

# North Bay Taxpayers Town Hall Meeting

June 19,2013

## Official Motions

### ( 1 ) Spending Freeze

The NBTA hereby resolves that in view of the current level of established debt in the City Of North Bay combined with the indication that we have the lowest net family income in Northern Ontario , and in further consideration of our declining population numbers and high rate of unemployment and social welfare demands we hereby petition North Bay City Council and all Municipal Bureaucratic Leadership to impose an immediate moratorium on all non-essential and discretionary spending until such time as our debt levels show considerable decline and our taxation mill rates reach a median level as compared to other Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Unanimously Passed This 19th. Day of June 2013

### ( 2 ) To Seek Independent Financial and Operational Audit

The NBTA hereby resolves that in view of the fact that North Bay Taxpayers are overburdened with taxation and sewer and water rates that substantially exceed the medium average for Northern Ontario Municipalities and indeed most cities in all of Ontario, combined with the fact that North Bay Taxpayers have many concerns and questions relating to performance and the cost effective delivery of essential services and the maintenance of our infrastructure, plus acknowledging the public discontent with highly questionable spending decisions on capitol projects and contracts, and in consideration of the fact that no known independent or higher level governmental financial and operational audit has been conducted in recent history we herby move that the North Bay Taxpayers Association pursues all alternatives to encourage ,initiate and implement such audit through any and all means at its disposal.

Unanimously passed this 19th. Day of June 2013

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( 3 ) To Seek Transparency Of North Bay Hydro/North Bay Holdings

The NBTA hereby resolves that in consideration of the fact that all media and the general public have been denied entry from attendance and public input at North Bay Hydro's and North Bay Holdings Board Meetings and in view of the fact that our publicly elected officials conduct and direct the business of these publicly owned entities and assets and in further consideration that all access to financial statement requests and other information requests have been withheld or denied with little or no explanation or public disclosure we hereby move that the Council Members ensure that a resolution is passed to allow public access and the immediate release of financial statements and information on this our publicly owned corporate entity .

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( 4 ) To Establish The Guideline for 2014 Budget Determinations.

The NBTA hereby resolves that in consideration of prevailing current economic conditions combined with our consensus that substantial savings can be achieved and current levels of services can be sustained and even enhanced through new approaches, methodologies and higher productivity. In addition, cognizant of the fact that employee numbers, remuneration and benefits have grown past the point of sustainability and fairness to all taxpayers and particularly that our current levels of operating costs, spending and taxation is discouraging further economic growth and development in our city and contributing to an exodus of citizens to communities with more favourable tax and utility rates we the North Bay Taxpayers Association strongly encourage North Bay City Council and management at all levels to set and establish in all departments and operations a final budget for 2014 that does not exceed the value of Ninety-Five Percent ( 95%) of the budget that was determined for the year 2013 even if reductions in the number of staff/employees or remunerations in any and all departments resulted from meeting this objective.

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M.C. ( Miles Peters )  
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