



**Regular Meeting of City Council
Minutes**

**February 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Electronic Participation via Zoom**

Members Present: Mayor Al McDonald, Councillor Tanya Vrebosch, Councillor Brousseau, Councillor Mayne, Councillor Bill Vrebosch, Councillor King, Councillor Robertson, Councillor Bain, Councillor Mendicino, Councillor Tignanelli, Councillor Maroosis

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

- 1.1 Councillor T. Vrebosch - General Government Committee Report No. 2021-04
as "DNSSAB is my employer".
- 1.2 Councillor B. Vrebosch - General Government Committee Report No. 2021-04
as "my daughter works for DNSSAB and I have a conflict with the administration costs for Ontario Works".
- 1.3 Councillor T. Vrebosch - General Government Committee Report No. 2021-05
as "Recommendation No. 12 of the Review of Information Services Delivery Model Final Report relates to business of my employer, DNSSAB".
- 1.4 Councillor Mayne - Request for Proposal 2020-31, Design Services for Downtown Main Street Reconstruction
as "my place of business is in the downtown on Main Street".

- 1.5 Councillor Maroosis - Request for Proposal 2020-31, Design Services for Downtown Main Street Reconstruction
as "I am a property and business owner in Downtown North Bay".
- 1.6 Mayor Al McDonald - General Government Committee Report No. 2021-02
as "I own property near project".
- 1.7 Mayor Al McDonald - By-Laws for Consideration
All Readings of By-Law 2021-13 re: Capital Budget Project No. 4130 RD/ST/WS/SS - Business and Industrial Park Development
Park Design as "I own property near the project".

2. Public Presentations

- 2.1 Pierre Ranger - Let's Remember Adam STOP FOR THE SCHOOL BUS Campaign

3. Public Meeting Minutes

Res. # 2021-42

Moved by Councillor Mendicino
Seconded by Councillor Maroosis

That the minutes for the public meetings held on:

Thursday, January 21, 2021; and
Tuesday, January 26, 2021

be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Motion for Reconsideration

5. Committee Reports

- 5.1 General Government Committee Report No. 2021-01

Res. # 2021-43

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch
Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That General Government Committee Report No. 2021-01 relating to:

- 2021 General Capital Budget and 2021 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget

be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2021-01

February 9, 2021

To The Council
Of The Corporation
Of The City Of North Bay

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2021-01 and recommends:

- a. That City Council adopt the 2021 General Capital Budget as presented in attached Schedule "A" for Capital Projects to be funded from Capital Levy, Debentures, Federal and Provincial Government Grant Programs, Development Charges, Reserves and other contributions totalling \$31,106,389.00 (save and except for: Project #3711RF – City of North Bay Community and Recreation Centre \$17,000,000.00; and Project #4130RD/ST – Business and Industrial Park Development Design \$180,000.00);
- b. That City Council adopt the 2021 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget as presented in attached Schedule "B" for Water and Wastewater Capital projects to be funded from Water and Wastewater Rates, Debentures, Federal and Provincial Government Grant Programs, Development Charges, Reserves and other contributions totalling \$13,226,243.00 (save and except for Project #4130SS/WS – Business and Industrial Park Development Design \$170,000.00);
- c. That Council authorize the reserve transfers and cancellation of capital funding authority as detailed in Appendix B to

Report to Council No. CORP 2020-120 dated November 13, 2020;

- d. That City Council approve the required transfers to and from the various funds in accordance with the 2021 Adopted Capital Budgets;
- e. That City Council authorize the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer to process the budget transfers during the fiscal year, which do not change the overall approved Net Budgets;
- f. That save and except the for the pre-qualification process for Project No. 3711RF - City of North Bay Community and Recreation Centre, Capital Project No. 3711RF will not proceed until further direction is received from Council regarding the tendering, construction and issuance of special debt; and
- g. That a By-Law be presented to Council for three readings on February 9, 2021 authorizing the expenditure of funds approved by the 2021 General Capital Budget and the 2021 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Schedule "A" for Capital Projects](#)

[Schedule "B" for Capital Projects](#)

Recorded Vote upon the Request of Councillor King:

Yeas: Councillors Brousseau, Robertson, B. Vrebosch, Bain, Tignanelli, Mayne, Mendicino, T. Vrebosch, Mayor McDonald

Nays: Councillors King, Maroosis

Carried

5.2 General Government Committee Report No. 2021-02

Mayor Al McDonald declared a conflict on this item. (as "I own property near project".)

Res. # 2021-44

Moved by Councillor B. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor Bain

That General Government Committee Report No. 2021-02 relating to:

- 2021 General Capital Budget and 2021 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget re Project #4130RD/ST/WS/SS - Business and Industrial Development Park Design

be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2021-02

February 9, 2021

To The Council
Of The Corporation
Of The City Of North Bay

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2021-02 and recommends:

That City Council:

1. adopt the 2021 General Capital Budget and 2021 Water and Wastewater Capital for: Project #4130RD/ST/WS/SS – Business and Industrial Development Park Design in the aggregate amount of \$350,000.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Carried

5.3 General Government Committee Report No. 2021-03

Res. # 2021-45(a)

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That General Government Committee Report No. 2021-03 relating to:

- 2021 Operating Budget

be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2021-03

February 9, 2021

To The Council
Of The Corporation
Of The City Of North Bay

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2021-03 and recommends:

That:

1. The 2021 Gross Operating Expenses included in the Operating Budget in the amount of \$129,109,217 (save and except the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board levy of \$12,820,073) be approved.
2. The 2021 Tax Levy of \$96,961,684 as summarized in attached Appendix A be approved.
3. The Chief Financial Officer be authorized to process all transfers to and from reserve funds included in the 2021 Operating Budget.
4. The Chief Financial Officer be authorized to transfer \$13,715,309 from the Operating Fund to the Capital Fund to finance approved capital projects that would otherwise require debenture issuance to fund (Net Capital Levy in Operating Budget). This is often referred to as the "Pay As You Go" funding for capital projects.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Appendix "A"](#)

Recorded Vote upon the Request of Councillor King:

Yeas: Councillors T. Vrebosch, Tignanelli, Mendicino, Bain, Brousseau, B. Vrebosch, Mayne, Mayor McDonald

Nays: Councillors King, Maroosis, Robertson

Carried

Res. # 2021-45(b)

Moved by Councillor Maroosis

Seconded by Councillor King

That General Government Committee Report No. 2021-03 relating to the 2021 Operating Budget be recommitted to the General Government Committee to allow the Chief Administrative Officer to reduce the 2021 Operating Budget to a 1% increase.

Recorded Vote Upon the Request of Councillor Mendicino:

Yeas: Councillor Maroosis, King

Nays: Councillors Mendicino, Robertson, Mayne, B. Vrebosch, Tignanelli, T. Vrebosch, Brousseau, Bain, Mayor McDonald

Lost

5.4 General Government Committee Report No. 2021-04

Councillor T. Vrebosch declared a conflict on this item. (as "DNSSAB is my employer".)

Councillor B. Vrebosch declared a conflict on this item. (as "my daughter works for DNSSAB and I have a conflict with the administration costs for Ontario Works".)

Res. # 2021-46

Moved by Councillor Bain

Seconded by Councillor Brousseau

That General Government Committee Report No. 2021-04 relating to:

- District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board 2021 Operating Budget

be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2021-04

February 9, 2021

To The Council
Of The Corporation
Of The City Of North Bay

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2021-04 and recommends:

1. That the City of North Bay's share of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board's (DNSSAB) 2021 Operating Budget in the amount of \$12,820,073 be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Carried

5.5 General Government Committee Report No. 2021-05

Councillor T. Vrebosch declared a conflict on this item. (as "Recommendation No. 12 of the Review of Information Services Delivery Model Final Report relates to business of my employer, DNSSAB".)

Res. # 2021-47

Moved by Councillor B. Vrebosch
Seconded by Councillor Bain

That General Government Committee Report No. 2021-05 relating to:

- Information Systems Review

be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2021-05

February 9, 2021

To The Council
Of The Corporation
Of The City Of North Bay

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2021-05 and recommends:

1. That Council receive the Information Systems Review report from Blackline Consulting attached to Report to Council CORP 2020-125 dated December 2, 2020 from Lea Janisse and that the Information Services Review Report be referenced in future consideration regarding Information Systems at the City of North Bay.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Carried

6. Correspondence

- 6.1 Resignation of Brian Bibeault dated January 21, 2021 from the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Res. # 2021-48

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch
Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That the resignation of Brian Bibeault from the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) be received and Mr. Bibeault be thanked for his involvement on the Committee.

Carried

- 6.2 Dedicated Gas Tax Letter of Agreement

Res. # 2021-49

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch
Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That:

1. the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to sign the Letter of Agreement on behalf of the City of North Bay related to funding provided by the Province of Ontario to the City of North Bay under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program; and
2. the execution by-law be presented for three (3) readings on February 9, 2021 permitting The Corporation of the City of North Bay to enter into a Letter of Agreement with the Province of Ontario related to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

Carried

6.3 Request for Proposal 2020-31, Design Services for Downtown Main Street Reconstruction

Councillor Mayne declared a conflict on this item. (as "my place of business is in the downtown on Main Street".)

Councillor Maroosis declared a conflict on this item. (as "I am a property and business owner in Downtown North Bay".)

Res. # 2021-50 (a)

Moved by Councillor Tignanelli
Seconded by Councillor Brousseau

That:

1. City Council approve the award of a contract to R.V. Anderson Associates Limited for an amount up to \$340,607.00 (plus HST), for the provision of design services related to the Downtown Main Street Reconstruction;

2. Council authorize the transfer of funds to the project, as outlined in Report to Council CORP 2021-02 dated January 8, 2021 from Mary-Ann Kotylak and Adam Lacombe; and
3. Council authorize the pre-commitment to the 2021 Capital Budget, as outlined in Report to Council CORP 2021-02.

Carried as amended

Res. # 2021-50(b)

Moved by Councillor Bain

Seconded by Councillor Tignanelli

That Report to Council CORP 2021-02 re RFP 2020-31 Design Services for Downtown Main St. Reconstruction be referred to the Infrastructure and Operations Committee.

Carried

- 6.4 Request for Tender 2020-98, Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Reservoir Replacement

Res. # 2021-51

Moved by Councillor Mayne

Seconded by Councillor King

That City Council approve the award of a contract to Venasse Building Group Inc. in the amount of \$2,059,490.00 (plus HST), for the replacement of the Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Reservoir.

Carried

- 6.5 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Public Transit Stream Transfer Payment

Res. # 2021-52

Moved by Councillor Mayne

Seconded by Councillor King

That:

1. the Mayor and City Clerk be authorize to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement on behalf of the City of North Bay and Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario, for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Public Transit Stream; and
2. an execution by-law be presented for three (3) readings on February 9, 2021 permitting The Corporation of the City of North Bay to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario, for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program; Public Transit Stream.

Carried

6.6 Request for Proposal 2020-100, Sidewalk Tractor

Res. # 2021-53

Moved by Councillor Mayne

Seconded by Councillor King

That City Council approve the award of a contract to Holder Tractors Inc. in the amount of \$149,378.92 (plus HST), for the provision of a sidewalk tractor with a rear-mounted sander, snow blower, snow plow, power angle broom and related accessories.

Carried

6.7 2021 Operating Budget - Ontario Regulation 284/09 Disclosure

Res. # 2021-54

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That:

1. City Council acknowledges the 2021 General Operating, Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets were prepared on the cash basis format and excluded the following

expenses:- amortization of tangible capital assets;- employee future benefit costs; and- solid waste landfill closure and post closure expenses;

2. Council authorize the continued preparation of the City's annual General, Water and Wastewater Operating, and Capital Budgets using the cash basis format.

Carried

6.8 Invest North Bay Development Corporation

Res. # 2021-55(a)

Moved by Councillor Brousseau

Seconded by Councillor Robertson

That:

1. City Council not renew the Operating agreement with Invest North Bay Development Corporation; and
2. Council direct the Director of Community Development and Growth to prepare a report to Council detailing the Terms of Reference for a proposed Economic Advisory Committee.

Carried as amended

Res. # 2021-55(b)

Moved by Councillor Brousseau

Seconded by Councillor Mendicino

That Report to Council CSBU 2021-06 re: Invest North Bay Development Corporation be referred to the Community Services Committee.

Carried

7. By-Laws for Consideration

Mayor Al McDonald declared a conflict on this item. (All Readings of By-Law 2021-13 re: Capital Budget Project No. 4130 RD/ST/WS/SS - Business and Industrial Park Development Park Design as "I own

property near the project".)

Res. # 2021-56

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2021-03 to authorize the borrowing from The Toronto-Dominion Bank of the principal amount of \$3,995,782.00 towards to cost of a certain capital work described in Schedule "A" to this By-Law.

Carried

Res. # 2021-57

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That the following by-law be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2021-03 to authorize the borrowing from The Toronto-Dominion Bank of the principal amount of \$3,995,782.00 towards to cost of a certain capital work described in Schedule "A" to this By-Law.

Carried

Res. # 2021-58

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That the following by-laws be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2021-11 to authorize the execution of a Letter of Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario relating to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

By-Law No. 2021-15 to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Public Transit Stream between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the

Province of Ontario represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and The Corporation of the City of North Bay.

By-Law No. 2021-16, a by-law to Amend By-Law No. 2008-104 (being a by-law to establish a schedule of salaries).

Carried

Res. # 2021-59

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That the following by-laws be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2021-11 to authorize the execution of a Letter of Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario relating to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

By-Law No. 2021-15 to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Public Transit Stream between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and The Corporation of the City of North Bay.

By-Law No. 2021-16, a by-law to Amend By-Law No. 2008-104 (being a by-law to establish a schedule of salaries).

Carried

Res. # 2021-60

Moved by Councillor B. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor Bain

That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2021-13 to authorize the expenditure of funds approved by the 2021 General Capital Budget and the 2021 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget.

Carried

Res. # 2021-61

Moved by Councillor B. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor Bain

That the following by-law be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2021-13 to authorize the expenditure of funds approved by the 2021 General Capital Budget and the 2021 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget.

Carried

8. Motions

8.1 Asset Management

Res. # 2021-62

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has had significant financial and operational impacts on Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have had to divert resources towards addressing the immediate needs of the pandemic and maintaining service delivery standards despite evolving restrictions and limited funds;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has delayed timelines with respect to several pieces of legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal asset management through O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;

AND WHEREAS O. Reg. 588/17 mandates that every municipality shall prepare an asset management plan in respect of its core municipal infrastructure assets by July 1, 2021, and in respect of all of its other municipal infrastructure assets by July 1, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the key components of an asset management plan as required by the regulation are:

1. Infrastructure asset inventory
2. Levels of service
3. Lifecycle management and financial strategy

AND WHEREAS there is a concern amongst Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) members and their municipalities that current capacity challenges (redeployment of staff, and lack of available resources) will result in limitations for purposeful asset management planning;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities do not anticipate the current capacity challenges to be resolved in the short-term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the City of North Bay supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting a one-year extension of deadlines in O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015; so that all municipalities can focus on the immediate needs of the pandemic and engage in municipal asset management planning when capacity challenges are resolved.

Carried

8.2 Ontario Bill 197 - Landfills

Res. # 2021-63

Moved by Councillor Bain

Seconded by Councillor Mayne

WHEREAS Schedule 6 of Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 considers amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act relating to municipal autonomy and the principle that municipalities can veto a development outside their municipal boundary in an adjacent municipality;

AND WHEREAS Bill 197 empowers multiple municipalities to 'veto' development of a landfilling site within a 3.5 km zone inside the boundary of an adjacent municipality;

AND WHEREAS Bill 197 establishes a dangerous precedent that could be expanded to other types of development;

AND WHEREAS Bill 197 compromises municipal autonomy and the authority of municipal councils to make informed decisions in the best interest of their communities and municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS amendments in Schedule 6 could cause conflict in the effective management of landfill sites, put significant pressure on existing landfill capacity, and threaten the economic activity associated with these sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the City of North Bay calls upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host' municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, M.P.P. Victor Fedeli, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and Ontario's Big City Mayors (formerly Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario-LUMCO).

Carried

8.3 Community and Recreation Centre

Res. # 2021-64(a)

Moved by Councillor Maroosis

Seconded by Councillor King

Whereas the Council of the City of North Bay is considering a new Community and Recreation Centre be built at the Steve Omischl field.

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare and present to Council a Business Plan for the operation of the new Community and Recreation Centre and associated grounds projected over twenty years which includes all expenses both operating and capital and the projected revenues to service these costs.

Carried as amended

Res. # 2021-64(b)

Moved by Councillor Brousseau

Seconded by Councillor Mayne

That the Motion be amended by deleting the word "considering" in the first paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof:

"going out for a Request for Pre-Qualification for the consideration of"

Councillor Maroosis called a Point of Order asking the Chair to rule this amendment out of order as it does not address the spirit of the original Motion.

The Chair rules the amendment out of order as it is not germane to the main motion.

Res. # 2021-64(c)

Moved by Councillor Mendicino

Seconded by Councillor Bain

That the Motion be amended by adding the following paragraph:

And Further that the Business Plan also include revenues and economic benefits from potential new tourism and Sport Tourism Events.

Carried

9. In-Camera Correspondence

Res. # 2021-65

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That Council adjourn in-camera pursuant to section 239.(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended at 9:14 p.m. for the following reason:

9.1 being labour relations

Carried

Res. # 2021-66

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That Council reconvene at 9:29 p.m.

Carried

9.1 Labour Relations

Res. # 2021-67

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That:

1. Council authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the Collective Agreement between the Corporation of the City of North Bay and the North Bay Professional Firefighters Association covering the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025;

2. an Execution By-Law be brought forward to the February 9th, 2021 Council meeting to authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Collective Agreement between the Corporation of the City of North Bay and the North Bay Professional Firefighters Association.

Carried

Res. # 2021-68

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2021-17 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Collective Agreement with the North Bay Professional Firefighters' Association.

Carried

Res. # 2021-69

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That the following by-law be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2021-17 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Collective Agreement with the North Bay Professional Firefighters' Association.

Carried

10. Giving Notice (Notice of Motion)

11. Confirmatory By-Law

Res. # 2021-70

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2021-14 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 9, 2021.

Carried

Res. # 2021-71

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch
Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That the following by-law be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2021-14 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 9, 2021.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Res. # 2021-72

Moved by Councillor Tignanelli
Seconded by Councillor Mendicino

That this Regular Meeting of Council do now adjourn at 9:31 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Allan McDonald

City Clerk Karen McIsaac