

July 8, 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 Mayor Chirico - Independent Review of Council Member Expenses and Temporary Adjustment to Police Services Board Membership as "the Motion pertains to my position as Mayor."
- 1.2 Councillor Mallah - Resignation of Maurice Switzer from the North Bay-Parry Sound District Health Unit as "the Health Unit is my employer".
- 1.3 Councillor Gardiner - By-Laws for Consideration
All Three Readings of By-Law 2025-66 as "I own property mentioned in the By-Law."

2. Public Presentations

3. Notice of Suspension of Rules

Res. # 2025-237

Moved by Councillor Inch
Seconded by Councillor Vrebosch

Pursuant to section 2.2 of the City of North Bay Procedural By-Law 2019-80 that the Council Agenda be reordered to allow the motion re: Installation of the Franco-Ontarian Flag at Leger Square at City Hall in Recognition of the Flag's 50th Anniversary be the first order of business on the Agenda.

Carried

- 3.1 Installation of the Franco-Ontarian Flag at Leger Square at City Hall in Recognition of the Flag's 50th Anniversary

Res. # 2025-238(a)

Moved by Councillor Inch
Seconded by Councillor Vrebosch

WHEREAS 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the Franco-Ontarian flag, a provincial emblem co-created by Michel Dupuis, a proud North Bay resident, and Professor Gaétan Gervais of Laurentian University;

AND WHEREAS the Franco-Ontarian flag has been officially recognized as an emblem of Ontario since 2001 and was granted equal status to the provincial flag through Bill 182 in 2020;

AND WHEREAS North Bay is home to a vibrant and longstanding francophone community whose cultural, social, and economic contributions have enriched the city's development;

AND WHEREAS the permanent installation of the Franco-Ontarian flag at Léger Square at City Hall would be a meaningful and inclusive gesture, recognizing both the local and provincial significance of the flag;

AND WHEREAS Les Compagnons des francs loisirs, in collaboration with other interested community partners, have expressed their willingness to contribute financially toward the cost of the installation, in recognition that the City may not have the full budget available for new infrastructure at this time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to work in coordination with Les Compagnons des francs loisirs, Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario, Conseil scolaire catholique Franco-Nord, and other local francophone stakeholders to support the installation of the Franco-Ontarian flag at Léger Square;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the installation be completed in time to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the flag and be in place for Franco-Ontarian Day on September 25, 2025.

Carried as amended

Res. # 2025-238(b)

Moved by Councillor Inch

Seconded by Councillor Vrebosch

That the second last paragraph of the Motion be deleted and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council direct staff to work in coordination with Les Compagnons des francs loisirs and other local francophone stakeholders to support the installation of the Franco-Ontarian flag at Leger Square.

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

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

Nays: Nil

Carried

4. Public Meeting Minutes

Res. # 2025-239

Moved by Councillor Mitchell

Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

That the minutes for the public meetings held on:

- Tuesday June 10, 2025;
- Monday, June 16, 2025; and
- Tuesday, June 17, 2025

be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Motion for Reconsideration

6. Committee Reports

6.1 2024 Consolidated Financial Statements

Res. # 2025-240

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That General Government Committee Report No. 2025-12
relating to:

- 2024 Consolidated Financial Statements

be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee Report No. 2025-12

July 8, 2025

To The Council

Of The Corporation

Of The City Of North Bay

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No.
GG 2025-12 and recommends:

“That the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of The
Corporation of the City of North Bay be authorized to approve
the 2024 Consolidated Financial Statements.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Carried

6.2 Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment by Tulloch Engineering on behalf of FGA Trades Inc. - 2890 Highway 11 North

Res. # 2025-241

Moved by Councillor Mallah

Seconded by Councillor King

That Community Services Committee Report No. 2025-09 relating to:

- Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment application by Tulloch Engineering on behalf of FGA Trades Inc. – 2890 Highway 11 North

be adopted as presented.

Community Services Committee Report No. 2025-09

July 8, 2025

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

Your Worship and Councillors:

The Community Services Committee presents Report No. CS 2025-09 and recommends:

“That:

1. the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment by Tulloch Engineering on behalf of FGA Trades Inc. – 2890 Highway 11 North in the City of North Bay to rezone the property from an “Industrial Commercial” zone to an “Industrial Commercial Special (MC Sp.)” zone for the property legally described in Appendix to Report to Council No. CSBU 2025-038 by Peter Carello dated June 25, 2025 be approved; and
2. the subject property be placed under Site Plan Control pursuant to Section 41 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990 as amended.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Carried

7. Correspondence

7.1 Resignation of Maurice Switzer from the North Bay-Parry Sound District Health Unit

Councillor Mallah declared a conflict on this item, as "the Health Unit is my employer".

Res. # 2025-242

Moved by Councillor Horsfield
Seconded by Councillor Inch

That the resignation of Maurice Switzer from the North Bay-Parry Sound District Health Unit be received and Mr. Switzer be thanked for his involvement on the Board.

Carried

- 7.2 Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment application by Tulloch Engineering on behalf of 2628985 Ontario Inc. - 1650 Main Street West

Res. # 2025-243

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

That the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment application by Tulloch Engineering on behalf of 2628985 Ontario Inc. – 1650 Main Street West be received and referred to the Community Services Committee for a Public Meeting.

Carried

- 7.3 Staff Appointments and Administrative Updates under Building By-Law No. 2018-53

Res. # 2025-244

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

That Council authorize an amendment to City of North Bay By-Law No. 2018-53, being a By-Law to Regulate the Administration of Building Permits, as amended, as set out in Report to Council CSBU 2025-40 dated June 25, 2025 from Beverley Hillier.

Carried

- 7.4 Recognition Initiative - Agreement with North Bay Sports Hall of Fame

Res. # 2025-245(a)

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

That Council:

1. direct staff to negotiate an agreement with the North Bay Sports Hall of Fame to achieve a recognition area for Sports Hall of Fame inducted members; and
2. direct staff to include the Recognition Initiative in the 2026 Capital and Operating Budget, as described in Report to Council CSBU-2025-42 dated April 7, 2025 from Ian Kilgour and Melinda Fry, with appropriate cost estimates for Council's consideration during the upcoming budget process.

Carried

Res. # 2025-245(b)

Moved by Councillor Vrebosch
Seconded by Councillor Lowery

That Report to Council CSBU 2025-42 dated April 7, 2025 from Ian Kilgour and Melinda Fry re: Recognition Initiative - Agreement North Bay Sports Hall of Fame be referred to Committee.

Lost

7.5 Resignation of Linda Thomas-Ouellette from the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC)

Res. # 2025-246

Moved by Councillor Horsfield
Seconded by Councillor Inch

That the resignation of Linda Thomas-Ouellette from the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) be received and Ms. Thomas-Ouellette be thanked for her involvement on the Committee.

Carried

7.6 Sponsorship Policy

Res. # 2025-247

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

That Council adopt the Sponsorship Policy, attached as Schedule "A" to Report to Council CSBU 2025-24 dated June 23, 2025 from Ian Kilgour.

Carried

7.7 CO-OP 2025-75 Freshwater Pool Docking System for Birchaven Cove

Res. # 2025-248

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

That Council:

1. approve the award of a contract to EZ Dock Ontario Inc. in the amount of \$114,990.57 (plus HST), for the provision of a freshwater pool docking system; and
2. authorize the transfer of funds to the project, as outlined in Report to Council CORP 2025-69 dated June 27, 2025 from Lori Jackson and Ian Kilgour.

Carried

7.8 2025 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Supplement

Res. # 2025-249(a)

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

That the "2025 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Supplement", attached to Report to Council CSBU-2025-41 dated June 25, 2025 from Brent Kalinowski, be adopted.

Carried as amended

Res. # 2025-249(b)

Moved by Councillor Vrebosch
Seconded by Councillor Mallah

That the resolution be amended by adding the following:

"and that a public presentation be made to allow the community to see and hear the Report."

Carried

7.9 Cost Share Agreement - Terrace Management Inc.

Res. # 2025-250

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

That:

1. Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Cost Share Agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and Terrace Management Inc.; and
2. an execution by-law be brought forward for three (3) readings at the Regular Meeting of Council on July 8, 2025.

Carried

8. By-Laws for Consideration

Councillor Gardiner declared a conflict on this item. All Three Readings of By-Law 2025-66 as "I own property mentioned in the By-Law."

Res. # 2025-251

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

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

By-Law No. 2025-61 to stop up, close and convey a Part of McKenzie/Robarts Avenue Road Allowance designated as Part 3, on Plan 36R-15359, in the City of North Bay and to repeal By-Law No. 2025-30.

By-Law No. 2025-62, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2018-53, a by-law to regulate the administration of building permits.

By-Law No. 2025-63 to rezone certain lands on Highway 11 North (FGA Trades Inc. - 2890 Highway 11 North).

By-Law No. 2025-64 to designate a Site Plan Control Area on certain lands on Highway 11 North (FGA Trades Inc. - 2890 Highway 11 North).

By-Law No. 2025-65 to authorize the execution of a Cost Sharing Agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and Terrace Management Inc. relating to Sidewalk Construction and Associated Infrastructure - Cartier Street.

Carried

Res. # 2025-252

Moved by Councillor Mallah

Seconded by Councillor King

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

By-Law No. 2025-61 to stop up, close and convey a Part of McKenzie/Robarts Avenue Road Allowance designated as Part 3, on Plan 36R-15359, in the City of North Bay and to repeal By-Law No. 2025-30.

By-Law No. 2025-62, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2018-53, a by-law to regulate the administration of building permits.

By-Law No. 2025-63 to rezone certain lands on Highway 11 North (FGA Trades Inc. - 2890 Highway 11 North).

By-Law No. 2025-64 to designate a Site Plan Control Area on certain lands on Highway 11 North (FGA Trades Inc. - 2890 Highway 11 North).

By-Law No. 2025-65 to authorize the execution of a Cost Sharing Agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and Terrace Management Inc. relating to Sidewalk Construction and Associated Infrastructure - Cartier Street.

Carried

Res. # 2025-253

Moved by Councillor Mallah

Seconded by Councillor King

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

By-Law No. 2025-66 to designate certain lots on a Plan of Subdivision that has been registered for eight years or more as deemed not to be lots on a Registered Plan of Subdivision (1060 McIntyre Street West).

Carried

Res. # 2025-254

Moved by Councillor Mallah
Seconded by Councillor King

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

By-Law No. 2025-66 to designate certain lots on a Plan of Subdivision that has been registered for eight years or more as deemed not to be lots on a Registered Plan of Subdivision (1060 McIntyre Street West).

Carried

9. Motions

9.1 Transparency and Accountability By-Law

Res. # 2025-255

Moved by Councillor Mitchell
Seconded by Councillor Gardiner

Whereas to ensure transparency and accountability with respect to the expenses of Council be it resolved that:

1. Staff be directed to bring forward a Transparency and Accountability By-Law which will facilitate online disclosure, on a quarterly and annual basis, which will itemize Council Members' expenses. The report will include detailed transactions, including payee, date paid, amount, and a general description of the nature of the expense as it relates to City business; and
2. that such a By-Law be in front of Council for their consideration no later than the first Council/Committee meeting in September 2025 and the By-Law be retroactive to this term of Council.

Carried

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

Mayor Chirico declared a conflict on this item, as "the Motion pertains to my position as Mayor."

Recess was requested by Councillor Mallah to allow time to review the amendments that were made to the Motion: 7:36 p.m. to 7:52 p.m.

Res. #2025-256(a)

Moved by Councillor Lowery
Seconded by Councillor Inch

The following Motion was read into Council and after debate the Motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder. No Vote was taken.

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 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 struck 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.

Res. # 2025-256(b)

Moved by Councillor Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor Lowery

That the Motion be amended as follows:

1. That paragraph one of the Motion be amended by adding the following words after forensic experience

"where the Partner has not participated in City audits in the last ten years".

2. Paragraph 3 of the Motion be deleted and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"That no individual who had any involvement - direct or indirect - in the approval, reporting, authorization, or oversight of the Mayor's spending shall participate in the procurement process for the selection of the external auditing firm. This includes, but is not limited:

- The Mayor
- The Chief Administrative Officer
- The Chief Financial Officer
- The City Solicitor
- The current external audit partner"

3. That paragraph 5 of the Motion be deleted together with paragraph starting with the words "be it further resolved that this temporary adjustment" and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:

"That no member of council shall engage in meetings or communications with the audit firm, save and except during the interview process."

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

Yeas: Councillors Vrebosch, Lowery, Inch.

Nays: Councillors Mitchell, Mallah, King, Gardiner, Bain, Mayne and Deputy Mayor Horsfield.

Lost

10. In-Camera Correspondence

Res. # 2025-257

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 8:39 p.m. for the following reasons:

Item #9.2, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and

Item #9.3, litigation affecting the municipality, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purposes, and a proposed acquisition of land by the municipality.

Carried

Res. # 2025-258

Moved by Councillor Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Bain

That Council reconvene at 8:56 p.m.

Carried

10.2 Confidential report from Karen McIsaac dated June 25, 2025 re Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Councillor Mallah declared a conflict of interest as "the Health Unit is my employer".

Res. # 2025-259

Moved by Councillor Horsfield

Seconded by Councillor Inch

That Council direct the City Clerk to advertise for the vacancy on the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board for a term to expire November 14, 2026.

Carried

11. Giving Notice (Notice of Motion)

12. Confirmatory By-Law

Res. # 2025-260

Moved by Councillor Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Bain

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

By-Law No. 2025-60 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 8, 2025.

Carried

Res. # 2025-261

Moved by Councillor Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Bain

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

By-Law No. 2025-60 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 8, 2025.

Carried

13. Adjournment

Res. # 2025-262

Moved by Councillor Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Bain

That this Regular Meeting of Council do now adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Peter Chirico

City Clerk Karen McIsaac