



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Reference No. COW – 11/51

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 5:07 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Special Session (2020 Capital and Operating Budget)
Chair: Councillor M. Bentz

PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS:

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk
Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care
Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations
Ms. D. Paris, Director – Finance
Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long-Term Planning
Ms. K. Dixon, Director – Engineering & Operations
Ms. M. Warywoda, Director – Environment Division
Mr. C. Campbell, Manager – Central Support Division
Mr. B. Adams, Manager – Roads Section
Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager – Parks & Open Spaces
Mr. J. Sherband, Manager – Solid Waste & Recycling Services

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - January 14, 2020 - Committee of the Whole - Special Session

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

With respect to the January 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole – Special Session meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Proposed 2020 Operating and Capital Budget

Report No. R 1/2020 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services) relative to the Proposed 2020 Operating and Capital Budget.

Memorandums Received Relative to Report No. R 1/2020

Memorandum from Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long-Term Planning, dated December 20, 2019 attaching detailed agendas for January 14, 16, 22 and 29, 2020 meetings, 2020 Budget Community Handbook, 2020 Budget Executive Summary, 2020 Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budget, and 2020 Rate Supported Operating & Capital Budget, distributed separately on Monday, December 23, 2019.

Memorandum from Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long-Term Planning, dated December 20, 2019 relative to 2020 estimated Reserves and Reserve Fund balances, distributed separately on Monday, December 23, 2019.

Confidential Memorandum from Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long-Term Planning, dated December 20, 2019 relative to Wage Contingency in 2020 Proposed Tax Supported Budget, distributed separately to Members of Council and EMT only on Monday, December 23, 2019.

Memorandum from Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long-Term Planning dated January 7, 2020 relative to revised Estimated Uncommitted Reserve and Reserve Fund Balance as at December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020, distributed separately on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Memorandum from Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long-Term Planning, dated January 10, 2020 containing information requested at the January 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole – Special Session meeting, relative to historical water & wastewater increases, distributed separately on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Memorandum from Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long-Term Planning, dated January 13, 2020 containing information requested at the January 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole – Special Session meeting, relative to Water & Wastewater Costs, distributed separately on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Memorandum from Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long-Term Planning, dated January 13, 2020 containing information requested at the January 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole – Special Session meeting, relative to Impact to Debt Service Ratio – Additional Borrowing of \$5M, distributed separately on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Memorandum from Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long-Term Planning, dated January 14, 2020 containing a budget information update, distributed separately on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Budget Report No. R 1/2020 Resolution

Resolution as contained in Report No. R 1/2020.

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

With respect to Report No. R 1/2020 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services), we recommend that the proposed 2020 Operating and Capital budgets for tax and rate supported operations be received for consideration of Committee of the Whole.

AND THAT the 2020 General Municipal Tax Supported Operating Budget be approved at \$307,606,700 gross and \$237,529,200 net;

AND THAT the following Business Improvement Area levies be approved:

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| 1. | Waterfront District B.I.A. | \$81,500 |
| 2. | Victoria Avenue B.I.A. | \$60,000; |

AND THAT the 2020 General Municipal Tax Supported Capital Budget be approved at \$46,363,100 gross with financing as follows:

Capital Financed by the Tax Levy (before EIRP and Debenture)	13,796,400	
Enhanced Infrastructure Renewal Program (EIRP)	8,440,600	
Less Debenture Debt	<u>(7,284,400)</u>	
Net Capital Financed by the Tax Levy		\$14,952,600
Debenture Debt		\$7,284,400
Reserve & Reserve Funds:		
Capital Transit	295,900	
CIT	457,900	
Clean Green and Beautiful	320,000	
Corporate Energy Innovation	45,000	
Dedicated Gas Tax (Obligatory)	958,600	
EMS Facility	20,000	
EMS Vehicle & Equipment	915,000	

Federal Gas Tax (Obligatory)	6,547,100	
Fifty-Five Plus Centre Endowment	150,000	
Fuel Farm	20,000	
Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)	5,490,000	
Recreation Trails	39,500	
Renew Thunder Bay	400,000	
Whalen Building	<u>200,000</u>	\$15,859,000
Subsidy:		
Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Funding	400,000	
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) - Transit Stream	<u>6,328,000</u>	\$6,728,000
Other Sources:		
Recoveries and fees	1,429,000	
Other	<u>110,100</u>	<u>\$1,539,100</u>
Total 2020 Gross Tax Supported Capital Budget		<u>\$46,363,100</u>

AND THAT contributions to Capital reserve funds supported by the tax levy be approved at \$1,266,500;

AND THAT the 2020 Solid Waste (Landfill and Waste Diversion/Recycling) Operating Budget be approved at \$6,464,100 gross expenditure and \$1,258,000 net income, with a contribution to the Landfill reserve fund to result in \$0 net profit;

AND THAT the 2020 Solid Waste (Landfill) Capital Budget be approved at \$3,025,000 gross, with financing from the Landfill reserve fund (\$425,000) and debenture debt (\$2,600,000);

AND THAT the 2020 Wastewater Operating Budget be approved at \$14,105,200 gross expenditure and \$5,683,800 net income, with a contribution to the Sewer Rate reserve fund to result in \$0 net profit;

AND THAT the 2020 Wastewater Capital Budget be approved at \$8,761,800 gross, with financing from the Sewer Rate reserve fund (\$4,015,300), debenture debt (\$3,932,500) and Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation grant funding (\$814,000);

AND THAT the 2020 Waterworks Operating Budget be approved at \$19,444,300 gross expenditure and \$6,504,600 net income, with a contribution to the Waterworks reserve fund to result in \$0 net profit;

AND THAT the 2020 Waterworks Capital Budget be approved at \$10,503,000 gross, with financing from the Waterworks reserve fund (\$6,303,000) and debenture debt (\$4,200,000);

AND THAT the 2020 Prince Arthur's Landing – Boater Services Operating Budget be approved at \$312,900 gross expenditure and \$90,000 net income, with a contribution to the Marina (Boater Services) reserve fund to result in \$0 net profit;

AND THAT the 2020 Prince Arthur's Landing – Boater Services Capital Budget be approved at \$60,000 gross, with the Marina (Boater Services) reserve fund as the source of financing;

AND THAT Administration request a one time \$500,000 dividend from Thunder Bay Hydro Corporation;

AND THAT the following User Fee increases and new fees be approved;

1. Recreation & Culture – various user fee changes resulting in an average 2.0% increase;
2. Transit – fee increases to cash fares and adult monthly passes and reductions to family day passes;
3. Long Term Care and Senior Services – increases to meal fees and Jasper tenant fees;
4. Licensing & Enforcement – various user fee changes including signs, administration, and animal services fees;
5. Planning – various user fee changes for application fees, committee of adjustment fees and mapping fees;
6. Realty – various user fees changes for administration fees, annual fees, application fees, temporary land user and assignment of leases and street and lane closing applications;
7. Superior North Emergency Medical Services – ambulance documentation fee increased to \$50 from \$42;
8. Fire – various user fee changes for reports, inspections and re-inspections, firework permits, fire prevention presentations, safety plans, air bottle refills, false alarms, etc.;
9. Engineering – increases to seasonal and annual heavy/oversize load permits by \$5.00 and loading zone installation permits by \$10.00;
10. Parks – various campground fees, cabin rentals and admissions to increase by approximately 3%;
11. Parking Authority – parkade monthly rates will increase from \$59/month to \$60/month and surface lot monthly rates will increase from \$52/month to \$53/month, effective June 2020;
12. Parking Authority – hourly rate at meters will increase from \$1.25/hour to \$1.50/hour and hourly rate at parkades will increase from \$1.00/hour to \$1.25/hour.
13. Solid Waste – tonnage charge for loads over 130kg will increase by 3% from \$76.95 to \$79.26/tonne;
14. Waterworks fixed and volumetric charges to increase by 4% effective April 1, 2020;
15. Other Waterworks and Wastewater charges related to consumption and services to be increased by 4% effective April 1, 2020;
16. Wastewater surcharge to remain at 90% of water fixed and volumetric charges;
17. Prince Arthur's Landing – Boater Services fees to increase by 5% effective April 1, 2020;

AND THAT the “Additional Financial Disclosure Requirements Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09” be received for information purposes;

AND THAT any necessary By-laws be presented to Council for ratification including By-laws related to user fee changes.

TAB 7 - OUTSIDE BOARDS

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB)

Amending Motion - District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Levy

Memorandum from Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long-Term Planning, dated January 13, 2020 containing motions relative to The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board levy, and insurance premiums, distributed separately on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

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

With respect to Report No. R 1/2020 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) Proposed 2020 Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board budget be reduced by \$125,700.

CARRIED

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

Ms. T. Cook, Chief Administrative Office - Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and Mr. M. Ambrose, Finance Manager appeared before Committee and responded to questions.

Thunder Bay District Health Unit

Mr. L. Dyll, Director of Corporate Services - Thunder Bay District Health Unit and Dr. J. DeMille, Medical Officer of Health & Chief Executive Officer appeared before Committee and responded to questions.

Thunder Bay Community Auditorium

Mr. T. Hurtig, Marketing and Development Manager - Thunder Bay Community Auditorium appeared before Committee and responded to questions.

Amending Motion - Insurance Premiums

Memorandum from Ms. L. Paradis, Manager – Budgets & Long-Term Planning, dated January 13, 2020 containing motions relative to The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board levy, and insurance premiums, distributed separately on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

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

With respect to Report No. R 1/2020 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) Proposed 2020 Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that the tax supported budget be amended to increase insurance premiums by \$374,700 gross and \$298,400 net;

AND THAT the rate Waterworks budget be amended to increase insurance premiums by \$nil gross, \$6,500 net;

AND THAT the Wastewater budget be amended to decrease insurance premiums by \$nil gross, \$1,800 net;

AND THAT the Solid Waste – Landfill Operations budget be amended to increase insurance premiums by \$nil gross, \$2,600 net.

Amending Motion - Insurance Premiums (2)

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

THAT the resolution relative to Insurance Premiums be amended by adding the following paragraph:

AND THAT the total cost of the increase of insurance premiums be funded from the Insurance Reserve fund.

LOST

Original Motion - Insurance Premiums

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

With respect to Report No. R 1/2020 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) Proposed 2020 Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that the tax supported budget be amended to increase insurance premiums by \$374,700 gross and \$298,400 net;

AND THAT the rate Waterworks budget be amended to increase insurance premiums by \$nil gross, \$6,500 net;

AND THAT the Wastewater budget be amended to decrease insurance premiums by \$nil gross, \$1,800 net;

AND THAT the Solid Waste – Landfill Operations budget be amended to increase insurance premiums by \$nil gross, \$2,600 net.

CARRIED

TAB 6 - INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS - TAX SUPPORTED

1% Reduction in Tax Levy

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

With respect to Report No. R 1/2020 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care – Financial Services) we recommend that Administration report back on January 29, 2020 on the options available to achieve a 1% reduction in the tax levy from the 2020 proposed Operating Budget.

Amending Motion - 1% Reduction in Tax Levy

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

THAT the 2020 proposed Capital Budget be added to the resolution relative to 1% Reduction in Tax Levy.

LOST

Original Motion - 1% Reduction in Tax Levy

MOVED BY: Councillor Trevor Giertuga
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

With respect to Report No. R 1/2020 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care – Financial Services) we recommend that Administration report back on January 29, 2020 on the options available to achieve a 1% reduction in the tax levy from the 2020 proposed Operating Budget.

CARRIED

Recess

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

With respect to a 10 minute break, we recommend that a recess be called and that the meeting resume at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Amending Motion - Carrick Vickers Trail Bridge

Memorandum from Mr. C. Campbell, Manager - Central Support Division dated January 14, 2020 containing a motion relative to the Carrick Vickers Trail Bridge, distributed separately on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

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

With respect to the Infrastructure and Operations Capital budget as submitted to City Council for the City of Thunder Bay, we recommend that:

The Bridges and Culverts Project be amended to increase the project line for Vickers Carrick Multi-use Trail Bridge by \$320,000 to \$920,000;

AND THAT the Network expansion Project be amended to defer Humber Cres Cul-de-sac (\$60,000), the Traffic Signals Project be amended to defer William-Balmoral Intersection Improvement (\$90,000), the Street Lighting Project be amended to defer Mt Forest (\$30,000), the Pavement Rehabilitation Project be amended to decrease the project line for Enhanced Residential Road Work by \$140,000;

AND THAT \$80,000 of the Active Transportation program be dedicated to components of the Carrick Vickers Trail Bridge;

AND THAT the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project be amended to add a project line for Trunk Sanitary Reinforcement – Vickers/Carrick (\$400,000) and that the Sanitary Sewer Inspections project line be reduced to \$600,000.

LOST

Amending Motion - Pedestrian Crossover at Valley Street and Hutton Park Drive

Memorandum from Councillor A. Aiello, dated January 13, 2020 containing a motion relative to pedestrian crossover at Valley Street and Hutton Park Drive, distributed separately on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

With respect to Report No. R 1/2020 (Corporate Services & Long-Term Care – Financial Services) we recommend a pedestrian crossover at Valley and Hutton Park Drive be included as one of the installations within the allocation of \$358,400 for 2020.

Amending Motion - Pedestrian Crossover at Valley Street and Hutton Park Drive (2)

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon

THAT the resolution relative to Pedestrian Crossover at Valley Street and Hutton Park Drive be amended by adding "as a potential consideration" after "be included" and adding the following paragraph:

"AND THAT Administration report back on the potential consideration for inclusion of this site in 2020."

CARRIED

Amended Amending Motion - Pedestrian Crossover at Valley Street and Hutton Park Drive

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

With respect to Report No. R 1/2020 (Corporate Services & Long-Term Care – Financial Services) we recommend a pedestrian crossover at Valley and Hutton Park Drive be included as a potential consideration as one of the installations within the allocation of \$358,400 for 2020;

AND THAT Administration report back on the potential consideration for inclusion of this site in 2020.

CARRIED

11:00 p.m. Resolution

MOVED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

With respect to the hour being 11:00 p.m., that we continue with the business at hand.

CARRIED

12:00 a.m. Resolution

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

With respect to the hour being 12:00 a.m., that we continue with the business at hand.

LOST

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:03 a.m. it was consensus of Committee to recess until Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.