

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of City Council
via Electronic Participation
Held Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

Present:

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

Correspondence:

Miller & Urso Surveying Inc.	re Draft Plan of Subdivision on behalf of Highland Woods Developments Inc. and Jogra Investments Ltd. – 771 Golf Club Road	(17)
Robert Collins	re Zoning By-Law Amendment – 1410 Cassells Street	(18)
Miller & Urso Surveying Inc.	re Zoning By-Law Amendment on behalf of 9200-8069 Quebec Inc. – Station Road (unaddressed)	(19)

Reports from Officers:

Hillier, B.	re Request for Concurrence – Lot Addition	(13)
Janisse, L.	re 2020-2024 Salary By-Law	(35)
Karpenko, M.	re 2020 Enbridge Gas Inc. Agreement	(15)
Karpenko, M.	re Amendment to Battalion Agreement	(36)
Kotylak, MA.	re Request for Proposal 2020-37, Work Trucks with Telescopic Articulating Aerial Device	(12)
Leckie, P.	re Amendment to Battalion Agreement	(36)
Ouellette, J.	re Request for Proposal 2020-37, Work Trucks with Telescopic Articulating Aerial Device	(12)
Saucier, S.	re 2021 Temporary Borrowing By-Law	(14)
Saucier, S.	re 2019 Annual Report on Investment Activity	(16)

Res. #2021-11: Moved by Councillor Mendicino, seconded by Councillor Bain That minutes for the public meetings held on:

- Wednesday, December 16, 2020
- Monday, December 21, 2020; and
- Thursday, January 14, 2021

be adopted as presented.

"Carried"

Res. #2021-12: Moved by Councillor Mayne, seconded by Councillor King
That City Council approve the award of a contract to Altec Industries Ltd. in the amount of \$428,367.00 (plus HST), for the provision of two (2) work trucks with telescopic articulating aerial devices.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-13: Moved by Councillor Brousseau, seconded by Councillor Robertson
That Council offer no objection to the filing of a Court Order pursuant to Section 88 of the *Registry Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.R.20, as amended, to cancel or suspend in whole or in part a portion of the Plan of Subdivision, being Lots 1&6, Plan 36M-699, in order to facilitate two (2) lot additions.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-14: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That 1) City Council authorize the Treasurer to borrow on a temporary basis from time to time the amounts that the municipality considers necessary to meet expenses of the municipality for the fiscal year 2021; and

2) the by-law be presented for three (3) readings on January 26, 2021.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-15: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That 1) the Mayor and Council agree to make a non-refundable contribution to Enbridge Gas Inc. (EGI) in accordance with the terms of the Municipal Contribution Agreement;

2) the Mayor and Council approve the execution of an agreement between The Corporation of the City of North Bay and Enbridge Gas Inc.; and

3) the execution by-law be presented for three (3) readings on January 26, 2021 permitting The Corporation of the City of North Bay to enter into an agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc. related to construction of operations as described in the agreement attached to Report to Council CORP 2020-84 dated December 30, 2020 from Margaret Karpenko.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-16: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That Council receive the Annual Report on Investment Activity for the year 2019, as set out in Report to Council CORP 2021-09 from Shannon Saucier dated January 4, 2021.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-17: Moved by Councillor Brousseau, seconded by Councillor B. Robertson
That the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision by Miller & Urso Surveying Inc. on behalf of Highland Woods Developments Inc. and Jograh Investments Ltd. – 771 Golf Course Road be received and referred to the Community Services Committee for a Public Meeting.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-18: Moved by Councillor Brousseau, seconded by Councillor Robertson That the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment by Robert Collins – 1410 Cassells Street be received and referred to the Community Services Committee for a Public Meeting.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-19: Moved by Councillor Brousseau, seconded by Councillor Robertson That the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment by Miller & Urso Surveying Inc. on behalf of 9200-8069 Quebec Inc. – Station Road (unaddressed) be received and referred to the Community Services Committee for a Public Meeting.

Mayor McDonald declared a conflict as “I own property in the area”.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-20: Moved by Councillor Brousseau, seconded by Councillor Robertson That the following by-law be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2021-01 to stop up, close and convey a portion of the laneway located in a block bounded by Lansdowne Avenue, Morin Street, O’Brien Street and Lorne Avenue and adjacent to St. Hubert School and near St. Joseph Scollard Hall and bounded on the west by Lots 236 to 243 and on the east by McLeod Street, Plan M-177, designated as Parts 5, 6 and 7 on Plan 36R-14480, in the City of North Bay in the District of Nipissing.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-21: Moved by Councillor Brousseau, seconded by Councillor Robertson That the following by-law be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2021-01 to stop up, close and convey a portion of the laneway located in a block bounded by Lansdowne Avenue, Morin Street, O’Brien Street and Lorne Avenue and adjacent to St. Hubert School and near St. Joseph Scollard Hall and bounded on the west by Lots 236 to 243 and on the east by McLeod Street, Plan M-177, designated as Parts 5, 6 and 7 on Plan 36R-14480, in the City of North Bay in the District of Nipissing.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-22: 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. 2021-08 to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-23: 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. 2021-08 to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-24: 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. 2021-05 to authorize the execution of a Municipal
Contribution Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-25: 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. 2021-05 to authorize the execution of a Municipal
Contribution Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-26: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That the following by-laws be read a first and second time:

By-Law No. 2021-06 to levy certain interim rates, taxes and charges.

By-Law No. 2021-07 to adjust interim taxes for 2021.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-27: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch
That the following by-laws be read a third time and passed:

By-Law No. 2021-06 to levy certain interim rates, taxes and charges.

By-Law No. 2021-07 to adjust interim taxes for 2021.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-28(a): Moved by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Mendicino
WHEREAS the Northlander Passenger Train operated by the Ontario
Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) between Toronto and
Cochrane was discontinued in 2012;

AND WHEREAS reliable and affordable passenger rail transportation
in our area and other areas of the north is essential infrastructure for
economic development of our resource-based industries, tourism,
and access to health care;

AND WHEREAS Premier Ford made a campaign pledge during the
2018 Provincial Election to restore the Northlander;

AND WHEREAS the Province released the Northern Ontario
Transportation Plan on Thursday December 10th, 2020, which
referred to the return of the Northlander, but does not include a
timeline for the resumption of service.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the City of
North Bay ask Premier Ford and the Honourable Caroline Mulroney,
Minister of Transportation to restore passage rail prior to the 2022
Provincial Election.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, MP Anthony Rota and
MPP Victor Fedeli for their endorsement and support.

“Carried as Amended”

Res. #2021-28(b): Moved by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Mendicino
That the following paragraph be added to the Motion:

AND FURTHER the City of North Bay ask the Federal Government to assist in funding the annual expenses of the Northlander and Polar Bear Express as they provide a valuable connection to the James Bay Coast.

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

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

Nays: Nil

“Carried”

Res. #2021-29: Moved by Councillor B. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor Mendicino
WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of North Bay received report “Redevelopment Update for Municipalities – November 30th, 2020” from Cassellholme on December 10th, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the said report recommends that each member municipality of Cassellholme confirms their preferred method of financing the redevelopment project from two presented financing options

Option 1– Cassellholme will obtain financing through Infrastructure Ontario’s Corporate Loan Program, levy member municipalities annually for their share of the capital costs and requires member municipalities to guarantee their share of the entire project value.

Option 2– Member municipalities pay upfront in cash or obtain their own financing and provide the funds to Cassellholme on completion of the project and requires member municipalities to guarantee their share of the project.

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the City of North Bay passed Resolution No. 2017-104 on March 21st, 2017, along with other member municipalities, and provided Cassellholme with a copy of the said resolution;

AND WHEREAS upon review of the financing options being recommended by Cassellholme and the request from member municipalities to guarantee Cassellholme’s loan, the Council for the Corporation of City of North Bay deems that the financing options being recommended are not in line with the resolution passed in 2017 which stated that “Council supports the request for legislative changes to allow the Cassellholme Board of Management to borrow the necessary funds, on its own, to complete the redevelopment project and repay the debt using a combination of capital subsidy payments by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care as well as revenue from operations and the annual levy to the municipalities in proportion”;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the City of North Bay stated in Resolution No. 2017-104 that prior to approval of the redevelopment project, the following information, all of which remains outstanding, be provided by the Cassellholme Board of Management to member municipalities:

- A comprehensive business case;
- The final architectural design;
- A current cost estimate;
- A detailed financing plan which shall include the interest rate, payment schedules or the lump sum payment options for each of the municipalities involved; and
- Confirmation that the Province will advance the funds, up front for the redevelopment of Cassellholme.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the City of North Bay continues to support the redevelopment of Cassellholme; rejects the proposed financing options being recommended by Cassellholme; and seeks new financing options that are in line with Resolution No. 2017-104, and excludes member municipalities assuming Cassellholme’s long-term debt and/or providing municipal guarantees of any form including letters of credit;

AND FURTHER that Cassellholme provides member municipalities with the said outstanding information;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Cassellholme member municipalities.

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

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

Nays: King

“Carried”

Res. #2021-30: 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 8:34 p.m. for the following reasons:

- Item No. 9, being a potential disposition of land by the municipality;
- Item No. 10, being labour relations; and
- Item No. 11, being solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-31: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch That Council reconvene at 9:44 p.m.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-32: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch That Council extend the adjournment of the Regular Meeting of Council to 11:00 p.m.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-33: 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 for the following reason:

- Item No. 11, being solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-34: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch That Council reconvene at 9:57 p.m.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-35: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch That Council approve an amendment to the Salary By-Law that reflects increases for 1.69% for 2020; 1.7% for 2021; 1.67% for 2022; 1.53% for 2023; and 1.77% for 2024.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-36: Moved by Councillor T. Vrebosch, seconded by Councillor B. Vrebosch That

- 1) Council authorize The Corporation of the City of North Bay to enter into an Amended and Restated Arena Lease, License and Loan Agreement with the North Bay Battalion Hockey Club Ltd. (Battalion);
- 2) Council authorize The Corporation of the City of North Bay to enter into a Loan Agreement with The Toronto-Dominion Bank in the principal amount of \$3,995,782.00 at a fixed rate of interest amortized over a fifteen (15) year term to refinance the interest free loan with the Battalion with respect to various capital works (the “Loan Agreement”);
- 3) an execution by-law for the Amended and Restated Arena Lease, License and Loan Agreement be presented for three (3) readings on January 26, 2021 authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Amended and Restated Arena Lease, License and Loan Agreement; and
- 4) an execution by-law for the Loan Agreement with The Toronto-Dominion Bank be presented for three (3) readings on February 9, 2021 authorizing the Mayor and the City Treasurer to execute the Loan Agreement.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-37: 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. 2021-04 to authorize the execution of an amended and restated Arena Lease, License and Loan Agreement with North Bay Battalion Hockey Club Ltd.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-38: 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. 2021-04 to authorize the execution of an amended and restated Arena Lease, License and Loan Agreement with North Bay Battalion Hockey Club Ltd.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-39: 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. 2021-02 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 26, 2021.

“Carried”

Res. #2021-40: 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. 2021-02 to confirm proceedings of the Regular Meeting of
Council held on January 26, 2021.

"Carried"

Res. #2021-41: Moved by Councillor Mendicino, seconded by Councillor Tignanelli
That this Regular Meeting of Council do now adjourn at 10:08 p.m.

"Carried"

Mayor Allan McDonald

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City Clerk Karen McIsaac