

Regular Meeting of City Council Minutes

January 11, 2022, 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

1.1 Councillor T. Vrebosch - General Government Committee Report No. 2022-02

as my employer is DNSSAB.

1.2 Councillor B. Vrebosch - General Government Committee Report No. 2022-02

as my daughter is employed by DNSSAB.

2. Public Presentations

2.1 Hariett Madigan and Gina Sherry - Clean, Green Beautiful North Bay

3. Public Meeting Minutes

Res. # 2022-01

Moved by Councillor Mendicino Seconded by Councillor Valenti

That the minutes for the public meetings held on:

- Wednesday, December 8, 2021;
- Monday, December 13, 2021;
- Tuesday, December 14, 2021; and
- Monday, December 20, 2021

be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Motion for Reconsideration

5. Committee Reports

5.1 General Government Committee Report No. 2022-01

Res. # 2022-02

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

That General Government Committee Report No. 2022-01 relating to:

- 2022 Operating Budget

be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2022-01

January 11, 2022

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

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2022-01 and recommends: That:

1. The 2022 Gross Operating Expenses included in the Operating Budget in the amount of \$133,210,888 (save and except the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board levy of \$13,200,928) be approved.

2. The 2022 Tax Levy of \$101,099,611 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 2022 Operating Budget.

4. The Chief Financial Officer be authorized to transfer \$15,162,304 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.

5. That Council direct staff to establish a working group to investigate the use of stop arm cameras.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

2022 Operating Budget - Appendix A

Record of Vote Upon the Request of Councillor T. Vrebosch:

Yeas: Councillors T. Vrebosch, Valenti, Bain, B. Vrebosch, Brousseau, Mayne, Medicino and Mayor McDonald

Nays: Councillors Robertson, Maroosis and King

Carried

5.2 General Government Committee Report No. 2022-02

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

Councillor B. Vrebosch declared a conflict on this item. (as my daughter is employed by DNSSAB.)

Res. # 2022-03

Moved by Councillor Brousseau Seconded by Councillor Mayne That General Government Committee Report No. 2022-02 relating to:

District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
2022 Operating Budget
be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2022-02

January 11, 2022

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

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2022-02 and recommends:

1. That the City of North Bay's share of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board's (DNSSAB) 2022 Operating Budget in the amount of \$13,200,928 be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Recorded Vote Upon the Request of Councillor Mendicino:

Yeas: Councillors Mendicino, King, Bain, Valenti, Mayne, Brousseau and Mayor McDonald

Nays: Councillors Robertson and Maroosis.

Carried

5.3 General Government Committee Report No. 2022-03

Res. # 2022-04

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

That General Government Committee Report No. 2022-03 relating to:

- 2022 General Capital Budget and 2022 Water and

Wastewater Capital Budget be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2022-03

January 11, 2022

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

Your Worship and Councillors: The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2022-03 and recommends:

a) That City Council adopt the 2022 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 \$38,004,351(save and except for: Project #3711RF – City of North Bay Community and Recreation Centre \$16,500,000);

b) That City Council adopt the 2022 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 \$14,354,131;

c) That City Council approve the required transfers to and from the various funds in accordance with the 2022 Adopted Capital Budgets;

d) 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;

e) That Capital Project No. 3711RF – City of North Bay Community and Recreation Centre will not proceed until further direction is received from Council regarding the tendering, construction and issuance of special debt; and f) That a By-Law be presented to Council for three readings on January 11, 2022 authorizing the expenditure of funds approved by the 2022 General Capital Budget and the 2022 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Appendix A and B - 2022 General Capital Budget and 2022 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget

Record of Vote Upon Request of Councillor Bain

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

Nays: Nil

Carried

5.4 General Government Committee Report No. 2022-04

Res. # 2022-05

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

That General Government Committee Report No. 2022-04 relating to:

- Provincial Land Transfer Tax be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2022-04

January 11, 2022

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

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2022-

04 and recommends: That:

1. Whereas the current Municipal taxation methodology is over 100 years old.

Therefore be it Resolved that the City of North Bay ask the Province of Ontario commit to revamp the way Municipal Services are funded.

And further, the City of North Bay asks the Province of Ontario to share a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax with municipalities to address their infrastructure deficits.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Recorded Vote Upon the Request of Councillor Bain:

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

Nays: Nil

Carried

6. Correspondence

6.1 Request for Quote 2021-108, Four (4) Class 5 Dump Trucks

Res. # 2022-06

Moved by Councillor Mayne Seconded by Councillor King

That Council approve the award of a contract to Farquhar Chrysler in the amount of \$338,616.00 (plus HST) for the supply and delivery of four (4) Class 5 dump trucks.

Carried

6.2 Request for Proposal 2021-101, Work Truck with Lifting Device

Moved by Councillor Mayne Seconded by Councillor King

That Council approve the award of a contract to Farquhar Chrysler in the amount of \$160,759.00 (plus HST) for the provision of a work truck with lifting device and related onsite training.

Carried

6.3 Request for Proposal 2021-99, McKeown Avenue Reconstruction Engineering Consulting Services for Design and Environmental Assessment Amendment

Res. # 2022-08

Moved by Councillor Mayne Seconded by Councillor King

That Council approve the award of a contract to R.V. Anderson Associates Limited in the amount of \$477,140.00 (plus HST) for engineering consulting services for the design and environmental assessment amendment related to the reconstruction of McKeown Avenue.

Carried

6.4 Agreement for Animal Control Services 2022-2024

Res. # 2022-09

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

That:

1. Council approve the three (3) year Agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and the North Bay & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("the Humane Society") for provision of animal control services in the City of North Bay ("the Agreement"); and 2. an Execution By-Law be brought forward to the Regular Meeting of Council on January 11, 2022 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and deliver the Agreement and any other required documents.

Carried

6.5 2022 Temporary Borrowing By-Law

Res. # 2022-10

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

That:

1. City Council authorize the Treasurer to borrow on a temporary basis from time to time the amounts that the municipality considers necessary to meet expenses of the municipality for the fiscal year 2022; and

2. the by-law be presented for three (3) readings on January 25, 2022.

Carried

6.6 Proposed Closure of a Lakeshore Road Allowance

Res. # 2022-11

Moved by Councillor Brousseau Seconded by Councillor Robertson

That:

1. the application by Darrell Bond to close the lakeshore road allowance, as shown on Schedule "A" attached to Report to Council CSBU 2022-01 dated December 22, 2022 from Peter Carello, be approved;

2. the closure of the lakeshore road allowance be subject to the granting of any required easements; and

3. the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized by Council to initiate normal closure procedures for the subject lakeshore road allowance.

6.7 2022 Operating Budget - Ontario Regulation 284/09 Disclosure

Res. # 2022-12

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

That Council:

1. acknowledges the 2022 General Operating, Water & 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
- solid waste landfill closure and post closure expenses

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

Carried

7. By-Laws for Consideration

Res. # 2022-13

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. 2022-02 to authorize the execution of an Animal Control Agreement with North Bay & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Carried

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. 2022-02 to authorize the execution of an Animal Control Agreement with North Bay & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Carried

Res. # 2022-15

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. 2022-03 to authorize the expenditure of funds approved by the 2022 General Government Capital Budget and the 2022 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget.

Carried

Res. # 2022-16

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. 2022-03 to authorize the expenditure of funds approved by the 2022 General Government Capital Budget and the 2022 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget.

Carried

8. Motions

8.1 Healthcare

Moved by Councillor B. Vrebosch Seconded by Councillor Bain

Whereas the life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and one person in eight across the North do not have access to a family doctor, and this represents the failure of health care in Northern Ontario; And Whereas these Northern Ontario communities advocate for equitable health care, especially for underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities in Northern Ontario; And Whereas finding ways to encourage more physicians and health care professionals to stay and work in Northern communities is contributing to the crisis for citizens in the North; And Whereas although highly successful at providing doctors for Northern Ontario the Northern School of Medicine (NOSM) has fewer health care professionals' spots than the rest of Ontario medical schools and it would take at minimum, five NOSM graduating classes at sixty-four physicians per year to address the current shortage.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, with the announcement of NOSM becoming a free-standing University, the City of North Bay wishes to strongly request that the Provincial Government and the Ontario Medical Association immediately expand NOSM's capacity to meet the needs of Northern Ontario, with added MD positions, Residency positions (PGY 1, 3 and 4) and clinical teaching funding to the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association.

And Further that a copy of this Motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliott, their Deputy Ministers, MPP Victor Fedeli, the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Record of Vote Upon the Request of Councillor Bain:

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

Nays: Nil

Carried

9. In-Camera Correspondence

That Council adjourn in-camera pursuant to section 239.(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended at (time) for the following reasons:

10. Giving Notice (Notice of Motion)

11. Confirmatory By-Law

Res. # 2022-18

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. 2022-01 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 11, 2022.

Carried

Res. # 2022-19

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. 2022-01 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 11, 2022.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Bain Seconded by Councillor Mendicino

That this Regular Meeting of Council do now adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Allan McDonald

City Clerk Karen McIsaac