

Special Committee Meeting of Council Minutes

**February 27, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Mayor's Boardroom - 5th Floor
City Hall - 200 McIntyre Street East, North Bay, ON**

Members Present: Mayor Chirico, Councillor Horsfield, Councillor Inch, Councillor Mallah, Councillor King, Councillor Lowery (5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 8:23 p.m. to 10:09 p.m.), Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Vrebosch (5:44 p.m. to 10:09 p.m.) Councillor Mayne, Councillor Mitchell

Members Absent: Councillor Bain

Staff Present: J. Severino, J. Bechard (5:30 p.m. to 6:01 p.m.), L. Boissonneault, V. Falconi (5:30 p.m. to 7:24 p.m.), V. Hie, M. Karpenko, P. Leckie (5:30 p.m. to 7:24 p.m.), K. McIsaac, R. Melnyk (5:30 p.m. to 7:24 p.m.), S. Melnichuk, N. Rochon (5:30 p.m. to 7:34 p.m.) S. Saucier, J. Saunders (5:30 p.m. to 5:53 p.m.), D. Schiavone, W. Trottier, G. Young, J. Whiteley (5:30 p.m. to 5:53 p.m.).

Mayor Chirico called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Items Discussed:

GG 2023-09 Report from Laura Boissonneault dated February 7, 2023 re 2023 General Operating Budget.

- Fire and Emergency Services
- Corporate Services Business Unit
- General Government Business Unit
- Service Partners

Conflicts of Interest:

Councillor Mitchell declared a conflict of interest in relation to discussions concerning the Residential Property Tax Hardship Program as "I run the program for the municipality" and left the room for the discussion of this item.

Councillor Vrebosch declared a conflict of interest in relation to discussions concerning the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board Budget as "DNSSAB is my employer" and left the room for the discussion of this item.

Councillor Horsfield declared a conflict of interest in relation to discussions concerning Nipissing University Payment-in-Lieu as "Nipissing University is my employer" and left the room for the discussion of this item.

Councillor Mallah declared a conflict of interest in relation to discussions concerning the North Bay and District Health Unit Budget as "the Health Unit is my employer" and left the room for the discussion of this item.

Mayor Chirico declared a conflict of interest in relation to discussions concerning Invest North Bay as "TWG was involved in my campaign for Mayor and left the room for the discussion of this item.

Service Level Changes:

1. Eliminate Paralegal Position from Legal Services.
 - Service level change to be part of the 2023 Budget.
2. Eliminate Provincial Offences Collections Clerk Position.
 - Service level change to be part of the 2023 Budget.

Recommendations:

1. That Council eliminate \$229,294 being Line Item 4401 – Contingency - Financial Expenses Budget to \$0.00.

“Carried”

2. That Council eliminate \$200,000.00 being Line Item 1299 – Other Labour Costs – Financial Expenses Budget to \$0.00.

“Carried”

3. That Council approve \$100,000.00 to the Residential Property Tax Hardship Program to be drawn from reserves.

“Carried”

Closed Session Conflict of Interest:

Mayor Chirico declared a conflict of interest in closed session and left the room for the discussion of the item.

Res #2023-93:

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 8:47 p.m. for the following reasons, personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; security of the property of the municipality and litigation affecting the municipality.

“Carried”

Res# 2023-94:

Moved by Councillor Horsfield, Seconded by Councillor Inch That Council reconvene at 8:59 p.m.

“Carried”

Direction: Item to remain on Committee

Break: 7:10 p.m. to 7:18 p.m.

Special Committee Meeting ended at 10:09 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Maggie Horsfield

City Clerk Karen McIsaac