



Regular Meeting of City Council

Minutes

**October 5, 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 Maroosis, Councillor Valenti

- 1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
- 2. Public Presentations**
- 3. Public Meeting Minutes**

Res. # 2021-382

Moved by Councillor Bain
Seconded by Councillor Maroosis

That the minutes for the public meetings held on:

- September 21, 2021

be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

6.1 Resignation of Simon Blakeley from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Board

Res. # 2021-383

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That the resignation of Simon Blakeley from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Board be received and Mr. Blakeley be thanked for his involvement on the Board.

Carried

6.2 Parks Master Plan

Res. # 2021-384

Moved by Councillor Brousseau

Seconded by Councillor Robertson

That Report to Council CSBU 2021-54 regarding the City of North Bay's Parks Master Plan be received and referred to the Community Services Committee of Council Meeting scheduled for October 19th, 2021.

Carried

6.3 Lotus Development - Redline of Draft Plan of Subdivision

Res. # 2021-385

Moved by Councillor Brousseau

Seconded by Councillor Robertson

That Council authorize the request from Miller & Urso Surveying Inc. on behalf of Rhombi North Bay Development I LP & Lotus North Bay General Partner I Inc. to revise the Draft Plan of Subdivision (Subdivision File No. 48T-14101) as indicated in Report to Council CSBU 2021-51 as shown on the revised Draft Plan of Subdivision prepared by Rick Miller, OLS, dated May 21, 2021, attached as Schedule B to Report to Council CSBU 2021-51.

Carried

6.4 2021 Benefits Renewal

Res. # 2021-386

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That Council authorizes the renewal of the Employee ASO and Pooled Benefits (excepting Accidental Death & Dismemberment [AD & D] coverage) Program with Manulife Financial effective November 1, 2021 and the AD & D coverage with AIG Insurance effective November 1, 2021 at an increase of 9.9% or \$339,936.

Carried

6.5 Workplace COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy Options

Res. # 2021-387

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That Council:

1) authorize a mandate, effective November 29, 2021, for employees to provide proof of a full vaccination status, exempting those with bona fide medical or religious reasons. Those employees who provide proof of an exempted ground will be subject to provide proof of a negative COVID test/Rapid Antigen Testing at regular intervals of not greater than every 72 hours; and

2) direct staff to prepare and implement a detailed workplace policy with respect to mandatory vaccinations for employees.

Record of Vote (Upon the Request of Councillor Bill Vrebosch)

Yeas: Councillors B. Vrebosch, Brousseau, Mayne, T. Vrebosch, Robertson, Valenti, Mendicino, Maroosis, King, Bain, Mayor McDonald.

Nays: Nil

Carried

- 6.6 Purchase of One (1) Eight (8) Meter Low Floor Specialized Para Bus

Res. # 2021-388

Moved by Councillor Mayne
Seconded by Councillor King

That Council authorize the award of a contract to Creative Carriage Ltd. in the amount of \$170,572.22 (plus HST) for the provision of one (1) 8 Meter Low Floor Specialized Para Bus.

Carried

- 6.7 Request for Quote 2021-84 Utility Work Machine

Res. # 2021-389

Moved by Councillor Mayne
Seconded by Councillor King

That Council authorize the award of a contract to McDowell Brothers Industries Inc. in the amount of \$78,170.00 (plus HST) for the supply and delivery of a utility work machine and on-site training for all technicians and operators.

Carried

- 6.8 Funding Request for Capitol Centre

Res. # 2021-390

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

That Council authorize:

1) the funding request by the Capitol Centre Board of Directors for an amount of up to \$158,700 for the emergency repairs to the West Wall Parapet and South Wall Siding; and

2) the transfer of funds to the Capitol Centre from the Completed General Capital Projects Reserve (99537).

Carried

- 6.9 Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment by Miller & Urso Surveying Inc. on behalf of Jai Ambe Motels Corporation - 710 Lakeshore Drive

Res. # 2021-391

Moved by Councillor Brousseau
Seconded by Councillor Robertson

That the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment application by Miller & Urso Surveying Inc. on behalf of Jai Ambe Motels Corporation – 710 Lakeshore Drive be received and referred to the Community Services Committee for a Public Meeting.

Carried

7. By-Laws for Consideration

8. Motions

- 8.1 Ontario Association of Optometrists

Res. # 2021-392

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch
Seconded by Councillor Brousseau

Whereas eye care is critical to the overall health and quality of life of every citizen:

And Whereas routine annual eye exams are crucial in early detection of conditions such as Diabetes Mellitus, Glaucoma, Cataract, Retinal disease, Amblyopia Visual field defects Corneal disease, Strabismus Recurrent Uveitis and Optic Pathway disease;

And Whereas to date the provincial government has not yet made a binding commitment to cover the operating costs of optometrists to deliver eye exams;

And Whereas insured eye exams in Ontario are funded at the lowest level in the entire country;

And Whereas the fees for seniors' eye exams would have to increase by 70% to reach the next lowest province, Manitoba;

And Whereas the number of seniors in Ontario has increased by more than 70% over the past 30 years and the province's own projections indicate these numbers will almost double from 2.6 million in 2020 to 4.5 million by 2046;

And Whereas it is vital that there continue to be a sustainable high quality eye care system that residents in North Bay and Ontario can access today and in the future;

And Whereas the Ontario Association of Optometrists are seeking a long-term, sustainable solution so Ontario residents can continue to access quality eye care in a timely fashion.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Council of North Bay add its voice to the many cities, institutions and people calling on the Provincial government to enter into good faith formal negotiations with the Ontario Association of Optometrists, with the goal of bringing services and funding levels in optometry in Ontario up to more equitable levels with the rest of Canada.

And Further that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Ontario Minister of Health Christine Elliot, Honourable MPP, Minister of Economic Development and Trade Victor Fedeli, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, Liberal Leader Steven Del Duca, Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Ontario Association of Optometrists.

Carried

9. In-Camera Correspondence

Res. # 2021-393

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 7:04 p.m. for the following reason:

Item 9.2, being a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

Res. # 2021-394

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That Council reconvene at 7:11 p.m.

Carried

9.2 Confidential Report from Karen McIsaac dated September 22, 2021 re: Personal matters about an identifiable individual.

Res. # 2021-395

Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch

That Council appoint Councillor Valenti to the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Board for a term to expire November 14, 2022.

Carried

10. Giving Notice (Notice of Motion)

11. Confirmatory By-Law

Res. # 2021-396

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. 2021-88 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 5, 2021.

Carried

Res. # 2021-397

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. 2021-88 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 5, 2021.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Res. # 2021-398

Moved by Councillor Valenti
Seconded by Councillor Mendicino

That this Regular Meeting of Council do now adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Allan McDonald

City Clerk Karen McIsaac