

**Minutes of Special Committee Meeting  
of City Council  
Held Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

**Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

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

**Items Discussed:**

1. Growth Plan – Ian Kilgour
  - Staff is currently in the process of completing a Growth Plan for the City of North Bay.
  - The Growth Plan will include:
    - New Growth Community Improvement Plans
    - Business Retention and Expansion
    - Development Charges
    - GTA Immigration Marketing Campaign, Immigration Pilot and Business Immigration Attraction Program
    - Safety and Well Being Plan
    - Invest North Bay
    - Innovation
  - The purpose of the Growth Plan is to combine Council priorities from various Plans that are already in place and make one centralized Plan.
  - The Final Plan will be presented to Council.
  
2. 2020 Budget Suggestions – Margaret Karpenko
  - Members of Council were provided with a handout which contained the 2020 Budget Suggestions that were received via email and from the Budget Open Houses held on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from members of the public.
  - Members of Council will review the suggestions and a Special Committee Meeting will be held to discuss and prioritize these suggestions.
  
3. Budget Priorities – Margaret Karpenko
  - Members of Council set out their budget priorities:
    - Developing Brownfield Property
    - Free ridership on the buses for children 12 and under with a paid adult
    - Look for Provincial funding for more police officers
    - Snow removal – downtown
    - Sports Tourism – more information on website
    - Paid parking relief in downtown
    - Community Waterfront Park Reserve
    - Community Improvement Program
    - Hiring a second By-Law Enforcement Officer
    - Reduce the City’s Greenhouse Footprint
    - Downtown Community Improvement Program
    - Amnesty Day at Landfill
    - Centralized pick up of large items going to Landfill

- Skating Trails – Omischl Park/Behind West Ferris Arena
- Safety at City Hall
- Carbon emissions initiative
- Accessibility
- Museum Capital requirements
- Funding for Third Party Departmental Reviews

4. Multi-Year Budgeting – Margaret Karpenko

- The use of a multi-year budget allows Council to plot out a financial plan over the duration of their term.
- Will require direction from Council to prepare a 2021/2022 budget
- Annual updates are required under the *Municipal Act* to reaffirm that the budget is appropriate
- The City already has all of the critical policies in place to proceed with multi-year budgeting, i.e. Long Term Financial Plan, Reserve Fund Policy.
- The following Municipalities are currently doing multi-year budgeting:
  - London
  - Innisfil
  - York
  - Malahide
- Council will still receive the budgets of each department but during the budget process Council looks at the cost of the delivery of the product and not line by line.
- Council will still receive variance reports and capital projects status reports.

Special Committee Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Mayor Allan McDonald

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City Clerk Karen McIsaac