



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, March 30, 2020

Reference No. COW – 32/51

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:33 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Special Session
Chair: Councillor M. Bentz

PRESENT:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor M. Bentz

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor T. Giertuga
Councillor B. Hamilton
Councillor R. Johnson
Councillor B. McKinnon
Councillor K. Oliver
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS:

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk
Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Mr. N. Gale, City Manager

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. P. Robinet, City Solicitor
Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care
Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &
Operations
Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community
Services
Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development &
Emergency Services
Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services
Ms. K. Cannon, Director – Revenue
Mr. E. Kadikoff, Deputy Chief – Superior North EMS
Mr. B. Loroff, Manager – Transit Services
Ms. L. Lavoie, Committee Coordinator

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - March 30, 2020 - Committee of the Whole (Special Session)

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

With respect to the March 30, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

New Ambulance Purchase

Report No. R 31/2020 (Development & Emergency Services - Superior North EMS) recommending that the purchase of four (4) new new emergency vehicles be awarded to Crestline Coach Ltd which submitted the successful proposal for the amount of \$559,159.37 plus HST.

The 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 Peng You

With respect to Report No. R 31/2020 (Development & Emergency Services - Superior North EMS), we recommend that the purchase of four (4) new emergency vehicles be awarded to Crestline Coach Ltd. which submitted the successful proposal for the amount of \$549,448.08 plus HST;

AND THAT Crestline Coach Ltd. be the proponent to supply up to four (4) more new emergency vehicles in 2020;

AND THAT the Manager-Supply Management be authorized to issue a purchase order to award this contract;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign any necessary agreement related to the report;

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

CARRIED

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COVID-19 Pandemic – Financial Relief

At the March 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed directing Administration to report back to City Council on Monday, March 30, 2020 with financial relief options that include but are not limited to; deferral of payments and penalties and alteration of the May 6, 2020 tax billing schedule.

Report No. R 40/2020 (Corporate Services & Long-Term Care - Financial Services) recommending financial relief options, distributed separately on Friday, March 27, 2020.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

With respect to Report No. R 40/2020 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care), regarding COVID-19 Pandemic – Financial Relief we recommend that the May 6, 2020 interim tax levy installment be deferred to July 8, 2020;

AND THAT the water penalty be waived for water bills that are due April 14, 2020, May 15, 2020 and June 15, 2020;

AND THAT the fee for non-sufficient funds (NSF) related to tax and water payments be waived for 90 days;

AND THAT the deadline to apply for the tax and water credit program for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities and the tax and water credit program for low-income persons be extended to September 1, 2020;

AND THAT the payment terms for general accounts receivable invoices generated in April, May, and June 2020 be extended from 30 days to 90 days;

AND THAT all collection work outside of legislative requirements cease until September 30, 2020;

AND THAT business related permit and license fees for 2020 be waived for a 3 month period, and sign permit fees be reduced by 25% for a period of one year;

AND THAT an emergency fund of \$235,000 for Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program recipients be established, and Administration be authorized to allocate these funds, and that Administration report back to Council on funding allocations, and that the source of funding be the Stabilization Reserve Fund;

AND THAT fees associated with the re-issuing of marriage licenses and commissioning services be waived for a 3 month period;

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

Amending Resolution - COVID-19 Pandemic – Financial Relief

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

With respect to Report No. R 40/2020 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care) we recommend that paragraph eight of the resolution be amended by removing “and Administration be authorized to allocate these funds,” and adding “recommended” before “funding allocations”.

CARRIED

Amended Resolution - COVID-19 Pandemic – Financial Relief

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SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Funding Contributions

Memorandum from Ms. K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services, dated March 25, 2020 containing a motion relative to funding contributions to Poverty Reduction Strategy (Lakehead Social Planning Council), Thunder Bay Food Strategy (EcoSuperior), and Age Friendly (Thunder Bay Age Friendly Strategy).

The 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 Peng You

With respect to the memorandum from Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services, dated March 25, 2020, we recommend that funding contributions in the amount of \$35,000 be provided to the following community-based strategies: Poverty Reduction Strategy (Lakehead Social Planning Council), Thunder Bay Food Strategy (EcoSuperior), and Age Friendly (Thunder Bay Age Friendly Strategy) 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

Reduced Transit Service Hours During COVID-19 State of Emergency

Memorandum from Mr. B. Loroff, Manager – Transit Services, dated March 25, 2020 containing a motion relative to the above noted.

Confidential memorandum from Ms. T. O'Neill, Manager - Labour Relations, dated March 26, 2020 relative to the above noted, distributed separately on Thursday, March 26, 2020 to Members of City Council and EMT only.

The City Clerk advised that the motion as contained in the March 25, 2020 memorandum from Mr. B. Loroff has been withdrawn by Administration.

Memorandum from Mr. B. Loroff, Manager – Transit Services, dated March 30, 2020 containing an alternate motion relative to the above noted, distributed separately on Monday, March 30, 2020.

The 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 Brian Hamilton

With Respect to the City of Thunder Bay's COVID-19 response, we recommend that, where delegated authority is otherwise required, that Council authorize the Manager – Transit Services the authority to create, implement, and further amend a reduced service plan in consultation with the Director – Human Resources, where appropriate;

AND THAT this delegated authority to the Manager – Transit Services be in effect until the Province terminates the current state of emergency;

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.