



**Regular Meeting of City Council  
Minutes**

**November 12, 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 Bain, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Vrebosch, Councillor Mayne, Councillor Mitchell

Members Absent: Councillor Lowery

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**1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

**2. Public Presentations**

**3. Public Meeting Minutes**

**Res. # 2024-318**

Moved by Councillor Bain  
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell

That the minutes for the public meetings held on:

- Tuesday, October 29, 2024

be adopted as presented.

Carried

**4. Motion for Reconsideration**

**5. Committee Reports**

**6. Correspondence**

6.1 Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment application by Tulloch Geomatics Inc. on behalf of Lidrani Holdings Inc. - Birchs Road (unaddressed)

**Res. # 2024-319**

Moved by Councillor Mallah  
Seconded by Councillor King

That the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law Amendment application by Tulloch Geomatics Inc. on behalf of Lidrani Holdings Inc. – Birchs Road (unaddressed) be received and referred to the Community Services Committee for a Public Meeting.

Carried

6.2 2025 Budget Schedule

**Res. # 2024-320**

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Report to Council CORP 2024-93 dated November 1, 2024 from Margaret Karpenko re 2025 Budget Schedule be received and referred to the General Government Committee.

Carried

6.3 Year-End Water and Wastewater Financial Projection, as at September 30, 2024

**Res. # 2024-321**

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 September 30, 2024, as set out in Report to Council CORP 2024-91 dated October 25, 2024 from Laura Boissonneault.

Carried

6.4 Request for Extension to Draft Plan of Subdivision and Draft Plan of Condominium - 730 Lakeshore Drive (City File No's. 48T-14101 and 48CDM-19101)

**Res. # 2024-322**

Moved by Councillor Mallah

Seconded by Councillor King

That Council extend:

1. the Draft Approval of a Plan of Subdivision (Subdivision File No. 48T-14101), as recommended by City Staff from November 16, 2024 to November 16, 2027; and
2. the Draft Approval of a Plan of Condominium (Condominium File No. 48CDM-19101), as recommended by City Staff from January 14, 2025 to January 14, 2028.

Carried

**7. By-Laws for Consideration**

**8. Motions**

8.1 Solve the Crisis

**Res. # 2024-323**

Moved by Councillor Mayne

Seconded by Councillor King

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the City of North Bay join in the support of Ontario's Big City Mayors' "Solve the Crisis" campaign that call for immediate and decisive action from the Government of Ontario to address the escalating humanitarian crisis;

And Whereas the Council supports key actions in the "Solve the Crisis" campaign that include:

- (i) The creation of a Ministry and Minister with appropriate powers and funding to address full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports.
- (ii) The creation of a task force by this Minister with broad sector representatives including municipalities, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a Made in Ontario Action Plan.
- (iii) Support for municipalities by providing the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports, when deemed necessary.
- (iv) Funding commitments to the appropriate services these individuals need, community by community, where there are gaps in the system.
- (v) Investment in 24/7 Community Hubs/Crisis centres to relieve pressure on emergency centres and first responders.

Therefore Be It Resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Nipissing MPP Victor Fedeli, Ontario Big City Mayors, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, and the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board.

**Record of Vote (Upon the Request of Councillor Mallah):**

Yeas: Councillors Mallah, Gardiner, King, Mitchell, Mayne, Inch, Horsfield, Vrebosch, Bain and Mayor Chirico.

Nays: Nil

Carried

8.2 Ditching and Draining Policies and Processes

**Res. # 2024-324**

Moved by Councillor Vrebosch  
Seconded by Councillor King

The City Council directs staff to assess the existing ditching and drainage policies and processes, ensuring that the format is equitable for both Capital and Operating projects.

Additionally, the review should include recent projects such as those on Norwood Avenue, McNabb Crescent, Patricia Street, Pinewood Crescent, Parsons Street, Prince Edward Drive, and Parkwood Drive. This will help evaluate whether current practices are effective, if timelines, deliverables, and costs are being met, and if our communication standards are satisfactory.

Carried

### 8.3 Elmwood Capital Funding Campaign

#### **Res. # 2024-325(a)**

Moved by Councillor Mallah  
Seconded by Councillor King

WHEREAS the Children’s Aid Society of the Districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound has repurposed an old school into Elmwood, a redeveloped community hub located at 140 Elmwood Avenue, providing accessible programs and services that foster resilience in local families and at-risk youth;

AND WHEREAS Elmwood is designed to enhance positivity, support collaboration, and facilitate growth and success for local partners, families, and youth;

AND WHEREAS this multi-use hub unites essential services—including health, education, safety, mental health, and early intervention—under one roof, strengthening community resources for Northern Ontario residents and partner organizations;

AND WHEREAS Elmwood’s continued growth and redevelopment are poised to expand its impact on the North Bay area, delivering additional programs and services to benefit the community;

AND WHEREAS Elmwood has applied for operational funding to join Ontario’s network of 27 Youth Wellness Hubs, which provide high-quality, integrated services to support youth well-being, addressing mental health, substance use, primary care, and social supports for ages 12 to 25;

AND WHEREAS the designation of Elmwood as a Youth Wellness Hub (*pending*) and the development of a Clinical and Social Services Wing will strengthen Family Natural Supports (FNS) to prevent addiction and homelessness through:

- Youth programming five nights a week focused on independence skills, cultural inclusion, arts, fitness, mentorship, and social connection;
- Access to free fitness facilities, showers, and resources addressing food and clothing insecurity;
- Clinical support through a nurse practitioner and addition of child psychiatrist, psychologist, and mental health and addiction professionals,

- Mental health programming in collaboration with children’s mental health partner;
- Drug prevention education and strategies for young audiences;

AND WHEREAS North Bay Regional Health Centre has committed to on-site clinical services, including youth psychiatry, substance use and eating disorder clinical services/programming.

AND WHEREAS this investment in upstream addiction and homelessness prevention will support wellness for youth and at-risk populations;

AND WHEREAS Elmwood has launched a capital campaign to raise \$2.2 million;

AND WHEREAS Elmwood is in Phase 2 of applying for a \$1 million NOHFC Community Enhancement grant, with the remainder to be raised through fundraising;

AND WHEREAS the Children’s Aid Society of the District of Nipissing and Parry Sound is requesting a one-time capital contribution of \$200,000 from the City of North Bay to support this essential service, which aligns with long-term operational funding plans;

AND WHEREAS this request meets the City’s criteria under the Ontario Lottery & Gaming Revenue Policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of North Bay contribute \$200,000 from its Ontario Lottery & Gaming revenue toward Elmwood’s capital fundraising campaign for the Clinical and Social Services Wing. This facility will be integrated into and enhance the existing programs and services at Elmwood, benefiting North Bay’s youth and families.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that an agreement be entered into with terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and City Solicitor between the Children's Aid Society of the District of Nipissing and Parry Sound for the Elmwood Hub and the City of North Bay.

Carried as amended

**Res. # 2024-325(b)**

Moved by Councillor Vrebosch  
 Seconded by Councillor Mallah

That the following paragraph be added:

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that an agreement be entered into with terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and City Solicitor between the Children's Aid Society of the District of Nipissing and Parry Sound for the Elmwood Hub and the City of North Bay.

**Record of Vote (Upon the Request of Councillor Mallah):**

Yeas: Councillors Mallah, Horsfield, Vrebosch, King, Bain, Inch, Mitchell, Gardiner, Mayne and Mayor Chirico.

Nays: Nil

Carried

**9. In-Camera Correspondence**

**Res. # 2024-326**

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council adjourn in-camera pursuant to section 239.(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended at 8:14 p.m. for the following reason:

Item 9.2, being advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

Carried

**Res. # 2024-327**

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council reconvene at 8:23 p.m.

Carried

**10. Giving Notice (Notice of Motion)**

**11. Confirmatory By-Law**

**Res. # 2024-328**

Moved by Councillor Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Bain

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

By-Law No. 2024-78 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 12, 2024.

Carried

**Res. # 2024-329**

Moved by Councillor Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Bain

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

By-Law No. 2024-78 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 12, 2024.

Carried

**12. Adjournment**

**Res. # 2024-330**

Moved by Councillor Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Bain

That this Regular Meeting of Council do now adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Carried

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Mayor Peter Chirico

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City Clerk Karen McIsaac