



Special Committee Meeting of Council Minutes

**March 6, 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, Councillor Bain, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Vrebosch (5:38 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.), Councillor Mayne, Councillor Mitchell

Staff Present: J. Severino, L. Boissonneault, V. Hie, M. Karpenko, I. Kilgour, A. Lacombe, K. McIsaac, S. Melnichuk, K. Pratte, S. Saucier, D. Schiavone, W. Trottier, J. Whiteley, G. Young.

Chair of General Government Committee Horsfield called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Items Discussed:

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

M. Karpenko and S. Saucier brought forward information that was requested at previous budget meetings.

1. The cost to run each arena:

Memorial Gardens:	\$1,779,029.00
Pete Palangio:	\$ 350,519.00
West Ferris:	\$ 422,763.00

2. Risk Management:

Insurance Deductible Reserve currently has \$185,000.00

Fluctuates from year to year.

3. Employee Assistance Plan:

Members of Council are eligible for the Employee Assistance Program. Council would need to pass a by-law and the contribution amount of each Councillor would need to be established.

4. Human Resources Retirements and Vacancies:

There are 14 employees who are eligible to retire in 2023.

Vacancies:

25 permanent full time
70 casual
10 part time

5. Safer Public Spaces Initiatives:

The following steps have been taken in relation to making public spaces safer:

- Increased lighting in parking lots and the parking garage
- Clear sight lines, i.e. new washroom in transit terminal
- Closed circuit cameras

Council will be establishing an Ad Hoc Committee.

6. Asphalt Resurfacing:

There was a request to increase the amount of funding for asphalt resurfacing. The RFP has already been issued using the same number of km's. Waiting to see what the bids are and may have to prioritize the current envelope.

7. Reserves:

M. Karpenko gave an overview of the reserve balances.

2023 City of North Bay Operating Budget

Conflict of Interest:

Councillor Mitchell declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Residential Property Tax Hardship Program as "my employer runs the program for the Municipality".

Direction: That the Committee Report for the 2023 Operating Budget, save and except the City of North Bay's share of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board's (DNSSAB) 2023 Operating Budget; the City of North Bay's share of the Health Unit's 2023 Operating Budget; and the 2023 Hardship Program, be brought forward to Council.

Direction: That the Committee Report for the City of North Bay's 2023 Hardship Program be brought forward to Council.

2023 District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board Budget

Conflicts of Interest:

Councillor Vrebosch declared a conflict of interest in relation to the City of North Bay's share of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board's 2023 Operating Budget "as DNSSAB is my employer".

Councillor Vrebosch declared a conflict of interest in relation to the City of North Bay's share of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board's Healthy Community's Fund as "DNSSAB is my employer".

Councillor Mitchell declared a conflict of interest in relation to the City of North Bay's share of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board's Healthy Community's Fund as "my employer receives funding from this program".

Direction: That the Committee Report for the City of North Bay's share of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board's (DNSSAB) 2023 Operating Budget, save and except the City's share of the Healthy Community's Fund, be brought forward to Council.

Direction: That the Committee Report for the City of North Bay's share of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board's (DNSSAB) 2023 Healthy Community's Fund, be brought forward to Council.

2023 North Bay-Parry Sound Board Budget

Conflict of Interest:

Justine Mallah declared a conflict of interest in relation to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Budget as "the Health Unit is my employer".

Direction: That the Committee Report for the City of North Bay's share of the Health Unit's 2023 Operating Budget be brought forward to Council.

GG 2023-10

Report from Blair Grant dated February 8, 2023, re 2023 Capital Budget and 2024-2032 Capital Forecast Plan

M. Karpenko gave an overview of the Capital Projects for 2023.

Direction: That the Committee Report for the 2023 General Capital Budget and 2023 Water and Wastewater Capital Budget be brought forward to Council; and that save and except for Project No. 3711RF - City of North Bay Community and Recreation Centre, this project will not proceed until further direction is received from Council regarding the award of the construction contract and issuance of special debt.

Direction: That Council direct staff to prepare the financing plan for the Community Centre with the inclusion of \$1,000,000.00 from the 2022 OLG Revenues.

Break: 7:10 p.m. to 7:19 p.m.

Special Committee Meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

General Government Committee, Chair
Maggie Horsfield

City Clerk Karen McIsaac