



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Thursday, January 20, 2022

Reference No. 16/53

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 5:03 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Special Session (2022 Capital & Operating Budget)

Chair: Councillor Mark Bentz

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: OFFICIALS:

Mayor Bill Mauro
Councillor Albert Aiello
Councillor Mark Bentz
Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
Councillor Andrew Foulds
Councillor Cody Fraser
Councillor Trevor Giertuga
Councillor Brian Hamilton
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Councillor Kristen Oliver
Councillor Aldo Ruberto
Councillor Peng You

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

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Norm Gale, City Manager
Linda Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services
& Long Term Care & City Treasurer
Kelly Robertson, General Manager – Community
Services
Karen Lewis, General Manager – Development &
Emergency Services
Chief Wayne Gates, Superior North EMS
Chief Greg Hankkio, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue
Brent Cline, Superintendent – Administrative Services
Gerry Broere, Director – Facilities Fleet & Energy
Management
Leah Prentice, Director – Recreation & Culture
Emma Westover, Director – Financial Services
Brad Loroff, Manager – Transit Services
Cynthia Olsen, Manager – Community Strategies
Doug Vincent, Manager – Licensing & Enforcement
Jonathan Paske, Supervisor – Parking Authority
Moira Gallagher, Accountant – Financial Services

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Albert Aiello declared a conflict relative to the Community, Youth & Cultural Funding as he is employed by an agency that receives funds from this funding source.

Councillor Peng You declared a conflict relative to Business Relief as he is a business owner.

Councillor Brian Hamilton declared a conflict relative to Business Relief as he is a business owner.

Councillor Aldo Ruberto declared a conflict relative to Business Relief as he is a business owner.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - January 20, 2022 - Committee of the Whole - Reconvened Special Session

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng

SECONDED BY: Councillor Albert Aiello

WITH RESPECT to the January 20, 2022 Committee of the Whole – Reconvened Special Session meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unfinished business from the January 18, 2022 Committee of the Whole - Special Session meeting.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Proposed 2022 Capital and Operating Budget

Report R 1/2022 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services) relative to the proposed 2022 Capital and Operating Budget, was printed in the January 18, 2022 Committee of the Whole - Special Session agenda.

Memorandum from Director – Financial Services Emma Westover, dated December 20, 2021 attaching detailed agendas for January 18, 20, 26 and February 1, 2022 meetings, 2022 Budget Executive Summary, 2022 Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budget, and 2022 Rate Supported Operating & Capital Budget was distributed separately on December 20, 2021.

Memorandum from Director - Financial Services Emma Westover, dated January 20, 2022 relative to Budget Amendments as approved by Committee of the Whole on January 18, 2022 and Updated Reserve and Reserve Fund Balances.

CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

Amendment to Budget - Community Youth & Cultural Funding

Councillor Albert Aiello declared a conflict of interest and refrained from discussing or voting on the following resolution.

Revised Memorandum from Accountant - Financial Services Kristie Sinclair, dated January 18, 2022, relative to Proposed 2022 Budget Amendment – Community Youth & Cultural Funding.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 1/2022 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) Proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that the tax supported budget be amended to increase the Community, Youth and Cultural Funding ongoing budget by \$20,800;

AND THAT the Community, Youth and Cultural funding one time budget be increased by \$27,900 with a corresponding contribution from the Stabilization Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

TAB 7 - OUTSIDE BOARDS

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board

Thunder Bay Public Library

Memorandum from Thunder Bay Public Library Board, received Thursday January 13, 2022, relative to the Proposed 2022 Budget, for information.

Director of Resources Cheri Braye, Director of Communities Tina Maronese and Thunder Bay Public Library Board member Dr. Richard Togman appeared before Committee via MS Teams and responded to questions.

Victoriaville Centre

Parking Authority

TAB 3 - COMMUNITY SERVICES

Amendment to Budget – Community Services (Protective Safety Netting - Indoor Arenas)

Memorandum from City Clerk Krista Power, dated January 19, 2022, relative to re-presentation of Protective Safety Netting – Indoor Arenas motion.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 1/2022 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) Proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that the Proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget be amended to provide an addition of \$284,250 to supply and install protective safety netting in indoor arenas;

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

Deferral – Community Services (Protective Safety Netting - Indoor Arenas)

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

WITH RESPECT to Protective Safety Netting - Indoor Arenas, we recommend that the item be deferred to the February 1, 2022 Committee of the Whole - Special Session meeting.

CARRIED

TAB 5 - DEVELOPMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Amendment to Budget - Community Safety & Well-Being

Memorandum from Manager – Community Strategies Cynthia Olsen, dated January 14, 2022, containing a recommendation relative to Amendment to Budget – Community Safety & Well Being.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from C. Olsen – Manager, Community Strategies, dated January 14, 2022 and Report R 1/2022 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) Proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that the Proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget be amended by including an expansion of \$40,000 in the 2022 Operating Budget to provide initiative funding for the provincially mandated Community Safety & Well-Being Plan;

AND THAT the proposed expansion be added to the 2022 Community Strategies budget;

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

CARRIED

Amendment to Budget - Community Strategies

Memorandum from Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, dated January 13, 2022, containing a motion relative to Amendment to Budget – Community Strategies.

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Shelby Ch'ng, dated January 13, 2022 and Report R 1/2022 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) Proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that the Proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget be amended by including an expansion of \$250,000 in the 2022 Operating Budget to fund cold weather programming for community partners in support of the City's Severe Weather Plan;

AND THAT the proposed expansion be added to the 2022 Community Strategies budget;

AND THAT this work be added to City Council's Outstanding List for Administration to report back on or before June 13, 2022 on the following:

- the plan for the use of funding to support cold weather programming by community partners
- consideration of future incorporation of funding within the Community, Youth and Cultural Funding Program.

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

LOST

Amendment to Budget - Business Relief

Councillor Brian Hamilton, Councillor Aldo Ruberto and Councillor Peng You declared a conflict relative to Business Relief and refrained from discussing and voting on the following resolution.

Memorandum from Mayor Bill Mauro, dated January 20, 2022 containing a motion relative to Increase in Budget - Business Relief.

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

WITH RESPECT to Report R 1/2022 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care - Financial Services) Proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget we recommend that, subject to inspection approvals, business license renewal fees be waived for one year from March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023 for restaurants, catering businesses, public hall/event hosting facilities;

AND THAT a one time reduction of user fees and associated costs totalling \$130,000 be included in the 2022 Operating Budget;

- \$75, 000 - Licensing and Enforcement
- \$25, 000 – Fire Services
- \$30, 000 - Realty Services

AND THAT the source of funding be the Stabilization Reserve Fund;

AND THAT Council waive the enforcement of any Zoning By-law and Site Plan Control Agreement matters relating to outdoor restaurant patios and retail display in private parking lots for the 2022 patio season to allow businesses additional space to meet social distancing guidelines and operate safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, provided that the applicable businesses register the use with the City;

AND THAT any impact in the 2023 Development and Emergency Services Budget be included in the Proposed 2023 Operating and Capital Budget;

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

CARRIED

Amendment - Community Strategies

Councillor Shelby Ch'ng requested a re-vote in order to make an amendment on the following resolution:

MOVED BY: Councillor Shelby Ch'ng
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

WITH RESPECT to the Community Strategies Amendment, we recommend that the expansion be decreased to \$150,000;

AND THAT the \$150,000 be funded through the Stabilization Reserve Fund;

AND THAT the funding be a one time expansion to the 2022 Community Strategies Budget.

LOST

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:56 p.m. it was consensus of Committee to recess until Thursday, January 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.