

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
via Electronic Participation
of City Council
Held Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

Present:

Mayor McDonald, Councillors T. Vrebosch, B. Vrebosch, King, Bain, Tignanelli, Mayne, Mendicino, Robertson, Brousseau

Public Presentations:

Marty Simard	re Benefits of Having an Asphalt Pump Track
Gemma Victor/Vijanti Ramlogan	re Equity and Inclusion

Reports from Officers:

Gauthier, M.	re Amendment to By-Law 2019-94, 2020 Water Rates and Charges to allow for a Special Default Allowance Period	(286)
Kotylak, MA.	re Request for Proposal 2020-39, Purchase of Two (2) Plow Trucks	(284)
Leckie, P.	re Grand Sierra Investments Limited Lease	(294)
McIsaac, K.	re Declaration of Vacancy	(283)
McIsaac, K.	re Vacant Council Seat	(293)
Ouellette, J.	re Request for Proposal 2020-39, Purchase of Two (2) Plow Trucks	(284)
Robinson, D.	re Reduction, Cancellation or Refund of Taxes – Section 357/358, <i>The Municipal Act</i> , S.O. c.25	(285)

Res. #2020-282: Moved by Councillor Mendicino, seconded by Councillor Tignanelli
That minutes for the public meetings held on:

- Tuesday, September 15, 2020

be adopted as presented.

"Carried"

Res. #2020-283: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That City declare the office of Councillor Anthony to be vacant.

"Carried"

Res. #2020-284: Moved by Councillor Mayne, seconded by Councillor Tignanelli
That City Council approve the award of a contract to Lewis Motor Sales (North Bay) Inc. in the amount of \$560,074.16 (plus HST), for the provision of two (2) new plow trucks.

"Carried"

- Res. #2020-285: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That 1) the 35 tax appeal applications attached to Report to Council CORP 2020-83 dated September 18, 2020 from Dan Robinson be accepted and approved as recommended by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) for the period set out on each application form and that the applicable taxes either remain or are cancelled, reduced or refunded as authorized by Section 357/358 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c.25; and
- 2) Tax Appeal Application No. 2020-36, attached to Report to Council 2020-83 be denied.

“Carried”

- Res. #2020-286: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That 1) Council authorize an amendment to By-Law No. 2019-94, being a by-law to establish 2020 Rates and Charges for the Supply of Water and Wastewater distribution for Domestic, Commercial and Manufacturing use, to allow for a Special Default Allowance Period; and
- 2) the amending by-law be presented at the Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 for three (3) readings.

“Carried”

- Res. #2020-287: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2020-66, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2019-94, 2020 rates or charges for the supply of water and wastewater distribution for domestic, commercial and manufacturing use.

“Carried”

- Res. #2020-288: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That the following by-law be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2020-66, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 2019-94, 2020 rates or charges for the supply of water and wastewater distribution for domestic, commercial and manufacturing use.

“Carried”

- Res. #2020-289(a): Moved by Councillor Tignanelli, seconded by Councillor Robertson
Whereas there is a desire to investigate and prepare amendments to Animal Control By-Law No. 151-93 to allow and regulate backyard chickens in residential properties within the City of North Bay.

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council direct the By-law Enforcement Coordinator to prepare a Report to Council regarding the implementation of a Backyard Chickens By-law and necessary amendments to existing by-laws in the City of North Bay for information purposes.

“Lost”

Res. #2020-289(b): Moved by Councillor B. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor Brousseau
That the motion re Backyard Chickens be amended as follows:

- (i) the word "desire" be replaced with "request";
- (ii) the word "By-Law Enforcement Coordinator" be replaced with "Staff"; and
- (iii) the words "pro's and con's of" be inserted before the words "the implementation".

"Lost"

Res. #2020-290: Moved by Councillor B. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor T. Vrebosch
WHEREAS community social and economic well-being is dependent on fast, reliable, and affordable broadband connectivity and better cellular coverage;

AND WHEREAS Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as healthcare, education and other sectors will continue to depend on the internet to communicate, provide services and ensure accessibility to information;

AND WHEREAS digital literacy skills are essential to collaborate, innovate, and compete both regionally and globally and require appropriate and affordable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the availability of broadband that is on par with larger, urban areas in Canada is essential for Northern Ontario to achieve economic sustainability and social well-being;

AND WHEREAS in 2016 the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the internet be designated as an essential service and those efforts are undertaken to ensure all municipalities have access to affordable, fast, and reliable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) agreed that an option to explore and hopefully support would be the Starlight Program, by SpaceX.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of North Bay agrees that that Broadband is an essential service, and that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) should allow SpaceX and other private ventures to compete with those presently acting in the communication field, as they have the private financial ability to move forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Science, Innovation, and Economic Development, the Provincial Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, the Provincial Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Northeastern MP's and MPP's, the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Rural Ontario Municipal Association.

"Carried"

Res. #2020-291: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch That Council adjourn in-camera pursuant to section 239.(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended at 7:33 p.m. for the following reasons:

Item #5, being personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal and local board employees; and

Item #6, being advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

“Carried”

Res. #2020-292: Moved by Councillor Brousseau, seconded by Councillor Robertson That Council reconvene at 7:58 p.m.

“Carried”

Res. #2020-293: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch That Council 1) fill the vacancy by appointing George Maroosis, the eleventh place candidate, upon receipt of his consent to accept the office;

- 2) direct the City Clerk to prepare a Striking Committee Report to reflect the changes in the membership of the Standing Committees; and
- 3) direct the City Clerk to prepare a Striking Committee Report for a Council appointment to the Capitol Board, the Downtown Improvement Area Board of Management, North Bay Hydro Holdings Limited and North Bay Public Library Board.

Record of Vote (*Upon request from Councillor King*)

Yeas: Councillors King, Tignanelli, Mayne, Brousseau, B. Vrebosch, T. Vrebosch, Bain, Robertson, Mendicino, Mayor McDonald

Nays: Nil

“Carried”

Res. #2020-294: Moved by Councillor Brousseau, seconded by Councillor Roberston That 1) The Corporation of the City of North Bay enter into a lease agreement with Grand Sierra Investments Limited for the lease of a portion of lands legally described as PCL 9339 SEC WF; PT LT 16 CON D Widdifield PT 1, NR1408 except PT 1 36R-6585, T/W PT 2, 3, 4 & 6, NR1408 as in LT111633 amended by LT190514; S/T LT78898, LT88622, North Bay, District of Nipissing on which Sage Park is located;

- 2) the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the lease agreement between Grand Sierra Investments Limited and The Corporation of the City of North Bay; and
- 3) Council authorize the by-law for lease of the property to be given three (3) readings at the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

“Carried”

Res. #2020-295: Moved by Councillor Brousseau, seconded by Councillor Robertson
That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2020-70, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a lease agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and Grand Sierra Investments Limited.

“Carried”

Res. #2020-296: Moved by Councillor Brousseau, seconded by Councillor Robertson
That the following by-law be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2020-70, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a lease agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and Grand Sierra Investments Limited.

“Carried”

Res. #2020-297: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2020-68 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 29, 2020.

“Carried”

Res. #2020-298: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That the following by-law be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2020-68 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 29, 2020.

“Carried”

Res. #2020-299: Moved by Councillor Mendicino, seconded by Councillor Tignanelli
That this Regular Meeting of Council do now adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

“Carried”

Mayor Allan McDonald

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City Clerk Karen McIsaac