



**Regular Meeting of City Council
Minutes**

**May 4, 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**
- 2. Public Presentations**
- 3. Public Meeting Minutes**

Res. # 2021-187

Moved by Councillor Mendicino
Seconded by Councillor Maroosis

That the minutes for the public meetings held on:

- Tuesday, April 20, 2021; and
- Monday, April 26, 2021

be adopted as presented.

Carried

- 4. Motion for Reconsideration**
- 5. Committee Reports**

5.1 Community Services Committee Report No. 2021-06

Res. # 2021-188

Moved by Councillor Brousseau
Seconded by Councillor Robertson

That Community Services Committee Report No. 2021-06
relating to:

- Growth Initiatives Update

be adopted as presented.

Community Services Committee Report No. 2021-06

May 4, 2021

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

Your Worship and Councillors:

The Community Services Committee presents Report No. 2021-06 and recommends:

1. "That Report to Council CSBU 2021-20 dated March 23, 2021 re: Growth Initiatives Update from Ian Kilgour be noted and filed."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Carried

6. Correspondence

- 6.1 Resignation of Jennifer Buell from the Municipal Heritage Committee

Res. # 2021-189

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

That the resignation of Jennifer Buell from the Municipal Heritage Committee be received and Ms. Buell be thanked for her involvement on the Committee.

Carried

6.2 Zoning By-Law Amendment by Robert Alan Burke on behalf of Michael George Burke - Highway 11N (unaddressed)

Res. # 2021-190

Moved by Councillor Brousseau

Seconded by Councillor Robertson

That the Zoning By-Law Amendment application by Robert Alan Burke on behalf of Michael George Burke – Highway 11N (unaddressed) be received and referred to the Community Services Committee for a Public Meeting.

Carried

6.3 Pre-Servicing Agreement - Highland Woods Developments Inc. and Jograh Investments Ltd. - 771 Golf Club Road

Res. # 2021-191

Moved by Councillor Mayne

Seconded by Councillor King

That:

1. the City enter into a Pre-Servicing Agreement with Highland Woods Developments Inc. and Jograh Investments Ltd. in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and City Engineer for the installation of services for Highland Woods Subdivision – Bain Drive (City File No. 48T-20104); and
2. an execution by-law be brought forward for three (3) readings at the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 4, 2021.

Carried

7. By-Laws for Consideration

Res. # 2021-192

Moved by Councillor Mayne

Seconded by Councillor King

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

By-Law No. 2021-45 to authorize the execution of a Subdivision Pre-Servicing Agreement with Highland Woods Developments Inc. and Jograh Investments Ltd. relating to Highland Woods Subdivision - Phase II, Bain Drive.

Carried

Res. # 2021-193

Moved by Councillor Mayne
Seconded by Councillor King

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

By-Law No. 2021-45 to authorize the execution of a Subdivision Pre-Servicing Agreement with Highland Woods Developments Inc. and Jograh Investments Ltd. relating to Highland Woods Subdivision - Phase II, Bain Drive.

Carried

8. Motions

8.1 Joint and Several Liability Insurance

Res. # 2021-194

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

Whereas for years municipalities have asked the Province of Ontario to address the issue of joint and several liability;

And Whereas in 2014 Randy Pettapiece, MPP for Perth-Wellington had introduced the following private member's resolution in the Ontario Legislature:

"That, in the opinion of this House, the government should protect taxpayers from higher property taxes by implementing a comprehensive long-term solution to reform joint and several liability insurance for municipalities by no later than June 2014, addressing the alarming rise in insurance premiums due to rising litigation and claims cost.";

And Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the City of North Bay resolved at that time to support the private member's resolution by passing Resolution 2014-81 and a copy of the resolution was forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Randy Pettapiece, MPP for Perth-Wellington; Victor Fedeli, MPP for Nipissing; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Provincial New Democrat Party; Tim Hudak, Leader of the Provincial Conservative Party; and to FONOM;

And Whereas in 2019 Premier Doug Ford announced to the delegates of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference that his government was going to launch consultations into municipal concern about joint and several liability;

And Whereas in 2019 the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) made a submission to the Attorney General entitled "Toward a Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs";

And Whereas The Corporation of the City of North Bay, like other Ontario municipalities, has not heard the results of such consultation;

And Whereas the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has recently surveyed its members with respect to annual renewal of insurance the results of which indicated increases that ranged from 2% to 62%;

And Whereas despite an exemplary claims history, The Corporation of the City of North Bay has in the past, and again most recently, experienced a steep insurance premium increases;

And Whereas this continuing trend of increasing insurance premiums is attributed to a number of factors including a hardening of the insurance marketplace and joint and several liability;

And Whereas this growing trend in increasing insurance premiums is both concerning and challenging to all municipalities

continues to place a heavy burden on taxpayers; and draws money away from other municipal services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Corporation of the City of North Bay calls on the Province of Ontario to:

- (i) Immediately resume, conclude or report, as the case maybe, to all municipalities on consultations around joint and several liability;
- (ii) Adopt the options outlined by AMO in its submission to the Attorney General entitled "Toward a Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs"; and
- (iii) Support a risk management approach from municipal governments in the pursuit of a more fair, reasonable and responsible system for liability.

And Further that a copy of this resolution be sent electronically to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Victor Fedeli, MPP for Nipissing; the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Provincial New Democrat Party; the Honourable Steve Del Duca, Leader of the Provincial Liberal Party; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); Township of Bonfield; Municipality of Calvin; Township of Chisholm; Municipality of East Ferris; Town of Mattawa; Municipality of Mattawan; Township of Papineau-Cameron; Township of South Algonquin; Municipality of Temagami; Municipality of West Nipissing.

Carried

8.2 COVID-19 Federal Vaccine Roll-Out

Res. # 2021-195

Moved by Councillor Bain

Seconded by Councillor Mendicino

Whereas the COVID-19 Pandemic has been negatively impacting life in Canada and globally;

And Whereas several pharmaceutical companies have created vaccines that are effective in saving lives;

And Whereas the Government of Canada is responsible for supplying the Canadian Provinces with vaccines, and the Provinces are responsible for distributing the vaccines;

And Whereas the Government of Canada has experienced issues in its ability to secure the per capita rate of vaccines as many other Countries have;

Therefore, be it resolved that The City of North Bay ask the Government of Canada to make every effort to increase the percentage of vaccines in order for Canada to be in the top 5% per capita by August 1st, 2021;

And Further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Anthony Rota, Speaker of the House of Commons and Member of Parliament for Nipissing-Timiskaming, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

Carried

9. In-Camera Correspondence

Res. # 2021-196

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 7:36 p.m. for the following reasons:

Item 9.2, being a proposed disposition of land by the municipality;
and

Item 9.3, being the security of property of the municipality and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

Res. # 2021-197

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That Council reconvene at 8:55 p.m.

Carried

9.2 Confidential Report from Peter Leckie dated April 22, 2021 re:
Proposed disposition of land by the Municipality

Res. # 2021-198

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That Council:

1. approve the sale of City-owned property known as the Kenroc Property, Memorial Drive, the full legal description in accordance with the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, for the purchase price of \$25,000.00 and on terms and conditions as set out in the Offer to Purchase presented by New Vision Property Inc.;
2. authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and City Solicitor to execute the Offer to Purchase and all appropriate sale documents as may be required;

3. authorize that the net proceeds of the sale be placed in the Property Development Reserve Fund (99535); and
4. authorize the by-law of the sale of the property be given three (3) readings on May 4, 2021.

Carried

Res. # 2021-199

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. 2021-47 to authorize the sale of lands no longer required for municipal purposes to New Vision Park Property Inc. (Part Lot 21, Concession D. Widdifield, SRO PT 1, Plan 36R-14273) City of North Bay, District of Nipissing.

Carried

Res. # 2021-200

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. 2021-47 to authorize the sale of lands no longer required for municipal purposes to New Vision Park Property Inc. (Part Lot 21, Concession D. Widdifield, SRO PT 1, Plan 36R-14273) City of North Bay, District of Nipissing.

Carried

10. Giving Notice (Notice of Motion)

11. Confirmatory By-Law

Res. # 2021-201

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

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

By-Law No. 2021-43 to confirm the proceedings of the Meeting of Council held on May 4, 2021.

Carried

Res. # 2021-202

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

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

By-Law No. 2021-43 to confirm the proceedings of the Meeting of Council held on May 4, 2021.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Res. # 2021-203

Moved by Councillor Mendicino

Seconded by Councillor Maroosis

That this Meeting of Council do now adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Allan McDonald

City Clerk Karen McIsaac