

**Minutes of Special Committee Meeting  
of City Council  
Held Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

**Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

D. Euler, L. Janisse, M. Karpenko, I. Kilgour, P. Leckie, J. Montreuil, S. Saucier, J. Severino, J. Whiteley, G. Young.

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

**Items Discussed:**

1. Supplemental Report to Council 2019-134 – 2020 Budget Suggestions.
  - Copy of Presentation provided.
  - The Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the suggestions from Members of Council and the public in relation to the 2020 Budget.
  - The suggestions were separate into the following categories:
    - Growth
    - Community Safety and Wellbeing
    - Efficiency and Effectiveness
    - Healthy Active Community
    - Environmental
    - Capital

**Growth:**

- Community Improvement Plan is before Council and the public meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2019.
- Affordable Housing – District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board can investigate.

Direction: That staff prepare a Report to Council re: Reserve Fund – Property Development.

**Community Safety and Wellbeing:**

**Conflict of Interest:**

Council Bain declared a conflict in relation to the subject of “intersection of Mountainview Drive and Wickstead” as he owns a home within 400 m’s of intersection of Mountainview and Wickstead.

- How much has been spent to-date on studies relating to Kings Landing?
  - To-date \$800,000.00 has been spent on the studies. The EA is being filed this week.
- Are there any Provincial or Federal monies to develop Kings Landing?
  - Staff is continually looking for funding opportunities.
- Can the Hotel Accommodation Tax be used for the Kings Landing Project?
  - Not at this point in time.
- The intersection at Mountainview and Wickstead will be reviewed by the Engineering Department.
- Paid parking in the downtown will be reviewed through the User Fee process.

- Can solar panels incentives be funded through the Community Improvement Plan?
  - No, must be done through a separate program.
- Training of City Staff is currently being conducted for the City Hall Safety Plan and Procedures.
- The cost regarding Community Sharps bins has become more onerous than anticipated. This can form part of the Community Safety and Well Being Plan.
- The downtown snow removal pilot project was a success and will be part of the 2020 Budget.

Direction: Report to be brought back to the Operating Budget meeting regarding an additional By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Staff to prepare a cost analysis of city wide WiFi vs. WiFi at the arenas only.

Discuss solar panel incentives at the next North Bay Hydro Holdings Limited meeting.

### **Efficiency and Effectiveness:**

- A new City website is currently in progress.
- Staff to look at naming rights of different City owned buildings, i.e. Memorial Gardens.
- WSIB is changing the framework in relation to NEER Surcharges - a complete analysis of these changes has not yet been completed.
- Chief Innovation Officer would be a standalone position.
- The City would be part of an "Innovation Cohort".
- It is not possible for the 2020 budget to lease the marina to a third party.

Direction: Director of Community Services and Growth to commence an RFP process regarding Naming Rights.

Staff to prepare a report re: new NEER framework.

Staff to prepare a report re: Chief Innovation Officer position.

Staff to investigate a new operator for the marina.

### **Healthy, Active Community:**

- New community centre build.
- Bourke Street outdoor rink.
- Volunteers would like to put basketball court in the downtown core.
- Parks Master Plan is being developed will be ready next year.
- Take a look of providing another accessible mat.

### **Environmental:**

- Bi-weekly garbage pick-up.
- \$1.00 a bag.
- The landfill currently has composting – need to provide more education to the public.

Direction: Staff to prepare report re: Climate and Energy Conservation Open House held on September 30, 2019.

**Capital:**

- The North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority already provides funds to Laurentian Ski Hill.
- The Museum should have its own budget line.
- Reconstruction of downtown remains within this term of Council.

Next Steps:

- The following Reports will be included in the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Agenda:
  - User Fees;
  - Preliminary Water and Wastewater Rates;
  - 2020 Water and Wastewater Operating Budget;
  - Capital Budget.
- October 23 to 25 - Committee Meetings are scheduled in relation to the Water and Wastewater Operating Budget and Rates.
- October 28 – 29 – Committee Meetings are scheduled in relation to the Capital Budget.
- November 18<sup>th</sup> - public meeting for User Fees and Water Rates.

Special Committee Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor Allan McDonald

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City Clerk Karen McIsaac