



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, March 29, 2021

Reference No. COW – 31/52

OPEN SESSION via MS Teams

Committee of the Whole - Special 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 C. Fraser
Councillor R. Johnson
Councillor B. Hamilton
Councillor B. McKinnon
Councillor K. Oliver
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy 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

Establishment of Committee of the Whole – Special Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Peng You
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in order to receive information relative to the security of the property of the municipality or local board; 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; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; 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; labour relations or employee negotiations; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION via MS Teams at 5:00 p.m.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor R. Johnson
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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Legal Matter

Mr. J. DePeuter, Manger - Realty Services, Ms. D. Walker, Law Clerk & Land Development Specialist and Ms. L. McEachern, Acting General Manager - Development & Emergency Services entered the meeting.

Ms. C. Cline, Deputy City Solicitor provided information relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

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

Mr. J. DePeuter and Ms. D. Walker left the meeting.

Human Resources Matter

Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety, Ms. T. O'Neill, Manager - Labour Relations, Chief W. Gates, Superior North EMS, and Mr. S. Harkness, Interim Senior Labour Relations Consultant entered the meeting.

Confidential Memorandum from Ms. T. O'Neill, dated March 26, 2021 relative to the above noted.

Ms. T. O'Neill provided an overview and responded to questions.

Chief Gates responded to questions

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

It was consensus 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.

Ms. K. Ortgiese, Ms. T. O'Neill, Chief Gates, Ms. L. McEachern and Mr. S. Harkness left the meeting.

Financial Matter

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, Ms. L. Evans, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, Ms. D. Latta, Deputy City Solicitor, Ms. K. Cannon, Director - Revenue and Ms. D. Walker, Law Clerk & Land Development Specialist entered the meeting.

Confidential Memorandum from Ms. K. Cannon, Director – Revenue, dated March 15, 2021 relative to the above noted.

Ms. D. Latta, Deputy City Solicitor responded to questions.

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

Ms. K. Cannon responded to questions.

Ms. K. Marshall responded to questions.

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:37 p.m.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor C. Fraser
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. C. Cline, Deputy City Solicitor
Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &
Operations
Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community
Services
Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services
Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director – Human Resources &
Corporate Safety
Ms. L. McEachern, Acting General Manager –
Development & Emergency Services
Mr. J. Deputer, Manager – Realty Services
Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager – Parks & Open Spaces
Mr. D. Vincent, Manager – Licensing & Enforcement

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor A. Foulds declared a conflict with respect to the Support for the Living Wage Campaign presentation from Lakehead Social Planning Council as he has a family member employed by the City of Thunder Bay who would benefit from the City's adoption of the requested policy.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - March 29, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

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

WITH RESPECT to the March 29, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Monthly – Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Award

Memorandum from Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk, dated March 2, 2021 requesting to provide a presentation relative to the Monthly Achievement Awards.

Ms. A. Hill, Chair - Official Recognition Committee read the biography of the recipients of the Exceptional Achievement Awards.

DEPUTATIONS

Support for the Living Wage Campaign - Lakehead Social Planning Council

Councillor A. Foulds declared a conflict and refrained from discussing the above noted item.

Correspondence received from Ms. M. Klassen, Director of Services – Lakehead Social Planning Council, dated February 19, 2021 requesting to appear before Committee to provide a deputation relative to the Living Wage Campaign.

Ms. B. Kryswaty, Coordinator, Thunder Bay Poverty Reduction Strategy appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Support for the CCBC Coast to Coast Bus Coalition

Correspondence received from Mr. K. Wabinski, Kasper Transportation, on March 10, 2021 requesting to appear before Committee to provide a deputation relative to support for the CCBC Coast to Coast Bus Coalition.

Mr. K. Wabinski, Kasper Transportation appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided an overview and responded to questions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 01-2021 of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on January 28, 2021, for information.

Appeals Tribunal (Property Standards) Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 04-2020 of the City of Thunder Bay Appeals Tribunal (Property Standards) held on December 2, 2020, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Labour Relations

Confidential Memorandum from Ms. T. O'Neill, Manager - Labour Relations, dated March 26, 2021 was previously presented at Committee of the Whole - 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 Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the Confidential Memorandum from Ms. T. O'Neill, Manager - Labour Relations, dated March 26, 2021, we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

Community Communications Committee - Terms of Reference

Report R 25/2021 (City Manager's Office - Office of the City Clerk) recommending that the Terms of Reference for the Community Communications Committee, as appended to this Report as Attachment A, be approved.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report R 25/2021 (City Manager's Office - Office of the City Clerk), we recommend that the Terms of Reference for the Community Communications Committee, as appended to this Report as Attachment A, be approved;

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

CARRIED

50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee Dissolution

Report R 26/2021 (City Manager's Office - Corporate Strategic Services) recommending that the 50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee, having fulfilled its mandate, be dissolved.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to Report R 26/2021 (City Manager's Office – Corporate Strategic Services) we recommend that the 50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee, having satisfied its Terms of Reference and fulfilled its mandate, be dissolved.

CARRIED

Corporate Grant Process and Central Repository

Report R 32/2021 (City Manager's Office) providing an overview of the process for applying to Ontario and Canada for grant funding, for information.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Outdoor Patios/Retail Display and Shared Outdoor Dining for 2021

Memorandum from Ms. L. Zawadzki, Senior Property Agent dated March 5, 2021 containing a motion recommending that Council extend the special “Patio Program” offered in the spring of 2020 for the 2021 patio season to assist local businesses to mitigate COVID-19 financial impacts.

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: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to outdoor restaurant patios/retail display and shared outdoor dining on City owned land and street allowances, we recommend that the City waive all applicable application fees and annual fees for the 2021 patio season which will end October 15;

AND THAT costs for the 2021 program, of approximately \$55,000 be funded from the Land Development Fund;

AND THAT Council waive the enforcement of any Zoning By-law and Site Plan Control Agreement matters relating to outdoor restaurant patios and retail display in private parking lots for the 2021 patio season to allow businesses additional space to meet social distancing guidelines and operate safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, provided that the applicable businesses register the use with the City;

AND THAT all participating businesses accessing City owned land and street allowances be required to enter into the necessary agreements with the City in form and content satisfactory to Administration;

AND THAT the General Manager of Development and Emergency Services be authorized to issue 'non-objection letters' as required by the AGCO related to the extension of liquor licences to patio areas;

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

CARRIED

Centennial Botanical Conservatory - Request for Supporting Resolution for Canada Cultural Spaces Fund

Memorandum from Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces, dated March 1, 2021 containing a motion recommending that Administration submit an application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for the Centennial Botanical Conservatory Renewal.

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 Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Mr. C Halvorsen, Manager – Parks and Opens Spaces dated March 1, 2021, we recommend that Administration submit an application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for the Centennial Botanical Conservatory Renewal;

AND THAT the General Manager of Infrastructure and Operations will be the authorized signing authority for the application;

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

Abandoned Shopping Carts

Memorandum from Councillor Peng You, dated February 8, 2021 containing a motion recommending that Licensing and Enforcement review options available to manage the abandoned shopping carts in the City and provide Council with their recommendation.

MOVED BY: Councillor Peng You
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Peng You dated February 8, 2021, we recommend that Licensing and Enforcement review options available to manage the abandoned shopping carts in the City and provide Council with their recommendation;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before September 30, 2021;

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

CARRIED

Waterfront Development Committee

Memorandum from Councillor B. McKinnon dated February 18, 2021 containing a motion recommending that Administration report back to Council with respect to any changes that would be necessary to the Terms of Reference for the Waterfront Development Committee to continue their work.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

With respect to the reinstatement of the Waterfront Development Committee, we recommend that Administration report back to Council with respect to any changes that would be necessary to the Terms of Reference for the Waterfront Development Committee to continue their work;

AND THAT the City Clerk and General Manager of Development & Emergency Services include in this report the administrative impact and financial considerations;

AND THAT the report be received on or before June 21, 2021;

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

CARRIED

Ontario Big City Mayors Resolution relating to Alcohol Sales

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated March 4, 2021 attaching a letter containing a resolution passed by the Ontario Big City Mayors in opposition to an application to the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario to allow the sale of alcohol in convenience stores in the province, for information.

Policy for Legacy Funding Relating to Events

Memorandum from Mr. P. Burke, Sport & Community Development Supervisor, dated March 9, 2021, relative to the Policy for Legacy Funding Relating to Events report, for information.

Funding Contributions

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

Memorandum from Ms. K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, dated March 10, 2021 containing a motion relative to allowing the Corporation to enter into service agreements with the not-for-profit organizations leading various strategies.

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 Aldo Ruberto
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Ms. K. Lewis, Director — Corporate Strategic Services, dated March 10, 2021, we recommend that funding contributions in the amount of \$50,000 be provided to the following community-based strategies: Poverty Reduction Strategy (Lakehead Social Planning Council), Thunder Bay Food Strategy (EcoSuperior), Age Friendly (Lakehead Social Planning Council) and \$15,000 for Incident Reporting (Lakehead Social Planning Council) to support coordination of these community-based strategies;

AND THAT representatives of the strategies continue to report back annually on progress in implementing their respective strategy;

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

Tbaytel Board Remuneration

Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated March 16, 2021 attaching a memorandum from Mr. J. Jamieson, Chair - Tbaytel Municipal Service Board relating to a remuneration increase for voting members of the Board.

Mr. J. Jamieson, Chair - Tbaytel Municipal Service Board appeared before Committee via MS Teams and responded to questions.

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Mr. J. Jamieson, Chair – Tbaytel Board of Directors relative to Remuneration for Directors (Voting Members) of the TBayTel Board of Directors, we recommend that the annual stipend for Directors (Voting Members of the Board) be increased from six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) annually to seven thousand six hundred dollars (\$7,600.00) annually and that the Chair of the Board of Tbaytel receive an additional annual stipend which will be increased from one thousand eight hundred (\$1,800) annually to two thousand three hundred (\$2,300) annually;

AND THAT in addition to the annual stipend Directors (Voting Members of the Board) receive an increase from two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) to three hundred and twenty dollars (\$320.00) for each EXTRA day of service;

AND THAT furthermore remuneration to the Board of Directors (Voting Members) shall increase by an amount that will not exceed the Canadian cost of living increase on an annual basis;

AND THAT and an amendment to By law 257-2004 be presented to City Council to reflect this change.

CARRIED

Ward & Town Hall Meeting Update

Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated March 3, 2021 providing an update relative to the virtual ward meetings held since September 2020, for information.

2021 Annual Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Banquet Update.

Memorandum from Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk, dated March 8, 2021 providing an update relative to postponing the 2021 Annual Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Banquet.

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

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WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk dated March 8, 2021, we recommend that the 2021 Annual Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Event Update be postponed from April 20, 2021;

AND THAT the Official Recognition Committee present Council their recommendation of the new date and format for the event at a later date this year;

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.