



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, July 26, 2021

Reference No. 33/52

OPEN SESSION via Microsoft Teams at 4:31 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Special Session

Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor T. Giertuga
Councillor B. Hamilton
Councillor Peng You

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. C. Cline, Acting City Solicitor
Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer

Establishment of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

At the July 19, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, the following resolution was passed to establish the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session for July 26, 2021:

MOVED BY: Councillor Rebecca Johnson

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by 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; 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; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative

tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

Amending Resolution - Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

WITH RESPECT to the resolution to establish the Monday, July 26, 2021 Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, we recommend that the following reasons be removed:

“a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and 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”

AND THAT the following reasons be added:

“Labour relations or employee negotiations; and a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.”

CARRIED

Amended Resolution - Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to 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; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; labour relations or employee negotiations; and a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION via MS Teams at 4:32 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

Vice-Chair: Mayor B. Mauro

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor T. Giertuga
Councillor B. Hamilton
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. C. Cline, Acting City Solicitor
Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor A. Foulds declared a conflict relative to Report 2021CLS.027 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) as he has a family member employed by the City of Thunder Bay.

Councillor A. Aiello declared a conflict relative to Report 2021CLS.027 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) as he has a family member employed by the City of Thunder Bay.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Legal Matter

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

Confidential memorandum from Ms. C. Cline, Acting City Solicitor and Ms. D. Walker, Law Clerk & Land Development Specialist, dated July 26, 2021, relative to the above noted, for information was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care and General Manager – Development & Emergency Services only on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Ms. C. Cline, Acting City Solicitor and Ms. D. Walker, Law Clerk & Land Development Specialist responded to questions.

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

Human Resources Matter

Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager - Community Services, Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, Ms. C. Olsen, Acting Director - Corporate Strategic Services and Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety entered the meeting.

At the June 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting, this item was deferred to a future Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meeting.

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

Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety responded to questions.

Ms. K. Robertson, Ms. K. Marshall, Ms. K. Lewis and Ms. C. Olsen left the meeting.

Human Resources Matter - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Councillor A. Aiello and Councillor A. Foulds declared a conflict and left the meeting.

Report 2021CLS.027 (Human Resources & Corporate Safety) relative to the above noted was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care and Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety only on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Ms. K. Ortgiese, Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety responded to questions.

At 5:13 p.m. the Closed Session concluded. It was the consensus of Committee that Open Session reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:31 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Planning Session

Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Aiello
Councillor A. Foulds
Councillor A. Ruberto

OFFICIALS:

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk
Ms. K. Piché, Council & Committee Clerk

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor T. Giertuga
Councillor B. Hamilton
Councillor K. Oliver
Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer
Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure &
Operations
Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community
Services
Ms. K. Lewis, General Manager – Development &
Emergency Services
Ms. E. Westover, Director – Financial Services
Ms. K. Cannon, Director – Revenue
Mr. D. Vincent, Manager – Licensing & Enforcement
Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager – Realty Services
Mr. J. Paske, Supervisor – Parking Authority
Ms. D. Walker, Law Clerk & Land Development
Specialist

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor A. Aiello declared a conflict relative to Report 2021CLS.027 (City Manager's Office - Human Resources & Corporate Safety) as he has a family member employed by the City of Thunder Bay.

Councillor A. Foulds declared a conflict relative to Report 2021CLS.027 (City Manager's Office - Human Resources & Corporate Safety) as he has a family member employed by the City of Thunder Bay.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - July 26, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the July 26, 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

Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 05-2021 of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on May 27, 2021, for information.

Parking Authority Board Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 05-2021 of the Parking Authority Board held on May 11, 2021 for information.

Committee of Adjustment Minutes

Minutes of Meeting No. 04-2021 of the Committee of Adjustment held on April 21, 2021, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Human Resources Matter - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Councillor A. Aiello and Councillor A. Foulds declared a conflict and refrained from discussing or voting on the following resolution.

Report 2021CLS.027 (City Manager's Office - Human Resources & Corporate Safety) was previously presented at Committee of the Whole - Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

WITH RESPECT to Report 2021CLS.027 (City Manager's Office – Human Resources & Corporate Safety), it is recommended that the Corporation recognize September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as a paid statutory holiday where the collective agreement and/or non-union by-law requires the addition of paid holidays that are proclaimed by the federal government;

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

CARRIED

Superior North EMS Expansion

Report R 88/2021 (Development & Emergency Services - Superior North EMS) recommending the expansion of ambulance hours in Thunder Bay effective July 1, 2021.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 88/2021 (Development & Emergency Services - Superior North EMS), we recommend the expansion of 4600 ambulance hours (88 hours bi-weekly) in Thunder Bay effective July 1, 2021;

AND THAT unbudgeted revenue from operational programs will be used to cover the expenses;

AND THAT the proposed expansion be added to the 2021 EMS budget;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all required documentation;

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

CARRIED

Superior North EMS Organizational Redesign

Report R 83/2021 (Development & Emergency Services - Superior North EMS) recommending to proceed with the Organizational Redesign of Superior North EMS.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 83/2021 (Development & Emergency Services - Superior North EMS), we recommend the Phase I of the Organizational Redesign of SNEMS be approved and implemented as outlined in this report;

AND THAT revenue from operational programs be used to cover the Phase I expenditures in 2021;

AND THAT the proposed expansion be added to the 2021 EMS budget;

AND THAT the cost of phase II and phase III of the reorganization be included in subsequent budget requests;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all required documentation;

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

CARRIED

Response to Animal Services Deputations

At the November 16, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed requesting that Administration report back on the feasibility of implementing the proposed concepts presented by two deputations.

Report R 69/2021 (Development & Emergency Services - Licensing & Enforcement), providing an update relative to deputations presented to Committee of the Whole on November 16, 2020 regarding updating the current Animal Services By-laws to a “Responsible Pet Ownership” model, and a second deputation proposing the complete outsourcing of Animal Services functions, to their respective organizations, for information.

Service Provider for Parking and Ticket Management Solutions

Report R 92/2021 (Development & Emergency Services - Licensing & Enforcement) recommending that City Council amend Schedule C of the User Fee By-law Number 17/2021, in accordance with Attachment A to this Report, with respect to Parking Authority Fees.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

WITH RESPECT to Report R 92/2021 (Development and Emergency Services – Licensing and Enforcement), we recommend that City Council amend Schedule C of the User Fee By-law Number 17/2021, in accordance with Attachment A to this Report, with respect to Parking Authority Fees;

AND THAT the General Manager – Development and Emergency Services and City Clerk be authorized to sign the initial, and any subsequent renewals of the, Software License and Service Agreement and Order Form with Passport Labs Inc. for the parking and ticket management solutions referred to in this Report;

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

CARRIED

Parking Structures

At the request of the Chair, Councillor A. Foulds assumed the Chair during the discussion of this item.

At the February 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed directing Administration to report back by June 14, 2021 on the feasibility of divesting ownership and proceeding with sale of both the Waterfront and Victoriaville Parkades.

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At the June 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, a memorandum from Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager - Realty Services, dated June 2, 2021 was presented advising Council that the report has been postponed to the July 26, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Report R 94/2021 (Development & Emergency Services - Realty Services) providing information on feasibility to sell the VictoriaVille and Waterfront Parking Structures, for information.

OPEN SESSION in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Audit Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 03-2020 and 01-2021 of the Audit Committee held on December 9, 2020 and May 20, 2021, respectively, for information.

Police Services Board Minutes

Minutes of Meetings 08-2021, 10-2021 and 12-2021 of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, held on March 16, 2021, April 20, 2021 and May 18, 2021, respectively, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Digital Strategy - Audit and Accountability Fund - Intake #2 Funding

Report R 81/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Corporate Information Technology) recommending the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Audit and Accountability Fund – Intake #2 between the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay be approved. The City of Thunder Bay will receive up to \$125,000 of grand funding for consulting services relative to development of a Digital Strategy.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 81/2021 (Corporate Services & Long-Term Care – Corporate Information Technology), we recommend the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Audit and Accountability Fund – Intake #2 between the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay be approved;

AND THAT Appropriation No. 15 be approved;

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

CARRIED

Recruitment Process Assessment - Audit and Accountability Fund - Intake #2 Funding

Report R 104/2021 (City Manager's Office - Human Resources & Corporate Safety) recommending the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Audit and Accountability Fund - Intake #2 between the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay be approved.

MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

WITH RESPECT to Report R 104/2021 (City Manager's Office – Human Resources & Corporate Safety), we recommend that the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Audit and Accountability Fund – Intake #2 between the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay be approved;

AND THAT Appropriation No. 16 be approved;

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

CARRIED

Credit and Collection Policy

At the April 26, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed recommending that Administration review the Credit and Collection Policy to ensure that it includes all available provisions contained within the Municipal Act for the collection of receivables.

Report No. R 97/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Revenue) recommending that the amended Credit and Collection Policy appended to this report, be approved.

MOVED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser
SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

WITH RESPECT to Report R 97/2021 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care – Revenue), we recommend that the amended Credit and Collection Policy, appended to this report, be approved;

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

CARRIED

2020 Update on Investment of Municipal Funds and Prudent Investor Standard for Municipal Investments: Analysis, Options and Recommendation

Report No. R 64/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services) recommending that the 2020 update on the Investment of Municipal Funds be received by City Council for information purposes.

Mr. N. Bryce, TD Asset Management appeared before Committee via MS Teams and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to Report R 64/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services), we recommend that the 2020 update on the Investment of Municipal Funds be received by City Council for information purposes;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with the adoption of the Prudent Investor Standard by working with ONE Investment on the steps necessary to join the ONE Joint Investment Board as a participating municipality and report back to Council with a new Investment Policy Statement (IPS), the ONE Joint Investment Board agreement, and necessary by-laws by December 2021.

CARRIED

2020 Audit Committee Annual Report

Report R 95/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Internal Audit & Continuous Improvement), recommending that the 2020 Audit Committee Annual Report be received and the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Trust Fund Statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 be approved.

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MOVED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Aldo Ruberto

WITH RESPECT to Report R 95/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Internal Audit & Continuous Improvement), we recommend that the 2020 Audit Committee Annual Report, be received;

AND THAT the Treasurer's Report, which includes the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Trust Fund Statements, for the year ended December 31, 2020 be approved;

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

CARRIED

Appointment of Municipal Auditors

Report No. R 96/2021 (Financial Services) recommending the appointment of Municipal Auditors for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

WITH RESPECT to Report R 96/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services), we recommend the appointment of the firm of BDO Canada LLP as auditors for the City of Thunder Bay and its outside boards and agencies for a five-year period effective January 1, 2021 (commencing with the completion of the December 31, 2021 year-end), under the terms and conditions as stated in the Proposal;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all required documentation relative to auditor appointment including any supplementary agreements;

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

CARRIED

2021 Budget Variance Report #2

Report R 99/2021 (Corporate Services & Long-Term Care - Financial Services) reviewing year-to-date revenues and expenditures and completes a forecast of the City's financial position to year-end (December 31, 2021). The forecast is compared to the 2021 approved budget and presented to City Council, for information.

Budget Direction 2022 and Beyond

Report No. R 84/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services) recommending that City Council direct the City Manager and General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care/ City Treasurer to prepare the proposed 2022 tax-supported budget with service level changes identified in the report was distributed separately on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Andrew, Accountant - Financial Services, dated July 19, 2021 relative to the above noted was distributed separately on Thursday, July 22, 2021 to City Council & EMT only.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 84/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care – Financial Services), we recommend that City Council direct the City Manager and General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care/ City Treasurer to prepare the proposed 2022 tax-supported budget with service level changes identified in the report;

AND THAT Administration target a municipal tax levy increase, net of growth, of no more than 2.75%;

AND THAT Administration continue to identify savings for the 2022 proposed budget;

AND THAT approval of the 2022 proposed budget be subject to detailed review and consideration by City Council;

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

Amending Resolution - Budget Direction 2022 and Beyond

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 84/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care – Financial Services), we recommend that the 2nd paragraph be amended by deleting 2.75% and replacing it with 2.25%.

CARRIED

Amended Resolution - Budget Direction 2022 and Beyond

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 84/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care – Financial Services), we recommend that City Council direct the City Manager and General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care/ City Treasurer to prepare the proposed 2022 tax-supported budget with service level changes identified in the report;

AND THAT Administration target a municipal tax levy increase, net of growth, of no more than 2.25%;

AND THAT Administration continue to identify savings for the 2022 proposed budget;

AND THAT approval of the 2022 proposed budget be subject to detailed review and consideration by City Council;

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

CARRIED

Official Recognition Committee - Programme Review

Report No. R 103/2021 (City Manager's Office - Office of the City Clerk), recommending that the Terms of Reference for the Official Recognition Committee, and Corporate Policies 07-01-01 Civic Recognition and 07-01-02 Commemorative Gifts/Promotional Souvenirs, as appended to this Report as Attachments A, B and C be approved.

MOVED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian Hamilton

WITH RESPECT to Report No. 103/2021 (City Manager's Office – Office of the City Clerk), we recommend that the Terms of Reference for the Official Recognition Committee, and Corporate Policies 07-01-01 Civic Recognition and 07-01-02 Commemorative Gifts/Promotional Souvenirs, as appended to this Report as Attachments A, B and C be approved;

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ban Against Conversion Therapy

Memorandum from Councillor S. Ch'ng, dated June 1, 2021 containing a motion relative to the above noted.

Correspondence received from Rainbow Collective of Thunder Bay dated July 16, 2021 requesting to appear before Committee to provide a deputation relative to the above noted.

Memorandum from Councillor S. Ch'ng, dated July 22, 2021 containing a revised motion relative to the above noted.

J. Veltri and J. Bogacki of Rainbow Collective of Thunder Bay and Dr. Kristopher Wells appeared before Committee via MS Teams, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

At 10:01 p.m. the Deputy City Clerk advised that due to a Microsoft Teams technical issue, the meeting will briefly recess until the issue is resolved.

At 10:03 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor S. Ch'ng dated July 13, 2021 relative to a ban on Conversion Therapy (also known as Reparative Therapy, Reintegrative Therapy, or Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Change Efforts is any form of treatment, including individual talk therapy, behavioural or aversion therapy, group therapy treatments, spiritual prayer, exorcism, and/or medical or drug induced treatments) which attempt to actively change someone's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, we recommend that conversion therapy be denounced as a harmful and unethical practice by major medical and human rights organizations including Canadian Psychological Association, Canadian Psychiatric Association, and Canadian Association of Social Workers and denounce the practice of conversion therapy as a dangerous and harmful practice that perpetuates myths and stereotypes about sexual orientation and gender identity;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay support and advocate in favour of Bill C-6, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Conversion Therapy) which proposes five conversion therapy-related offences, including:

- (a) causing a person to undergo conversion therapy against the person's will;
- (b) causing a child to undergo conversion therapy;
- (c) doing anything for the purpose of removing a child from Canada with the intention that the child undergo conversion therapy outside Canada;
- (d) advertising an offer to provide conversion therapy; and
- (e) receiving a financial or other material benefit from the provision of conversion therapy.

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay acknowledge that any municipal prohibition on or regulation of conversion therapy may face legislative and jurisdictional challenges, and as conversion therapy is often practiced in secret outside of formal business settings and deemed that regulation of this practice is better addressed at the federal level where it can be criminalized;

AND THAT Administration be directed to report on options available to prohibit the practice and advertising of conversion therapy in the City of Thunder Bay, through Planning, Development, Business Licensing and human resources support available for city employees along with engagement with local agencies such as Canadian Mental Health, Thunder Pride, Rainbow Collective, Children's Centre Thunder Bay and any other relevant stakeholders;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before March 31, 2022;

AND THAT notice of this resolution be shared with the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General, the Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth, MP Patty Hajdu, MP Michael Gravelle, MPP Marcus Powlowski, MPP Judith Monteith Farrell to express support for Bill C-6, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Conversion Therapy);

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

CARRIED

2021 Annual Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Banquet & 50th Anniversary Awards Update

At the March 29, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, a memorandum from Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk was presented postponing the 2021 Official Recognition Committee banquet and that Administration will report back later in 2021 with a new date.

Memorandum from Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk, dated June 25, 2021 containing a motion relative to the above noted.

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk dated June 25, 2021, we recommend that the 2021 Annual Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Event Update be postponed until 2022;

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.