



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, November 22, 2021

Reference No. 45/52

CLOSED SESSION via Microsoft Teams at 5:03 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session
Vice-Chair: Councillor Andrew Foulds

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS:

Krista Power, City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Norm Gale, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Linda Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Cody Fraser
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Brian McKinnon
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Aldo Ruberto

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Human Resources Matter (ATU)

Director - Human Resources & Corporate Safety Karie Ortgiese, Manager - Labour Relations Terry O'Neill and Supervisor - Transit Operations Pascal Gauvreau entered the meeting.

2021CLS.040 (City Manager's Office - 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, November 18, 2021.

Terry O'Neill provided an overview and responded to questions.

City Manager Norm Gale responded to questions.

Karie Ortgiese and Pascal Gauvreau responded to questions.

General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care Linda Evans responded to questions.

It was consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to Report 2021CLS.040 (City Manager's Office – Human Resources & Corporate Safety) would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

Karie Ortgiese, Terry O'Neill and Pascal Gauvreau left the meeting.

Contract Related Matter (Lakehead University)

General Manager - Community Services Kelly Robertson, Director - Recreation & Culture Leah Prentice, Supervisor - Sport & Community Development Paul Burke entered the meeting.

Report 2021CLS.038 (Community Services - Recreation & Culture) relative to the above noted was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care and General Manager - Community Services only on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Paul Burke responded to questions.

It was consensus of Committee that Administration proceed as directed.

The City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to Report 2021CLS.038 (Community Services - Recreation & Culture) would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

Leah Prentice and Paul Burke left the meeting.

Administrative Update: Expression of Interest Proposed Multi-use Indoor Sports Facility

Deputy City Solicitor Cynthia Cline, Supervisor - Supply Management Allan Hensel and Law Clerk & Land Development Specialist Deanna Walker entered the meeting.

Report 2021CLS.039 (Community Services) relative to the above noted was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care and General Manager - Community Services only on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Cynthia Cline provided introductory remarks and responded to questions.

City Manager Norm Gale, City Solicitor Patty Robinet and Kelly Robertson responded to questions.

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:42 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Administrative Services Session

Chair: Councillor Mark Bentz

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Peng You

OFFICIALS:

Krista Power, City Clerk
Katie Piche, Council & Committee Clerk

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Cody Fraser
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Brian McKinnon
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Aldo Ruberto

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Norm Gale, City Manager
Patty Robinet, City Solicitor
Linda Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care & City Treasurer
Kerri Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations
Kelly Robertson, General Manager – Community Services
Karen Lewis, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services
Karie Ortgiese, Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety
Kayla Dixon, Director – Engineering & Operations
Jack Avella, Manager – Corporate Information Technology

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - November 22, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

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

WITH RESPECT to the November 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

ITEMS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Human Resources Matter (ATU)

Report 2021CLS.040 (City Manager's Office - Human Resources & Corporate Safety) was previously presented at Committee of the Whole - Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

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 Kristen Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to Report 2021CLS.040 (City Manager's Office - Human Resources & Corporate Safety) we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

Contract Related Matter (Lakehead University)

2021CLS.038 (Community Services - Recreation & Culture) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Committee of the Whole - Closed Session held earlier this evening.

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 Trevor Giertuga
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon

WITH RESPECT to Report 2021CLS.038 (Community Services – Recreation & Culture) we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 05-2021 and 06-2021 of the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee held on May 31, 2021 and August 11, 2021, respectively, for information.

Crime Prevention Council Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 03-2021 of the Crime Prevention Council held on June 16, 2021, for information.

Official Recognition Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 04-2021 of the Official Recognition Committee Citizens of Exceptional Achievement held on June 15, 2021, for information.

Police Services Board Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 17-2021 of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board held on September 21, 2021, for information.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Uncollectible Accounts

Report R 136/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Revenue) seeking approval to write off uncollectible accounts which remain unpaid on the 2021 General Accounts Receivable files.

Confidential Memorandum from Manager – Billings and Collections Chantal Harris, dated November 9, 2021 relative to the above noted, for information was distributed separately to Members of Council, City Manager, City Solicitor and General Manager – Corporate Services & Long Term Care only on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

MOVED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to Report R 136/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Revenue), we recommend that the uncollectible accounts, which remain unpaid on the 2021 receivable files, be written off as follows:

General Accounts (including interest) \$ 8,820.45
Municipal Child Care \$ 389.38

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

CARRIED

Administrative Update: Expression of Interest Proposed Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility

At the May 17, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed recommending that Administration begin an Expression of Interest Process to invite proposals from the private sector and other interested organizations for the Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility and that Administration report back on the status of this process by June 14, 2021.

At the June 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, Report R 85/2021 (Community Services) was presented recommending that Administration administer an Expression of Interest inviting proposals from the private sector and other interested organizations for a Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility and that Administration report back on the status and outcome of the Expression of Interest by November 30, 2021.

Report R 151/2021 (Community Services) providing Council with information regarding the results of the Expression of Interest (EOI – 02-2021) for a Proposed Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility, for information.

FIRST REPORTS

Corporate Digital Strategy

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 December 20, 2021.

Report R 160/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Corporate Information Technology) endorsing the Corporate Digital Strategy as outlined in Attachment A to guide future direction and investment in information technology, digital transformation and modernization of service delivery.

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Memorandum from Manager - Corporate Information Technology Jack Avella, dated November 8, 2021 requesting to appear before Committee to provide a presentation relative to the above noted.

President - Perry Group Consulting Ltd. Ben Perry appeared via MS Teams, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Receive Report R 160/2021 as a First Report

Recommendation to receive R 160/2021 as a First Report:

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 160/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care – Corporate Information Technology) we recommend that the Report be received;

AND THAT Report R 160/2021 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care – Corporate Information Technology) be presented at the December 20, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Request to TBDSSAB

Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, dated November 10, 2021, containing a motion relative to the above noted.

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver dated November 19, 2021 relative to request to TBDSSAB – 230 West Amelia Street we recommend that the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee review and discuss the potential for advocacy relative to potential changes to *The Landlord and Tenant Act* in order to assist with firmer eviction practices for the safety of residents in Thunder Bay and across Ontario;

AND THAT the CEO and Chair of TBDSSAB be invited to attend and/or present at a Committee of the Whole meeting and/or an Inter-Governmental Affairs meeting on how City Council may assist with the challenges that residents in TBDSSAB buildings and in other facilities are currently facing;

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

Amendment - Request to TBDSSAB

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the recommendation as contained in the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver relative to Request to TBDSSAB – 230 West Amelia Street, we recommend that the following be added after the first paragraph:

“AND THAT City Manager Norm Gale be directed to connect with CEO - TBDSSAB William Bradica relative to the position papers and relevant information that may benefit from further advocacy.”

CARRIED

Amended - Request to TBDSSAB

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver dated November 19, 2021 relative to request to TBDSSAB – 230 West Amelia Street we recommend that the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee review and discuss the potential for advocacy relative to potential changes to *The Landlord and Tenant Act* in order to assist with firmer eviction practices for the safety of residents in Thunder Bay and across Ontario;

AND THAT City Manager Norm Gale be directed to connect with CEO - TBDSSAB William Bradica relative to the position papers and relevant information that may benefit from further advocacy;

AND THAT the CEO and Chair of TBDSSAB be invited to attend and/or present at a Committee of the Whole meeting and/or an Inter-Governmental Affairs meeting on how City Council may assist with the challenges that residents in TBDSSAB buildings and in other facilities are currently facing;

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

It was requested that each paragraph of the amended resolution relative to Request to TBDSSAB be voted on separately.

Request to TBDSSAB - Paragraph 1

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver dated November 19, 2021 relative to request to TBDSSAB – 230 West Amelia Street we recommend that the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee review and discuss the potential for advocacy relative to potential changes to The Landlord and Tenant Act in order to assist with firmer eviction practices for the safety of residents in Thunder Bay and across Ontario.

LOST

Request to TBDSSAB - Paragraph 2

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

AND THAT City Manager Norm Gale be directed to connect with CEO - TBDSSAB William Bradica relative to the position papers and relevant information that may benefit from further advocacy.

CARRIED

Request to TBDSSAB - Paragraph 3 & 4

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

AND THAT the CEO and Chair of TBDSSAB be invited to attend and/or present at a Committee of the Whole meeting and/or an Inter-Governmental Affairs meeting on how City Council may assist with the challenges that residents in TBDSSAB buildings and in other facilities are currently facing;

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

CARRIED

Final Amended - Request to TBDSSAB

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

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver dated November 19, 2021 relative to Request to TBDSSAB – 230 West Amelia Street, we recommend that City Manager Norm Gale be directed to connect with CEO – TBDSSAB William Bradica relative to the position papers and relevant information that may benefit from further advocacy;

AND THAT the CEO and Chair of TBDSSAB be invited to attend and/or present at a Committee of the Whole meeting and/or an Inter-Governmental Affairs meeting on how City Council may assist with the challenges that residents in TBDSSAB buildings and in other facilities are currently facing;

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

CARRIED

Donald Street Establishment of One-Way Traffic

Memorandum from Traffic Technologist - Engineering & Operations David Binch, dated November 12, 2021 relative to the above noted, for information.

Motion to Request Funding

Memorandum from Councillor Aldo Ruberto containing a motion relative to the above noted was withdrawn from the agenda as a result of new information.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Outstanding List for Administrative Services as of November 9, 2021

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power, dated November 9, 2021 providing the Administrative Services Outstanding Items List, for information.

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of Closed Session – December 6, 2021

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

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

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to the security of the property of the municipality or local board; 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; and 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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.