



## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Monday, December 14, 2020

4:30 pm

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, D. Hollingsworth, T. Anderson, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, P. Sayers, C. Rumiel, E. Cormier

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#### 1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2020 11 30 and Budget Meetings of 2020 11 30 and 2020 12 07 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. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the Agenda for 2020 12 14 City Council Meeting as amended be approved (removal of Agenda item 7.7.2 due to lack of seconder).

**Carried**

**5. Proclamations/Delegations**

**5.1 Sault Ste. Marie Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan 2020–2030**

Emily Cormier, Climate Change Coordinator, Future SSM was in attendance.

**5.2 Application A-14-20-Z 61 Great Northern Road**

Ron Sartor and Debra Christner, Sar-Gin Developments (Sault) Ltd. were in attendance.

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2020 12 14 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda item 6.15 be approved as recommended.

**Carried**

**6.1 Extension of Integrity Commissioner Agreement**

The report of the City Clerk was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-225 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.2 2021 Borrowing By-laws**

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

The relevant By-laws 2020-216 and 2020-220 are listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.3 Tender for Two Community Buses**

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2020 12 14 be received, and that the tender for the supply and delivery of two community buses as required by the Transit and Parking Division – Community Development and Enterprise Services be awarded to Western Canada Bus at their tendered price of \$150,849 plus HST per unit.

**Carried**

**6.4 Tender for Two Para-Transit Mini Buses**

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2020 12 14 be received and that the tender for the supply and delivery of two Para-Transit mini buses as required by the Transit and Parking Division – Community Development and Enterprise Services be awarded to Crestline Coach Ltd. at their tendered price of \$142,529 plus HST per unit.

**Carried**

**6.5 Tender for New Tires and Tire Repairs (2020PWE-PWT-44T)**

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2020 12 14 be received and the recommendation that the tender submitted by Fountain Tire to provide new tires and tire repairs as required by various City Departments for the years 2021 and 2022 be approved.

**Carried**

**6.6 Urban Indigenous Hub and Housing Development Update**

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated 2020 12 14 concerning Urban Indigenous Hub and Housing Development Update be received as information.

**Carried**

**6.7 Home Care Assistance Program**

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated 2020 12 14 concerning Home Care Assistance Program be received and that staff be directed to negotiate a funding agreement with the DSSAB to become the administrator of the Home Care Assistance Program.

**Carried**

**6.8 United Way Mask Donation**

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated 2020 12 14 concerning United Way Mask Donation be received as information.

**Carried**

**6.9 Allocation of City Share of Tourism Funds – 2021**

The report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated 2020 12 14 concerning the allocation of the Municipal Accommodation Tax be received and that Council approve the use of the \$277,809 of the City share of tourism funds currently in reserve (in addition to \$172,000 obtained from Provincial Safe Restart Agreement) for a total of \$449,809 towards the following projects:

- wayfinding implementation
- cruise ship enhancements
- accessible docks for kayak tours
- tourism-related cycling infrastructure

**Carried**

**6.10 Enbridge Gas Inc. Municipal Energy Plan Incentive Offer Application**

The report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated 2020 12 14 concerning Enbridge Gas Inc. Municipal Energy Plan Incentive Offer Application be received and that staff be authorized to apply to the Enbridge Municipal Energy Plan Incentive Program;

Further that the \$5,000 from Enbridge be applied to the Community Development Fund Environmental Sustainability stream increasing its budget from \$50,000 to \$55,000 for the year 2021.

**Carried**

**6.11 FedNor Northern Ontario Development Program Application**

The report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated 2020 12 14 concerning FedNor Northern Ontario Development Program Application be received and that Council direct staff to proceed with an Application for funding.

**Carried**

**6.12 Seniors Inclusive Community Grant Application**

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

That the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2020 12 14 concerning the Seniors Inclusive Community Grant Application be received and that staff be authorized to apply to Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility – Seniors Inclusive Community Grant Program.

**Carried**

**6.13 Ontario Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Network program**

The report of the Manager of Enterprise Services and Millworks was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-219 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.14 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers**

The report of the Manager of Transit and Parking was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-224 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.16 COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Funding – Civic Centre**

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated 2020 12 14 concerning COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream be received and that the Civic Centre lobby improvements and the Civic Centre entrance ramp and stair replacement projects be designated as the candidates for this funding application.

**Carried**

**6.17 Reconstruction of Angelina Avenue Consultant Selection**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated 2020 12 14 concerning Reconstruction of Angelina Avenue Consultant Selection be received and that Council authorize entering into an agreement for engineering services with WSP.

An individual engineering agreement with an estimate of engineering fees will appear on a future Council Agenda.

**Carried**

**6.18 Reduced Speed School Zones**

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated 2020 12 14 concerning Reduced Speed School Zones be received and that all schools within the City limits be designated as reduced speed school zones provided that the school zones are located on a local residential or residential collector street and that the maximum current posted speed of the road is 50 km/h.

An amendment to the Traffic By-law will appear on a future Council Agenda.

**Carried**

**6.19 2020 Biennial Bridge and Aqueduct Inspection – Engineering Fees**

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

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

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Services Engineer dated 2020 12 14 concerning additional engineering fees for the 2020 Biennial Bridge and Aqueduct Inspection be received and that the engineering fee limit for the 2020 Biennial Bridge and Aqueduct Inspection be raised by \$16,700 to \$86,110.

**Carried**

**6.20 Second Tiered Medical Response Agreement**

The report of the Fire Chief was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2020-226 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.21 Property Declared Surplus – 193 James Street**

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

The relevant By-law 2020-223 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.22 143 Sixth Line West Amending Agreement**

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

The relevant By-law 2020-222 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.23 Downtown Wayfinding – Next Steps**

The report of the Senior Planner was received by Council.

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

Resolved that the report of the Senior Planner dated 2020 12 14 concerning Downtown Wayfinding – Next Steps be received and that staff be authorized to allocate \$160,000 from the Downtown Strategy project funding to implement vehicular wayfinding in the downtown.

**Carried**

**6.24 Modular Retail Units for Downtown**

The report of the Senior Planner was received by Council.

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

Resolved that the report of the Senior Planner dated 2020 12 14 concerning Modular Retail Units for Downtown be received and that Council direct staff to proceed with a Request For Proposals to implement this program and report back to Council for final approval.

**Carried**

## 6.15 Local Improvement Policy

The report of the Director of Engineering and City Clerk was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering and City Clerk dated 2020 12 14 regarding Local Improvement Policy be received and that the existing procedure be amended (beginning with the 2021 Capital Transportation Program) to:

- a. discontinue charging local improvements for reconstruction of sanitary sewage infrastructure;
- b. continue charging local improvements for construction of new sanitary infrastructure;
- c. continue to charge local improvements for new class A roads, and one-half new construction rates for reconstruction;
- d. begin charging local improvements for new class B and C roads, and one-half new construction rates for reconstruction;
- e. upon a sufficient petition of benefitting property owners, charge local improvements for new class A, B, or C construction; and
- f. implement local improvement charges as recommended with an annual estimated CPI increase.

### **Amendment:**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the main motion be amended by:

Replacing the words in existing paragraph c. with the following:

“continue to charge local improvements for new class A roads at a rate that equals the historic Local Improvement and Sanitary Rate combined, and one-half the new construction rates for reconstruction;”

Adding the word “new” between the words implement and improvement in paragraph f.



	<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**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering and City Clerk dated 2020 12 14 regarding Local Improvement Policy be received and that the existing procedure be amended (beginning with the 2021 Capital Transportation Program) to:

1. discontinue charging local improvements for reconstruction of sanitary sewage infrastructure;
2. continue charging local improvements for construction of new sanitary infrastructure;
3. continue to charge local improvements for new class A roads at a rate that equals the historic local improvement and sanitary rate combined, and one-half the new construction rates for reconstruction
4. begin charging local improvements for new class B and C roads, and one-half new construction rates for reconstruction;
5. upon a sufficient petition of benefitting property owners, charge local improvements for new class A, B, or C construction; and
6. implement new local improvement charges as recommended with an annual estimated CPI increase.

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

**7.1 Administration**

**7.2 Corporate Services**

**7.3 Community Development and Enterprise Services**

**7.3.1 Sault Ste. Marie Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan 2020–2030**

The report of the Climate Change Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Climate Change Coordinator dated 2020 12 14 concerning Sault Ste. Marie Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan 2020 – 2030 be received and that Council approve the adoption of the Sault Ste. Marie Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan;

Further that Council approve the goal for greenhouse gas reduction plans of net zero emissions by 2050 and support taking a staged approach to achieve this goal, focussing on a greenhouse gas reduction target of 10% corporate and 5% community between 2020 – 2030, with an increasing scale of reduction target between 2030 and 2050;

Further that staff be directed to work to achieve the goals and actions outlined in the plan, with any municipal monetary requests referred to future budgets.

	<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 A-14-20-Z 61 Great Northern Road (Sar-Gin Developments (Sault) Ltd.)**

The report of the Senior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Senior Planner dated 2020 12 14 concerning Application A-14-20-Z be received and that Council approve the application and rezone the subject property from General Commercial Zone with special exception 268 (C4.S268) to General Commercial Zone (C4.S268 amended) with an amended special exception to permit, in addition to the uses currently permitted, the entire existing building (844.2m<sup>2</sup>) to be occupied by office space that is specifically engaged in providing medical, social and support services to the public.

And that the Legal Department be directed to prepare the necessary by-laws to effect the same.

	<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**

**7.7.2 (Removed)**

**7.8 Boards and Committees**

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

**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 D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date 2020 12 14 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 2020-216 (Financing) Borrowing Current Expenditures**

The report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer was on the Agenda.

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2020-216 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 be passed in open Council this 14th day of December, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.2 By-law 2020-219 (Agreement) Ontario Small Business COVID-19 Recovery**

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2020-219 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Business Advisory Centre Durham Inc. on behalf of Millworks-Centre for Entrepreneurship to deliver the Ontario Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Network program, a program funded by the Ontario Together Fund be passed in open Council this 14th day of December, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.3 By-law 2020-220 (Financing) Borrowing Capital Expenditures**

The report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer was on the Agenda.

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2020-220 being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of \$15,000,000 to finance capital expenditures for short and long term purposes for The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and \$6,200,000 for the Public Utilities Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 14th day of December, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.4 By-law 2020-222 (Amending Agreement) 143 Sixth Line West (Chevalier)**

The report of the Solicitor/Prosecutor was on the Agenda.

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2020-222 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Amending Agreement between the City and Nathan Chevalier and Genevieve Chevalier to allow for a

storage shed to be constructed at 143 Sixth Line West be passed in open Council this 14th day of December, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.5 By-law 2020-223 (Property) Declare 193 James Street Surplus**

The report of the Assistant City Solicitor/Senior Litigation Counsel was on the Agenda.

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2020-223 being a by-law to declare the City owned property legally described as PIN 31578-0049 (LT) PT LT 6 S/S CATHCART ST PL TOWN PLOT OF ST. MARY'S AS IN T434356; T/W T434356; SAULT STE. MARIE, being civic 193 James Street, as surplus to the City's needs and to authorize the disposition of the said property be passed in open Council this 14th day of December, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.6 By-law 2020-224 (Parking) Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers**

The report of the Manager of Transit and Parking was on the Agenda.

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2020-224 being a by-law to appoint by-law enforcement officers to enforce the by-laws of The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 14th day of December, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.7 By-law 2020-225 (Agreement) Amending Integrity Commissioner**

A report from the City Clerk is on the Agenda.

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2020-225 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Amending Agreement between the City and Ironside Consulting Services Inc. to provide Integrity Commissioner Services for the City of Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 14th day of December, 2020.

**Carried**

**11.1.8 By-law 2020-226 (Agreement) Tiered Response Fire EMS**

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

Resolved that By-law 2020-226 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 for the Paramedic Service and Fire Services tiered response for specified medical emergencies be passed in open Council this 14th day of December, 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**

**14. Adjournment**

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

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

**Carried**

“Christian Provenzano”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk