



## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Monday, April 27, 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, S. Schell, P. Johnson, K. Fields, D. McConnell, S. Hamilton Beach, D. Elliott, B. Lamming, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa

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### 13. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that this Council proceed into closed session to discuss:

- two property acquisitions;
- labour relations matters; and
- advice subject to solicitor/client privilege

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; (d) labour relations or employee negotiations; (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose*

**Carried.**

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2020 04 06 be approved.

<b>Majority</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**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 – Sixth Avenue Reconstruction**

Contractor is a client of law firm.

**3.2 Councillor M. Shoemaker – By-law 2020-97 (Agreement) Sixth Avenue Reconstruction**

Contractor is client of law firm.

**4. Approve Agenda as Presented**

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the Agenda for 2020 04 27 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

<b>Majority</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried**

**5. Proclamations/Delegations**

**5.1 Day of Mourning (April 28)**

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

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

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2020 04 27 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

<b>Majority</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried**

**6.1 Appointment of Municipal Auditor**

The report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer was received by Council.  
 The relevant By-law 2020-100 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.2 Year End Financial Report – December 31, 2019**

The report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated 2020 04 27 regarding 2019 surplus be received and that the recommendation to revise the Surplus Policy for the 2019 fiscal year to 100% allocation to the Tax Stabilization Reserve and the year end reserve transfers be approved.

**Carried**

**6.3 2020 Tax Rates**

The report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2020-88, 2020-89 and 2020-90 are listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.4 2020 Property Tax Capping Options**

The report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-91 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.5 Property Tax Appeals**

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Taxation dated 2020 04 27 concerning Property Tax Appeals be received and that the tax records be amended pursuant to sections 354 and 357 of the *Municipal Act*.

**Carried**

**6.6 2020 Queenstown Board of Management (O/A The Downtown Association) Budget and 2019 Audit Report**

The report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated 2020 04 27 concerning the Queenstown Board of Management (O/A The Downtown Association) Audited Financial Statements for the year 2019 be received and the recommendation that the Downtown Association Budget for the year 2020 be approved.

**Carried**

**6.7 RFQ – Annual Maintenance and Subscription Fees – Dynamics GP**

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

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2020 04 27 be received and that the quotation submitted by CentralSquare Canada Software Inc. for Dynamics GP maintenance and subscription fees for the one-year period commencing May 31, 2020 at the quoted cost of \$89,064.51 plus HST be approved on a sole source basis.

**Carried**

**6.8 Tender for Asphalt**

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2020 04 27 be received and that the tender submitted by Trimount Construction for the supply of asphalt for the 2020 construction season commencing May 1, 2020 at the tendered pricing plus HST be approved.

**Carried**

**6.9 Tender for Ready-Mix Concrete**

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 27 be received and that the tender submitted by Lafarge for the supply of Ready Mix Concrete for the 2020 construction season commencing May 1, 2020 at the tendered pricing plus HST be approved.

**Carried**

**6.10 Factory Rebuild of Trackless Municipal Tractor**

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2020 04 27 be received and that the quotation submitted by Work Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$147,880.00 plus HST for

the factory rebuild of a city-owned trackless municipal tractor plus attachments for use by Public Works on a sole source basis be accepted.

**Carried**

### **6.11 Northern Transfer Point**

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated 2020 04 27 concerning the Northern Transfer Point consultant selection be received, and that Council authorize extending KRESIN Engineering Corporation's fees on the Northern Avenue Improvements project by \$27,700 to include the Northern Transfer Point tendering and contract administration.

**Carried**

### **6.12 2020 Biennial Bridge and Aqueduct Inspections**

The report of the Municipal Services Engineer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Services Engineer dated 2020 04 27 be received and that the City enter into an agreement for professional services with Tulloch Engineering for the 2020 biennial bridge and aqueduct inspections for the fee of \$68,210 plus HST.

**Carried**

### **6.13 Sixth Avenue Reconstruction**

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

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

The relevant By-law 2020-97 authorizing execution of a contract with Avery Construction Limited is listed under item 11 of the Minutes..

The relevant By-law 2020-98 authorizing the closure of Sixth Avenue between Wallace Terrace and Devon Road from May 1, 2020 until October 31, 2020 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

### **6.14 Fuel Agreement – DSSMSSAB and City of Sault Ste. Marie**

The report of the Fire Chief was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-87 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.15 Fourth Amending Agreement – The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited**

The report of the Assistant City Solicitor/Senior Litigation Counsel was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-95 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**7. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees**

**7.1 Administration**

**7.1.1 COVID-19 Update and Financial Impacts**

The report of the CAO was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the report of the CAO dated 2020 04 27 concerning COVID-19 Update and Financial Impacts be received as information.

<b>Majority</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Carried**

**7.1.2 Business Support During COVID-19**

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated 2020 04 27 concerning Business Support During COVID-19 Outbreak be received as information.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
<b>Majority</b>				
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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Carried</b>

### 7.1.3 Lease Agreement Suspension Due to COVID-19

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

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated 2020 04 27 concerning lease agreements at the John Rhodes Community Centre be received and that Council approve the suspension of four lease agreements due to the COVID-19 pandemic effective March 16, 2020.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
<b>Majority</b>				
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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Carried</b>



**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**

**7.8 Boards and Committees**

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

**8.1 Waiving Interest on Taxes**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Whereas on March 23, 2020 Council agreed to waive interest and penalties on late payment of the May 5, 2020 tax installment until June 2020; and

Whereas it appears the COVID-19 pandemic will take much longer than originally anticipated to subside and return to a more normal economy in Sault Ste. Marie and across Canada;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council extend the date by which residents can defer their tax payments without interest and penalties to August 5, 2020.

**Withdrawn at request of mover.**

**8.2 Sewer Surcharge**

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Whereas the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has impacted people all over the world including our own community of Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas the Province has enacted a declaration of emergency to help contain the spread of COVID-19; and

Whereas as a result of the declaration many businesses were required to close, allowing only essential businesses to remain open; and

Whereas the closing of all but essential business has resulted in significant unemployment, and has caused significant financial difficulty for both employers and employees; and

Whereas over the last several weeks the Federal and Provincial Governments have rolled out numerous support programs for both employers and employees; and

Whereas it is the desire of the Sault Ste. Marie City Council to find ways in which we can help and support those in need during these difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council suspend the collection of the City of Sault Ste. Marie sewer surcharge for the months of April and May 2020;

Further Be It Resolved that should the declaration of emergency carry on for an extended amount of time, that Council revisit the collection of the sewer surcharge at that time.

<b>Majority</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Carried</b>

**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 C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda save and except By-law 2020-97 under date 2020 04 27 be approved.

<b>Majority</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried**

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

**11.1.1 By-law 2020-87 (Agreement) DSSAB Fuel Supply**

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

Resolved that By-law 2020-87 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board to enable Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to continue to utilize the existing fuel supply located at Fire Services be passed in open Council this 27th day of April, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.2 By-law 2020-88 (Taxes) Adoption of Property Tax Rates**

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

Resolved that By-law 2020-88 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of property tax rates for 2020 be passed in open Council this 27th day of April, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.3 By-law 2020-89 (Taxes) Adoption of Tax Ratios**

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

Resolved that By-law 2020-89 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax ratios be passed in open Council this 27th day of April, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.4 By-law 2020-90 (Taxes) Final Tax Billing**

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

Resolved that By-law 2020-90 being a by-law to provide for 2020 final tax billing be passed in open Council this 27th day of April, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.5 By-law 2020-91 (Taxes) Tax Capping Options**

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that By-law 2020-91 being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property classes be passed in open Council this 27th day of April, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.6 By-law 2020-94 (Agreement) Unifor Paramedics**

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that By-law 2020-94 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Unifor Paramedics Local 1359 for the term of April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020 be passed in open Council this 27th day of April, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.7 By-law 2020-95 (Agreement) Federal Bridge Corporation (Fourth Amendment)**

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that By-law 2020-95 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Fourth Amending Agreement between the City and The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited to amend the License Agreement dated December 11, 2017, as amended by an Amending Agreement dated December 10, 2018, the Second Amending Agreement dated May 6, 2019, and the Third Amending Agreement dated December 2, 2019, to extend the expiry date of this License Agreement to permit the occupation and use of the City lands designated to be transferred to The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited be passed in open Council this 27th day of April, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.8 By-law 2020-96 (Agreement) Sault Area Hospital**

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that By-law 2020-96 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Sault Area Hospital for evacuation protocol with various partners throughout the Community in an emergency situation be passed in open Council this 27th day of April, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.10 By-law 2020-98 (Temporary Street Closing) Sixth Avenue**

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

Resolved that By-law 2020-98 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Sixth Avenue between Wallace Terrace and Devon Road from May 1, 2020 until October 31, 2020 for the reconstruction of Sixth Avenue be passed in open Council this 27th day of April, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.11 By-law 2020-100 (Finance) KPMG Municipal Auditor**

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

Resolved that By-law 2020-100 being a by-law to appoint the firm of KPMG LLP as a municipal auditor to provide External Audit Services as required by the City of Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 27th day of April, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.9 By-law 2020-97 (Agreement) Sixth Avenue Reconstruction**

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

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

Resolved that By-law 2020-97 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Avery Construction Limited for the reconstruction of Sixth Avenue from Wallace Terrace to Devon Road (Contract 2020-1E) be passed in open Council this 27th day of April, 2020.

<b>Majority</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**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. Dufour

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

<b>Majority</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried**

“Christian Provenzano”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk