

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2006**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Chirico, Councillors Boldt, Graham, Campbell, Bain, Koziol, Anthony, Maroosis, Mendicino

CORRESPONDENCE:

Cerisano, Stephan re Rezoning application, Main Street West (144)
Yates, Dr. Noreen re 7th Annual Blade, Bike and Run for Fun (145)

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:

Burke, M.B. re 7th Annual Blade, Bike and Run for Fun (145)
Burke, M.B. re Easement across 1333 High Street (162)
Burke, M.B. re North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (164)
Celentano, J.J. re Sale of former CN Lands (163)
Houston, J. re Waterfront Improvements Program (146)
Manning, J. re Tender 2006-05, Removal of CN trestles (148)
Manning, J. re Tender 2005-175, Construction of North Bay Water Treatment Plant and Related Works (149)
Waste Resources Liaison Committee re Lease negotiations for 112 Patton Street (147)

Res. #2006-142: Moved by Councillor Mendicino, seconded by Councillor Campbell
That minutes for the meetings held:

- Monday, February 27, 2006

be adopted as presented.

"CARRIED"

Res. #2006-143: Moved by Councillor Boldt, seconded by Councillor Graham
That General Government Committee Report No. 2006-01 relating to:

- 2006 Operating Budget

be adopted as presented.

"CARRIED"

Councillor Koziol declared a conflict of interest on the above matter as it relates to multi-residential taxes.

Record of Vote (*Upon Request of Councillor Boldt*)

Yeas: Councillors Boldt, Maroosis, Graham, Anthony, Koziol, Mendicino, Bain, Campbell, Deputy Mayor Chirico

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2006-01

March 13, 2006

TO THE COUNCIL
OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE CITY OF NORTH BAY

Your Worship and Councillors:

The General Government Committee presents Report No. 2006-01 and recommends:

1. That the 2006 Operating Budget in the amount of \$95,200,035 (excluding water and sanitary sewer expenditures in the amount of \$13,370,801) with a resultant tax levy of \$58,485,798 as summarized on the attached **Schedule A**, be approved.
2. That budget adjustments summarized on the attached **Schedule B**, resulting in a net decrease in the tax levy totaling \$543,020 from the Preliminary Operating Budget, be included in the Operating Budget.
3. That the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to process all transfers to and from reserve funds included in the 2006 Operating Budget, including a transfer of \$180,000 from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund and a transfer of \$1,022,424 from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund.
4. That the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to process the following year-end transfers to reserve funds as at December 31, 2005:
 - a. Operating Revenues Stabilization Reserve Fund \$710,700
(**excess building permit fees**)
 - b. Operating Expenditures Stabilization Reserve Fund \$710,700
(**excess building permit fees**)
 - c. Tax Policy Development Reserve Fund \$100,000
(**excess supplemental tax revenue**)
 - d. Merrick Landfill Reserve Fund \$100,000
(**excess tipping fee revenue**)
 - e. And that any remaining year-end surplus be transferred to the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund. The anticipated year-end surplus, subject to year-end audit, is \$300,000.
5. That the levies of all Agencies, Boards and Commissions totaling \$36,756,580 as summarized on the attached **Schedule B, page #8** be included in the tax levy.
6. That the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to transfer \$4,448,000 from the Operating Fund to the Capital Fund to finance approved capital projects that would otherwise require debenture issuance to fund (Net Capital Levy in Operating Budget).
7. That the tax rates included on **Schedule C** be adopted for the 2006 taxation year, subject to confirmation of the education rates from the Province.
8. That in accordance with the Long Term Tax Policy all tax policy positions adopted in 2005 be adopted for the 2006 taxation year except those amended as follows:
 - a) Reduce the following tax ratios using real assessment growth:
 - i) Multi-Residential Tax Ratio from 2.32 to 2.2818
 - ii) Commercial Tax Ratio from 1.95 to 1.9274;
 - b) That there be no further consideration of Special Area Rates or other tiered tax rates for the 2006 taxation year;
 - c) That a Rail Lands Levy in the amount of \$1,421,667 be separated from the total tax levy for debt service costs issued under authority of By-Law No. 1999-154;
 - d) That the 2006 Capping Program incorporate the following options:
 - i) Increase the capping percentage from 5% to 10% for all capped classes
 - ii) Apply a minimum increase threshold of \$250 to all capped classes
 - iii) Adopt a threshold tax level for new construction properties of 80%;

- e) That the cost of providing the legislated caps on assessment related increases for individual properties be funded as follows:
 - i) For the Commercial Class, the cost be borne from within the class
 - ii) For the Industrial and Multi-Residential Classes, the cost be funded 100% from the Tax Policy Development Reserve Fund;
 - f) That each final tax bill clearly discloses the amount included to subsidize provincial health and social programs as described by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as "Ontario's \$3Billion Provincial Municipal Fiscal Gap".
9. That the due date for the final property tax installment be set at June 30 for the 2006 taxation year.
10. That all necessary by-laws arising from this report, and previously adopted tax policy reports, be presented for approval.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ASSENTS
CHIRICO
BOLDT
GRAHAM

DISSENTS

Res. #2006-144: Moved by Councillor Mendicino, seconded by Councillor Anthony
That the rezoning application by Stephan Cerisano - Main Street West
be received.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-145: Moved by Councillor Boldt, seconded by Councillor Graham
That Council approve the Blade, Bike and Run for Fun Event on May 14,
2006 and designate it as a Municipal Event to be operated by volunteers
organized by the North Bay and District Chiropractic Society, with all
proceeds to be donated to charity.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-146: Moved by Councillor Mendicino, seconded by Councillor Anthony
That a Capital Expenditure By-Law be prepared for the consideration of
City Council to authorize the Parks Waterfront Improvements Program,
being Capital Budget Project No. 79, at a net debenture cost of
\$150,000.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-147: Moved by Councillor Koziol, seconded by Councillor Bain
That the recommendation from the Waste Resources Liaison Committee
regarding the current and future lease negotiations of the North Bay
Recycling Centre - 112 Patton Street be received and filed.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-148: Moved by Councillor Koziol, seconded by Councillor Bain
That North Bay City Council approve a contract be awarded to Nor Eng
Construction & Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$445,000 (GST extra)
for the removal of the CN Trestles on Front, Cassells and Fisher Streets.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-149: Moved by Councillor Koziol, seconded by Councillor Bain
That

- 1) subject to the COMRIF Agreement being executed, Contract
2005-175 being a contract for the construction of the North
Bay Water Treatment Plan and Related Works, be awarded
to Torbear Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$37,970,091
(GST excluded);
- 2) CH2M Hill Canada Ltd. be retained for design services
during construction on a time and materials basis as outlined
in the Proposal and Scope of Work dated March 3, 2006;
and
- 3) By-Law No. 2005-121 be amended as outlined in Table No.
1 attached to Report No. CORP 2006-38.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-150: Moved by Councillor Boldt, seconded by Councillor Graham
That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2006-52 to stop up, close and convey a portion of the
laneway bounded by Douglas Street, Hutcheson Avenue, McLeod Street
and Lansdowne Avenue.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-151: Moved by Councillor Boldt, seconded by Councillor Graham
That the following by-laws be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2006-49 to provide for advance votes to be held prior to voting day and to provide for reduced hours of voting in Institutions and Retirement Homes.

By-Law No. 2006-51 to authorize the 2006 Fire Vehicle and Equipment Program.

By-Law No. 2006-55 to execute an Agreement with Laurentian University relating to the Northern Ontario Medical School Bursary Fund.

By-Law No. 2006-56 to provide for Municipal Housing Facilities.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-152: Moved by Councillor Boldt, seconded by Councillor Graham
That the following by-laws be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2006-49 to provide for advance votes to be held prior to voting day and to provide for reduced hours of voting in Institutions and Retirement Homes.

By-Law No. 2006-51 to authorize the 2006 Fire Vehicle and Equipment Program.

By-Law No. 2006-55 to execute an Agreement with Laurentian University relating to the Northern Ontario Medical School Bursary Fund.

By-Law No. 2006-56 to provide for Municipal Housing Facilities.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-153: Moved by Councillor Mendicino, seconded by Councillor Anthony
That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2006-50 to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector for 2006.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-154: Moved by Councillor Mendicino, seconded by Councillor Anthony
That the following by-law be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2006-50 to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector for 2006.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-155: Moved by Councillor Mendicino, seconded by Councillor Anthony
That the following by-laws be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2006-45 being Official Plan Amendment No. 102 (Marshall Park Developments Ltd. - Booth Road).

By-Law No. 2006-46 to rezone certain lands on Booth Road (Marshall Park Developments Ltd.).

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-156: Moved by Councillor Koziol, seconded by Councillor Bain
That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2006-53 to execute an Agreement with e-Builder, Inc. relating to a Web Based Project Management System for the North Bay Water Filtration Plant.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-157: Moved by Councillor Koziol, seconded by Councillor Bain
That the following by-law be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2006-53 to execute an Agreement with e-Builder, Inc. relating to a Web Based Project Management System for the North Bay Water Filtration Plant.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-158: Moved by Councillor Koziol, seconded by Councillor Bain
That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2006-54 to amend Pesticides By-Law No. 2005-03.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-159: Moved by Councillor Koziol, seconded by Councillor Bain
That the following by-law be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2006-54 to amend Pesticides By-Law No. 2005-03.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-160: Moved by Councillor Anthony, seconded by Councillor Mendicino
WHEREAS Ontario is the only province where municipal taxpayers pay three (3) times for health care: firstly in their Provincial taxes, secondly in the Ontario Health Care Premium, and thirdly in contributing to long term health care through the municipal levy;

AND WHEREAS Cassellholme is funded as a Home for the Aged but currently functions more as a “chronic care hospital”;

AND WHEREAS the inequity in funding for Cassellholme is evident by comparing the costs for a patient with the same needs being housed in different local institutions (with costs recorded in 2004 figures), allotted approximately as follows:

- \$415 per day at the North Bay & District General Hospital
- \$568 per day if that same patient is served through the former North Bay Psychiatric Hospital's Regional Programs
- \$618 per day if that same patient is served through the former North Bay Psychiatric Hospital's Seniors Programs

AND WHEREAS that same patient would be allotted approximately \$135 when admitted to Cassellholme (2004 figures), despite having the same needs;

AND WHEREAS these inequities in funding have placed Cassellholme in an unsustainable financial hardship;

AND WHEREAS the contributing member municipalities cannot absorb a 133% increase to the Cassellholme levy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the City of North Bay requests that the Provincial Government fully fund the operational costs and required capital improvements of Cassellholme;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to all other municipalities contributing to Cassellholme, with a request for their assistance in passing motions of support, and that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be contacted for its support;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion, with a request for action, be sent to Premier Dalton McGuinty; Hon. George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and Monique Smith, MPP for Nipissing.

“CARRIED”

Record of Vote (*Upon Request of Councillor Anthony*)

Yeas: Councillors Anthony, Mendicino, Koziol, Campbell, Graham, Boldt, Marosis, Bain, Deputy Mayor Chirico

Res. #2006-161: Moved by Councillor Boldt, seconded by Councillor Graham
That Council adjourn in-camera to discuss property matters 7 and 8 and litigation matter 9.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-162: Moved by Councillor Boldt, seconded by Councillor Graham
That Council authorize the release of an easement in gross for sewers, drains, water and gas purposes as set out in Easement No. 48844 dated August 17, 1944.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-163: Moved by Councillor Boldt, seconded by Councillor Graham
That

- 1) Council accepts the principles for the redevelopment of the former CNR corridor lands with full remediation to generic MOE standards as set out in Report CSBU 2006-37;
- 2) Council declares the 7 sites in Appendix “1” to Report CSBU 2006-37 as surplus to City needs;
- 3) City staff arrange for updated property appraisals, Reference Plans and tenders in accordance with normal procedures;
- 4) the proceeds from these sales be applied to improvement and possible sale of other sites in City ownership along the corridor and any other extraordinary administrative costs;
- 5) City staff continue to work on sites within the corridor (surface soil removal and excavation) as time and work priorities permit; and
- 6) any excess revenues arising from these property sales be placed in a CN Corridor Lands Reserve Account.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-164: Moved by Councillor Boldt, seconded by Councillor Graham
That

- 1) Council authorize ongoing payments of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Levy based on a 5% increase in the 2005 Health Unit budget payment in the annual amount of \$1,661,427.00 pending further direction;
- 2) a copy of this resolution be provided to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; and

- 3) Council express its appreciation to Monique Smith, MPP Nipissing for her assistance in this matter.

“CARRIED”

Res. #2006-165: Moved by Councillor Mendicino, seconded by Councillor Campbell
That this meeting do now adjourn.

“CARRIED”

DEPUTY MAYOR PETER CHIRICO

CITY CLERK CATHERINE CONRAD