

# Regular Meeting of City Council Minutes

May 20, 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 Gardiner, Councillor Vrebosch, Councillor

Mayne, Councillor Mitchell

Members Absent: Councillor Bain

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

# 2. Motion to Suspend Rules

Res. # 2025-172

Moved by Councillor Mitchell Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

That Council suspend the Rules of the City of North Bay's Procedural By-Law 2019-80 to change the order of the Agenda to allow Council to consider Item 8.2, being a Motion re: George Maroosis Parkette, to be the first order of business on the Agenda.

Carried

# 2.1 Motion - George Maroosis Parkette

#### Res. # 2025-173

Moved by Councillor Mitchell Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

Whereas George Maroosis, the longest serving Council member at the time of his passing, dedicated decades of continuous service to the citizens of the City of North Bay;

And Whereas George Maroosis, in addition to his civic duties as a Councillor, served on multiple local not-for-profit boards and was the longest serving Chair for L.I.P.I.- Low Income People Involvement, oversaw the transformation of Crisis Centre North Bay as its Chair, as well as being the founding Chair of the District of Nipissing Social Services Board, to name but a few;

And Whereas George Maroosis, in addition to his decades of continuous public service, was also a businessman in a long line of businessmen in the Maroosis family, who settled in North Bay in 1910. His grandfather, George Maroosis, owned and operated one of North Bay's most famous restaurants, The Arcadian Tea Room (1910-1957), along with The Arcadian Grill, in the downtown core. His father, Gus Maroosis, owned and operated the Cedar Coffee Shop on Main St West next to Boart Longyear for decades. And George himself owned and operated KBros Maroosis Art Centre at the corner of Algonquin & Main since 1976;

And Whereas George Maroosis, as the owner KBros Maroosis Art Centre, one of the oldest private art galleries in Northern Ontario, championed First Nations artists since the 1970s as well as many other local artists.

Therefore Be It Resolved in appreciation for his decades of continuous public service, celebration of his family's long history in the community for North Bay's 100th Anniversary, and his unwavering patronage of First Nations and local artists, the Council of the City of North Bay authorize staff to place a plaque naming the Parkette bordering Algonquin Ave, Main Street and Cassells Street shown on Schedule "A" hereto as "The George Maroosis Parkette."

# (Record of Vote) Upon the Request of Councillor Mitchell:

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

Nays: Nil

- Schedule A 
Parkette Bordering Algonquin Avenue, Main Street West and Cassells Street



# 3. Public Presentations

# 4. Public Meeting Minutes

# Res. # 2025-174

Moved by Councillor Gardiner Seconded by Councillor King

That the minutes for the public meetings held on:

- Tuesday, April 22, 2025; and
- Monday, May 12, 2025

be adopted as presented.

Carried

# 5. Motion for Reconsideration

# 6. Committee Reports

6.1 Establishing a Ward System

#### Res. # 2025-175

Moved by Councillor Horsfield Seconded by Councillor Mayne

That General Government Committee Report No. 2025-11 relating to:

- Establishing a Ward System

be adopted as presented.

# **General Government Committee Report No. 2025-11**

May 20, 2025

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

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2025-11 and recommends:

"That Council note and file the Motion dated January 31, 2023 re: Establishing a Ward System."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

# (Record of Vote) Upon the Request of Councillor Lowery:

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

Nays: Councillors Lowery and Inch.

# 7. Correspondence

7.1 Request for Exemption to Noise By-Law - Bay Block Party

#### Res. # 2025-176

Moved by Councillor Mayne Seconded by Councillor Horsfield

#### That:

 Council authorize an exemption to Noise By-Law 2014-53, for the Bay Block Party, located on Main Street from Fraser Street to Sherbrooke Street, pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined by Section 5 of the By-Law and that the proponent notify residents and businesses within a one (1) block radius of the stage and speakers located on the corner of Main Street West and Fraser Street, for the following date and time:

# Saturday, August 23, 2025 -

- 9:00 am 1:00 pm (sound check)
- 1:00 pm 11:00 pm (concert); and
- 2. a copy of Report to Council IO 2025-05 be forwarded to the North Bay Police Services for information.

Carried

# 7.2 Dedicated Locator Agreement

#### Res. # 2025-177

Moved by Councillor Mayne Seconded by Councillor Horsfield

# That Council:

- authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Sub-Contract Agreement to permit the City to continue providing dedicated locate services for City of North Bay infrastructure; and
- an Execution By-Law be brought forward for three readings at the Regular Meeting of Council on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Carried

# 7.3 2025 Armed Forces Day

#### Res. # 2025-178

Moved by Councillor Mallah Seconded by Councillor King

That Council authorize an amendment to Council Resolution No. 2025-102 passed on March 25, 2025, to add to the letter of support the following additional wording "at no lower than 500

feet above ground level" as requested by The 21 Aerospace Control & Warning Squadron.

Carried

#### 7.4 2024 Water and Wastewater Year-End

#### Res. # 2025-179

Moved by Councillor Horsfield Seconded by Councillor Inch

# That Council:

- 1. authorize the Chief Financial Officer to complete the 2024 reserve transfers, as outlined in Appendix "A", attached to Report to Council CORP 2025-34 dated April 15, 2025 from Laura Boissonneault; and
- receive and file the City of North Bay's 2024 Water and Wastewater Year-End Financial Report, as set out in Report to Council CORP 2025-34 dated April 15, 2025 from Laura Boissonneault.

Carried

# 7.5 Capital Variance Report, as at December 31, 2024

# Res. # 2025-180(a)

Moved by Councillor Horsfield Seconded by Councillor Inch

# That Council:

- 1. receive the Capital Variance Report, as at December 31, 2024, Report to Council CORP 2025-36 dated May 5, 2025 from Blair Grant; and
- authorize the reserve transfers and budget adjustments, as detailed in Report to Council CORP 2025-36 dated May 5, 2025 from Blair Grant, inclusive of Appendix "B" and "C".

Carried

# Res. # 2025-180(b)

Moved by Councillor Lowery Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council refer report from Blair Grant dated May 5, 2025 re: Capital Variance Report as at December 31, 2024 to the General Government Committee.

Lost

# 7.6 Community and Recreation Centre Update - May 2025

# Res. # 2025-181

Moved by Councillor Mayne Seconded by Councillor Horsfield

That Council receive and refer Report to Council IO-2025-07 dated May 9, 2025 from David Jackowski to the Infrastructure and Operations Committee.

Carried

# 7.7 2024 General Year-End Variance Report

# Res. # 2025-182

Moved by Councillor Horsfield Seconded by Councillor Inch

#### That Council:

- 1. authorize the Chief Financial Officer to complete the 2024 reserve transfers, as outlined in Appendix "A"; and
- 2. receive and file the City of North Bay's 2024 General Year-End Variance Report, as set out in Report to Council CORP 2025-33 dated April 25, 2025 from Laura Boissonneault.

Carried

#### 7.8 2024 Treasurer's Statement on Development Charges

# Res. # 2025-183

Moved by Councillor Horsfield Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council receive the 2024 Treasurer's Statement on Development Charges for information purposes, as attached to Report to Council CORP 2025-49 dated May 5, 2025 from Blair Grant and that a copy be submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing upon request.

Carried

#### 8. By-Laws for Consideration

# Res. # 2025-184

Moved by Councillor Mitchell Seconded by Councillor Mayne

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

By-Law No. 2025-47 to authorize the execution of a Sub-Contract Agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and GTel Engineering Inc. relating to Dedicated Locate Services.

#### Res. # 2025-185

Moved by Councillor Mitchell Seconded by Councillor Mayne

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

By-Law No. 2025-47 to authorize the execution of a Sub-Contract Agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and GTel Engineering Inc. relating to Dedicated Locate Services.

Carried

#### 9. Motions

# 9.1 Community Safety and Well-Being Ad Hoc Committee

#### Res. # 2025-186

Moved by Councillor Gardiner Seconded by Councillor Mitchell

Whereas Council passed Resolution No. 2023-196(a) on May 9, 2023, to establish a Community Safety and Well-Being Ad Hoc Committee ("the Committee");

And Whereas the Committee was to be engaged for a period of twelve (12) months;

And Whereas the Council passed Resolution 2024-132 on April 23, 2024, to extend the Committee for one year;

And Whereas the Committee is seeking Council's approval for a further one-year extension.

Therefore, be it Resolved that Council extend the term of the Committee for an additional one year as per the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Carried

# 10. In-Camera Correspondence

#### Res. # 2025-187

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 7:45 p.m. for the following reasons:

Item 9.2, being a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

Item 9.3, being a pending lease of land by the municipality or local board; and

Item 9.4, being labour relations or employee negotiations.

#### Res. # 2025-188

Moved by Councillor Horsfield Seconded by Councillor Mallah

That Council reconvene at 8:13 p.m.

Carried

10.2 Confidential report from Karen McIsaac dated April 29, 2025 re Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

#### Res. # 2025-189

Moved by Councillor Horsfield Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council appoint Don Halpert and Richard Mantha to the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term to expire November 14, 2026.

Carried

10.4 Confidential report from Wanda Trottier dated May 9, 2025 re Labour relations or employee negotiations

#### Res. # 2025-190

Moved by Councillor Horsfield Seconded by Councillor Mallah

#### That Council:

- 1. approve an amendment to the Salary By-law that reflects increases of 5.0% for 2025; 4.0% for 2026; 3.5% for 2027; and 3.5% for 2028;
- 2. authorize the net increase in the 2025 Operating Budget to be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve #99529;
- 3. authorize the net increase in the 2025 Water and Wastewater Budget to be funded from the respective Water Operating Reserve #99576 and Wastewater Operating Reserve #99577; and
- 4. authorize By-Law No. 2025-48 be brought forward for three (3) readings on May 20, 2025.

Carried

#### Res. # 2025-191

Moved by Councillor Horsfield Seconded by Councillor Mallah

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

By-Law No. 2025-48 to amend By-Law No. 2008-104 (being a by-law to establish a Schedule of Salaries).

# Res. # 2025-192

Moved by Councillor Horsfield Seconded by Councillor Mallah

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

By-Law No. 2025-48 to amend By-Law No. 2008-104 (being a by-law to establish a Schedule of Salaries).

Carried

# 11. Giving Notice (Notice of Motion)

# 12. Confirmatory By-Law

Res. # 2025-193

Moved by Councillor Gardiner Seconded by Councillor Lowery

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

By-Law No. 2025-45 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 20, 2025.

Carried

# Res. # 2025-194

Moved by Councillor Gardiner Seconded by Councillor Lowery

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

By-Law No. 2025-45 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 20, 2025.

Carried

# 13. Adjournment

# Res. # 2025-195

Moved by Councillor Gardiner Seconded by Councillor Lowery

That this Regular Meeting of Council do now adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Mayor Peter Chirico	City Clerk Karen McIsaac