



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: September 21, 2020

Reference No. 35/51

CLOSED SESSION in the S. H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 4:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

Vice-Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

PRESENT:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor B. Hamilton
Councillor B. McKinnon
Councillor K. Oliver
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor T. Giertuga
Councillor R. Johnson

OFFICIALS:

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk
Mr. N. Gale, City Manager

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care
Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community
Services
Ms. C. Cline, Deputy City Solicitor

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Tbaytel Shareholder Update

Mr. J. Jamieson, Chair- Tbaytel Board of Directors and Mr. D. Topatigh, President & CEO - Tbaytel entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Confidential 2nd Quarter 2020 Operations Report was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, and General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care only on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

Mr. J. Jamieson, Chair - Tbaytel Board of Directors provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Mr. D. Topatigh, President and CEO - Tbaytel responded to questions.

Mr. D Topatigh and Mr. J. Jamieson left the meeting.

Board Matter – Negotiations

Ms. M. Panizza, Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety, Ms. L. Prentice, Director- Recreation & Culture, Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager - Realty Services and Ms. D. Walker, Law Clerk entered the meeting via MS Teams.

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

Ms. L. Evans, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care, Ms. L. Prentice, Director - Recreation & Culture, Ms. M. Panizza - Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety, Mr. J. DePeuter - Manager - Realty Services and Ms. D. Walker - Law Clerk provided a PowerPoint presentation relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Councillor B. Hamilton entered the meeting.

Contract Related Matter

Mr. M. Grimaldi, Solicitor entered the meeting via MS Teams.

Confidential memorandum from Mr. P. Burke, Supervisor - Sport & Community Development, dated September 15, 2020 relative to the above noted.

It was consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

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

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:40 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Planning Session

Vice-Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

PRESENT:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor B. Hamilton
Councillor B. McKinnon
Councillor K. Oliver
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor T. Giertuga
Councillor R. Johnson

OFFICIALS:

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk
Mr. N. Gale, City Manager

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

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. L. McEachern, Director – Planning Services
Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager – Realty Services
Ms. D. McCloskey, Supervisor – Planning Services
Ms. K. Piche, Committee Coordinator

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor A. Ruberto declared an interest relative to Report R 106/2020 - Victoriaville Centre Options Analysis as he owns property in the area.

Councillor A. Ruberto declared an interest relative to Strategic Core Areas Community Improvement Plan Update as he is a property owner and has participated in the program.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - September 21, 2020 - Committee of the Whole

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

With respect to the September 21, 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 COMMITTEES

Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting No. 03-2020 of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on June 25, 2020, for information.

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Minutes

Minutes of Meeting No. 05-2020 of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Committee held on June 24, 2020, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Contract Related Matter

Confidential memorandum from Mr. P. Burke, Supervisor - Sport & Community Development relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session on Monday, September 21, 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 Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

With respect to the confidential memorandum from Mr. P. Burke, Sport & Community Development, dated September 15, 2020, we recommend that Administration proceed as directed.

CARRIED

FIRST REPORTS

Victoriaville Centre Options Analysis– Reimagine Victoriaville – First Report

At the request of the Chair, Mayor B. Mauro assumed the Chair during the discussion of this item.

Councillor A. Ruberto declared a conflict and refrained from discussing and voting on the resolution.

Report No. R 106/2020 (& Emergency Services - Realty Services) relative to receiving Urban Systems' evaluation of development options for Victoriaville Centre.

This report is being introduced as a 'first report' to allow Committee of the Whole and the general public time to consider the implications of the report before the following recommendations are considered by Committee of the Whole on October 19, 2020.

Attachment A - Reimagine Victoriaville Study was distributed separately on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

Memorandum from Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager - Realty Services, dated August 31, 2020 requesting that Mr. J. Palmer, Community Planner - Urban Systems provide a PowerPoint presentation relative to the above noted.

Mr. J. Palmer, Community Planner - Urban Systems provided a PowerPoint presentation relative to the above noted and responded to questions via MS Teams.

Receive Report No. R 106/2020 as a First Report

Recommendation to received Report No. R 106/2020 as a First Report.

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

With respect to Report R 106/2020 (Development & Emergency Services – Realty Services), we recommend that the Report be received;

AND THAT Report R 106/2020 (Development & Emergency Services – Realty Services) be presented at the October 19, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Official Plan Amendment - 1315 Masters Street (J & L Marrello)

Councillor A. Ruberto assumed the Chair.

At the August 24, 2020 City Council (Public Meeting), Planning Services presented Report No. R 99/2020 with a recommendation that Council not approve a site specific Official Plan Amendment to the Residential policy to permit the severance and conveyance of a portion of the Applicant's land to the adjacent property at 1319 Masters Street. This item was referred back to Administration for further information. For reference, the information submitted at the Public Meeting by the Applicants, is also attached.

Committee of the Whole – September 21, 2020

Memorandum from Ms. J. Fazio, Planner II, dated September 10, 2020, containing a motion relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

WHEREAS a Public Meeting was held with respect to the application by J & L Marrello, relative to Part Lot 180, Registered Plan 547 and PART 2 on Plan PL 55R8828, municipally known as 1315 Masters Street, for a site specific amendment to change the Residential policy to allow for consideration of a severance and conveyance of a portion of the Applicant's land to the adjacent property at 1319 Master Street;

AND WHEREAS the Applicant intends to propose an application to the Committee of Adjustment for a severance;

AND WHEREAS Council has decided that an amendment which would have the effect of enabling a severance will not preclude the development potential of the surrounding lands;

THE requested amendment to the Official Plan's Residential policies to permit a lot addition in the backlot area of these lands in the form an approximate 17.5 metre by 51.4 metre portion of land from 1315 Masters Street to 1319 Masters Street be approved;

AND THAT the necessary By-law be presented for ratification.

CARRIED

Strategic Core Areas Community Improvement Plan Update

At the request of the Chair, Mayor B. Mauro assumed the Chair during the discussion of this item.

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

At the June 15, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council approved up to \$200,000 in funding from the Community Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) to fund two of the Grant Programs available through the Strategic Core Areas Community Improvement Plan (CIP), for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year.

Memorandum from Ms. D. McCloskey, Supervisor - Planning Services, dated September 9, 2020 relative to the above noted, for information.

Ms. D. McCloskey, Supervisor - Planning Services provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions via MS Teams.

Integrity Commissioner Recommendation

Councillor A. Ruberto assumed the Chair.

Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated August 31, 2020, containing a motion relative to the above noted.

Mr. J. Abrams, Integrity Commissioner responded to questions via MS Teams.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

With respect to the Integrity Commissioner report presented on August 10, 2020 relating to the Conflict of Interest against Councillor Aiello, we recommend:

1. *That Councillor Aiello receive training specific to the avoidance of conflicts of interest between his employment and his role as an elected official;*
2. *That Councillor Aiello's attendance at the training session of August 11, 2020 be considered satisfactory compliance with Recommendation 1; and*
3. *That Councillor Aiello be requested to obtain a written opinion from the Integrity Commissioner advising on and approving the manner in which he interacts with City staff in his capacity as Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, pursuant to paragraph 9 of Rule No. 1 of the Code of Conduct;*

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

CARRIED

Composition of City Council

At the Committee of the Whole meeting held on August 24, 2020, the above noted item was deferred to the September 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Memorandum from Councillor K. Oliver, dated August 6, 2020, containing a motion relative to the above noted, represented.

Memorandum from Councillor R. Johnson, dated August 24, 2020, containing an amendment to the motion relative to the above noted, represented.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver
SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

With respect to the size and composition of Thunder Bay City Council, we recommend that Administration complete work associated with the process and requirements to complete a public consultation process relative to decreasing the composition of City Council from 13 members to 9 members;

AND THAT the City Clerk be directed to do this work and report back with a recommended plan for consultation, financial implications relative to this work and the legislative deadlines and considerations required to make any changes in advance of the 2022 Municipal Election;

AND THAT this report be received on or before November 23, 2020;

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

Amending Resolution - Composition of Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

With respect to the motion relative to the Composition of City Council, we recommend that “from 13 members to 9 members” be deleted from paragraph one.

CARRIED

Amended Motion - Composition of Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

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AND THAT the City Clerk be directed to do this work and report back with a recommended plan for consultation, financial implications relative to this work and the legislative deadlines and considerations required to make any changes in advance of the 2022 Municipal Election;

AND THAT this report be received on or before November 23, 2020;

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

FCM Asset Management Grant for Municipalities

Memorandum from Mr. S. Murphy, Project Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, dated September 17, 2020 containing a motion relative to the above noted.

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: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

With respect to the memorandum from Mr. S. Murphy, Project Manager – Infrastructure & Operations dated September 17, 2020, we recommend that an application be made to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Municipal Asset Management Program to support the development and implementation of a successful corporate wide asset management plan in compliance with Ontario Regulation 588/17;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay commits to completing the following activities in its proposed project to be submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- 1) Develop a Communications Strategy to build both internal and external awareness of asset management and employ the Public Engagement Framework to engage with Citizens on asset management.
- 2) Invest in education and training to staff at all levels of the organization involved in asset management to strengthen internal capacity and expertise.
- 3) Develop a detailed change management plan to integrate asset management in everyday practices and support long term success;

AND THAT the City commits \$10,000 from existing budgets towards the costs of these initiatives;

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

CARRIED

Establishment of City Council - Special Session – September 21, 2020

The following resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole for consideration:

Committee of the Whole – September 21, 2020

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

THAT a City Council – Special Session meeting be established for Monday, September 21, 2020, immediately following Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of ratifying any necessary resolutions from the September 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

Establishment of Closed Session - September 28 and 29, 2020

The following resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole for consideration:

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to the security of the property of the municipality or local board; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; 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;

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to labour relations and employee negotiations.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.