



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, February 24, 2020

4:30 pm

Council Chambers

Civic Centre

Present: Mayor C. Provenzano, Councillor P. Christian, Councillor S. Hollingsworth, Councillor L. Dufour, Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen, Councillor M. Shoemaker, Councillor M. Bruni, Councillor R. Niro, Councillor C. Gardi, Councillor M. Scott

Absent: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Officials: M. White, R. Tyczinski, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, S. Hamilton Beach, D. Elliott, D. McConnell, C. Rumiel, F. Coccimiglio, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, B. Lamming, T. Vecchio, D. Hollingsworth, T. Anderson, E. Cormier

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2020 02 03 be approved.

Carried

2. Questions and Information Arising Out of the Minutes and not Otherwise on the Agenda

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3.1 Councillor M. Shoemaker – LPAT Appeal 22 MacDonald Avenue (Ruscio/Martella)

Developer is a client of law firm.

4. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Agenda for 2020 02 24 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

5. Proclamations/Delegations

5.1 Huron Central Railway

Joe Fratesi and Steve Butland, Co-Chairs, Huron Central Railway Stakeholders' Task Force and Christian Richard, Chief Commercial Officer, Genesee and Wyoming Canada were in attendance.

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas on September 10, 2018 Sault Ste. Marie City Council received an update from the Huron Central Railway task force and confirmed its strong support for Huron Central Railway's efforts to secure the funding necessary to enable the railway between Sault Ste. Marie and the CPR connection in Sudbury to continue to provide a short-line freight service for regional communities and industries;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Sault Ste. Marie City Council reconfirms its support for this significant project.

| Majority | For | Against | Absent | |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Mayor C. Provenzano | X | | | |
| Councillor P. Christian | X | | | |
| Councillor S. Hollingsworth | X | | | |
| Councillor L. Dufour | X | | | |
| Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen | X | | | |
| Councillor D. Hilsinger | | | X | |
| Councillor M. Shoemaker | X | | | |
| Councillor M. Bruni | X | | | |
| Councillor R. Niro | X | | | |
| Councillor C. Gardi | X | | | |
| Councillor M. Scott | X | | | |
| Results | 10 | 0 | 1 | Carried |

5.2 Mental Health and Addictions Institute

Asima Vezina, President and Vice-Chancellor, Algoma University; Wendy Hansson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Sault Area Hospital; Janice Willett, Associate Dean, Northern Ontario School of Medicine; Ron Common, President, Sault College of Applied Arts and Technology; and Diane Roach, Co-Chair, Shingwauk Kinnoomaage Gamig were in attendance.

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that Council express its support for the proposed Ontario Mental Health and Addictions Research and Training Institute, a partnership including Algoma University, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Sault Area Hospital, Sault College and Shingwauk Kinnoomaage Gamig; and

Further that this support be communicated to the relevant Provincial cabinet ministers for their consideration.

| Majority | For | Against | Absent |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mayor C. Provenzano | X | | |
| Councillor P. Christian | X | | |
| Councillor S. Hollingsworth | X | | |
| Councillor L. Dufour | X | | |
| Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen | X | | |
| Councillor D. Hilsinger | | | X |
| Councillor M. Shoemaker | X | | |
| Councillor M. Bruni | X | | |
| Councillor R. Niro | X | | |
| Councillor C. Gardi | X | | |
| Councillor M. Scott | X | | |
| Results | 10 | 0 | 1 |

Carried

5.3 Greenhouse Gas Inventory

E. Cormier, Climate Change Coordinator, Future SSM was in attendance regarding Agenda Item 7.3.1

5.4 Application A-1-20-Z – 25 Donna Drive

Carlo Spadafora, counsel for the Applicant, was in attendance regarding Agenda item 7.7.1

6. Communications and Routine Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees – Consent Agenda

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2020 02 24 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

Carried

6.1 RFQ – Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre – GIS Contract Extension

A report of the Manager of Purchasing was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-60 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.2 Community Development Fund

The report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated 2020 02 24 concerning the creation of a Community Development Fund be received.

Further that Council direct staff to engage relevant stakeholders to finalize the criteria for the various components of the Community Development Fund and return to Council for final approval.

Carried

6.3 EDC Transfer of Small Business Enterprise Centre Agreements

The report of the Director of Economic Development was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2020-63 and 2020-64 are listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.4 Concert / Entertainment Advisory Group

The report of the Director of Community Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated 2020 02 24 concerning Concert/Entertainment Advisory Group be received and that the attached Terms of Reference be adopted.

Carried

6.5 Canadian Dermatology Association Shade Structure Grant

The report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2020 02 24 be received and that staff be authorized to submit an application to the Canadian Dermatology Association Shade Structure Grant Program for the purchase and installation of a picnic shelter at Point Des Chenes Day Park and Beach.

Carried

6.6 Request for Financial Assistance for National/International Sports Competitions

The report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2020 02 24 concerning the request for financial assistance be received and that the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee that City Council support the financial assistance grant for Holly Lasante's participation at the World Classic and Equipped Masters Powerlifting Championships to be held April 26 – May 3, 2020 in Sun City, South Africa in the amount of \$200.00 be approved.

Carried

6.7 Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program – 2020

The report of the Senior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Senior Planner dated 2020 02 24 concerning the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program – 2020 be received and that Council authorize staff to proceed with the necessary work required to implement the priority cycling routes, the Northern Community Centre multi-use-path, and the James Street/Machine Shop spoke.

Carried

6.8 Black Road Posted Speed Limit Reduction

The report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated 2020 02 24 concerning Black Road Posted Speed Limit Reduction be received.

Carried

A by-law amending the Traffic By-law will be brought to a future Council meeting.

6.9 Bay Street Improvements – Engineering Fees

The report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated 2020 02 24 be received and that Council authorize the engineering fee limit in Kresin Engineering's agreement for the Bay Street Improvements be further increased by \$250,000 to the limit of \$793,500; further that \$250,000 be redirected from the resurfacing allocation of the approved 2020 Miscellaneous Construction budget.

Carried

6.10 Central Creek Aqueduct Project Budget Increase

The report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated 2020 02 24 concerning Central Creek Aqueduct Project Budget Increase be received and that the engineering fee limit for the Central and East Davignon Creek Aqueduct Repairs be increased to \$139,130 with \$13,727 accommodated within the original budget and the remainder of \$13,403 redirected from the resurfacing allocation of the approved 2020 Miscellaneous Construction budget.

Carried

6.11 Connor Road Culvert Engineering Services

The report of the Land Development and Environmental Engineer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Land Development and Environmental Engineer dated 2020 02 24 concerning Connor Road culvert repairs be received and that STEM Engineering be retained.

Carried

An individual engineering agreement will be brought to Council for approval at a later date.

6.12 Waterfront Walkway Remediation – Consultant Selection

The report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated 2020 02 24 concerning Waterfront Walkway Remediation consultant selection be received and that Council authorize entering into an agreement for engineering services with Tulloch Engineering.

Carried

An individual engineering agreement will be brought to Council for approval at a later date.

6.13 Professional Traffic Engineering Advisory Services

The report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated 2020 02 24 concerning Professional Traffic Engineering Advisory Services consultant selection be received, and that Council authorize entering into an agreement for engineering services with IMA+ for 2020 with an engineering fee limit of \$30,000.

Carried

An individual engineering agreement will be brought to Council for approval at a later date.

6.14 Land Transfers regarding 440 River Road (1890628 Ontario Inc.)

The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2020-57 and 2020-58 are listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.15 LPAT Appeal – 22 MacDonald Avenue (Ruscio/Martella)

Councillor M. Shoemaker declared a conflict on this item. (Developer is a client of law firm.)

The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Assistant City Solicitor dated 2020 02 24 concerning Local Planning Appeals Tribunal appeal (22 MacDonald Avenue) be received and that despite the appeals Council indicates its wish to proceed with Zoning By-law 2020-31 and By-law 2020-30 being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 226 to the Sault Ste. Marie Official Plan.

Carried

7. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees

7.1 Administration

7.2 Corporate Services

7.2.1 Annual Report of Integrity Commissioner

The report of the Integrity Commissioner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner for the period January 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020 be received as information.

| Majority | For | Against | Absent |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mayor C. Provenzano | X | | |
| Councillor P. Christian | X | | |
| Councillor S. Hollingsworth | X | | |
| Councillor L. Dufour | X | | |
| Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen | X | | |
| Councillor D. Hilsinger | | | X |
| Councillor M. Shoemaker | X | | |
| Councillor M. Bruni | X | | |
| Councillor R. Niro | X | | |
| Councillor C. Gardi | X | | |
| Councillor M. Scott | X | | |
| Results | 10 | 0 | 1 |

Carried

7.3 Community Development and Enterprise Services

7.3.1 Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory

The report of the Climate Change Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Climate Change Coordinator dated 2020 02 24 concerning Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Report be received as information.

| Majority | For | Against | Absent |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mayor C. Provenzano | X | | |
| Councillor P. Christian | X | | |
| Councillor S. Hollingsworth | X | | |
| Councillor L. Dufour | X | | |
| Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen | X | | |
| Councillor D. Hilsinger | | | X |
| Councillor M. Shoemaker | X | | |
| Councillor M. Bruni | X | | |
| Councillor R. Niro | X | | |
| Councillor C. Gardi | X | | |
| Councillor M. Scott | X | | |
| Results | 10 | 0 | 1 |

Carried

7.4 Public Works and Engineering Services

7.5 Fire Services

7.6 Legal

7.7 Planning

7.7.1 A-1-20-Z – 25 Donna Drive (1890714 Ontario Inc. c/o Steve Ficociello)

The report of the Senior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Report of the Senior Planner dated 2020 02 24 concerning Rezoning Application A-1-20-Z be received and that Council rezone the subject property from Single Detached Residential Zone (R2) and Parks and Recreation Zone (PR) to Low Density Residential Zone (R3.S) with a special exception to reduce the rear yard (Second Line) setback requirement from 10m to 7.5m;

Further that Council deems the property subject to site plan control, pursuant to Section 41 of the *Planning Act*.

And that the Legal Department be directed to prepare the necessary by-law to effect this approval.

Postponed

7.8 Boards and Committees

8. Unfinished Business, Notice of Motions and Resolutions Placed on Agenda by Members of Council

8.1 Snowmobile Road Use

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Whereas snowmobiling is a popular winter activity that injects an estimated \$23.6 million into Northern Ontario through snowmobile tourism each year (accommodation, restaurants, retail, service, fuel and so forth); and

Whereas there are thousands of kilometres of groomed trails regulated by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club (OFSC) surrounding our community; and

Whereas if Sault Ste. Marie adopts snowmobile-friendly accessible roads, winter tourism may increase and the City could be a starting point for those interested in riding the trails; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie is consistently trying to find additional winter attractions and activities to draw both Canadian and American tourists to the community; and

Whereas snowmobiling is a popular winter activity that can result in the community becoming a destination for families and outdoor enthusiasts; and

Whereas the City of Timmins has recognized the positive tourism value of snowmobilers and approved a trial period of snowmobile road use for the remainder of the 2020 snowmobile season with restrictions to ensure safety for both residents and riders;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that appropriate City staff, in consultation with the Sault Trailblazers Snowmobile Club, be requested to research the process Timmins has adopted allowing snowmobiles to use municipal roads and report back regarding the use of roads in Sault Ste. Marie for a limited period, allowing riders to access restaurants, services, and accommodation from all points of the City with the goal of increasing winter tourism.

| Majority | For | Against | Absent | |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Mayor C. Provenzano | X | | | |
| Councillor P. Christian | X | | | |
| Councillor S. Hollingsworth | X | | | |
| Councillor L. Dufour | X | | | |
| Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen | X | | | |
| Councillor D. Hilsinger | | | X | |
| Councillor M. Shoemaker | X | | | |
| Councillor M. Bruni | X | | | |
| Councillor R. Niro | X | | | |
| Councillor C. Gardi | X | | | |
| Councillor M. Scott | X | | | |
| Results | 10 | 0 | 1 | Carried |

8.2 Levy Board Budgets

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Whereas as a result of 2020 budget deliberations, the tax increase for residents was 3.31%; and

Whereas of the 3.31% total tax increase, 1.47% was a result of increases to municipal services and 1.84% was a result of increases to shared municipal and provincial services (levy and local boards); and

Whereas a significant portion of the 1.84% increase (levy and local boards) is a result of provincial budget cuts and downloading or unilateral provincial changes to funding formulas;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that in future budget years, when provincial decisions would result in an increase to municipal taxes, that outside levy and local boards be requested to bring forward two scenarios, one, their recommended budget, and two, what spending cuts would be necessary in order to accommodate the provincial decisions.

| Majority | For | Against | Absent |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mayor C. Provenzano | X | | |
| Councillor P. Christian | X | | |
| Councillor S. Hollingsworth | X | | |
| Councillor L. Dufour | X | | |
| Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen | X | | |
| Councillor D. Hilsinger | | | X |
| Councillor M. Shoemaker | X | | |
| Councillor M. Bruni | X | | |
| Councillor R. Niro | X | | |
| Councillor C. Gardi | X | | |
| Councillor M. Scott | X | | |
| Results | 10 | 0 | 1 |

Carried

9. Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Such Matters as are Referred to it by the Council by Resolution

10. Adoption of Report of the Committee of the Whole

11. Consideration and Passing of By-laws

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date 2020 02 24 be approved.

Carried

11.1 By-laws before Council to be passed which do not require more than a simple majority

11.1.1 By-law 2020-57 (Property Acquisition) Part 440 River Road

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that By-law 2020-57 being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of a portion of property located at civic 440 River Road being Part 14, 1R7949 (1890628 Ontario Inc./Ronald Boyer) be passed in open Council this 24th day of February, 2020.

Carried

11.1.2 By-law 2020-58 (Property) Declare Surplus Property Abutting 440 River Road

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that By-law 2020-58 being a by-law to declare the City owned property legally described as PT PIN 31486-0141 (LT) PT LT 69 RCP H714 RANKIN LOCATION; BEING PART 18 1R7949 AS IN T416356; SAULT STE. MARIE being property abutting 440 River Road as surplus to the City's needs and to authorize the disposition of the said property to 1890628 Ontario Inc. (Ronald Boyer) or as otherwise directed be passed in open Council this 24th day of February, 2020.

Carried

11.1.3 By-law 2020-59 (Agreement) Local No. 67 Canadian Union of Public Employees – Civic Centre

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that By-law 2020-59 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Local No. 67 Canadian Union of Public Employees - Civic Centre for the term commencing February 1, 2019 to January 31, 2023 be passed in open Council this 24th day of February, 2020.

Carried

11.1.4 By-law 2020-60 (Agreement) SSM Innovation Centre GIS Services

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that By-law 2020-60 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre for the provision of GIS Services for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2020 be passed in open Council this 24th day of February, 2020.

Carried

11.1.5 By-law 2020-61 (Agreement) WSP Canada Inc.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that By-law 2020-61 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and WSP Canada Inc. for the Anna Street EA be passed in open Council this 24th day of February, 2020.

Carried

11.1.6 By-law 2020-62 (Agreement) Kresin Engineering Corporation (Northern Avenue)

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that By-law 2020-62 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Kresin Engineering Corporation for engineering services for the Northern Avenue corridor improvements be passed in open Council this 24th day of February, 2020.

Carried

11.1.7 By-law 2020-63 (Agreement) EDC Consent and Amending Agreement

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that By-law 2020-63 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Consent and Amending Agreement between the City and Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade to transfer program delivery and funding from Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation to the City be passed in open Council this 24th day of February, 2020.

Carried

11.1.8 By-law 2020-64 (Agreement) SSMEDC Assignment, Assumption and Amendment

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that By-law 2020-64 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Assignment, Assumption and Amendment Agreement between the City and Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines to transfer program delivery and funding from Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation to the City be passed in open Council this 24th day of February, 2020.

Carried

11.2 By-laws before Council for FIRST and SECOND reading which do not require more than a simple majority

11.3 By-laws before Council for THIRD reading which do not require more than a simple majority

12. Questions By, New Business From, or Addresses by Members of Council Concerning Matters Not Otherwise on the Agenda

13. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that this Council proceed into closed session to discuss one matter concerning a potential acquisition of land; and one matter concerning a potential disposition of land;

Further Be It Resolved that should the said closed session be adjourned, the Council may reconvene in closed session to continue to discuss the same matter without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

Municipal Act section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Carried

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

"Christian Provenzano"

Mayor

"Rachel Tyczinski"

City Clerk