



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, February 1, 2021

Reference No. COW – 14/52

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

Committee of the Whole - Operations Session
Chair: Councillor B. McKinnon

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:

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. Hamilton
Councillor B. McKinnon
Councillor K. Oliver
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Mr. G. Stover, Committee Coordinator

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. M. Warywoda, Director – Environment Division
Mr. P. Pepe, Manager – Tourism Thunder Bay

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor S. Ch'ng declared a conflict relative to Advocacy – Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 as she is a small business owner.

Councillor B. Hamilton declared a conflict relative to Advocacy – Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 as he is a small business owner.

Councillor Peng You declared a conflict relative to Advocacy – Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 as he is a small business owner.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - February 1, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

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

With respect to the February 1, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

The Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC) presentation to City Council on Tourism Thunder Bay

Memorandum from Mr. P. Pepe - Manager of Tourism Thunder Bay, dated January 18, 2021 requesting to provide a presentation relative to the 2020 year-end review and 2021 tourism sector outlook by Tourism Thunder Bay a section of the Thunder Bay Economic Development Commission (CEDC).

Mr. P. Pepe - Manager of Tourism appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Clean, Green & Beautiful Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 05-2020 of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee held on November 18, 2020, for information.

Parking Authority Board Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 10-2020, 11-2020 and 12-2020 of the Parking Authority Board held on October 20, November 10 and December 8, 2020, respectively, for information.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

2020 Management Review Report – DWQMS – City of Thunder Bay

Memorandum from Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, dated January 18, 2021 providing an update relative to the above noted, for information only.

OPEN SESSION in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

Committee of the Whole - Community Services Session

Chair: Councillor S. Ch'ng

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board

Minutes of Meetings 17/2020, 18/2020 and 19/2020 (Closed) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board held on November 18, 2020, and November 19, 2020 respectively, for information.

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of meetings No. 03-2020 held on December 17, 2020, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Canada Games Complex 40th anniversary

Report R 11/2021 (Community Services - Recreation & Culture) providing information on initiatives planned in 2021 in celebration of the Canada Games Complex's 40 years of operation as a recreation and fitness facility and recommending a special one-month membership rate during the anniversary year.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to Report R 11/2021 (Community Services – Recreation & Culture), we recommend that a one-month membership fee of \$40 be added to 2021 User Fees as a one-time addition to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Canada Games Complex;

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Overview of Service Delivery During COVID-19

Memorandum from Mr. N. Gale, City Manager, dated January 21, 2020 providing information on the City of Thunder Bay’s approach to managing service delivery in the context of COVID-19 and the provincially ordered lockdown, for information only.

Advocacy – Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated January 17, 2020 containing a motion recommending that the provincial government be requested to revise the Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 (“lockdown”) to address the inequity created between small businesses required to close and businesses permitted to open and continue sales.

Councillor B. Hamilton and Councillor Peng You declared a conflict and refrained from discussing or voting on the following resolution.

Councillor S. Ch’ng left the Chair, declared a conflict and refrained from discussing or voting on the following resolution.

Councillor A. Foulds assumed the Chair.

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro dated January 17, 2021, we recommend that the provincial government be requested to revise the Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 (“lockdown”) to address the inequity created between small businesses required to close and businesses permitted to open and continue sales; to avoid unfair competitive advantage between businesses; and to provide consistency with continued effective health risk management in consultation with Public Health;

AND THAT the provincial government be requested to revise the physical distancing with capacity limits determined on a per square metre basis for persons admitted to all businesses, including restaurants, which are currently subject to a hard-capped occupancy limit regardless of business size or capacity based on the current provincial re-opening framework subject to consultation on Public Health best practices;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay calls on the Province to partner with municipalities to pilot unique/additional parameters and programs with our local business community that may be key to offering a safe consumer and employee experience so that businesses can remain open and viable while recognizing the unique makeup of local communities;

AND THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Thunder Bay's MPPs, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) and Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) municipalities;

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

CARRIED

Councillor S. Ch'ng re-assumed the Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to Establish Closed Session

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

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

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in order to receive information relative to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and 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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.