



**Regular Meeting of City Council
Minutes**

**September 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers**

City Hall - 200 McIntyre Street East, North Bay, ON

Members Present: Mayor Chirico, Councillor Horsfield, Councillor Inch, Councillor Mallah, Councillor King, Councillor Lowery, Councillor Bain, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Vrebosch, Councillor Mayne, Councillor Mitchell

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. Public Presentations

2.1 Dr. Kelly Wallace, re Fresh Water Olympic Length Pool at the Cove

3. Public Meeting Minutes

Res. # 2024-259

Moved by Councillor Vrebosch
Seconded by Councillor Bain

That the minutes for the public meeting held on:

- Tuesday, September 3, 2024

be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Motion for Reconsideration

5. Committee Reports

6. Correspondence

6.1 Reduction, Cancellation or Refund of Taxes - Section 357/358, the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25

Res. # 2024-260

Moved by Councillor Horsfield
Seconded by Councillor Inch

That:

1. Council receive Report to Council CORP 2024-76 for the Reduction, Cancellation or Refund of Taxes under Sections

357 and 358 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25 be received;

2. Council accepts and approves the eleven (11) applications as recommended by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) for the period set out on each application form and that the taxes totaling approximately \$24,541.99 be adjusted under Section 357 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25 of which the City's portion is estimated to be \$20,779.59;
3. the Treasurer be directed to adjust the Collector's Roll; accordingly, and
4. staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

6.2 Vesting of Failed Tax Sale Properties

Res. # 2024-261

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council approve the vesting of:

1. Parcel 7132, Section Widdifield and Ferris; Part Lot 13, Concession 3 Widdifield being Part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 as in LT84629; Subject to LT63692, LT74984; North Bay; District of Nipissing; and
2. Parcel 1166, Section Widdifield and Ferris; Part Lot 7, Concession 4 Widdifield as in P7442; North Bay; District of Nipissing.

Carried

6.3 Request for Tender 2024-57, Jack Garland Airport Soil Remediation

Res. # 2024-262

Moved by Councillor Mitchell

Seconded by Councillor Mayne

That Council approve the award of a contract to Clean Harbors Canada, Inc. operating as Clean Harbors Canada & Clean Harbors Energy & Industrial Services Corp. in the amount of \$7,312,787.00 (plus HST), for the provision of Soil Remediation at the Jack Garland Airport.

Carried

6.4 General Variance Year-End Projection as at June 30th, 2024

Res. # 2024-263(a)

Moved by Councillor Horsfield
Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council receive and file the City of North Bay's Year-End Financial Projection for the period ending June 30th, 2024, as set out in Report to Council CORP 2024 -69 dated August 29, 2024 from Laura Boissonneault.

Carried

Res. # 2024-263(b)

Moved by Councillor Lowery
Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council refer Report from Laura Boissonneault dated August 29, 2024, re General Variance Year-End Projections, as at June 30, 2024 to the General Government Committee.

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6.5 August 2024 Procurement Award Update

Res. # 2024-264

Moved by Councillor Horsfield
Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council receive and file the August 2024 Procurement Award Update, as set out in Report to Council CORP 2024-79 dated September 4, 2024 from Lori Jackson, Manager of Procurement.

Carried

6.6 New Cricket Pitch Site Selection

Res. # 2024-265

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

That Council:

1. approve the Steve Omischl Sports Complex as the recommended location for the planned regulation size Cricket Pitch based on the findings of a site search;
2. direct Staff to initiate preliminary site work including environmental and geotechnical and complete an operations analysis to identify the ideal construction site at the Steve Omischl Sports Complex; and
3. direct staff to complete Class C/D cost estimate of a regulation size Cricket Pitch for consideration during the 2025 Capital Budget deliberations.

Carried

6.7 Year-End Water and Wastewater Financial Projections as at June 30th, 2024

Res. # 2024-266

Moved by Councillor Mitchell
Seconded by Councillor Mayne

That Council receive and file the City of North Bay's Water and Wastewater Year-end Financial Projection for the period ending June 30th, 2024, as set out in Report to Council CORP 2024-68 dated August 16, 2024 from Laura Boissonneault.

Carried

7. By-Laws for Consideration

Res. # 2024-267

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

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

By-Law No. 2024-64 to stop up, close and convey a part of Lawson Street road allowance designated as Part 1, on Plan 36R-15274 in the City of North Bay.

Carried

Res. # 2024-268

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

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

By-Law No. 2024-64 to stop up, close and convey a part of Lawson Street road allowance designated as Part 1, on Plan 36R-15274 in the City of North Bay.

Carried

8. Motions

8.1 Support of AMCTO's Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Res. # 2024-269

Moved by Councillor Bain
Seconded by Councillor Horsfield

Whereas Council received the attached Motion from the Township of Russell in relation to the Association of Municipal Clerk Treasurers' of Ontario (AMCTO) updates to the Municipal Elections Act.

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council of the City of North Bay endorses and supports the Motion made by the Council of the Township of Russell.

And Further be it Resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Education, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, MPP Victor Fedeli, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Township of Russell.

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Date: August 26, 2024 **Item(s) no.:** 10
(ref. a)

Subject: Resolution to Support AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Moved by: Jamie Laurin

Seconded by: Lisa Deacon

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections; and

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process; and

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026; and

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario; and

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill; and

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce; and

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework,

modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges; and

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration; and

WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Russell calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and AMCTO.

MOTION APPROVED

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 26th day of August 2024.

Clerk

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Carried

8.2 Investigation into Funding Opportunities for Cricket and Pickleball Facilities

Motion re: Investigation into Funding Opportunities for Cricket and Pickleball Facilities has been withdrawn.

- 9. In-Camera Correspondence**
- 10. Giving Notice (Notice of Motion)**
- 11. Confirmatory By-Law**

Res. # 2024-270

Moved by Councillor Bain
Seconded by Councillor Vrebosch

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

By-Law No. 2024-65 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 17, 2024.

Carried

Res. # 2024-271

Moved by Councillor Bain
Seconded by Councillor Vrebosch

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

By-Law No. 2024-65 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 17, 2024.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Res. # 2024-272

Moved by Councillor Bain
Seconded by Councillor Vrebosch

That this Regular Meeting of Council do now adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Peter Chirico

City Clerk Karen McIsaac