



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: Monday, May 25, 2020

Reference No. COW – 25/51

CLOSED SESSION in the Office of the City Clerk at 4:32 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session
Vice Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

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. K. Power, City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. P. Robinet, City Solicitor

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Human Resources Matter

Ms. M. Panizza, Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety, Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services, and Ms. A. Tibble, Hicks Morley entered the meeting.

Report No. 2020CLS.021 (Human Resources) relative to the above noted, distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety, and General Manager – Development & Emergency Services, only.

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Ms. M. Panizza provided an overview and responded to questions. Ms. A. Tibble responded to questions. Mr. N. Gale responded to questions. Ms. P. Robinet responded to questions.

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

The City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to Report No. 2020CLS.021 (Human Resources) would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held later in the evening.

Ms. M. Panizza, Director – Human Resources & Corporate Safety, Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services, and Ms. A. Tibble, Hicks Morley left the meeting.

Board Appointment

Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, and Ms. C. Cline, Deputy City Solicitor entered the meeting.

Confidential memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated May 15, 2020, relative to the above-noted.

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

The 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.

Committee Appointment

Confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated May 17, 2020 relative to the above noted.

Confidential memorandum from Ms. L. McEachern, Director - Planning Services, dated May 19, 2020 relative to the above noted.

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

The 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

Report No. 2020CLS.018 (Legal Services) relative to the above noted.

The City Clerk advised that discussion relative to Report No. 2020CLS.018 (Legal Services) would be deferred to the June 1, 2020 meeting.

Legal Matter

Report No. 2020CLS.022 (Legal Services) relative to the above noted, distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, Deputy City Solicitor, and General Manager – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, only.

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager provided an overview.

Closed Session Recess

At 6:48 p.m. it was the consensus of Committee that the Closed Session portion of the meeting recess, and then reconvene following the City Council meeting to be held later in the evening.

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:55 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Planning Session

Vice Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

PRESENT:

Mayor B. Mauro
Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor A. Ruberto

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor A. Aiello
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 Peng You

OFFICIALS:

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

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk
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 Division
Ms. K. Dixon, Director – Engineering & Operations
Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager – Realty Services
Deputy Chief R. Hughes, Thunder Bay Police Service
Ms. L. Lavoie, Committee Coordinator

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor B. Hamilton disclosed an interest relative to Community Improvement Plans as he is moving ahead with a development that may benefit from the program.

Councillor A. Ruberto disclosed an interest relative to Community Improvement Plans as he has applied for the Community Improvement program in the past.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - May 25, 2020 - Committee of the Whole

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

With respect to the May 25, 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 MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Board Appointment

Confidential memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated May 15, 2020, relative to the above noted, was previously presented in 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: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

With respect to the confidential memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated May 15, 2020 we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

Committee Appointment

Confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated May 17, 2020 relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

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Confidential memorandum from Ms. L. McEachern, Director - Planning Services, dated May 19, 2020 relative to the above noted was previously presented in 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: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds

With respect to the Confidential Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated May 17, 2020, we recommend that the following person be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment:

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- (1) One Citizen to serve as a Citizen Representative for the remainder of a four year term expiring November 30, 2022, or as soon after as a replacement has been appointed:

1. Donna Mahoney

CARRIED

Human Resources Matter

Report No. 2020CLS.021 (Human Resources) relative to the above noted was previously presented in Closed Session held earlier in the evening.

Councillor T. Giertuga requested to be recorded as opposed to the motion relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

With respect to Report No. 2020CLS.021 (Human Resources) we recommend that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

Statutory Public Meetings – Electronic Participation

Report No. R 56/2020 (Development & Emergency Services - Planning Services) recommending that statutory public meetings and hearings under the Planning Act be held by electronic participation during the COVID-19 Emergency Order.

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 Cody Fraser
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mark Bentz

THAT with respect to Report No. R 56/2020 (Development & Emergency Services - Planning Services), statutory public meetings and hearings under the Planning Act be held by electronic participation, in accordance with the procedure described in this report, during the COVID-19 Emergency Order;

AND THAT By-law 128-2012 Procedural By-law of Council and its Committees be amended to include these provisions for electronic participation as per Section 5.11 - Public Meeting;

AND THAT the Committee of Adjustment be requested to include provisions for electronic participation in its rules and procedures.

CARRIED

Contract 15, 2020 Marina Park Pedestrian Overpass Rehabilitation

Report No. R 54/2020 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) recommending that Contract 15, 2020 – Marina Park Pedestrian Overpass Rehabilitation be awarded to Tom Jones Corporation, distributed separately on Thursday, May 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 Rebecca Johnson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver

With respect to Report No. R 54/2020 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) we recommend that Contract 15, 2020 for Marina Pedestrian Overpass Rehabilitation be awarded to Tom Jones Corporation who submitted the lowest tender in the amount of \$1,321,133.12 [inclusive of HST]; it being noted that the amount shown is based on estimated quantities; final payment for this contract will be based on measured quantities for the completed work;

AND THAT consulting engineering services be awarded to the firm of JML Engineering Ltd. with an agreement approved in the amount of \$67,064.37 [inclusive of HST] for construction administration and inspection associated with this contract;

AND THAT the General Manager of Infrastructure and Operations report any circumstances to City Council should any significant variations in the contract quantities occur;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all documentation related to these matters;

AND THAT any necessary bylaws be presented to City Council for ratification.

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Pop-Up Patio Pilot Program Review

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated May 19, 2020 containing a motion relative to the above noted.

Correspondence from Ms. C. Robinson, Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, Mr. J. Moro, Westfort Business Association, Mr. B. Scollie, Fort William BIA, Mr. J. Comuzzi Waterfront BIA, and Ms. D. Campbell, Bay & Algoma Business Association, dated May 22, 2020 relative to the above noted, distributed separately on Monday, May 25 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: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Brian McKinnon

With respect to the Pop-Up Patio Pilot Program, we recommend that Realty Services report back on the utilization of the pilot program for 2018 and 2019 including the number of known restaurants who have shown interest but have not participated and potential barriers for participation;

AND THAT the report include recommendations to expand the existing pilot to allow for increased participation;

AND THAT the report include recommendations to close suitable streets or surface parking lots that continue to ensure that the flow of pedestrian travel is not disrupted and that accessible parking spaces are maintained as much as possible;

AND THAT administration determine if timeframes associated with the application need to be altered to allow for an expedited process;

AND THAT information regarding the potential waiving of fees associated with the program for 2020 be included in the report;

AND THAT administration report back on or before June 15, 2020;

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

CARRIED

New Business - Community Improvement Plans

At the request of the Chair, Councillor M. Bentz assumed the Chair during the discussion of this item.

Councillor B. Hamilton and Councillor A. Ruberto disclosed an interest and refrained from discussing or voting on the resolution relative to the above noted.

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated May 19, 2020 containing a motion relative to the above noted, distributed separately on Thursday, May 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: Mayor Bill Mauro
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

With Respect to the memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro dated May 19, 2020 relative to Community Improvement Plans, we recommend that Administration report back with recommendations on potential parameters of the grant programs and recommended sources of funding;

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

CARRIED

OPEN SESSION in the S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Police Facility Needs Assessment - Request for Additional Options

Memorandum from Councillor T. Giertuga, dated March 11, 2020 containing a motion recommending that the Steering Committee report to Council additional options for police facilities in the City.

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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 Peng You

With respect to the review of options for the Thunder Bay Police Services Facility, we recommend that the Steering Committee report to Council additional options for police facilities in the City;

AND THAT additional options including, but not be limited to neighbourhood-based satellite offices;

AND THAT the Steering Committee report to Council any financial implications of completing the additional review;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before September 30, 2020;

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

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole and City Council Agenda Process

At the April 20, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, a memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated April 9, 2020 was presented, containing a motion relative to the development of agendas for Committee of the Whole and City Council during the State of Emergency, and directing Administration to provide an update at the May 25, 2020 meeting.

Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated May 12, 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: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Peng You

With respect to the memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated May 12, 2020, relative to the development of agendas for Committee of the Whole and City Council, we recommend that the City Clerk in consultation with the Committee Chair and the Executive Management Team be designated the responsibility of determining the appropriate items for agendas from now until the end of June;

AND THAT agendas only contain items that are time sensitive/urgent, relate to the current State of Emergency and where resources are appropriately available to respond to the matter;

AND THAT information reports and minutes of Committees and Local Boards where prepared and where resources are available be included in agendas going forward regardless of the time sensitive nature of the subject matter to decrease the backlog of reports;

AND THAT this practice be revisited on June 22, 2020;

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

CARRIED

Committees – Electronic Meetings

Memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated May 15, 2020 recommending an amendment to the Procedural By-law to allow for electronic participation of some Committees of Council.

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 Aldo Ruberto

SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

With respect to the memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk dated May 15, 2020, relative to electronic participation by the following committees, we recommend that By-Law 55/2020 - A By-law to amend 128-2012 - Procedural By-law of Council and its Committees be approved;

AND THAT the City Clerk report back to City Council on or before September 28, 2020 on the status of all Committees of Council.

CARRIED

Thunder Bay Community Auditorium Inc.

Memorandum from Ms. L. Evans, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care, dated May 12, 2020 relative to financial reporting for Thunder Bay Community Auditorium Inc., for information.

Confidential memorandum from Ms. L. Evans, General Manager - Corporate Services & Long Term Care, dated May 12, 2020 relative to the above noted, for information, distributed separately to Members of City Council and EMT, only on Thursday, May 21, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Overview of Reopening Process

Memorandum from Mr. N. Gale, City Manager dated May 20, 2020 providing insight into the Emergency Response Team’s reopening process as the Corporation continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, for information, distributed separately on Thursday, May 21, 2020.

Establishment of Closed Session - June 1, 2020

MOVED BY: Councillor Andrew Foulds
SECONDED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION in the Office of the City Clerk at 9:40 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session
Vice Chair: Councillor A. Ruberto

Committee reconvened Closed Session to continue with the business at hand.

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. K. Power, City Clerk

OFFICIALS - ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Ms. P. Robinet, City Solicitor

Legal Matter

Ms. L. Evans, General Manager – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, and Ms. C. Cline, Deputy City Solicitor entered the meeting.

Report No. 2020CLS.022 (Legal Services) relative to the above noted, distributed to City Council, City Manager, City Solicitor, Deputy City Solicitor, and General Manager – Corporate Services & Long-Term Care, only.

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager provided and overview and responded to questions. Ms. C. Cline responded to questions. Ms. P. Robinet responded to questions.

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

The City Clerk advised that the recommendation relative to Report No. 2020CLS.022 (Legal Services) would be presented at the June 1, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.