



## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2021

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, D. Elliott, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, T. Reid

#### 1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 25, 2021 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 L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the Agenda for February 8, 2021 City Council meeting as presented be approved.

**Carried**

**5. Proclamations/Delegations**

**5.1 2020 Heritage Award**

Guy Traficante (Algoma Conservatory of Music) – 75 Huron Street and Tony Porco (Machine Shop) – 83 Huron Street

**5.2 National Heritage Week**

**5.3 Citizens Helping Addicts and Alcoholics Get Treatment**

Dr. Paul Hergott, Lisa Foggia, Connie Raynor and Rhonda Lee were in attendance.

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that all the items listed under date February 8, 2021 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda item 6.6 be approved as recommended.

**Carried**

**6.1 Prince Township Municipal Boundary Petition**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the CAO dated February 8, 2021 concerning Prince Township Municipal Boundary Petition be received as information.

**Carried**

**6.2 Outside Agency Grant Agreements 2021**

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

The relevant By-laws 2021-30, 2021-31, 2021-32, 2021-33, 2021-34, and 2021-35 are listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.3 Rural Economic Development Agreement Extension – ECNHS**

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

The relevant By-law 2021-41 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.4 Miscellaneous Aqueduct Repairs – Consultant Selection**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated February 8, 2021 concerning Miscellaneous Aqueduct Repairs – Consultant Selection be received and that Council authorize entering into an agreement for engineering services with STEM Engineering.

An individual engineering agreement will be brought to Council for approval at a future meeting.

**Carried**

**6.5 Case Road Culvert Replacement – Consultant Selection**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Services Engineer dated February 8, 2021 concerning Case Road Culvert Replacement – Consultant Selection be received and that Council authorize entering into an agreement for engineering services with Tulloch Engineering.

An individual engineering agreement will be brought to Council for approval at a future meeting.

**Carried**

**6.7 Declare 328 Queen Street East Surplus**

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

The relevant By-law 2021-36 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.6 Pointe des Chenes Campground – 2021 Season**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Director of Public Works dated February 8, 2021 concerning Pointe des Chenes Campground – 2021 Season be received and that the campground closure

based on the capital improvements necessary to comply with the Technical Standards and Safety Authority and the ongoing operational challenges due to the pandemic as well as ongoing water quality issues be approved.

	<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>8</b>	<b>3</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**
- 7.4 Public Works and Engineering Services**
- 7.5 Fire Services**
- 7.6 Legal**
- 7.7 Planning**
- 7.8 Boards and Committees**

### **7.8.1 Environmental Sustainability Committee**

The Boards and Committees Nominating Committee met on January 29, 2021 to consider applications to one position on the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that Pedro Antunes be appointed to the Environmental Sustainability Committee from February 8, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

**Carried**

### **7.8.2 Algoma University Nomination**

Councillor M. Scott was nominated to the Algoma University Board of Governors on January 11, 2021. As Councillor Scott sits on the Sault College Board of Directors in his personal capacity, a different nominee to the Algoma University Board of Directors is required.

Councillor C. Gardi indicated an interest in the nomination.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that Councillor C. Gardi be nominated to the Algoma University Board of Governors from February 8, 2021 to December 31, 2022

**Carried**

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

### **8.1 Small Business in COVID**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie endorses the proposal of the City of Thunder Bay to take a regional approach to allowing small businesses to open in areas of the province less severely affected by COVID-19; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste Marie endorses the following resolution which was also passed by the City of Thunder Bay:

Be It Resolved that the provincial government be requested to revise the Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 ("lockdown") to address the inequity created between small businesses required to close and businesses permitted to open and continue sales; to

avoid unfair competitive advantage between businesses; and to provide consistency with continued effective health risk management in consultation with Public Health;

Further Be It Resolved that the provincial government be requested to revise the physical distancing protocols to require capacity limits based on a per square metre basis for all businesses, including restaurants, which are currently subject to a hard-capped occupancy limit regardless of business size or capacity based on the current provincial re-opening framework subject to consultation on Public Health best practices; and

That the City of Sault Ste. Marie calls on the Province to partner with municipalities to pilot unique/additional parameters and programs with our local business community that may be key to offering a safe consumer and employee experience so that businesses can remain open and viable while recognizing the unique makeup of local communities; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities and MPP for Sault Ste. Marie, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors(NOLUM).

	<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>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**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 L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date February 8, 2021 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 2021-30 (Agreement) Algoma University Funding**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-30 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Algoma University for a grant in the amount of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars for activities undertaken to attract international students to Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.2 By-law 2021-31 (Agreement) Soo Pee Wee Arena Funding**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-31 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Soo Pee Wee Arena for a grant equal to the total annual municipal and education property taxes for the Residential class assessed value once taxes are paid in full be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.3 By-law 2021-32 (Agreement) Art Gallery Funding**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolve that By-law 2021-32 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and The Art Gallery of Algoma for a grant in the amount of Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Five (\$280,785) Dollars to assist with the

provision of art and culture to the residents of Sault Ste. Marie and other visitors be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.4 By-law 2021-33 (Agreement) The Ontario Bushplane Centre Heritage Funding**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour  
Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-33 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and The Ontario Bushplane Heritage and Forest Fire Education Centre o/a The Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre for a grant in the amount of One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand (\$175,000) Dollars to assist with the collection, preservation and exhibits of bushplanes and related material to promote public understanding of their historic significance, as well as to serve as a centre for research and information on bushplane and forest fire fighting heritage be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.5 By-law 2021-34 (Agreement) Crime Stoppers Funding**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour  
Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-34 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District Inc. for a grant up to Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars to assist with reducing the cost of policing and paying rewards be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.6 By-law 2021-35 (Agreement) Museum 49th Field Regiment Agreement**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour  
Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-35 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Sault Ste. Marie and 49th Field Regiment R.C.A. Historical Society for a grant up to Two Hundred Forty Six Thousand Ninety One (\$246,091) Dollars to assist with the collection, preservation, study and exhibits of the history of the people and the development of Sault Ste. Marie and immediate surrounding area be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**



**11.1.7 By-law 2021-36 (Property) 328 Queen Street East Declared Surplus**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-36 being a by-law to declare the City owned property legally described as PIN 31542-0034 LT 13 PL 327 ST. MARY'S S/T INTEREST IN T338585; SAULT STE. MARIE, being civic 328 Queen Street East, as surplus to the City's needs and to authorize the disposition of the said property be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.8 By-law 2021-37 (Official Plan Amendment) 567 and 571 Second Line West (2779594 Ontario Inc. c/o David Toppan and Benjamin Cicchelli)**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-37 being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 230 to the Official Plan for the City of Sault Ste. Marie (2779594 Ontario Inc. c/o David Toppan and Benjamin Cicchelli – 561 and 571 Second Line West) be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.9 By-law 2021-38 (Zoning) 567 and 571 Second Line West (2779594 Ontario Inc. c/o David Toppan and Benjamin Cicchelli)**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-38 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 561 and 571 Second Line West (2779594 Ontario Inc. c/o David Toppan and Benjamin Cicchelli) be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.10 By-law 2021-39 (Development Control) 567 and 571 Second Line West (2779594 Ontario Inc. c/o David Toppan and Benjamin Cicchelli)**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-39 being a by-law to designate the lands located at 561 AND 571 Second Line West an area of site plan control (2779594 Ontario Inc. c/o David Toppan and Benjamin Cicchelli) be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.11 By-law 2021-40 (Zoning) 134, 136, 138 John Street (Jason Naccarato)**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-40 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 134, 136, 138 John Street (Jason Naccarato) be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.12 By-law 2021-41 (Agreement) Rural Economic Development Amendment (RED)**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-41 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Amending Agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to extend the existing Rural Economic Development Program until March 30, 2022 be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.13 By-law 2021-42 (Agreement) General Insurance Frank Cowan Company**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-42 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Frank Cowan Company Limited for general insurance services from February 28, 2021 to February 28, 2024 be passed in open Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

**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 L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss one item concerning the disposition of land; and 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.

*Municipal Act R.S.O. 2002 – section 239 2 (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and section 239 2 (i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization*

**Carried**

**14. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

**Carried**

“Christian Provenzano”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk