

**DATE:** THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

**MEETING NO. 03-2017**

**TIME:** 4:05 P.M.

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

**CHAIR:** COUNCILLOR I. ANGUS

**PRESENT:**

Councillor I. Angus  
Mr. E. Cameron  
Mr. C. Gaudet  
Ms. D. Gilhooly  
Ms. A. Ostrom  
Councillor J. Virdiramo

**REGRETS:**

Mr. D. Fisk  
Mayor K. Hobbs  
Councillor B. McKinnon  
Councillor A. Ruberto

**OFFICIALS:**

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations  
Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces  
Ms. L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk

**GUESTS:**

Mr. A. Krupper, Mobility Coordinator  
Mr. B. Loroff, Manager – Transit Services  
Mr. W. Schwar, Supervisor – Parks & Open Space Planning

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chair, Councillor I. Angus, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. No quorum was present at this time; the meeting proceeded as an Information Session.

2.0 PRESENTATION

2.1 Bike Parking at the Waterfront

At the April 6, 2017 meeting of the WDC, discussion was held relative to paid parking and a parking strategy at Prince Arthur’s Landing. The Committee requested that the Mobility Coordinator be invited to the next meeting of the WDC to discuss bike parking at the waterfront.

Mr. Adam Krupper, Mobility Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions about integrated bike parking at Prince Arthur’s Landing. Additional options for accessing the park (in addition to walking, transit services, etc.) are needed and biking is an option. The proposed relocation of the Art Gallery to the waterfront will bring more people into the area. As traffic continues to grow, there will be more demand for walking and biking in this area.

Administration is proposing the installation of bike racks on the pier for boaters and visitors;

however, funding is a challenge at this time. Covered bike parking would be optimal if funding could be secured. Several examples of covered bike parking and proposed locations (in active areas) for covered bike parking were included on the PowerPoint presentation. These structures could have multiple uses. Estimated costs range from \$30,000 to \$50,000 each.

Mr. Krupper would also like to see a bike repair station at the waterfront.

Ms. D. Gilhooly noted that design of covered bike parking must be integrated into the current design of the buildings at the waterfront, and they cannot obstruct the view. She would like the design of the structures presented to the WDC before construction starts.

Ms. A. Ostrom would like to see bike parking integrated into the Pool 6 development.

All WDC members present at the meeting were supportive of the concept of bike racks at the waterfront; however, they were concerned about costs and if the addition of bike racks is value-added.

**Councillor I. Angus asked Mr. Krupper to prepare language that the WDC could consider in a recommendation to City Council.** Discussion followed about a partnership with the Province and the Federal Government, using the City's contribution for purposes of leveraging.

**Councillor Angus suggested that Mr. Krupper contact the Manager of Licensing & Enforcement about the Parking Strategy, to determine if bike parking is included in the Strategy.**

At 4:37 p.m., the presentation concluded and Mr. A. Krupper was thanked for appearing before the Waterfront Development Committee.

## 2.2 Transit Service into Prince Arthur's Landing

Mr. Brad Loroff, Manager – Transit Services, was in attendance to respond to questions about transit services into Prince Arthur's Landing.

Mr. Loroff confirmed that the park is designed to accommodate transit buses, and that the roundabout in the park is not a barrier for buses. He noted that the Water Street Bus Terminal is in close proximity to the park, and accordingly, City Transit does provide service to the area.

Discussion was held relative to Canal Park in Duluth, MN. During summer months, there is a trolley service into the park, but no conventional-sized buses. The service is owned and operated by the Duluth Transit Authority.

Discussion followed if additional transit service into the park is necessary if the Water Street Bus Terminal is in close proximity to the park. It was noted that crossing Water Street is problematic for seniors and people with disabilities.

Concerns were raised about the potential relocation of the Water Street Terminal if the event centre is built.

Discussion was held relative to the new Transportation Master Plan (currently being discussed at public consultations) and the proposed new transit route network. Mr. Loroff provided an overview of the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) and the projects that will benefit Thunder Bay.

Ms. D. Gilhooly noted that, as the Transportation Master Plan goes forward, a priority of servicing Prince Arthur's Landing be maintained in that area. Mr. Loroff noted her comments, and advised that the WDC will have an opportunity to provide further consultation in this regard.

Discussion was held relative to opportunities for private businesses to provide a waterfront shuttle that could stop at the casino, Magnus Theatre, the entertainment district restaurants, the Pagoda, Prince Arthur's Landing, etc.

Discussion was held relative to a smaller Lift+-sized bus providing shuttle service into Prince Arthur's Landing. It could be decorated with a trolley look (similar to what was done to the Art Bus). **Mr. Loroff will price out some units for the WDC.**

At 5:00 p.m., Mr. Loroff was thanked for appearing before the Waterfront Development Committee. Mr. Loroff and Mr. Krupper left the meeting room.

### 3.0 UPDATE ON WATERFRONT RECREATION TRAIL

Mr. W. Schwar, Supervisor – Parks & Open Space Planning, provided a progress report and responded to questions.

Parks & Open Spaces Planning, together with the Mobility Coordinator, have undertaken an RFP process for the development of a city-wide Pedestrian Wayfinding Standard, utilizing PTIF funding. The RFP is currently open and closes June 7, 2017 with a project completion date of March 31, 2018. Parks has incorporated as a scope of work for this project the Development of Waterfront Trail Signage design. In this way the Waterfront Trail wayfinding and identification will be integrated into the overall City Wayfinding strategy and not be a separate unconnected entity. It is anticipated that supply and installation of signage along the priority segments will be included for consideration in the 2019 Capital Budget.

Furthermore, Parks & Open Spaces, together with the Realty Division, continue to have discussions with representatives of Richardson's Elevator regarding securing lands for the ability to develop a pedestrian overpass over Richardson's rail line that currently impedes the connection of Marina Park to Lorne Allard Fisherman's Park.

### 4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### 4.1 Divestiture of Current River Facility

At the November 5, 2015 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, discussion was held relative to the Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) - Small Craft Harbours Branch and the City-owned land at the mouth of the Current River.

Mr. C. Halverson, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces, reported that Administration had JML Engineering conduct a structural inspection of the facility and provided a report. The report indicated that some repairs were required, and that additional detailed inspections and testing would be required in order to fully assess the facility. This report was provided to the DFO at the end of March 2017, and it was indicated that funding for the further inspections, testing and repairs would be the responsibility of the DFO.

#### 4.2 Renaming Municipal Property

At the November 3, 2016 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, the following resolution was carried:

With respect to the deputation made by Mr. F. Brown, Secretary – Kinsmen (K-40) Club, to City Council on October 31, 2016, requesting to rename a park in memory of Lorne Allard;

THAT the Waterfront Development Committee recommends to City Council to rename Fisherman's Park to Lorne Allard Fisherman's Park.

AND THAT a commemorative plaque, in memory of Lorne Allard, be displayed at the park.

AND THAT Administration works in partnership with the North Shore Steelhead Association, the Kinsmen (K-40) Club of Thunder Bay, and the Allard family to rename Fisherman's Park.

City Council concurred with that recommendation on December 5, 2016.

Mr. W. Schwar, Supervisor – Parks & Open Space Planning reported that Administration prepared a proposed version of the new sign. The family and NSSA were consulted and a meeting was held on site. A final version of the sign has been agreed to which will include replacing the top sign board with one that displays the new park name and covers the old park name that was cut out of the steel. Also, a panel will be added to the bottom with the commemorative phrase included there, as opposed to installing a separate plaque on the site. The installation of the new sign should be completed within 2 to 3 weeks, and updates to internal park name records are being edited as well.

A picture of the proposed version of the new sign was circulated for viewing. Mr. Schwar noted that the Allard family has approved the proposed sign. Currently, there is no target date for the official unveiling of the sign. It was noted that members of the Waterfront Development Committee would like to be invited to the unveiling.

At 5:03 p.m., upon completion of his update, Mr. Schwar was thanked for attending the WDC meeting.

#### 4.3 Water Street - Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic and Parking

At the April 7, 2016 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, discussion was held relative to traffic and parking on Water Street, and the location of past studies and reports on this area of the City.

At the January 18, 2017 WDC meeting, copies of the memorandum from Mike Vogrig, Project Engineer, to the WDC, dated January 11, 2017, relative to the Marina Park Pedestrian Overpass, were provided for information. Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, advised that Engineering is performing an inspection of the overpass and will be doing an analysis of the inspection. A report will be presented to the WDC upon completion.

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations stated that a report has been received on the structural assessment of the overpass completed by JML Engineering. This structure is in an advanced state of deterioration and requires rehabilitation. The report recommends the overpass be rehabilitated in-situ at an estimated construction cost of \$1.3 million + HST. Rehabilitation of the overpass is currently forecasted to take place in 2020.

Repairs to the concrete pier, retaining wall, stairs, railing system and sidewalk at the site are also recommended. A further inspection is planned in 2018. Annual inspections will be conducted in the interim.

**Ms. Marshall was asked to research the cost of a new structure.** Mr. E. Cameron would like to see the overpass moved to a better location if a new structure is built. He would like to see an open design for the structure; however, Ms. Marshall expressed concerns about railway requirements relative to the safety of an open design walkway crossing railway tracks.

**Ms. A. Ostrom would like to see Administration work with the Prince Arthur Hotel to make the walkway more welcoming in its present location. Ms. Marshall will confirm who owns the area where the staircase to the overpass is located and will determine if there is an option for a staircase to the area below.**

#### 5.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

At 5:10 p.m., Councillor J. Virdiramo entered the meeting. Quorum was now present. No disclosures of interest were declared at this time.

#### 6.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Ms. A. Ostrom  
SECONDED BY: Mr. E. Cameron

With respect to Meeting No. 03-2017 of the Waterfront Development Committee held on June 1, 2017, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (continued)

Paid Parking at Prince Arthur's Landing

At the April 6, 2017 WDC meeting, the Chair requested Administration arrange a meeting between the WDC and the consultants for the Transportation Master Plan. Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, will follow up on this request.

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, advised that consultants from IBI Group will attend one of the fall WDC meetings to provide a further update on this planning process in advance of presentation of the plan to Council.

8.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2017 of the Waterfront Development Committee held on April 6, 2017, to be approved.

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Virdiramo

SECONDED BY: Mr. E. Cameron

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2017 of the Waterfront Development Committee, held on April 6, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED

9.0 TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN (TMP)

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations advised that the TMP will provide strategic direction and policies for investments in the City's transportation network over the next twenty years. IBI Group has been retained as the consultant for the project. The first Public Open House was held in January to get feedback from residents on what changes they would like to see in the transportation network. Comments ranged from improving safety for all users, including pedestrians and cyclists, improving transit by making stops more accessible, to improving road networks by synchronizing signals.

IBI completed background research, a traffic model, analysis of intersections and the overall Active Transportation (AT) network, and others.

Since the first round of consultation, the study team has progressed on refining the vision and objectives of the TMP, advancing the active transportation analysis and networks, developing traffic models and potential road improvements, and outlining the key transportation strategies.

The second set of consultations is coming up where feedback will be requested on the Active Transportation Plan upgrade, TMP alternative frameworks and proposed vision, as well as problem areas and opportunities identified in the network. The second round of consultation is scheduled as follows:

- A special interest group consultation is scheduled Tuesday, June 6, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre, 700 River Street.
- The second Public Open House for the TMP will be held Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, 555 W. Arthur Street, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A representative from the Waterfront Development Committee is needed to attend the planned Special Interest Group Consultation at the Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. E. Cameron volunteered to attend. If he is unable to attend on behalf of the WDC, Ms. D. Gilhooly will attend.

WDC members are encouraged to attend the Public Open House at the Victoria Inn on June 6<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the project and provide input. Ms. A. Ostrom plans on attending the Public Open House.

IBI will be presenting at the Bike Summit on June 3, attending the Kite Festival on June 4, hosting a Youth Consultation on June 5, and presenting to Council on June 5.

A third open house is planned in the fall to present recommendations. A final report will go to Council at the end of this year.

## 10.0 RETURN OF THE SEAFARER'S MONUMENT

Mr. C. Halverson, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces, provided an update relative to the return of the Seafarer's Monument to its original site at TBT Engineering, 1918 Yonge Street - the former Paterson Elevator location.

He reported that the proposed relocation of the monument has been reviewed, and approval has been provided from the Parks Division. Administration is tracking down the agreement that was originally put in place between the Art Gallery and the Paterson family when the monument was moved to its current location (Kam River Heritage Park). Once this is complete, TBT Engineering will be looking after the relocation efforts, and Parks will restore the area where the monument is located.

Councillor I. Angus advised that the agreement has been located.

11.0 2-YEAR WORK PLAN

At the April 6, 2017 WDC meeting, copies of the WDC Work Plan 2017 – 2018 were provided for information. The Work Plan was adopted as presented.

**For the next WDC meeting, Administration will provide an update on each area of focus on the 2017 section of the Work Plan.**

12.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference are to be reviewed by the Committee on an annual basis. The last updates were presented to Committee of the Whole in 2012.

An Ad Hoc Committee to review and update the Terms of Reference was struck at the April 6, 2017 WDC meeting.

Councillor I. Angus reported that he and Ms. A. Ostrom are working on the revisions. An updated document will be presented at the next WDC meeting for approval. Revisions/updates will be sent out prior to the meeting for review by the WDC members and Administration.

13.0 PARK PLANNING PROJECTS

Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces, provided the following updates:

13.1 Chapples Recreation Area – Redevelopment Plan

Parks is progressing with the design and construction of the synthetic turf soccer fields at the north end of the park. Borehole investigations have been completed in this area and topographic surveys are currently underway. An RFP is being prepared and should be out by the end of June, and will be issued for 2 fields, but with one field being provisional - as the funding for the second field is not secured.

13.2 Boulevard Lake Area Improvement Plan

A progress report will be provided when the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment has been completed.

13.3 Chippewa Park Visioning

Chief Peter Collins recently communicated interest for lands to be transferred back to FWFN from the City, which includes the Chippewa lands. It is unclear at this time how these developments may impact the Chippewa Visioning. Administration has sent a letter to the Fort William First Nations confirming our interest in completing the Chippewa Visioning Exercise and asking for confirmation that they are interested in participating as well. Administration hopes to hear back from them soon so that the Visioning can proceed in a timely manner.

14.0 PHASE 2 UPDATE

Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces, reported that construction of the additional parking lot just south of the Pearl Street entrance is near completion. Some weather delays were encountered that affected paving schedules.

15.0 NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Alexander Henry

Ms. K. Marshall advised that a report relative to the return of the Icebreaker Alexander Henry to Thunder Bay will be going to City Council on June 12, 2017. Administration is considering the Kam River Heritage Park as an alternate location for docking. The preferred location for the Lakehead Transportation Museum Society is the dock at the former Pool 6 elevator. The presence of the Alexander Henry at the Kam River Heritage Park should increase activity in the area and reduce loitering.

15.2 Security Concerns at the Waterfront

Mr. E. Cameron expressed concern about the lack of security at the waterfront parking lot during certain times of the day. He was also concerned about people walking across the splash pad instead of going around it. The membrane in the splash pad is expensive and might be damaged. Security in this area might be a deterrent. **Ms. K. Marshall will discuss this with security.**

He asked why the balloon art is being covered by unsightly green boxes – and is not being properly displayed for the public. **Ms. K. Marshall will follow up on this matter.**

15.3 National Team Development Centre (NTDC) Thunder Bay

As a member of the NTDC, Mr. E. Cameron was pleased to advise that the NTDC will be hosting a national alignment camp in Thunder Bay at the end of June.

On the afternoon of Canada Day, athletes will be racing in the downtown north core. The Waterfront BIA is also involved in this event.

15.4 Market Square

Ms. A. Ostrom commented that it was her understanding that the market square building would be managed by the developers. She would like the Waterfront Development Committee to consider the value of building that structure and if there is a better use of that space. **The matter will be referred to Administration.**

Ms. D. Gilhooly would like to know if the City is legally obligated to proceed with the developers on the construction of the Market Square building. **Administration will respond at the next WDC meeting.**

16.0 NEXT MEETING

Meetings of the WDC are scheduled on the first Thursday of every second month, except in July and August, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the McNaughton Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of City Hall (unless otherwise notified), as follows:

- Thursday, September 7, 2017
- Thursday, November 2, 2017

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.