



NORTH BAY

1925-2025

Meeting of City Council

Minutes

January 14, 2025, 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

1.1 Councillor Vrebosch - In-Camera Correspondence

Councillor Vrebosch declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to Item 9.2.

1.2 Councillor King - In-Camera Correspondence

Councillor King declared a Conflict in relation to Item 9.4.

2. Public Presentations

3. Public Meeting Minutes

Res. # 2025-22

Moved by Councillor Lowery

Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

That the minutes for the public meetings held on:

- Wednesday, January 8, 2025; and
- Tuesday, January 14, 2025

be adopted as presented.

4. Motion for Reconsideration

5. Committee Reports

5.1 2025 Water and Wastewater Operating Budget

Res. # 2025-23

Moved by Councillor Mitchell

Seconded by Councillor Mayne

That Infrastructure and Operations Committee Report No. 2025-01 relating to:

- 2025 Water and Wastewater Operating Budget

be adopted as presented.

Infrastructure and Operations Committee Report No. 2025-01

January 28, 2025

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

Your Worship and Councillors:

The Infrastructure and Operations Committee presents Report No. 2025-01 and recommends:

"That Council approve the 2025 Water and Wastewater Operating Budget in the net amount of \$27,538,256 as per attached Appendix "A".

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Appendix "A"](#)

Record of Vote (Upon the Request of Councillor Bain):

Yeas: Councillors Bain, Mayne, Lowery, Horsfield, Inch, Mallah, Gardiner, Mitchell, King, Mayor Chirico

Nays: Councillors Vrebosch

Carried

5.2 2025 Water and Wastewater Calculated Rates

Res. # 2025-24

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That General Government Committee Report No. 2025-01 relating to:

- 2025 Water and Wastewater Calculated Rates

be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2025-01

January 28, 2025

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

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2025-01 and recommends:

"That:

1. In accordance with Provincial Legislation and the City's Sustainable Financial Plan for Water and Wastewater Systems approved by Council, the current policy of recovering all Water and Wastewater operating, capital and financial costs from user rates be maintained;
2. the Water and Wastewater Calculated Rates, as calculated on a 40% Fixed/60% Variable methodology, be approved by Council effective January 1st, 2025, and that a by-law be presented to Council for three (3) readings on January 28th, 2025; and

3. Council continue to support the residential low-flow toilet replacement rebate program, and maintain the per account limit at two (2) toilets until such time as the \$100,000 initial program funding is spent."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Carried

5.3 User Fees - Pickleball Courts

Res. # 2025-25

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That General Government Committee Report No. 2025-02 relating to:

- User Fees – Pickleball Courts

be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2025-02

January 28, 2025

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

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2025-02 and recommends:

"That Council authorize the City Clerk to amend City of North Bay By-Law 2023-02, being a By-Law to Authorize User Fees for City Departments, as set out in Report to Council CSBU 2025-001 dated November 28, 2024 from Melinda Fry."

All of which is respectfully submitted

Carried

5.4 Waste Management By-Law User Fee

Res. # 2025-26

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That General Government Committee Report No. 2025-03 relating to:

- Waste Management By-Law User Fee

be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2025-03

January 28, 2025

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

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2025-03 and recommends:

"That Council authorizes the City Clerk to amend the Waste Management User Fee By-Law 2010-108 pursuant to the recommendations set out in Report to Council IO-2025-001 dated December 4, 2024 from Karin Pratte."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Carried

6. Correspondence

6.1 Method of Vote - 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections

Res. # 2025-27

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council refer Report to Council CORP 2025-09 re Method of Vote for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections from Karen McIsaac and Veronique Hie dated January 8, 2025 to the General Government Committee.

Carried

6.2 Appointment of Deputy City Treasurers

Res. # 2025-28

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council amend By-Law No. 2014-81, being a By-Law to appoint the Deputy City Treasurers (and to Repeal By-Law No.'s 2005-235 and 2006-37), as outlined in Report to Council CORP 2025-11 dated January 9, 2025 from Margaret Karpenko.

Carried

6.3 2025 Temporary Borrowing By-Law

Res. # 2025-29

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That:

1. 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 2025; and
2. the by-law be presented for three (3) readings on January 28, 2025.

Carried

6.4 Premier Road Sanitary Pumping Station Replacement Site Selection

Res. # 2025-30

Moved by Councillor Mitchell
Seconded by Councillor Mayne

That Council refer Report to Council IO-2025-02 dated January 17, 2025 from Adam Lacombe re Premier Road Sanitary Pumping Station Replacement Site Selection to the Infrastructure and Operations Committee.

Carried

6.5 Request for the use of Fireworks - Le Carnaval des Compagnons

Res. # 2025-31

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

That Council authorize the Le Carnaval des Compagnons event to have a pyrotechnic (fireworks) display to celebrate their opening night on February 2, 2025, at Queen Street at Amelia Park.

Carried

6.6 North Bay Community and Recreation Centre: Sponsorship and Recognition

Res. # 2025-32

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

That Council:

1. direct staff to develop a municipal "Sponsorship Policy" to guide, identify, evaluate and finalize sponsorship opportunities at the North Bay Community and Recreation Centre and other City owned facilities; and
2. direct staff to review community recognition practices to develop a Recognition Initiative to provide opportunities for individuals to be recognized in a meaningful and highly visible way at the North Bay Community and Recreation Centre.

Carried

7. By-Laws for Consideration

Res. # 2025-33

Moved by Councillor Mitchell
Seconded by Councillor Mayne

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

By-Law No. 2025-07, being a by-law to establish 2025 rates or charges for the supply of water and wastewater distribution for domestic, commercial and manufacturing use.

Carried

Res. # 2025-34

Moved by Councillor Mitchell
Seconded by Councillor Mayne

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

By-Law No. 2025-07, being a by-law to establish 2025 rates or charges for the supply of water and wastewater distribution for domestic, commercial and manufacturing use.

Carried

Res. # 2025-35

Moved by Councillor Horsfield
Seconded by Councillor Inch

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

By-Law No. 2025-08, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2023-02, to authorize user fees for City Departments (Schedule "F" - Pickleball Courts).

By-Law No. 2025-09, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2010-108, as amended, (Waste Management By-Law - Schedule "A").

By-Law No. 2025-10, being a by-law to promote filming activity and regulate filming permits in the City of North Bay.

By-Law No. 2025-11, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2014-81, to appoint the Deputy City Treasurers.

Carried

Res. # 2025-36

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

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

By-Law No. 2025-08, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2023-02, to authorize user fees for City Departments (Schedule "F" - Pickleball Courts).

By-Law No. 2025-09, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2010-108, as amended, (Waste Management By-Law - Schedule "A").

By-Law No. 2025-10, being a by-law to promote filming activity and regulate filming permits in the City of North Bay.

By-Law No. 2025-11, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2014-81, to appoint the Deputy City Treasurers.

Carried

8. Motions

8.1 Support of FONOM's Financial Sustainability in Child Welfare

Res. # 2025-37

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Mallah

Whereas Council received the attached Motion from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the financial sustainability in child welfare.

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council of the City of North Bay endorses and supports the Motion from FONOM.

And Further be it Resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario, All municipalities within FONOM's jurisdiction, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and the leaders of the Opposition Parties.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY IN CHILD WELFARE

WHEREAS Children's Aid Societies across Ontario are experiencing significant financial pressures, with the majority of agencies running deficits in the millions;

WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office has indicated funding for child protection has fallen behind inflation, with the sector missing \$70 million compared to previous funding levels;

WHEREAS the current funding model implemented in 2013 has limitations that affect the safety and well-being of children, particularly in northern and remote communities;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services' spending on Child Protection Services is projected to grow at only 0.7% annually from 2023-24 to 2028-29, well below inflation;

WHEREAS the child welfare redesign strategy requires enhanced community-based prevention services and improved quality of care, which cannot be achieved without adequate funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), calls on the Government of Ontario to immediately address the funding shortfall in child welfare by providing emergency stabilization funding to Children's Aid Societies;

Requests that the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services undertake a Province wide service review, including the funding model. During the review, FONOM asks that the following be included in the review.

- Adequately addresses the unique challenges of northern and remote communities;
- Account created for higher operational costs in geographically dispersed regions;
- Provide sustainable funding for prevention services;
- Urges the Province to implement multi-year funding commitments that allow for proper planning and service delivery;
- Advocates for the development of a specific Northern Strategy for child welfare that recognizes the unique needs and challenges of Northern communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to: The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario, All municipalities within FONOM's jurisdiction, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and the leaders of the Opposition Parties.

Carried

9. In-Camera Correspondence

Councillor Vrebosch declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Vrebosch declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to Item 9.2.)

Councillor King declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor King declared a Conflict in relation to Item 9.4.)

Res. # 2025-38

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 6:56 p.m. for the following reasons:

Items 9.2 and 9.3, being potential acquisitions of land by the Municipality; and

Item 9.4, being advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

Res. # 2025-39

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council reconvene at 7:52 p.m.

Carried

10. Giving Notice (Notice of Motion)

11. Confirmatory By-Law

Res. # 2025-40

Moved by Councillor Bain

Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

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

By-Law No. 2025-05 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 28, 2025.

Carried

Res. # 2025-41

Moved by Councillor Bain

Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

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

By-Law No. 2025-05 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 28, 2025.

Carried

12. Adjournment

Res. # 2025-42

Moved by Councillor Bain

Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

That this Regular Meeting of Council do now adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Peter Chirico

City Clerk Karen McIsaac