



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Budget Meeting of City Council

Minutes

Monday, December 7, 2020
4:30 pm
via video conference

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. Elliott, S. Hamilton Beach, D. McConnell, B. Lamming, P. Milosevich, S. Cole, D. Crozier, F. Pozzebon, A. Cipriano, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa

1. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

That the Agenda for 2020 12 07 Budget meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Ontario Regulation 284/09

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Finance, dated 2020 12 07 concerning Ontario Regulation 284/09 be approved for the budget year 2021.

Carried

4. Twin Pad Arena Supplemental Information

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

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated 2020 12 07 concerning Twin Pad Arena Supplemental Information be received as information and that staff be authorized to proceed with the development of a twin pad arena located at 616 Goulais Avenue;

Further that staff begin the procurement process to obtain services to construct a twin pad arena and demolish the McMeeken Centre with a total project budget not to exceed \$28,800,000 funded through long term debt.

	For	Against	Abstain	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	8	3	0	0
				Carried

5. 2021 Budget

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger
 Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

That City Council now proceed into the Committee of the Whole to consider the following matter referred to it for consideration – 2021 Budget Deliberations.

Carried

- 5.1 Corporate Services**
- 5.2 Community Development and Enterprise Services**
- 5.3 Public Works and Engineering Services**
- 5.4 Legal Department**
- 5.5 Fire Service**
- 5.6 Capital Budget Deliberations**
- 5.7 Operating Budget Deliberations**
- 6. Rise and Report**

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Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker
Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the Committee of the Whole Council now rise and report on the matter referred to it by City Council – 2021 Budget Deliberations.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger
Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the rules of procedure be suspended to allow this Council to meet beyond five hours in length (past 9:30 p.m.)

	For	Against	Abstain	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	0

Carried

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger
Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the 2021 Operating Budget be approved with the following adjustments:

- Reduce winter control budget (\$500,000) with a 2021 budget deficit covered by the winter control reserve. A service level and operational review will be conducted in 2021 to determine the appropriate 2022 budget level

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- 1% inflationary increase to capital reserves totaling \$90,000 be removed
- Add Public Works electrical apprentice \$74,000
- Add Physician Recruitment allotment \$40,000
- Addition to Best for Kids summer program \$6,000
- Add funding for Community Cultural Plan \$40,000
- Add Public Works aggregate crushing over three years, adding \$26,667 each year of 2021, 2022 and 2023 (and approve creation of reserve for Public Works aggregate crushing)
- Reduce summer student salary and benefit budget by \$90,000
- Reduce non-union salary and benefit contingency \$50,000
- Approve utilization of the Tax Stabilization Reserve up to \$1,914,310 to address financial pressures of COVID-19 and reduce the 2021 levy

resulting in an increase in the corporate portion of the municipal levy from 2020 in the amount of 1.57%

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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	0
				Carried

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Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the 2021 Capital Budget and financing sources be approved with the following changes:

- that staff decrease the appropriate capital projects to reflect the \$90,000 decrease in capital reserve allocations
- additional repairs to McMeeken Centre of \$77,000 from Asset Management Reserve utilizing the retired debt servicing
- Anna Marinelli Park improvements of \$85,000 funded from 5% Subdividers Reserve Fund

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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	0
				Carried

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the 2021 levies and local boards be approved resulting in an increase to the levy and local board portion of the municipal levy from 2020 of 2.02%.

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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	0
				Carried

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the overall 2021 municipal levy (corporate and levy and local boards) of \$123,069,775 be approved.

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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			
Results	11	0	0	0

Carried

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Be It Resolved that Council direct staff to commence free downtown holiday parking on December 11, 2020 rather than December 18, 2020 at a cost of approximately \$3,200 (foregone revenue).

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Mayor C. Provenzano	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			
Results	11	0	0	0

Carried

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

That this Council shall now adjourn.

Carried

“Christian Provenzano”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk