

MOTION



North Bay, ON

July 8, 2025

Subject: Independent Review of Council Member Expenses and Temporary Adjustment to Police Services Board Membership

File No. **Res.** 2025-

Moved by Councillor: Lowery

Seconded by Councillor: Inch

Whereas transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct are fundamental principles of City Council and essential to maintaining public confidence;

And Whereas all members of Council are subject to a Council Code of Conduct and have a duty to uphold the integrity of the institution and include (but not limited to):

- Members must be seen to serve their constituents in a conscientious and diligent manner.
- Members must be committed to performing their functions with Integrity, avoiding improper use of influence of their office, and conflicts of interest:
- Members are expected to perform their duties in office and arrange their private affairs, in a manner that promotes public confidence that will bear close public scrutiny.

Therefore Be It Resolved that:

1. The City of North Bay retain an independent auditing firm with forensic experience to conduct a review the Mayor's expenses and business development opportunities to ensure compliance with applicable rules, policies, and best practices;
2. That the scope of the review include the matter of the Mayor's expenses as identified in the KPMG audit, including:
 - an examination of the process by which the expenses were approved or overridden;
 - clarification of the roles and responsibilities of City staff involved in authorizing or processing reimbursements;
 - and an opinion on whether any aspect of the conduct warrants further review by appropriate oversight or law enforcement agencies;
3. That a summary of the findings be presented in a future General Government committee of Council and provide members of the public and opportunity to ask questions;
4. That a sub-committee of council be struct to examine the procedural by-law to refine the parameters whereby an in-camera meeting can be conducted;
5. That, as a precautionary and good governance measure, and in the interest of maintaining public trust in police oversight, Mayor Peter Chirico be respectfully asked to temporarily step aside from the North Bay Police Services Board until the completion of the independent review and the findings have been brought forward to Council.

Be it further resolved that this temporary adjustment not be interpreted as a presumption of wrongdoing, but rather a proactive step to protect the integrity of the City's institutions and reassure the public of Council's commitment to open and accountable government.

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Carried

Carried as amended

Lost

Conflict

Endorsement of Chair

Yeas

Nays

Record of Vote (*Upon Request of Councillor*)

Signature of Clerk