



**MEETING:** Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** Monday, January 25, 2021

*Reference No. COW 6/52*

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**OPEN SESSION in the S. H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 5:01 p.m.**

Committee of the Whole - Special Session

Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:

Mayor B. Mauro

Councillor A. Aiello

Councillor M. Bentz

Councillor C. Fraser

Councillor T. Giertuga

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. D. Latta, Acting City Solicitor

**Resolution to Amend the Purpose of Closed Session - January 25, 2021**

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

THAT the resolution to establish the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting scheduled for January 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. be amended to include litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; 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.

CARRIED

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**CLOSED SESSION in the S. H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 5:03 p.m.**

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

Closed Session Agenda was distributed separately to Members of Council and EMT only.

**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 B. Hamilton  
Councillor R. Johnson  
Councillor B. McKinnon  
Councillor K. Oliver  
Councillor A. Ruberto  
Councillor Peng You

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk

**OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:**

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk  
Mr. N. Gale, City Manager  
Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &  
Operations  
Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development &  
Emergency Services  
Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community  
Services  
Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director – Human Resources &  
Corporate Safety  
Ms. D. Latta, Acting City Solicitor  
Ms. C. Cline, Deputy City Solicitor

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

**Human Relations Matter**

Report 2021CLS.002 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care and Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety only on Friday, January 22, 2021.

Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety, Ms. T. O'Neill, Manager - Labour Relations, Ms. K. Robertson, Manager - Community Services and Mr. B. Loroff, Manager - Transit Services entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Ms. T. O'Neill responded to questions.

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

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It was the consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to Report 2021CLS.002 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

Mr. B. Loroff left the meeting

### **Human Relations Matter**

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager and Ms. K. Robertson, Manager – Community Services to provide a verbal update relative to the above noted.

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Mr. N. Gale provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Ms. K. Robertson provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Mr. N. Gale responded to questions.

Ms. K. Robertson responded to questions.

Ms. T. O'Neill, Manager - Labour Relations responded to questions

It was the consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

Ms. K. Ortgiese, Ms. T. O'Neill, Ms. K. Robertson and Ms. K. Marshall left the meeting.

### **Legal Matter**

Report 2021CLS.003 (Legal Services) relative to the above noted was distributed separately to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care only on Friday, January 22, 2021.

Ms. D. Savor, Insurance & Risk Management Specialist entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Ms. D. Savor provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

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

Ms. D. Savor left the meeting.

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### **Legal Matter**

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro dated January 17, 2021 relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care only on Friday, January 22, 2021.

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

It was the consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

### **Board Appointments - Council Representation**

Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated January 13, 2021 relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care only on Friday, January 22, 2021.

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

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk responded to questions.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to the above noted would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

### **Board Appointments**

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro dated January 15, 2021 relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and General Manager - Corporate Services & Long-Term Care only on Friday, January 22, 2021.

It was the consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The Deputy City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to the above noted would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

### **Legal Matter**

Memorandum from Mr. M. Grimaldi, Solicitor dated January 22, 2021 relative to the above noted was distributed to City Council, City Manager and City Solicitor only on Monday, January 25, 2021.

Mr. M. Grimaldi, Solicitor, Mr. M. Smith, General Manager - Development & Emergency Services, Mr. D. Vincent, Manager - Licensing & Enforcement, Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, Ms. K. Dixon, Director - Engineering, and Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces entered the meeting via MS Teams.

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Mr. N. Gale, City Manager provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Mr. M. Grimaldi responded to questions.

Ms. K. Marshall responded to questions.

Mr. M. Smith responded to questions.

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk responded to questions.

Mr. C. Halvorsen responded to questions.

**OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 7:13 p.m.**

Committee of the Whole - Administrative Services Session

Chair: Councillor M. Bentz

**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 B. Hamilton  
Councillor R. Johnson  
Councillor B. McKinnon  
Councillor K. Oliver  
Councillor A. Ruberto  
Councillor Peng You

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk  
Ms. F. Track, Committee Coordinator

**OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. M. Smith, Acting City Manager  
Ms. D. Latta, Acting 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  
Ms. R. Mandamin, Manager – Indigenous Relations &  
Inclusion  
Chief W. Gates, Superior North EMS  
Mr. J. Avella, Manager – Corporate Information  
Technology  
Mr. B. Loroff, Manager – Transit Services  
Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager – Parks & Open Spaces

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor T. Giertuga disclosed a conflict relative to Advocacy - Judicial Sentencing, as he is an employee of the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre.

## **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

### **Confirmation of Agenda – January 25, 2021 – Committee of the Whole**

It was the consensus of the Committee that the order of the agenda be changed to allow two New Business items, Advocacy – Ontario Regulation 82/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 1 relating to Ski Hills and, Outdoor Skating Rinks - Nets.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

WITH RESPECT to the January 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

## ***REPORTS OF COMMITTEES***

### **50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee Minutes**

Minutes of Meeting 05-2020 of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee held on November 27, 2020, for information.

## ***REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS***

### **Committee and Board Appointments**

Confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated December 9, 2020 relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held on December 14, 2020.

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.

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

WITH RESPECT to the confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated December 9, 2020, relative to Board and Advisory Committee Appointments, we recommend that the following people be appointed:

**OFFICIAL RECOGNITION – CITIZENS OF EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE**

One Citizen Representative for a four year term, expiring November 30, 2024

1. Matthew Villella

One Citizen Representative for the remainder of a four year term ending November 30, 2021

1. Samantha Martin-Bird

CARRIED

**Committee and Board Appointments - Council Representation**

Confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated January 13, 2021 relative to the above noted was previously presented in 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 Brian McKinnon  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the confidential Memorandum dated January 13, 2021 from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, we recommend that Members of Council be appointed to local boards and committees, for the remainder of the term expiring November 30, 2022, as follows:

**DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

1. Councillor Brian Hamilton

**THUNDER BAY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH**

1. Councillor Rebecca Johnson

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THUNDER BAY FOOD STRATEGY

1. Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

ELDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

CARRIED

**Human Resources Matter**

2021CLS.002 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) relative to the above noted was previously presented in 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 Aldo Ruberto  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to Report No. 2021CLS.002 (Human Resources and Corporate Safety), we recommend that Administration proceeds as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

**SNEMS Master Plan**

Report R 8/2021 (Development & Emergency Services - Superior North EMS) recommending that the Superior North EMS Master Plan be received and that Administration report back to City Council with respect to its implementation.

Correspondence from Councillor C. Trottier, Municipality of Greenstone dated January 18, 2021 requesting to provide a deputation relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Friday, January 22, 2021.

Correspondence from G. Lecuyer, Clerk - Municipality of Greenstone dated January 19, 2021, for information, was distributed separately on Friday, January 22, 2021.

Correspondence from Mayor J. Davis, Township of Terrace Bay dated January 19, 2021 requesting to provide a deputation relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Friday, January 22, 2021.

Correspondence from Councillor C. Trottier, Municipality of Greenstone received January 25, 2021, for information, was distributed separately on Monday, January 25, 2021.



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Councillor C. Trottier, Municipality of Greenstone and Ms. B. Goodman, Nurse Practitioner – Beardmore Regional Health Care appeared before Committee via MS Teams, and responded to questions.

Mayor J. Davis, Township of Terrace Bay and Mayor D. Hamilton, Township of Schreiber appeared before Committee via MS Teams, and responded to questions.

Mr. T. McDonald, Consultant - Performance Concepts Consulting responded to questions.

Mr. J. Prno, President - Ontario Municipal Management Institute responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

WITH RESPECT to Report R 8/2021 (Development & Emergency Services – Superior North EMS), we recommend that the Superior North EMS Master Plan be received;

AND THAT Administration report back to City Council with respect to its implementation on or before April 30, 2021;

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

CARRIED

## ***PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS***

### **Corporate Digital Strategy**

Memorandum from Mr. J. Avella, Manager - Corporate Information Technology, dated December 10, 2020, requesting approval of Appropriation 29.

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 Brian McKinnon

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Mr. J. Avella, Manager – Corporate Information Technology, dated December 10, 2020, we recommend that Appropriation No. 29 be approved;

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

CARRIED

### **South Core Renewal Committee**

At the October 19, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting a resolution was passed relative to the development of Terms of Reference for the South Core Renewal Committee.

Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated January 13, 2021 relative to the above noted, for information.

### **Transit Fares**

At the December 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting a deputation relative to fare-free public transit was presented by Poverty Free Thunder Bay and a resolution was passed directing Administration to report back with information relative to the financial implications and implementing concepts prior to February 1, 2021.

Memorandum from Mr. B. Loroff, Manager - Transit Services dated January 18, 2021 relative to the above noted, for information.

### **Community Safety & Well-being Plan**

Memorandum from Ms. L. Chevrette, Coordinator, Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council – Corporate Strategic Services dated January 12, 2021 providing an update relative to the above noted, for information.

### **Advocacy - Tax System Review and Reform**

Memorandum from Councillor A. Ruberto dated January 13, 2021 relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor A. Ruberto dated January 13, 2021, we recommend that City Council, through the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, advocate to the provincial and federal government for a national and provincial tax system reform and review;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance; Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health; Marcus Powlowski, MP – Thunder Bay-Rainy River; Premier Doug Ford; Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Michael Gravelle, MPP – Thunder Bay Superior North; and Judith Monteith-Farrell, MPP – Thunder Bay Atikokan;

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

CARRIED

**Advocacy - Judicial Sentencing**

Memorandum from Councillor A. Ruberto dated January 13, 2021 containing a motion, relative to the above noted.

Councillor T. Giertuga disclosed an interest and refrained from discussing or voting on the following resolution.

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor A. Ruberto dated January 13, 2021, we recommend that City Council, through the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, advocate to the provincial and federal government for a national and provincial review of judicial sentencing relating to violent crimes, major drug distribution, human trafficking and gang association;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Hon. David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health; Marcus Powlowski, MP – Thunder Bay-Rainy River; Premier Doug Ford; Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; Michael Gravelle, MPP – Thunder Bay Superior North; and Judith Monteith-Farrell, MPP – Thunder Bay Atikokan.

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

LOST

***NEW BUSINESS***

**Advocacy – Ontario Regulation 82/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 1 relating to Ski Hills**

A motion recommending that City Council, through the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, advocate to the provincial government to amend Ontario Regulation 82/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 1 to allow ski hills to open.

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: Mayor Bill Mauro

WITH RESPECT to advocacy relating to Ontario Regulation 82/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 1, we recommend that City Council, through the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, advocate to the provincial government to amend the regulation to allow ski hills to open;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health; the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries; Michael Gravelle, MPP – Thunder Bay Superior North; and Judith Monteith-Farrell, MPP – Thunder Bay Atikokan.

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

**Amending Motion - Advocacy – Ontario Regulation 82/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 1 relating to Ski Hills**

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

THAT paragraph one be amended to add “Thunder Bay area” before “ski hills to open;”

CARRIED

**Amended Motion - Advocacy – Ontario Regulation 82/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 1 relating to Ski Hills**

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

WITH RESPECT to advocacy relating to Ontario Regulation 82/20 Rules for Areas in Stage 1, we recommend that City Council, through the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, advocate to the provincial government to amend the regulation to allow Thunder Bay area ski hills to open;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health; the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries; Michael Gravelle, MPP – Thunder Bay Superior North; and Judith Monteith-Farrell, MPP – Thunder Bay Atikokan.

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

CARRIED

**Outdoor Skating Rinks - Nets**

A motion relative to the removal of nets from outdoor skating rinks.

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.

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MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

WITH RESPECT to the removal of nets from outdoor ice rinks on January 21, 2021, we recommend that Administration be directed to return the nets for public use as soon as reasonably possible;

AND THAT Administration be directed to develop a plan for monitoring and addressing compliance to ensure that the City of Thunder Bay is in compliance O. Reg 82/20 Rules Under Stage 1 relating to outdoors rinks;

AND THAT should outdoor rinks require closure, Administration report to Council;

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

**Amending Motion - Outdoor Skating Rinks - Nets**

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

THAT the first paragraph be amended to add “subject to confirmation of the direction provided to the City of Thunder Bay by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit to which the initial decision was made;”

CARRIED

**11:00 Resolution**

During discussion of the above noted item, the following resolution was passed:

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

THAT the hour being 11:00 p.m., we continue with the business at hand.

CARRIED

**Amended Motion - Outdoor Skating Rinks - Nets**

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

WITH RESPECT to the removal of nets from outdoor ice rinks on January 21, 2021, we recommend that Administration be directed to return the nets for public use as soon as reasonably possible subject to confirmation of the direction provided to the City of Thunder Bay by the

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Thunder Bay District Health Unit to which the initial decision was made;

AND THAT Administration be directed to develop a plan for monitoring and addressing compliance to ensure that the City of Thunder Bay is in compliance O. Reg 82/20 Rules Under Stage 1 relating to outdoors rinks;

AND THAT should outdoor rinks require closure, Administration report to Council;

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

CARRIED

***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm