



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, June 8, 2020

4:30 pm

Council Chambers

Civic Centre

by videoconference

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, K. Fields, P. Johnson, D. McConnell, S. Hamilton Beach, D. Elliott, B. Lamming, M. Zuppa, C. Rumiel, C. Taddo, K. Fisher, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, T. Reid, M. Blanchard, S. Lavergne

13. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that this Council proceed into closed session to discuss:

- two proposed acquisitions or dispositions of land; and
- one matter 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; and section 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2020 05 25 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 – Northern Avenue Improvements

Contractor is a client of law firm.

3.2 Councillor M. Shoemaker – By-law 2020-123 (Agreement) Northern Avenue Improvements

Contractor is a client of law firm.

4. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the Agenda for 2020 06 08 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

5. Proclamations/Delegations

5.1 June is Parks and Recreation Month

5.2 Black Lives Matter

Whereas George Floyd was killed by a police officer on May 25th, 2020, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the presence of three additional police officers; and

Whereas since George Floyd's death there have been protests and demonstrations across the United States and in Canada in support of Black Lives Matter and standing against police brutality, anti-Black racism, and the killing of Black people; and

Whereas racism and anti-Black racism is not limited to the United States. Racism and anti-Black racism exists here in Canada and our own community of Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas racism is not limited to explicitly hateful, discriminatory or prejudiced comments and actions. Racism can exist in institutional and systemic policies and practices; and

Whereas all people are created equal and all people have the right to be treated equally in accord with our prescriptive law and the principles of natural justice; and

Whereas in order to create a free and just society, each of us have a responsibility to not only stand against racism but to actively encourage equality through the way we treat one another and by challenging the systems and practices that permit or support racism:

Now Therefore, I, Christian Provenzano, as Mayor of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, do hereby explicitly acknowledge that racism and anti-Black racism exists in Sault Ste. Marie and that racism hurts the people it is directed towards and it weakens our larger community. I hereby call on and ask all of the residents of our community to examine and contribute our own attitudes, perspectives and conduct to determine where and how we can improve and contribute to the fight against racism and anti-Black racism so that all members of our community feel welcome, respected, included and safe and so that we can build a stronger community that is a model to others.

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2020 06 08 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda item 6.7 be approved as recommended.

Carried

6.1 Tenders for Equipment

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2020 06 08 concerning tenders for equipment be received and the that the tenders for the supply and delivery of various pieces of equipment be awarded as follows:

One (1) Forestry Aerial Lift Truck	Altec Industries Ltd.	\$255,112.00
One (1) Articulated Wheel Loader	Toromont CAT	\$261,970.00
One (1) 25-ton Articulated Haul Truck	Toromont CAT	\$407,725.00

One (1) 4x4 Pickup Truck	Prouse Chevrolet	\$40,249.00
One (1) 4x2 Pickup Truck	Prouse Chevrolet	\$34,392.00

for a total amount of \$999,448.00, HST extra.

Carried

6.2 Community Museum Operating Grant ECNHS

The report of the Curator, Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-121 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.3 Disabled Advanced Left Turn Traffic Signals

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

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated 2020 06 08 concerning Disabled Advanced Left Turn Traffic Signals be received as information.

Carried

6.4 Northern Avenue Improvements

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 2020-123 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.5 Pointe Des Chenes – Lions Club Operating Agreement

The report of the Director of Engineering was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-119 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.6 Transition of Blue Box to Full Producer Responsibility

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

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Director of Public Works dated 2020 06 08 concerning the Transition of Blue Box to Full Producer Responsibility be received; further,

Whereas the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways is a growing area of public concern; and

Whereas reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce greenhouse gases significantly; and

Whereas the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes; and

Whereas the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie is supportive of a timely, seamless and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie would like to transition its Blue Box program to full producer responsibility by September 30, 2023 and

That this decision is based on the following rationale:

1. The City's current contract with GFL for the collection and processing of blue box material expires September 30, 2022 with an option to extend.
2. If the City and GFL are able to agree on a contract extension, it would allow the City of Sault Ste. Marie to continue with its current collection system while concurrently working towards our transition to full producer responsibility.
3. Support of recycling industry, business and free enterprise.

And that the City of Sault Ste. Marie would be interested in providing contract administration services to Producers should we be able to arrive at mutually agreeable commercial terms.

Carried

6.8 Licensing By-law 93-206 Amendment

The report of the Solicitor/Prosecutor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-114 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.9 COVID-19 – Outdoor Patios

The report of the Director of Planning and Enterprise Services was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-122 to approve a standard form of agreement and to delegate signing authority to the Director of Planning and Enterprise Services (or delegate) is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Director of Planning and Enterprise Services dated 2020 06 08 concerning outdoor patios be approved subject to the following:

1. All existing patio licence of occupation approvals be repealed and re-issued to include the required 2 m separation for the patio and all components including seating, walkway, entranceway, etc. All new patio approvals will have to be designed to meet the 2 m physical distancing recommendation. This will be done at no cost to the business.
2. Seasonal patios may occupy up to 25% of the total required parking spaces in any yard that does not abut a residentially zoned lot for a maximum of six consecutive months.
3. All fees be waived for patio approvals through to December 31, 2020.

Carried

6.10 Huron Street Welcome Sign

The report of the Director of Planning and Enterprise Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Director of Planning and Enterprise Services dated 2020 06 08 concerning the Huron Street welcome sign be received and that Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$40,000 of previously approved funds to complete this project.

Carried

6.7 Elimination of Single Source Plastics

The report of the Supervisor of Waste Management was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Supervisor of Waste Management dated 2020 06 08 concerning Elimination of Single Source Plastics be received and that Council support staff participation as a municipal stakeholder in the consultation process regarding transition of the blue box to full producer responsibility.

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. 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

7.4.1 West End Sewage Treatment Plant Phase I Upgrades

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

The relevant By-laws 2020-116 and 2020-117 are listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

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 Building Permit Fees

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Whereas the economic impact of COVID-19 is likely to affect the local and global economy for many months beyond the return of the economy to relative normalcy; and

Whereas governments around the world, and at all levels across Canada are attempting to stimulate the economy into recovery for the benefit of their residents; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie wishes to contribute to the stimulation of the local economy for the benefit of local residents and businesses;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff examine the impact of a reduction of up to 25% in local building permit fees and make a recommendation on whether a reduction can be implemented, and a recommendation on the extent of any proposed reduction to spur or advance local developments that might not otherwise have been completed in 2020;

Further Be It Resolved that any proposed reduction expire as of December 31, 2020 and that staff report on any proposed reduction by July 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	3	8	0	Defeated

8.2 Broadband Internet Access

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our economy and our education system; and

Whereas a number of people have had to work from home and all of our students, at every level, have had to migrate to online learning from home; and

Whereas the transition from external workspace and education space to home work space and education space requires affordable access to the internet and dependable, quality connectivity; and

Whereas it is clearly evident that not all parts of Sault Ste. Marie, or areas of the larger Algoma community where many people who work and learn in Sault Ste. Marie reside, have access to an affordable, dependable and quality internet connection;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Sault Ste. Marie City Council hereby calls on both the Provincial and Federal Governments to prioritize an immediate investment in broadband infrastructure to ensure that all people and communities within Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma have access to affordable, dependable and quality internet.

Further Be it Resolved that the City work with any interested community partners, specifically including the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre, to lobby both the Provincial and Federal Governments to make said investment.

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

8.3 Regional Reopening (COVID-19)

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger
 Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas Ontario has for several months now been in the grips of a COVID-19 pandemic which has caused many Ontarians to be ill and has taken a terrible toll in lives lost, especially among our elderly citizens; and

Whereas on the advice of Provincial public health officials significant lockdown orders were issued on a province-wide basis which brought about the closure of most businesses and many public spaces and facilities in an effort to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

Whereas while those measures did help to contain the spread of the virus and save lives here in the Sault and in Algoma generally, they also had the effect of putting many people out of work and placing many businesses and people under severe financial stress; and

Whereas acknowledging that the spread of the virus and its impact on people has been uneven across the province, with the Greater Toronto area facing much bigger challenges while communities like the Sault have seen relatively fewer of the potentially devastating effects of COVID-19; and

Whereas since the City of Sault Ste. Marie and District of Algoma generally have been relatively successful in containing the spread of the virus and limiting the strain on the health care system and as such have very positive results as measured against the indicators commonly suggested as a guide to re-opening; and

Whereas given that the continuation of the province-wide shutdown of businesses and other facilities and enterprises in Sault Ste. Marie will unnecessarily cause continued unemployment, financial hardship, damage to business and the economy and increased stress among citizens,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:

1. The Mayor be authorized to write to the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Algoma, the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, the member of Provincial Parliament for Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma, the Minister of Health for Ontario and the Premier of Ontario expressing strong support for the implementation of a regional approach to reopening if communities can meet defined public health metrics and requesting that the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District should be permitted to develop and implement such a reopening plan of its own.
2. The letter convey to the recipients both a concern for other areas of the province harder hit than Sault Ste. Marie, but also a clear recognition of the fact that circumstances have fortunately been much better in our city, and that ongoing application of a province wide shutdown approach will cause continued unnecessary economic and social disruption including high unemployment, financial hardship, business failure and social problems in Sault Ste. Marie whereas our own area's reopening plan will give us an opportunity to get people back to work and see life return to at least a new normal for the people of our city and district.
3. City staff be directed to develop, for discussion with the District Medical Officer of Health and the community at large, a responsible re-opening plan, based on the Framework for Reopening the Province, which reflects the readiness of Sault Ste. Marie and the Algoma District to reopen more rapidly and provides a framework within which this can be done safely and respecting public health requirements in areas such as child care, hospitality and public transportation, to report back to City Council as soon as possible.

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

8.4 Financial Assistance for Municipalities (COVID-19)

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Whereas the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has impacted municipalities throughout Canada including our own community of Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas during this pandemic, the Federal and Provincial Governments have rolled out numerous support programs for large and small businesses, employers, employees, seniors, and students; and

Whereas the Federal and Provincial Governments have provided billions of dollars in relief during this pandemic to these various groups through their support programs; and

Whereas despite repeated requests by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), to date, there have been no announcements regarding relief funding to cope with municipal budget deficits created by the pandemic; and

Whereas the COVID-19 financial impact to the City of Sault Ste. Marie to May 31, 2020 is \$1,000,000 to the Operating Budget, and a further \$2,000,000 to the Capital Funding Budget; and

Whereas if closures and other COVID-19 restrictions last into the fall our City's budget deficit can only increase; and

Whereas reopening City Services after COVID-19 may result in additional expenses as municipalities adhere to new restrictions of providing services; and

Whereas municipalities, including Sault Ste. Marie, have no freedom to run deficits, and the only primary means of collecting revenue to provide City services is through property taxation, facility rentals, and Transit revenue; and

Whereas during COVID-19 the Federal and Provincial governments have done commendable work in getting through the health side of this pandemic, as well as providing financial relief to the various groups;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie request that the Federal and Provincial governments extend emergency funding to municipalities to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19 so that Sault Ste. Marie can continue to provide essential services without considering cuts in service or increases to the taxpayers who may have already been negatively impacted by COVID-19; and

Further Be It Resolved that copies of this resolution, along with a letter from Mayor Provenzano, be forwarded to: the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister

of Infrastructure and Communities, Terry Sheehan, MP City of Sault Ste. Marie, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities, MPP City 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

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date 2020 06 08 save and except By-law 2020-123 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 2020-114 (Licensing) Amending By-law 93-206 (Lotteries)

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2020-114 being a by-law to amend By-law 93-206 (being a by-law to provide for licensing of lotteries) be passed in open Council this 8th day of June, 2020.

Carried

11.1.2 By-law 2020-116 (Engineering) West End Waste Water Treatment Plant Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd.

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian
Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2020-116 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Contract between the City and Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. for the West End Water Treatment Plant Phase I Upgrades (Contract 2019-13E) be passed in open Council this 8th day of June, 2020.

Carried

11.1.3 By-law 2020-117 (Engineering) AECOM Fee Addendum

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian
Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2020-117 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Fee Addendum Authorization for the West End Water Pollution Control Plant Phase I Upgrades be passed in open Council this 8th day of June, 2020.

Carried

11.1.4 By-law 2020-119 (Agreement) Pointe Des Chenes

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian
Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2020-119 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and The Lions Club of Sault Ste. Marie for the maintenance and operation of the campground be passed in open Council this 8th day of June, 2020.

Carried

11.1.5 2020-120 (Street Assumptions) Various

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian
Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2020-120 being a by-law to assume for public use and establish as public streets various parcels of land conveyed to the City be passed in open Council this 8th day of June, 2020.

Carried

11.1.6 By-law 2020-121 (Grant) Community Museums

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian
Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2020-121 being a by-law to authorize the approval to apply for the annual Community Museums Operating Grant (CMOG), Ministry of Culture, through Grants Ontario be passed in open Council this 8th day of June, 2020.

Carried

11.1.7 By-law 2020-122 (Agreement) Outdoor Patios

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2020-122 being a by-law to approve the standard form of a Outdoor Patio Agreement and further to delegate to the Director of Planning and Enterprise Services, or his/her delegate, signing authority to execute same on behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 8th day of June, 2020.

Carried

11.1.8 By-law 2020-123 (Agreement) Northern Avenue Improvements

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

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2020-123 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Contract between the City and Avery Construction Ltd. for the Northern Avenue Improvements (Contract 2020-5E) be passed in open Council this 8th day of June, 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			
Councillor M. Bruni	X		
Councillor R. Niro	X		
Councillor C. Gardi	X		
Councillor M. Scott	X		
Results	10	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 S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

“Christian Provenzano”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk