



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, April 6, 2020

4:30 pm

Council Chambers

Civic Centre

by teleconference

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

Officials: M. White, R. Tyczinski, L. Girardi, T. Vair, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, D. McConnell, S. Hamilton Beach, D. Elliott, F. Coccimiglio, B. Lamming, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa

13. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that this Council proceed into closed session to discuss:

- labour relations matters; and
- a matter concerning financial information of a local board

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)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations; (j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2020 03 23 be approved.

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	11	0	0
			Carried

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

Individual members of Council were each given the opportunity to speak regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the community, also to reinforce Algoma Public Health messaging regarding staying home, etc.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3.1 Councillor M. Shoemaker – PUC Inc.

PUC Inc. is a client of law firm.

3.2 Councillor M. Shoemaker – PUC Inc. Shareholder Meeting

PUC Inc. is a client of law firm.

3.3 Councillor M. Shoemaker – Second Avenue Reconstruction

Contractor awarded is a client of law firm.

3.4 Councillor M. Shoemaker – By-law 2020-85 (Agreement) Reconstruction of Second Avenue (Contract 2020-2E)

Contractor is a client of law firm.

4. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the Agenda for 2020 04 06 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

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	11	0	0
			Carried

5. Proclamations/Delegations

5.1 Parkinson's Awareness Month

5.2 PUC Inc.

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

Robert Brewer, President and CEO was in attendance by teleconference.

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott
Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2020 04 06 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

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	11	0	0
			Carried

6.1 Tender for Selected Granular Materials

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

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi
Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2020 04 06 be received and that the tender for the supply of selected granular materials for the 2020 and 2021 seasons be awarded on an as-required basis with staff to use all pricing supplied, along with City job site location and availability determined by the Superintendent of Public Works and his staff for the lowest cost rating for each job as they arise;

Further that the City's requirements for blast furnace slag be awarded to Inter-Ontario Equipment Rental and Repair Ltd. for a period of one (1) year at their tendered prices of \$7.45 per tonne for 7/8" minus granular "A", and \$7.30 per tonne plus HST for nut slag, on a sole source basis.

Carried

6.2 Public Works Operational Delays Due to COVID-19

The report of the Director of Public Works was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi
Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the Director of Public Works dated 2020 04 06 be received and that Council approve the delay in the start of waste management services including the Household Hazardous Waste Depot, Landfill Saturday service and leaf and yard waste collection in addition to the delay in the opening of the Pointe des Chenes campground until further public announcement due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Carried

6.3 Second Avenue Reconstruction

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

The relevant By-law 2020-85 authorizing execution of Contract 2020-2E and By-law 2020-86 authorizing the road closure of Second Avenue between Second Line West and Connaught Avenue from May 1, 2020 until October 31, 2020 are listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

7. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees

7.1 Administration

7.2 Corporate Services

7.3 Community Development and Enterprise Services

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.)

The report of the Senior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott
Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the Report of the Senior Planner dated 2020 04 06 concerning Rezoning Application A-1-20-Z be received and that Council postpone this application indefinitely.

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	11	0	0
			Carried

7.8 Boards and Committees

7.8.1 PUC Inc. Shareholder Meeting

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

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that City Council is now authorized to meet in open session as the sole shareholder of PUC Inc.; and

Further Be It Resolved that City Council appoints Mayor Christian Provenzano as Council's proxy to vote on the resolutions of the shareholder of PUC Inc.

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 (Conflict)			
Councillor M. Bruni	X		
Councillor R. Niro	X		
Councillor C. Gardi	X		
Councillor M. Scott	X		
Results	10	0	0
			Carried

7.8.1.1 Shareholder's Resolutions

Resolved that the shareholder of PUC Inc.:

- approves the strategy of increasing cash reserves given the turbulent times
- approves the strategy to provide customer support through additional credit terms and flexible payment options
- approves the negotiation and finalization of the additional credit line for \$4.5 million
- approves the drawdown of the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation Credit Facility of \$5.8 million

Resolved that, on the recommendation of PUC Inc. and PUC Distribution Inc. Board of Directors, the shareholder approve the establishment of the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation credit facility as presented.

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

8.1 Stop Sign at Illinois Avenue and Texas Avenue

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas Holy Cross is a large elementary school in the east end of the city and;

Whereas as a result of its size, many children are bused or driven to school on a daily basis and;

Whereas as a result, vehicular traffic on Texas Avenue has increased significantly and;

Whereas many of the students who walk to Holy Cross on a daily basis live at the north end of Texas Avenue and streets located northeast of the school. (Sutton Place, Bristol Place, Chartwell Drive) and;

Whereas dozens of students must cross Texas Avenue at the intersection of Illinois Avenue to access these streets and;

Whereas this intersection currently has a yield sign at the end of Illinois which does not completely stop traffic as it turns right on to Texas Avenue;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to report on the feasibility of installing a stop sign at the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Texas Avenue to improve pedestrian safety.

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	11	0	0
			Carried

8.2 Local COVID-19 Heroes

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected the day to day lives of not just our global community, but our local community of Sault Ste Marie; and

Whereas the pandemic has created difficulty for many in our community to access day to day living essentials and many essential workers put themselves at risk daily; and

Whereas they have been many reports of individuals, groups, organizations and businesses going above and beyond to assist their neighbours or recognize the difficult work of our front-line workers, grocery retail staff and other essential service workers;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Sault Ste Marie establish an honorary award for these unsung heroes at this time and strike a subcommittee to receive nominations and establish criteria for our local heroes of COVID-19 in our community of Sault Ste. Marie.

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	11	0	0 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

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

11.1.1 By-law 2020-85 (Agreement) Reconstruction of Second Avenue (Contract 2020-2E)

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

The report from the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering was on the Agenda.

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2020-85 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Contract between the City and Avery Construction Limited for the reconstruction of Second Avenue from Second Line West to Connaught Avenue (Contract 2020-2E) be passed in open Council this 6th day of April, 2020.

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 (Conflict)			

Councillor M. Bruni	X		
Councillor R. Niro	X		
Councillor C. Gardi	X		
Councillor M. Scott	X		
Results	10	0	0 Carried

11.1.2 By-law 2020-86 (Street Closing) Second Avenue

The report from the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering was on the Agenda.

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi
 Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2020-86 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Second Avenue from Second Line West to Connaught Avenue from May 1, 2020 until October 31, 2020 for the reconstruction of Second Avenue be passed in open Council this 6th day of April, 2020.

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	11	0	0 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

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott
Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

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	11	0	0
			Carried

“Christian Provenzano”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk