

**DATE:** THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

**MEETING NO. 02-2015**

**TIME:** 4:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CITY HALL

**CHAIRMAN:** COUNCILLOR I. ANGUS

**PRESENT:**

Councillor I. Angus  
Mr. D. Fisk  
Ms. D. Gilhooly  
Ms. A. Ostrom  
Mr. J. Susin  
Mr. M. Tenander

**REGRETS:**

Mayor K. Hobbs  
Councillor B. McKinnon  
Councillor A. Ruberto  
Councillor J. Virdiramo

**OFFICIALS:**

Mr. T. Commisso, City Manager  
Mr. D. Matson, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations  
Ms. N. Koltun, City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel  
Mr. L. Morrow, Corporate Project Manager – Facilities, Fleet & Transit Services  
Mr. P. Fayrick, Manager - Parks Division  
Ms. L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk

**GUESTS:**

Mr. J. Mauro & Mr. K. Williams – Military Tribute Committee  
Mr. E. Hansen, Mr. P. Hansen & Mr. J. Stephenson – Community Boating Centre

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor I. Angus, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. A roundtable of introductions followed.

There were no disclosures of interest declared at this time.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. D. Matson added potential surplus of lands under New Business.

MOVED BY: Ms. D. Gilhooly

SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Susin

With respect to Meeting No. 02-2015 of the Waterfront Development Committee held on April 2, 2015, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

### 3.0 PRESENTATIONS

#### 3.1 Presentation on the Memorial Wall Location

In reference to a memorandum from Councillor L. Hebert, dated March 6, 2015, to members of Council, the following resolution was moved by Councillor L. Hebert at the March 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting:

THAT the City of Thunder Bay offers a location at Marina Park for the proposed Memorial Wall which will contain the names of all military members from Thunder Bay and /or the District of Thunder Bay who were killed in action while serving their country in armed forces combat missions.

This motion was referred to the Waterfront Development Committee by the following:

THAT the resolution relative to the Memorial Wall location be referred to the Waterfront Development Committee and Administration for a report back on their recommendations in consideration of proposed and potential locations.

A presentation was made by Mr. Jim Mauro and Mr. Kyle Williams, members of the Military Tribute Committee, relative to adding a Memorial Wall at Marina Park.

Mr. J. Mauro provided background information on how the Memorial Wall would look, and noted that City Council had been approached about this request in January 2014.

This committee is convinced that Marina Park would be the best location for the Memorial Wall for the following reasons:

- visibility of the monument would be limited if it was located at Waverley Park;
- Marina Park is visited by more visitors and citizens than Waverley Park; the monument would be in a more vital, growing part of the community;
- At Marina Park, the monument would also be a tribute to those whose lives ended on the water;
- The waterfront has more of a setting of serenity and peace.

Mr. Mauro responded to questions, and estimated that the Memorial Wall would be approximately 25 feet in length, with 1,200 names of the military on it. There is currently no design; if this project is approved, the community would be invited to submit designs. There is no specific location along the waterfront being suggested. The Military Tribute Committee is prepared to start the project in about six weeks upon approval. They will raise their own funds for this project.

Discussion was held relative to the importance of the right location and place of reflection.

Mr. Mauro noted that there have not been many discussions about the Memorial Wall with the

local legions; however, they are supportive. The legions do not have any opinion on the location of the Memorial Wall. The Military Tribute Committee has had no discussions with the committee that put up the naval memorial at the waterfront.

Mr. Mauro and Mr. Williams were thanked for their presentation, and they left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Copies of a map of the Waverley Park Cenotaph and Memorial Walkway were distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

Mr. P. Fayrick, Manager – Parks Division, provided an overview of the map and responded to questions. It was noted that Remembrance Day ceremonies are held at Waverley Park on an annual basis.

It was noted that a committee has been struck to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, and they are vetting memorial tributes and legacy projects.

It was also noted that Port Arthur was the first place (in the world) to commemorate the poppy after WW1 ended.

Mr. Fayrick provided an overview of where the proposed Memorial Wall could be located – in the semi-circle near the cenotaph. Mr. D. Matson provided an overview of a grade change in the area which could accommodate the monument.

It was noted that parts of Red River Road can be closed for open street events.

If members of the WDC have any further questions in this regard, they are to forward them to Ms. L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator, and she will send them to Administration.

Administration will draft a resolution in regards to the deputation for consideration by the WDC at the June 4, 2015 Committee meeting.

### 3.2 Thunder Bay Community Boating Centre Initiative

Copies of the Thunder Bay Community Boating Centre Brochure were distributed separately on desks at the meeting for information.

At 5:16 p.m., Mr. Eric Hansen provided an overview of a joint initiative of the Thunder Bay Yacht Club and the Temple Reef Sailing Club called the Thunder Bay Community Boating Centre. Mr. P. Hansen & Mr. J. Stephenson were also in attendance to respond to questions. A PowerPoint slideshow was part of the presentation.

Background information was provided on the Thunder Bay Yacht Club and the Temple Reef Sailing Club.

The Temple Reed facility is showing signs of aging, and the Yacht Club currently has no presence on the waterfront. An overview of a proposed multi-use facility was provided. It was noted that there are currently no services (water, hydro, etc.) to the proposed location. Primary funding for the facility would come from fundraising endeavours by the two clubs. It was noted that the waterfront provides a lot of opportunities for racing events. Both clubs would like to bring more boating events to Thunder Bay.

Copies of the proposed STB storage/launch area were distributed separately on desks at the meeting. Mr. E. Hansen, Mr. P. Hansen and Mr. J. Stephenson responded to questions.

Mr. D. Matson noted that this initiative is an integral part of the Waterfront Master Plan Update, and that these two clubs are part of the stakeholders group in the development of the plan.

Councillor I. Angus requested that information on the City's Community, Youth & Cultural Funding Program is sent to Mr. E. Hansen. Ms. L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator, will follow up on this request.

The representatives for the Thunder Bay Community Boating Centre were thanked for their presentation, and at 5:57 p.m. they left the meeting.

#### 4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2015 of the Waterfront Development Committee, held on February 5, 2015, to be approved.

MOVED BY: Mr. M. Tenander  
SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Susin

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2015 of the Waterfront Development Committee held on February 5, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED

#### 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### Pedestrian Overpass

Mr. D. Matson, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations, reported that the structural repairs and architectural finishes (approximately \$600,000) included in the 2015 capital budget for the pedestrian overpass have been moved to the 2016 capital budget.

#### 6.0 VISIONING WORKSHOP

On March 5, 2015, a visioning workshop on the Phase 2 Waterfront Master Plan and the 52 kilometres of waterfront was held for members of the Waterfront Development Committee. Representatives from BrookMcIlroy Inc. facilitated the workshop.

Additional information from BrookMcIlroy Inc. relative to the Key Directions for Phase 2 Waterfront Master Plan was distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

Mr. D. Matson provided an overview and responded to questions relative to the WDC Action Items listed on Page 3.

Chair, Councillor I. Angus, requested that this type of information be distributed with the agenda for review prior to the meeting.

Accordingly, the Action Items will be tabled for the June 2015 WDC meeting to enable the Committee members to read them and provide feedback.

Mr. L. Morrow, Corporate Project Manager, provided an overview of Attachment 1 and noted that approval of the draft Guiding Principles on Page 4 is required by the WDC. Several members requested more time to review the document. The subject information will be sent out electronically to the WDC members for their review. They can forward their revisions/questions/suggestions etc. to Ms. L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator. The deadline for feedback will be Thursday, April 30, 2015.

#### 7.0 CITY'S 2015 – 2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

Copies of an invitation to members of the Waterfront Development Committee to provide input into the City's 2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan were included in the agenda.

After some discussion, the following responses were provided:

*In your view as a Committee, what are the most important issues facing the City today?*

- Implementation of the Waterfront Master Plan - Phase 2, particularly for the area South of Pearl and the Festival Area;
- Progress on the development of the 52 kilometres of the Waterfront Recreation Trail;
- Integration of the Image Route Visioning into City Plans

*What issues should receive the greatest attention from City Council?*

- No responses were discussed.

*As a Committee, what is your vision for the City of Thunder Bay?*

- Development of the 52 kilometers of waterfront to its full potential.

#### 8.0 WATERFRONT TRAIL – WDC SUPPORT

Discussion was held relative to a recommendation to City Council in support of the Waterfront Trail.

MOVED BY: Ms. A. Ostrom  
SECONDED BY: Mr. D. Fisk

THAT having received the revised waterfront trail plan, the Waterfront Development Committee supports the waterfront trail in principle, and directs Administration to proceed with a full report, including but not limited to, implementation and financing.

CARRIED

## 9.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Copies of the Park Master Plan Projects for 2015 and the draft Terms of Reference for the Chippewa Park Master Plan were distributed separately on desks at the meeting. Mr. P. Fayrick, Manager – Parks Division, provided an overview of the projects and responded to questions.

### 9.1 Chapples Redevelopment Plan

Mr. P. Fayrick provided an overview of the draft scope of work for the Chapples Recreation Area – Redevelopment Plan and responded to questions. Copies of an air photo of the Chapples Recreation Area were distributed separately on desks at the meeting.

He noted that the City is looking for partnership opportunities in this plan. A high level traffic study is needed for the area.

### 9.2 Boulevard Lake Master Plan

It was noted that the tender for consulting services for the Boulevard Lake Area Improvements Plan was awarded to the EDS Group Inc. in February 2015.

### 9.3 Chippewa Park Master Plan

It was noted that the tender for consulting services for the Chippewa Park Breakwater Study were awarded to Oshki Aki LP in February 2015.

Mr. P. Fayrick provided an overview of the scope of work, and noted that permanent removal of the dock is being considered.

Objectives include improving the water quality at the main beach and enhancing the fish habitat.

Discussion was held relative to the Park's Carousel and its designation as a protected heritage structure.

It was noted that the highest use of Chippewa Park occurs in June, in the event consultants want public input.

10.0 BOULEVARD LAKE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. D. Matson reported that the Boulevard Lake dam project has been tendered.

Repairs to the water main are scheduled for this year. Repairs to the parking lot and dredging of the lake are part of the Boulevard Lake Area Improvement Plan, which is currently underway.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

Administration recommended that the Waterfront Development Committee resolve into Closed Session to discuss the business at hand.

MOVED BY: Ms. D. Gilhooly  
SECONDED BY: Ms. A. Ostrom

THAT the Waterfront Development Committee resolves into Closed Session in order to receive information that is relative to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality, and then revert back to Open Session to continue with the business at hand.

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 6:53 p.m.

MOVED BY: Mr. M. Tenander  
SECONDED BY: Mr. D. Fisk

THAT Administration proceeds as directed relative to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality;

AND THAT Administration keeps the Waterfront Development Committee informed about the progress.

CARRIED

Mr. D. Fisk left the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

12.0 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

On March 11, 2015, WDC member, Jason Susin, requested information from Darrell Matson, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations, on the Great West Timber property relative to writing a proposal for consideration by the Waterfront Development Committee for a recommendation to City Council.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted.

13.0 PHASE II UPDATE – No Update

14.0 PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – No Update

15.0 2015 MEETING DATES/NEXT MEETING

Meetings of the WDC are scheduled on the first Thursday of every second month, except in July and August, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the McNaughton Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of City Hall (unless otherwise notified), as follows:

- Thursday, June 4, 2015
- Thursday, September 3, 2015
- Thursday, November 5, 2015

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.