

Meetings of City Council

Thunder Bay City Council is the decision-making and policy forming body for the City of Thunder Bay. Council members meet as Committee of the Whole to review reports of Administration, hear deputations and engage in discussion around issues and recommendations brought forward at each meeting. As a Committee they then recommend to City Council that certain actions be taken. These recommendations are listed in the minutes of the meeting of Committee of the Whole. They may be ratified by City Council or may be discussed again if Council so chooses.

Committee of the Whole meets every Monday at 6:30 pm. Each meeting addresses a specific aspect of City operations (Operations, Community Services, Planning and Administrative Services).

City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month following Committee of the Whole. City Council Public Meeting is held the third Monday of the month. This meeting deals with applications to amend the Official Plan or Zoning By-Law and By-laws related to these applications.

There is a Procedural by-law that governs the procedures of these meetings and the meetings of the Advisory Committees established by City Council. This by-law can be found at

<http://www.thunderbay.ca/Assets/City+Government/City+Council/docs/By-law+No.+128+-+2012.pdf>

Citizens are able to view Committee of the Whole and Council meetings on Shaw TV (Ch.10), tbaytel tv (Ch.110) or on the City website (http://www.thunderbay.ca/City_Government/City_Council_Meetings/Watch_Council_Meetings.htm)

Can I attend a meeting?

Citizens are welcome to attend Committee of the Whole and Council meetings and sit in the Gallery. Council Chambers can accommodate approximately 40 people in the Gallery.

Please Note: City Council meetings are business meetings therefore certain rules apply:

- In general, no behaviour is permitted that interrupts the conduct of a meeting.
- Members of the Gallery are asked to refrain from applauding or booing
- No one may speak out from Gallery or use disrespectful language, gestures or offensive words.
- Please turn cell phones to silent/vibrate.
- Photos and/or recordings of any kind are not allowed unless with the permission of the Chair or City Clerk.
- Signs and T-shirts with specific slogans or offensive language are not permitted.
- As a courtesy please refrain from wearing a hat while in Council Chambers

Anyone acting contrary to these rules will be asked by the Chair to stop. If the behaviour does not stop the person shall be requested to leave the room. If the behaviour continues, the person will be escorted out.