

**Minutes of Committee Meeting
of City Council
Held Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

Present:

Mayor McDonald, Councillors Forgette, Shogren, Bain, Maroosis, Vaillancourt, King, Serran, Mayne.

General Government Committee:

GG-2015-02 ***Public Meeting under the Municipal Act***

Report from Shannon Saucier/Lorraine Rochefort dated June 24, 2014 re Water and Wastewater Rate Study and Report from Lorraine Rochefort dated January 28, 2015 re: 2015 Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates Study.

The City Clerk advised that notice of the meeting was given by way of advertisements in the North Bay Nugget on Saturday, March 14th, 2015 and Saturday, March 21st, 2015.

Margaret Karpenko explained the purpose of the Rate Study.

Hemson Consulting provided an overview of the recommended rate structure.

Councillor Forgette asked for public presentations.

1. Gary Gardiner – Hammond Street, North Bay
 - Copy of presentation provided (on file)
 - Proposes a new option – 20% fixed rate / 80% variable rate
 - 20/80 split is the best option/model for: (i) conservation; (ii) fairness; and (iii) affordability
 - Homeowners are subsidizing condo owners and multi-residential owners – should be harmonized with a phased in period, but no more than 3 years
 - Additional option presented based on a meter-valve size.
2. Stephen Hamilton – Francis Street, North Bay
 - Matter of fairness
 - Equitable issue to distribute costs
 - Splits are arbitrary figures
 - Cost to deliver water has a variable and a fixed component
 - Burden will be on families
 - All utility bills have a delivery cost and a consumption cost
 - The City of Barrie has a rebate program for conservation initiatives
 - If you are looking for conservation, look at Hydro's model for time of use
 - Need a system that is fair and just
 - Looking for a 100% variable model.
3. Anthony & Judy Koziol – Bourke Street, North Bay
 - Multi-residential property owners (own 89 units – 70 of which are for low-income and senior tenants)
 - Already on meters
 - Need for real time data
 - Gave an historical perspective – increases of taxes, gas, hydro and water costs over the past 17 years
 - Costs cannot be totally passed on to tenants as rent increases follow the CPI which do not reflect utility cost increases
 - Looking for conservation initiatives and programs – many are one-time programs
 - In order to track consumption they need access to more real time data and the portal is not yet available

- Cannot control how tenants use/misuse their water consumption.

4. Myles Peters – North Bay Taxpayers Association

- Recognize that Council must achieve revenues / budget figures
- Concerned – this is an important issue and they want to be assured that the right decision is made
- Consumption based – an on-demand system
- In favour of taking advantage of the conservation initiatives
- Would like to see a 20% fixed / 80% variable model
- Could adjust monthly to get to the right percentage split
- We know the dollars that have to be raised
- If there is a surplus it could be passed on
- Cannot come up short but would like to see maximum conservation and the most equitable option for homeowners
- People are hurting and are struggling to make ends meet.

5. Claude Brunette – Whitney Avenue, North Bay

- Concerned about frozen water pipes
- He has had frozen pipes in the past and has been able to thaw them without calling in Public Works. He has made the necessary corrections and modifications.
- His concern is that he travels in the winter and lets his water run in accordance with Public Works’ recommendations
- What happens to those who have frozen pipes that are unreported and run their water? It is going to be costly.
- What policy will Council approved for those circumstances?
- The City has always told people to run their water.

6. Rod Porter – Maher Street

- City has always had problems with frozen lines
- City should be proactive – insulate the lines that freeze.

Direction: Committee Report be brought forward to Council on April 13, 2015.

GG-2014-11 Report from Elizabeth Courville dated August 14, 2014 re: Residential Rental Housing Licensing By-law Variance Request – Eduardo Barron, 22 Paul Street.

Direction: Item to remain on Committee.

GG-2015-05 By-law No. 2015-29 to stop up, close and convey a portion of the Milne Road Allowance (locally known as West Peninsula Road).

Direction: Committee Report be brought forward to Council on April 13, 2015.

Motion to Extend Time:

Moved by Councillor Vaillancourt, Seconded by Councillor Serran

That the Council-in-Committee Meeting be extended pursuant to S.49.4(b) of Procedural By-law No. 2011-186 for an additional 90 minutes.

“LOST”

GG-2015-06 Report from Lorraine Rochefort/Margaret Karpenko dated March 25, 2015 re: 2015 Assessment Analysis and Tax Policy Review.

Direction: Item deferred to a subsequent meeting.

Engineering and Works Committee:

No Items were dealt with.

Community Services Committee:

CS-2014-05 Report from Greg Kirton and Beverley Hillier dated March 9, 2014 re: City of North Bay's Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

Direction: Item deferred to a subsequent meeting.

CS-2014-19 Report from Elizabeth Courville dated August 27, 2014 re: Appeal to Property Standards Committee's Decision re: Sign By-law Variance.

Direction: Item deferred to a subsequent meeting.

Committee Meeting of Council adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Mayor Allan McDonald

City Clerk Catherine Conrad