

Memorandum

TO: Krista Power, City Clerk

FROM: Councillor Kasey Etrene

DATE: March 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Request for Report – Potential Surplus of Property
Committee of the Whole – March 20, 2023

This memorandum provides for a request and a path forward that may be of great benefit to the City of Thunder Bay. The city has a large amount of city-owned land, some of which would be in the city's best interest to surplus and sell for the purpose of development. Along with reducing the amount of city-owned land that might need operating or capital investment, such as parking lots, vacant land and parkland, this could help to boost infill and provide much-needed additional housing. This will take time as there may be requirements of the *Planning Act* to adhere to relative to some properties and rezoning may be required but the work should start now.

It is requested that administration compile a list of city-owned land, including parkland, with potential for surplus and provide recommendations on the potential parcels of land from that list that would benefit the city to surplus and sell.

Now is the time to begin preparing for the 2024 budget. I also appreciate that this process will take a substantial amount of time so now is the time to act. This motion requests that administration compile a list of city owned land including parkland that may benefit the city to declare as surplus lands and prepare for sale. This request does not include valuation of property but simply an inventory and priority properties that administration would recommend would be in the city's best interest to surplus.

As such I provide the following motion for consideration;

WITH RESPECT to the memorandum from Councillor Kasey Etrene, dated March 6, 2023, we recommend that Administration be directed to bring forward a list of city owned lands, including parkland, available for surplus and sale;

AND THAT Administration provide recommendations on the top potential parcels of land that would bring the city the highest financial benefit;

AND THAT Administration bring forward this report on or before September 18, 2023.

cc: Norm Gale - City Manager
Karen Lewis, General Manager of Development & Emergency Services