



Special Committee Meeting of Council Minutes

**December 13, 2021, 5:15 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 Mendicino, Councillor Maroosis

Members Absent: Councillor Bain, Councillor Valenti

General Government Committee

Item(s) to be Addressed:

GG 2021-14 Report from Laura Boissonneault dated November 17, 2021 re 2022
General Operating Budget

Councillor T. Vrebosch provided an overview of the budget process.

Public Input:

1. Climate Change: John Severino provided a high level overview of the steps that the City is taking in relation to Climate Change.
2. Bus Arms: Councillor T. Vrebosch requested that a working group be created to investigate the purchasing of bus arms.
Recommendation: That Council direct staff to establish a working group to investigate the use of stop arm cameras.
3. Strategic Plan: David Euler provided an overview of how the strategic plan is being implemented in the City.
4. Traffic Calming: John Severino provided an overview of the City's approach to traffic calming.
5. Community Safety and Well-Being Plan: Ian Kilgour provided an overview of the progress of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Margaret Karpenko, Chief Financial Officer provided the Operating Budget Highlights

Community Services:

Councillor Brousseau, Chair of Community Services, Chaired this portion of the meeting.

Ian Kilgour provided an overview of the Community Services Budget Unit Budget.

Enhancements:

1. Community Safety and Well-Being Planner:
Recommendation: That Council approve the hiring of the Community Safety and Well-Being Planner.
2. Creative Industries:
Recommendation: That Council:(i) provide Creative Industries with \$20,000.00 for up to three years for micro-grant from reserves; and(ii) approve \$25,000.00 for administrative costs in relation to Creative Industries on-going.
3. Planning - Summer Student:
Recommendation: That Council approve a Planning Summer Student only if a grant is received to pay 100% of this position's wages.

Recess: 7:42 p.m.

Reconvene: 7:54 p.m.

Corporate Services/General Government:

Councillor Tanya Vrebosch, Chair of Corporate Services/General Government, Chaired this portion of the meeting.

Councillor Tanya Vrebosch provided an overview of the Corporate Services/General Government Budget Units Budgets.

Enhancements - Corporate Services:

1. Human Resources - Summer Student:
Recommendation: That Council approve a Human Resources Summer Student only if a grant is received to pay 100% of this position's wages.

Enhancements - General Government:

1. Hardship Grant Program:**Recommendation:** That council continue the Hardship Grant Program into 2023 from reserves.

Infrastructure and Operations:

Councillor Chris Mayne, Chair of Infrastructure and Operations, Chaired this portion of the meeting.

Councillor Mayne provided an overview of the Infrastructure and Operations Business Unit.

Enhancements:

1. Mattress Drop Off Day**Recommendation:** That Council:(i) approve the 2022 Mattress Drop Off Day; and(ii) direct staff to look for a community partner to take over the mattress drop off.
2. Security Services for Parking Garage **Recommendation:** That Council authorize security services for the parking garage.
3. Trees for Nipissing **Recommendation:** That Council authorize \$1,500.00 to Trees for Nipissing.

GG 2021-15 Report from Shannon Saucier dated November 26, 2021 re 2022 Capital Budget and 2023-2031 Capital Forecast Plan

Capital Budget will be discussed at a Special Committee Meeting at the call of the Chair.

Special Committee Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Mayor Allan McDonald

City Clerk Karen McIsaac