



**MEETING:** Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** September 16, 2019

**Reference No.** COW - 41/50

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**OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.**

Committee of the Whole - Community Services Session  
Chair: Councillor S. Ch'ng

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Confirmation of Agenda - September 16, 2019 - Committee of the Whole

With respect to the September 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Lakehead University Presentation - State of the University Update**

Letter received from Ms. Deb Comuzzi, Vice-President External Relations - Lakehead University dated September 6, 2019 requesting that Dr. Moira McPherson, President - Lakehead University appear before Committee and provide a presentation relative to the above noted.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Sister Cities Advisory Committee Minutes**

Minutes of Meeting No. 06-2019 of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee held on July 3, 2019, for information.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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***MEETING DATE***      16/09/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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***SUBJECT***              Confirmation of Agenda

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***SUMMARY***

Confirmation of Agenda - September 16, 2019 - Committee of the Whole

***RECOMMENDATION***

With respect to the September 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

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**SUBJECT**             Lakehead University Presentation - State of the University Update

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***SUMMARY***

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***ATTACHMENTS***

1 Letter From Ms. Deb Comuzzi

September 6, 2019

Ms. Krista Power  
Office of the City Clerk  
500 Donald Street  
Thunder Bay, Ontario  
P7E 5V3

Dear Ms. Power,

Please accept this letter as an indication of our President, Dr. Moira McPherson wishes to make a presentation to City Council on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> 2019. We have spoken to Councillor Brian McKinnion and City representative on the Board of Governors of Lakehead University about delivering a “state of the university” presentation to City Council regarding Lakehead University’s present status. Lakehead University would highlight our Strategic Plan, economic impact to the City and region, provide an update of our CASES building and other relevant issues surrounding the University and the City of Thunder Bay.

We anticipate showing a brief audio/video presentation, and so I kindly request that the proper electronic equipment be available. Lakehead University understands that we have will have approximately 20 minutes for our session.

Lakehead University looks forward to our presentation and any following questions from Council that may arise. Please let me know if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,



Deb Comuzzi  
Vice-President External Relations



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***SUBJECT***              Sister Cities Advisory Committee Minutes

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***SUMMARY***

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***ATTACHMENTS***

1 SISTER CITIES MINUTES

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2019 **MEETING NO. 06-2019**  
**TIME:** 5:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** MCNAUGHTON ROOM – CITY HALL  
**CHAIR:** MR. MATTHEW VILLELLA

**PRESENT:**

Mayor B. Mauro  
Councillor Cody Fraser  
Councillor Peng You  
Ms. Hiroko Bekki-Moller  
Mr. Robert Eady  
Mr. Andrew Garro  
Mr. William Hryb  
Ms. Carol Pollard  
Mr. Matthew Villella  
Ms. Josie Virdiramo

**OFFICIALS:**

Mr. John Hannam, City Clerk  
Mrs. Nyomie Korcheski, Committee Coordinator

The Chair thanked Mr. John Hannam for his work and dedication to the Committee and wished him well in his retirement.

The Chair and Councillor Peng You noted that they have been in discussion since the June 5, 2019 Committee meeting and advised Committee that they look forward to working together on Committee initiatives.

Councillor Peng You apologized to Committee for his conduct at the June 5, 2019 Committee meeting.

1.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Mr. Andrew Garro  
SECONDED BY: Councillor C. Fraser

With respect to the July 3, 2019 Sister Cities Advisory Committee meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.0 HUBERT HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Chair advised that at the June 5, 2019 Committee meeting Ms. Cathy Woodbeck, Thunder Bay Multi-Cultural Association, provided an overview relative to the recently attended event in Duluth, for the Committee's information.

The Chair noted that Ms. Woodbeck's attendance and participation at the event is valuable and that the Committee is appreciative.

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting No. 05-2019 of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee, held on May 1, 2019, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Mr. Robert Eady  
SECONDED BY: Ms. Carol Pollard

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 05-2019 held on May 1, 2019, be confirmed.

CARRIED

It was noted that the June 5, 2019 Committee meeting notes (Information Session) will be presented to Committee at the August meeting, for information.

5.0 LIAISON UPDATES

5.1 DULUTH, MN

Border Cats

Mr. Robert Eady noted that the May 28, 2019 event was a success. All feedback received from the community was positive. Information relative to the Committee was relayed to those in attendance and the banner was set up at the event.

The event included Councillor Andrew Foulds as Acting Mayor throwing the first pitch, half time draw, McGillivray Pipe Band and flags from each sister city flown outside of the stadium.

International Day of Peace

Mr. Robert Eady noted that the September 21, 2019 event will include participation from local Rotary Clubs and that a further update would be provided at the August Committee meeting.

Tai Chi – Tour Bus Group

Councillor Peng You noted that the event was a success. The group that visited Thunder Bay enjoyed the itinerary and provided only positive feedback. The event received some media coverage and in addition the group and potentially others will return to Thunder Bay for the 150 celebration

Chef Exchange – Sister Cities

Mr. Matthew Villella noted that the event was a success. The event will take place again in 2020. It was also noted that the restaurants involved will take on more of the planning and the Committee will although be involved, will take a step back.

5.2 GIFU CITY, JAPAN

ECE Teachers Exchange Program

Ms. Hiroko Bekki-Moller noted that two teachers from Gifu have completed their stay in Thunder Bay at Woodcrest School (June 17 to July 2, 2019) and that the two teachers from Thunder Bay will be in Gifu July 13, 2019 to August 1, 2019.

It was noted that upon the teachers return a follow up/debrief meeting will be set up relative to the exchange and that the local teachers will be invited to a fall meeting of the Committee relative to providing a brief presentation on their exchange to Gifu.

Mr. John Hannam noted that the support and participation from the Lakehead Public School Board is appreciated.

Mr. John Hannam provided an update relative to the developing sister school initiative between schools in Gifu and Woodcrest School locally.

Artwork Exhibition

Ms. Hiroko Bekki-Moller noted that the exhibition has been postponed until the Fall of 2019.

Peace Bell Ceremony

Ms. Hiroko Bekki-Moller noted that she is working on the annual event that will take place on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 11:30 am at City Hall and encouraged all Committee members to attend.



2019 Delegation to Thunder Bay

Mr. John Hannam advised Committee that a delegation led by the Mayor from Gifu City will visit Thunder Bay this summer arriving on August 4, 2019.

It was also noted that Gifu has advanced programs with respect to recycling and that Councillor Peng You and Ms. Hiroko Bekki-Moller will follow up with respect to additional information.

5.3 LITTLE CANADA, MN

Canadian Days 2019

Discussion was held relative to delegation at Canadian Days.

MOVED BY: Mr. Robert Eady  
SECONDED BY: Councillor C. Fraser

With respect to 2019 Canadian Days in Little Canada being held August 1 to 4, 2019 we authorize the following to attend:

- Mayor and/or Acting
- Ms. Carol Pollard
- Mr. Matthew Villella
- Ms. Josie Virdiramo

AND THAT expenses be paid from the Sister Cities budget.

CARRIED

It was noted that either Mayor or Acting Mayor will also attend as a signing ceremony to renew the relationship will take place during the celebration.

Fire Fighter Delegation – Little Canada to Thunder Bay

At the May Committee meeting a motion was carried relative to providing up to \$750 for costs associated with the delegation.

Ms. Josie Virdiramo noted that accommodations would be a cost of \$975.41.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Mr. Andrew Garro  
SECONDED BY: Ms. Carol Pollard

With respect to the fire fighter delegation from Little Canada visiting Thunder Bay July 12 – 14, 2019, we authorize an additional \$225.41 to be added to the approved \$750.00 to help cover costs associated with the visit;

AND THAT these expenses be paid from the Committee budget.

CARRIED

Conversations with City Administrator – Mr. Chris Heineman

Mr. Matthew Villella noted that conversations continue via Zoom technology with Mr. Chris Heineman from Little Canada.

5.4 SEINAJOKI, FINLAND

Mr. John Hannam noted that he has been in discussion with Mr. Norm Gale, City Manager, with respect to staff exchanges. It was noted that there is potential to hold staff exchanges at the same time or in coordination with a potential delegation from Thunder Bay to Seinajoki in the Fall of 2019.

5.5 JIAOZUO, CHINA

Councillor Peng You provided an update relative to the following:

High school exchange

It was noted that a high school exchange is currently being explored for students from China to come to Thunder Bay.

International Tai Chi Conference

It was noted that connections have been made between Lakehead University and Henan Polytechnic University.

World Tai Chi Championships

Councillor Peng You noted that he is working towards bringing the event to Thunder Bay in 2022.

It was also noted that a tai chi tourism convention is upcoming in Jiaozuo in September of 2019 and that Committee should expect an invitation to attend.

Beijing Winter Olympics 2022

It was noted that application has been sent in relative to involvement from Thunder Bay in the opening ceremonies.

Hockey summer training camp

Councillor Peng You and Councillor Cody Fraser are also exploring a hockey summer training camp.

Councillor Peng You advised Committee that he will be travelling to Jiaozuo in September and attending the opening ceremonies of the Tai Chi and Tourism Convention being held on September 16, 2019.

Councillor Peng You also advised that he is working on a connection with a local Thunder Bay business and representatives in Jiaozuo relative to the tire industry.

Councillor Peng You respectfully asked Committee to provide funding from the Sister Cities budget to aid in the visit to Jiaozuo relative to airfare and accommodations.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted.

MOVED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

With respect to Councillor Peng You's visit to China in September 2019, we authorize up to \$2,500 be provided to aid in covering the costs relative to airfare and accommodations;

AND THAT the above noted amount be paid from the Sister Cities budget.

CARRIED

6.0 FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT - ENGLAND

Mr. John Hannam provided an update and reviewed itinerary relative to a delegation from England to visit Thunder Bay July 23-27, 2019.

The visit will include connections with BIA's, local scout and Rotary Clubs, Red Lion Smokehouse, Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Corporation, local military connections, Thunder Bay Police Service and local Legions.

It was also noted that the visit will include connections with the Business Improvement Associations, scout groups, Rotary Clubs, and that the Red Lion would be interested in hosting the delegation for dinner.

MOVED BY: Councillor Cody Fraser

SECONDED BY: Mayor Bill Mauro

With respect to costs associated with the delegation dinner, lunch and boat tour, with respect to the delegation from England (2019), we authorize these expenses to be paid from the Sister Cities Budget.

CARRIED

Mayor Bill Mauro left the meeting at 6:53 pm.

#### 7.0 COMMITTEE'S WORKPLAN

Mr. Matthew Villella provided an update relative to the above noted. It was noted that Corporate Communications has been engaged relative to Committee communication plan.

It was also noted that an upcoming Strategic Planning Session (work plan) and budget meeting will be arranged.

#### 8.0 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – CITY OF THUNDER BAY

Mr. John Hannam noted an error from the last edition of MyTbay with respect to the Sister Cities article. It was noted that the online version of the publication has been corrected.

Mr. Matthew Villella noted that he will continue to provide updates to Committee relative to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as they become available.

Mr. John Hannam thanked the Committee for all of the hard work and dedication and advised that effective August 3, 2019, Ms. Krista Power will assume the role of City Clerk and will therefore take his place on the SCAC.

#### 9.0 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 5:30 p.m. in the McNaughton Room at City Hall.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.