



## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, February 22, 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 C. Gardi, Councillor M. Scott

Absent: Councillor R. Niro

Officials: M. White, R. Tyczinski, L. Girardi, T. Vair, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, P. Niro, D. Elliott, D. McConnell, B. Lamming, T. Anderson, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, J. King

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### 1. Adoption of Minutes

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

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 8, 2021 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 – Lane Assumption, Closing and Conveyance – Eldridge Subdivision Abutting 721 Wellington Street East

Applicant is a client of law firm.

**3.2 Councillor M. Shoemaker – By-law 2021-45 (Lane Assumption) Lane Abutting 721 Wellington Street East, Eldridge Subdivision**

Applicant is a client of law firm.

**3.3 Councillor M. Shoemaker – By-law 2021-46 (Lane Closing & Conveyance) Abutting 721 Wellington Street East, Eldridge Subdivision**

Applicant is a client of law firm.

**4. Approve Agenda as Presented**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Agenda for February 22, 2021 City Council meeting as presented be approved.

**Carried**

**5. Proclamations / Delegations**

**5.1 Ontario Finnish Resthome 50th Anniversary**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that all the items listed under date February 22, 2021 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda item 6.5 be approved as recommended.

**Carried**

**6.1 Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre – GIS Agreement**

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

The relevant By-law 2021-48 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.2 Factory Rebuild of Trackless Municipal Tractor**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated February 22, 2021 be received and that the quotation submitted by Work Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$147,750 plus HST for the factory rebuild of a City-owned trackless municipal tractor plus attachments for use by Public Works be accepted on a sole-source basis.

**Carried**

**6.3 Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Grant – Pointe des Chenes Park**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated February 22, 2021 concerning Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Grant for investment in Pointe des Chenes Park be received and that staff be authorized to proceed with an application for funding.

**Carried**

**6.4 Rural Economic Development Program Application Submission**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development Services dated February 22, 2021 concerning Rural Economic Development Program application submission be received and that staff be authorized to proceed with an application for funding.

**Carried**

**6.6 Sault Cycling Club – Land Use Agreement – Finn Hill**

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

The relevant By-law 2021-044 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.7 Property Declared Surplus – 352 Northland Road**

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

The relevant By-law 2021-47 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.8 Lane Assumption, Closing and Conveyance – Eldridge Subdivision Abutting 721 Wellington Street East**

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

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

The relevant By-laws 2021-45 and 2021-46 are listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

### 6.5 Cost Analysis of Purchasing Electric Vehicles

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Climate Change Coordinator dated February 22, 2021 concerning cost analysis of purchasing electric vehicles be received as information.

#### Postponement :

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the amending motion be postponed to 2022 budget deliberations.

	<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>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

**Defeated**

#### Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Resolved that main motion be amended by deleting the words "as information" and inserting the words:

"and that Council direct staff to acquire Battery Electric Vehicle for any new light class unit vehicles that are acquired for the City fleet on a go-forward basis with continuing monitoring of options for electrification of other classes of vehicles, including the transit and public works fleet."

	<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>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

**Carried**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Climate Change Coordinator dated February 22, 2021 concerning cost analysis of purchasing electric vehicles be received and that Council direct staff to acquire Battery Electric Vehicle for any new light class unit vehicles that are acquired for the City fleet on a go-forward basis with continuing monitoring of options for electrification of other classes of vehicles, including the transit and public works fleet.

**Carried as Amended**

## **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**

**7.7.1 Removal of the Site Plan Control Designation for Civic Addresses 81, 85, 89, 93, 97 & 101 Ruth Street**

The report of the Senior Planning Technician was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Senior Planning Technician dated February 22, 2021 concerning civic addresses 81, 85, 89, 93, 97 and 101 Ruth Street be received and that the site plan control designation from the semi-detached lots at 81, 85, 89, 93, 97 and 101 Ruth Street be removed;

And that the Legal Department be requested to prepare the necessary by-law 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>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Carried**

**7.7.2 A-3-21-Z 510 Second Line East (Trimount Construction Group Inc.)**

The report of the Senior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Senior Planner dated February 22, 2021 concerning rezoning application A-3-21-Z be received and that the application to rezone the subject property from Medium Industrial Zone (M2) to Medium Industrial Zone (M2.S) with a special exception to permit a contractor’s yard supporting heavy and civil engineering construction, in addition to the uses currently permitted in an M2 Zone be approved subject to the following special provision:

1. That there be no outdoor storage permitted upon the subject property except storage within accessory buildings or accessory use freight containers.

And that the Legal Department be requested to prepare the necessary by-law(s) 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>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 Pointe des Chenes Transit**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Whereas Pointe des Chenes beach is the only public beach in the Sault Ste. Marie City limits; and

Whereas for years families have gathered at Pointe des Chenes beach as a community gathering place; and

Whereas it is important that City services in all corners of the City be accessible to the entire community; and

Whereas in the summer months, some in the community may not be able to access the Pointe des Chenes beach due to its distance from the City's core and lack of services to get to the beach;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to report to Council on options for an additional bus route that would run on weekends in the summer (from late June to Labour Day) to bring residents from one or both of the transit transfer hubs to the Pointe des Chenes beach.

	<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**

**8.2 Interest / Penalties on Late Payment of Taxes**



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

Whereas in 2020 the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie waived interest and penalties on late payment of the tax installments that came due after the March 2020 lockdown measures; and

Whereas the province and the global economy remain gripped by the coronavirus pandemic, with expected vaccines providing hope that we be able to emerge from the ongoing lockdowns that businesses and residents have faced in 2020 and into 2021; and

Whereas as of yet, it is unclear at what point in 2021 the great majority of the population may be vaccinated, and therefore it is unclear when economic conditions may return to a normal, or new normal, in the community;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council waive interest and penalties on late payment of taxes in the 2021 calendar year, with the waiver of interest and penalties expiring on June 30, 2021.

	<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**

**8.3 Ontario Wastewater Surveillance Initiative**

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Whereas wastewater-based epidemiology has been used in recent years to monitor for the presence of drugs or disease agents in communities. Across Canada and the globe, researchers are finding signs of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in community wastewater samples. These results can augment clinical testing of individuals by public health authorities and potentially serve as an early warning for a subsequent wave of illness; and

Whereas Ontario researchers, laboratories, wastewater utilities and public health authorities are now participating in this important research effort known as the Ontario Wastewater Surveillance Initiative; and

Whereas the practice of wastewater sampling can help local Public Health Units, like Algoma Public Health, identify “hot spots” for the virus, which can inform decisions on where and how to mobilize resources in response; and

Whereas advantages to participation can also include helping to optimize and allocate resources for clinical testing, target areas with defined, higher-risk or vulnerable populations within the sewershed where early action may be most beneficial, identifying transmission trends and informing predictive modelling, and, ultimately protecting capacity of Public Health Ontario, hospitals and private laboratories; and

Whereas the community of Sault Ste. Marie should pursue every effort to keep our community safe from COVID-19 and other variants of concern by being as informed as possible and working to stay one step ahead of these viruses;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that City staff approach the Public Utilities Commission and Algoma Public Health to explore their interest in partnering with the City of Sault Ste. Marie to join the Ontario Wastewater Surveillance Initiative and if Algoma Public Health, the PUC and City staff believe it is a viable and worthy initiative to participate in, they work towards joining the initiative as soon as possible.

	<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**

**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. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date February 22, 2021 save and except By-laws 2021-45 and 2021-46 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 2021-43 (Streets) Official Street Names**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-43 being a by-law to re-adopt Official Street Names List be passed in open Council this 22nd day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.2 By-law 2021-44 (Agreement) Finn Hill Cycling**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-44 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and The Sault Cycling Club, a non-share capital corporation incorporated under the *Corporations Act* of Ontario for the creation, maintenance, and use of City property known as Finn Hill for mountain biking be passed in open Council this 22nd day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.4 By-law 2021-47 (Property) Surplus 352 Northland Road**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-47 being a by-law to declare the City owned property legally described as PIN 31572-0139 (LT) LT 87 BLK 5 PL 402 KORAH; PT LANE PL 402 KORAH CLOSED BY T234249; PT 14 1R5203; S/T T234595; SAULT STE. MARIE, being civic 352 Northland Road, as surplus to the City's needs and to authorize the disposition of the said property be passed in open Council this 22nd day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.5 By-law 2021-48 (Agreement) SSMIC GIS Contract**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-48 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre for GIS Services commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023 (including an option to extend to December 31, 2025) at their proposed monthly fees be passed in open Council this 22nd day of February, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.6 By-law 2021-49 (Agreement) STEM Central Ave Farwell Terrace Aqueduct Repairs**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-49 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and STEM Engineering Group Incorporated for engineering services for repairs

to the secondary aqueduct for Central Avenue and Farwell Terrace be passed in open Council this 22nd 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**

**11. Consideration and Passing of By-laws**

**11.1 By-laws before Council to be passed which do not require more than a simple majority**

**11.1.3 By-law 2021-45 (Lane Assumption) Lane Abutting 721 Wellington Street East, Eldridge Subdivision**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-45 being a by-law to assume for public use and establish as a public lane, the lane more particularly described as PIN 31541-0311 (LT) LANE BLK C PL 1043 ST. MARY'S EXCEPT PT 1 1R12005; CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE, Eldridge Subdivision be passed in open Council this 22nd day of February, 2021.

	<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>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Carried**

**11. Consideration and Passing of By-laws**

**11.2 By-laws before Council for FIRST and SECOND reading which do not require more than a simple majority**

**11.2.1 By-law 2021-46 (Lane Closing & Conveyance) Abutting 721 Wellington Street East, Eldridge Subdivision**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2021-46 being a by-law to stop up, close and authorize the conveyance of a lane in the Eldridge Subdivision, Plan 1043 be read a FIRST and SECOND time in open Council this 22nd day of February, 2021.

	<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>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Carried**

**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 S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss one item concerning the disposition of land; one labour relations item; and one item 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 R.S.O. 2002 – section 239 2 (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and section 239 2 (d) labour relations or employee negotiations*

**Carried**

**14. Adjournment**

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Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

**Carried**

“Christian Provenzano”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk