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor B. Mauro

Councillor A. Aiello

Councillor M. Bentz

Councillor S. Ch'ng

Councillor A. Foulds

Councillor C. Fraser

Councillor T. Giertuga

Councillor R. Johnson

Councillor B. McKinnon

Councillor K. Oliver

Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager

Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care

Ms. D. Latta, Acting City Solicitor

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &
Operations

Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development &
Emergency Services

Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community
Services

Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services

Ms. C. Olsen, Coordinator, Drug Strategy

Chief G. Hankkio, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue

Ms. C. Cline, Deputy City Solicitor

Ms. D. Walker, Law Clerk

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - December 14, 2020 - Committee of the Whole

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

WITH RESPECT to the December 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

DEPUTATION

It was consensus of Committee to hear the deputation from Mr. H. Wojak following R 148/2020 Advocacy: Social Issues, Support for Vulnerable People

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appeals Tribunal (Property Standards) Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 02-2020 and 03-2020 of the City of Thunder Bay Appeals Tribunal (Property Standards) held on September 10 and October 15, 2020, for information.

Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 06-2020, 07-2020 and 08-2020 of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on October 22, 2020, November 3, 2020 and November 10, 2020 for information.

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Committee

Minutes of Meeting No. 8-2020 of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Committee held on October 28, 2020, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Legal Matter

Report No. 2020CLS.056 (Legal Services) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

The City Clerk advised that the resolution relative to the above noted would be presented for ratification at the City Council - Special Session meeting to be held later in the evening and would require a two-thirds vote.

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

With respect to Report No. 2020CLS.056 (Legal Services), we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

Property Related Matter

Report No. 2020CLS.050 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 2020CLS.050 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services), we recommend that the City-owned surplus property municipally known as 141 May Street South, being Lots 51 & 52, W/S May Street, Registered Plan W-123 Neebing Additional and Part of Lot 53 W/S of May Street, Registered Plan W-123 Neebing Additional as in FWB9952, be sold to NorthWind Family Ministries in an "as is", "where is" condition for the sum of \$270,000, exclusive of the City's Non-Profit Discount of \$25,000 (Policy No. 09-04-65);

THAT the General Manager of Development and Emergency Services be authorized to execute all documentation required to finalize the transaction, in a content and form satisfactory to Administration;

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

CARRIED

Advocacy: Social Issues, Support for Vulnerable People

Report R 148/2020 (City Manager's Office - Corporate Strategic Services) recommending that City Council support Administration's current efforts to establish safer spaces for individuals who consume alcohol in public and that Administration work with community partners to support and advance current efforts for safer supply locally and prepare a more detailed discussion paper on decriminalization for Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (IGA).

Ms. C. Olsen, Coordinator, Drug Strategy provided a brief overview relative to the above noted Report.

Councillor A. Ruberto left the Chair. Councillor A. Foulds assumed the Chair.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

WITH RESPECT to Report No. R 148/2020 (City Manager's Office – Corporate Strategic Services), we recommend in support of Administration's current efforts to establish safer spaces for individuals who consume alcohol in public;

AND THAT Administration work with community partners to support and advance current efforts for safer supply locally;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay await the evaluation of the Kenora Makwa Patrol Pilot Project to better understand the effectiveness of this program, and to support the Indigenous community if they wish to initiate a similar model in Thunder Bay;

AND THAT Administration prepare a more detailed discussion paper on decriminalization for Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (IGA) and participate in a future IGA meeting to answer questions and assist IGA in developing a recommendation to City Council;

AND THAT the advocacy items contained in Memorandum (Reference Number 31/51) by Councillor A. Ruberto (dated July 22, 2020) be referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (IGA) for further advocacy, and Administration, with support from community experts, prepare briefing notes on each of the identified advocacy items to assist IGA with future advocacy efforts;

AND THAT a priority be placed on advocacy to address the opioid crisis;

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

Amending Motion - Advocacy: Social Issues, Support for Vulnerable People

MOVED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

WITH RESPECT to report R 148/2020 (City Manager's Office – Corporate Strategic Services) Advocacy: Social Issues, Support for Vulnerable People, we recommend that the motion be amended by adding the following at the end of the second paragraph:

“as well as potential future expansion of safe consumption services;”

CARRIED

Amended Motion - Advocacy: Social Issues, Support for Vulnerable People

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

WITH RESPECT to Report No. R 148/2020 (City Manager's Office – Corporate Strategic Services), we recommend in support of Administration's current efforts to establish safer spaces for individuals who consume alcohol in public;

AND THAT Administration work with community partners to support and advance current efforts for safer supply locally as well as potential future expansion of safe consumption services;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay await the evaluation of the Kenora Makwa Patrol Pilot Project to better understand the effectiveness of this program, and to support the Indigenous community if they wish to initiate a similar model in Thunder Bay;

AND THAT Administration prepare a more detailed discussion paper on decriminalization for Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (IGA) and participate in a future IGA meeting to answer questions and assist IGA in developing a recommendation to City Council;

AND THAT the advocacy items contained in Memorandum (Reference Number 31/51) by Councillor A. Ruberto (dated July 22, 2020) be referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (IGA) for further advocacy, and Administration, with support from community experts, prepare briefing notes on each of the identified advocacy items to assist IGA with future advocacy efforts;

AND THAT a priority be placed on advocacy to address the opioid crisis;

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

CARRIED

Councillor A. Ruberto assumed the Chair.

Applications - Committee and Board Vacancies

Confidential memorandums from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated December 8, 2020 and December 9, 2020, respectively, relative to the above noted were previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

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

WITH RESPECT to the confidential memorandums from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated December 8, 2020 and December 9, 2020, respectively, relative to Board and Advisory Committee Appointments, we recommend that the following people be appointed:

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One Citizen representing Person with a Speech Impairment for a four year term expiring November 30, 2024

1. Dawn Hamilton

One Citizen representing Learning Disability for a four year term expiring November 30, 2024:

1. Tara Lennox

One Citizen representing a Parent or Guardian of a Child with a Disability for a four year term expiring November 30, 2024:

1. Anne Antenucci

One Citizen representing a Caregiver to a Person with a Disability for a four year term expiring November 30, 2024:

1. Thomas Brownlee

CLEAN, GREEN & BEAUTIFUL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One Citizen to be appointed as a small business representative for the remainder of a four year term, expiring on November 30, 2022:

1. Kerry Berlinquette

EARTHCARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One Citizen to be appointed for the remainder of a four year term expiring on November 30, 2021:

1. Courtney Anne Strutt

Two Citizens to be appointed for a four year term expiring on November 30, 2024:

1. Jane Todd
2. William Vander Ploeg

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One Citizen Representative for the remainder of a four year term, expiring on November 30, 2022:

1. Sara Jane Walker

One Citizen Representative from the Young Professional/Post-Secondary Student Community for a four Year Term, expiring on November 30, 2024:

1. Nicolas James Duplessis

Three Citizen Representative for a four year term, expiring on November 30, 2024:

1. Andrew Cotter

2. Jennifer Leigh Bonazzo
3. Heidi Strobl

SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Four Citizen Representatives for a four year term, expiring November 30, 2024

1. Andrew Garro
2. Matthew Villella

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chair, Planning Services: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

Vice-Chair, Planning Services: Councillor Andrew Foulds

CARRIED

DEPUTATION

ICIP COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Local Government Intake Deputation

Correspondence received from Mr. H. Wojak on December 8, 2020 requesting to appear before Committee of the Whole to provide a deputation relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Mr. H. Wojak appeared before Committee via MS Teams (audio participation).

SNEMS Strategic Master Plan

Report R 147/2020 (Development & Emergency Services - Superior North EMS) presenting a draft of the new Strategic Master Plan for Superior North Emergency Medical Services (SNEMS), for information only.

Memorandum from Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services, dated November 27, 2020 requesting that Mr. T. MacDonald, President and Principle Consultant with Performance Concepts Consulting provide a presentation relative to the above noted.

EMS Strategic Master Plan was distributed separately on Monday, December 7, 2020.

Correspondence received from Mayor J. Davis – Township of Terrace Bay, dated December 4, 2020 providing comments relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Correspondence received from Mayor D. Hamilton – Township of Schreiber, dated December 4, 2020 providing comments relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Mr. T. MacDonald, President and Principle Consultant with Performance Concepts Consulting appeared before Committee via MS Teams and provided a PowerPoint presentation relative to the above noted.

TBFR Strategic Master Fire Plan (SMFP) - Implementation Plan

Report R 146/2020 (Development & Emergency Services - Thunder Bay Fire Rescue) recommending that the implementation plan as presented in this report (the “Implementation Plan”) be approved by City Council.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 146/2020 (Development & Emergency Services – Thunder Bay Fire Rescue), we recommend that the implementation plan as presented in this report (the “Implementation Plan”) be approved;

AND THAT the organizational changes being proposed by Administration in this report that result in operational savings of approximately \$3,112,055 between the years 2021 and 2024, and annual operating savings of \$1,166,553 thereafter, be implemented;

AND THAT Administration will report back to City Council with a comprehensive fire station location recommendation in Q2 of 2022;

AND THAT until such time as Administration can report back to City Council with a comprehensive fire station location recommendation, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue (TBFR) will continue to deploy resources consistent with Option #17(1) as recommended in the Strategic Master Fire Plan;

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

CARRIED

Municipal By-law Enforcement

Report R 149/2020 (Development & Emergency Services - Licensing & Enforcement) recommending that Administration continue to review and amend as considered appropriate the organizational structure of the Licensing & Enforcement Division and that policies, procedures and by-laws be reviewed and amended so as to streamline enforcement efforts and improve overall efficiency and effectiveness.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to Report R 149/2020 (Development & Emergency Services – Licensing & Enforcement Division), we recommend that Administration continue to review and amend as considered appropriate the organizational structure of the Licensing & Enforcement Division;

AND THAT policies, procedures and by-laws be reviewed and amended so as to streamline enforcement efforts and improve overall efficiency and effectiveness;

AND THAT efforts continue to advance partnerships with non-profit and volunteer organizations in support of the welfare of animals;

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Report Concerning a Nuisance By-law

Memorandum from Mr. M. Smith, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services dated December 2, 2020 advising that Administration will report back on or before June 27, 2021 concerning, not only the development of a Nuisance By-law, but also amendments recommended to other municipal by-laws aimed at improving and streamlining enforcement efforts, for information only.

Request to Settle the Appeal of By-law no. 62/2020 – June 15, 2020 – Zoning By-law Amendment – 77 Court Street South (Rheault Distillery)

Memorandum from Ms. J. Fazio, Planner II dated December 3, 2020 providing background with respect to the appeal of By-law no 62/2020 and containing a recommendation approving the agreed upon settlement between Rheault Distillery and Auto-One Car Care & Service Station.

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

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Ms. J. Fazio, Planer II, dated December 3, 2020, AND whereas a Public Meeting was held with respect to the application by Rheault Distillery, relative to LT 2 S/S WILSON ST OF PARK LT 2 S/S PEARL ST PL 95 1/2 PORT ARTHUR; LT 3 S/S WILSON ST OF PARK LT 2 S/S PEARL ST PL 95 1/2 PORT ARTHUR; LT 5, municipally known as 77 Court Street South, for a site specific Zoning By-law amendment to define and permit a “microbrewery” and establish related development parameters;

AND THAT Council passed By-law No. 62/2020, a By-law to amend By-law 100-2010 (The Zoning By-law) of The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay at 77 Court Street South;

AND THAT an appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal was filed against the passing of By-law No. 62/2020;

AND THAT the parties to the appeal of By-law No. 62/2020 have reached a Settlement Agreement which would revise the name and definition of the proposed use;

AND THAT the changes to By-law No. 62/2020 as outlined in the Draft Settlement Agreement and Draft Order, dated December 4, 2020, are supported.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of Closed Session - December 21, 2020 and City Council - Special Session - December 21, 2020

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

MOVED BY: Councillor Peng You
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in order to receive information relative to labour relations or employee negotiations; 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;

AND THAT a City Council – Special Meeting be scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020 immediately following Committee of the Whole for the purpose of ratifying a Committee of the Whole resolution from earlier in the evening.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

