



## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Monday, October 26, 2020

4:30 pm

Council Chambers

Civic Centre

via 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, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, P. Niro, D. McConnell, B. Lamming, C. Rumiell, S. Turco, P. Lo, V. McLeod, J. Bruzas, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa

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#### 1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2020 10 13 be approved.

**Carried**

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

#### 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

#### 4. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni  
Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Resolved that the Agenda for 2020 10 26 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

**Carried**

**5. Proclamations/Delegations**

**5.1 Taoist Tai Chi Arts 50th Anniversary Day**

**5.2 National Francophone Immigration Week**

**5.3 Twin Pad Arena/McMeeken Centre**

Franco Pastore, Principal Architect and Designer and Jeanette Biemann, Director of Engineering, IDEA Inc. were in attendance.

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro  
Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2020 10 26 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

**Carried**

**6.1 CAO Evaluation Process**

The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro  
Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2020 10 26 concerning CAO Evaluation Process be accepted and the recommendation to adopt the CAO evaluation process developed by the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators be approved.

**Carried**

**6.2 Pandemic Financial Update**

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni  
Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated 2020 10 26 concerning Pandemic Financial Update be received as information.

**Carried**

### **6.3 Third Quarter Financials**

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Finance dated 2020 10 26 concerning Third Quarter Financial Report 2020: COVID-19 Financial Implications be received as information.

**Carried**

### **6.4 Property Tax Appeals**

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Taxation dated 2020 10 26 concerning Property Tax Appeals be received and that the tax records be amended pursuant to sections 354 and 357 of the *Municipal Act*.

**Carried**

### **6.5 Tender for Six (6) 40-Foot Low Floor Passenger Buses**

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2020 10 26 be received and that the tender for the supply and delivery of six (6) 40-Foot Low Floor Passenger Buses as required by the Transit and Parking Division, Community Development and Enterprise Services be awarded to New Flyer Industries Canada ULC at their tendered price of \$549,399 plus HST per unit.

**Carried**

### **6.6 Tender for Four (4) 35-Foot Low Floor Passenger Buses**

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2020 10 26 be received and that the tender for the supply and delivery of Four (4) 35-Foot Low Floor Passenger Buses as required by the Transit and Parking Division, Community Development and Enterprise Services be awarded to New Flyer Industries Canada ULC at their tendered price of \$546,149 plus HST per unit.

**Carried**

#### **6.7 Cultural Vitality Committee Terms of Reference**

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2020 10 26 concerning Cultural Vitality Committee Terms of Reference be received and that Council establish a new Cultural Vitality Committee to replace the Cultural Advisory Board and new Terms of Reference.

**Carried**

#### **6.8 Sault Ste. Marie Branded Products**

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated 2020 10 26 concerning Sault Ste. Marie Branded Projects be received and that the Ermatinger•Clergue National Historic Site be the primary location for sale of Sault Ste. Marie branded products and be a distributor to local tourist sites/retailers within the community.

**Carried**

#### **6.9 Gore Street at Albert Street Traffic Safety Improvements**

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated 2020 10 26 be received and that the traffic by-law be amended to add a stop sign to the northbound

approach on Gore Street at Albert Street and that the eastbound lanes on Albert Street between Andrew and Gore be reduced to one lane.

**Carried**

#### **6.10 Rental Housing Incentive Program – 13**

The report of the Planning Director was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Resolved that the report of the Planning Director dated 2020 10 26 concerning the Rental Housing Incentive Program be received and that Council authorize a four-year incremental tax rebate program (75%, 75%, 50%, 25%) for the property at 462 McNabb Street, subject to:

1. That the municipal rebate applies only to the increase in assessment resulting from new construction, and
2. After the rebate program is completed the full municipal taxes will apply.

**Carried**

#### **6.11 Snow Plough Turnaround Agreement – 58 Churchill Avenue**

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-199 is 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**

##### **7.3.1 Twin Pad Arena/McMeeken Centre**

The reports of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer were received by Council.

##### **Twin Pad Arena Project Recommendation**

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated 2020 10 26 concerning Twin Pad Arena/McMeeken Centre Project be received and that the project be referred to 2021 budget.

	<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**

**Twin Pad Arena/McMeeken Centre Replacement Long Term Debt Review**

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated 2020 10 26 concerning Long Term Debt Review for Twin Pad Arena / McMeeken Centre replacement be received as information.

	<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**

**7.4 Public Works and Engineering Services**

**7.5 Fire Services**

**7.6 Legal**

**7.7 Planning**

**7.7.1 James Street Neighbourhood Strategy**

Acting Mayor M. Scott assumed the Chair.

The report of the Senior Planner and Junior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Resolved that the report of the Senior Planner and Junior Planner dated 2020 10 26 concerning the James Street Neighbourhood Strategy be received and that Council:

- Approve the James Street Neighbourhood Strategy 2021–2025 as attached;
- Direct staff to begin efforts on all action items recommended in the James Street Neighbourhood Strategy, including reaching out to community partners to pursue various neighbourhood improvements as indicated; and
- Direct staff to review and report annually on the progress of implementing the James Street Neighbourhood Strategy.

	<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		

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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**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that staff be requested to bring forward a capital request for expansion of Anna Marinelli Park in the 2021 budget.

	<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**

**7.8 Boards and Committees**



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

**8.1 Walmart Laneway – Great Northern Road**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Whereas in February 2018 Council approved a rezoning for a new Pino's grocery store on Great Northern Road; and

Whereas as part of that rezoning approval, Council approved a traffic light to be installed at a to-be constructed entrance to Pino's adjacent to the Walmart laneway just north of Superior Home Bakery; and

Whereas businesses in the immediate vicinity of the proposed intersection were concerned about the ability of their clients and customers to get in and out of their premises; and

Whereas a potential solution to the access issue for those businesses would be for Walmart to grant them access to their laneway that will be controlled by a traffic signal; and

Whereas construction has begun on the installation of the traffic signals but agreements have not yet been reached between businesses that abut Walmart's laneway, and Walmart, for access to the Walmart laneway, and Walmart has been difficult to communicate with on the issue, ignoring various outreaches and correspondence;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council direct that installation of traffic signals at the new intersection be paused until such time as agreements are reached or progress has been made on negotiations of such agreements between neighbouring businesses and Walmart for access to their laneway;

Further Be It Resolved that staff continue to make efforts to reach out to Walmart to facilitate the negotiations for said access, as they've been attempting to do for quite some time.

**Officially Read and Not Dealt With**

**8.2 Downtown Security**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Whereas the 2016 Downtown Strategy has a vision that includes seven vision pillars for an improved downtown, one of which is to create a "safe place"; and

Whereas businesses have recently expressed frustration at increased petty crime, which is on the rise across the city, but is acutely present downtown in the off-business hours when many buildings are unoccupied; and

Whereas to create a safe downtown, the City must invest in technology or resources to create the “safe place” our Downtown Strategy strives for;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to investigate and report on options to create a “safe place” downtown, which option could include either surveillance in the downtown core or security patrols in the downtown core during non-core hours and determine if partnerships with downtown merchants or the Downtown Association can facilitate whichever option is recommended.

**Postponed**

Councillor Hollingsworth called a point of order as she believed the above was a duplicate of a motion made by former Councillor S. Myers and herself in 2017. The motion was therefore postponed until it is determined if the above is in fact a duplicate motion.

- 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 R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date 2020 10 26 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 2020-199 (Agreement) 58 Churchill Avenue Snow Plough Turnaround**

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that By-law 2020-199 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Paula Genua and Gino Genua to allow the City to continue to utilize a portion of 58 Churchill Avenue as a snow plough turnaround be passed in open Council this 26th day of October, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.2 By-law 2020-200 (Agreement) 4 Front End Wheel Loaders**

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that By-law 2020-200 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Toromont Cat, a division of Toromont Industries Ltd. for the lease of four (4) Articulated Front End Wheel Loaders be passed in open Council this 26th day of October, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.3 By-law 2020-201 (Zoning) 312 Langdon Road (Maione)**

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that By-law 2020-201 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 312 Langdon Road (Maione) be passed in open Council this 26th day of October, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.4 By-law 2020-202 (Development Control) 312 Langdon Road (Maione)**

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that By-law 2020-202 being a by-law to designate the lands located at 312 Langdon Road (Maione) an area of site plan control be passed in open Council this 26th day of October, 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 M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss one item subject to third party confidentiality.

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.

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**Carried**

**14. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

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Mayor

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City Clerk