



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 8, 2021
4:30 pm
Video Conference

Present: Mayor C. Provenzano, Councillor P. Christian, 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

Absent: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Officials: M. White, R. Tyczinski, T. Vair, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, D. Elliott, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, M. Borowicz-Sibenik

1. Adoption of Minutes

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

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 22, 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 – 22 MacDonald Avenue – Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Order

Developer is a client of law firm.

4. Approve Agenda as Presented

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

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

Carried

5. Proclamations/Delegations

5.1 International Women's Day

5.2 World Water Day 2021

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

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

Resolved that all the items listed under date March 8, 2021 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

Carried

6.1 Universal Broadband Fund

Correspondence from Bell

6.2 Ombudsman of Ontario

Correspondence from Paul Dubé, Ombudsman of Ontario regarding a closed meeting complaint (July 13, 2020)

6.3 Audit and Accountability Funding – Phase 2

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

The relevant By-law 2021-57 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.4 RFP – Architectural/Engineering Services – Civic Centre Upgrades

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 March 8, 2021 be received and the contract for provision of architectural, engineering and interior design services associated with improvements to the exterior entrance and interior portions of the Civic Centre be

awarded to Tulloch Engineering Inc. of Sault Ste. Marie, ON; in accordance with their proposal as submitted.

A by-law authorizing execution of an agreement will appear on a future Council Agenda.

Carried

6.5 Quotation for Intelligent Transportation System – Automated Vehicle Location Solution

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 March 8, 2021 be received and that the provision of an Intelligent Transportation System as required by the Transit and Parking Division of Community Development and Enterprise Services be awarded to Consat Canada Inc. in accordance with their quoted price schedule.

Carried

6.6 Microsoft Enterprise Licensing Agreement

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

The relevant By-law 2021-52 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.7 RFP – Third Party Transit Transportation Services – Wheelchair Accessible and Ambulatory Service Vehicles

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 March 8, 2021 be received and that the proposal submitted by 1972699 Ontario Inc. o/a UCAB to provide Third Party Transit Transportation Services, as required by the Transit and Parking Division of Community Development and Enterprise Services be approved. The contract will commence March 1, 2021 and continue for a period of three (3) years with the option to extend for two (2) additional years by mutual consent.

Carried

6.8 Phase 2 Safe Restart Agreement Funding for Public Transit

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

The relevant By-law 2021-55 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.9 Reconnect Festival Grant – Transfer Payment Agreement

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

The relevant By-law 2021-54 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.10 New Horizons Seniors Program Grant 2021 – Agreement

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

The relevant By-law 2021-56 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.10.1 Delegated Authority

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

The relevant By-law 2021-56 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.11 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers

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

The relevant By-law 2021-51 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.12 22 MacDonald Avenue – Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Order

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

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Assistant City Solicitor/Senior Litigation Counsel dated March 8, 2021 concerning 22 MacDonald Avenue – Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Order be received as information.

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

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

8.1 Contracted Legal Counsel

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Whereas City Council has identified Building and By-Law as a pivotal area of focus to improve the approach in dealing with derelict and vacant buildings; and

Whereas City Council has established a Task Force to effect those needed improvements in our system; and

Whereas the Building and By-Law Task Force has identified, among other suggestions, the amendment to the City's Property Standards By-law 2012-9, to improve Part 7 of the By-law dealing with Vacant or Damaged Buildings; and

Whereas these amendments would allow for increased enforcement as a tool that would help to curb the spread of derelict buildings; and

Whereas the Building department writes orders for compliance, and where compliance is not achieved the Legal Department is responsible for the required court proceedings; and

Whereas the implementation of the Integrated Municipal Enforcement Team (IMET) has added to court proceedings being conducted by the Legal Department; and

Whereas the capacity of the Legal Department has been a pinch point for prosecuting charges and drafting the amended Vacant Building section of the Property Standards By-Law; and

Whereas the Legal Department had presented information showing that costs are saved when keeping legal work "in-house" rather than seeking assistance from contracted outside counsel;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Legal Department be asked to prepare a report outlining how an additional lawyer could be funded from a corresponding decrease in the Contracted Legal Counsel budget in 2021, with adjustments for 2022 made as necessary during budget deliberations.

| | For | Against | Absent |
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| Mayor C. Provenzano | X | | |
| Councillor P. Christian | X | | |

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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 | 10 | 0 | 1 |

Carried

8.2 By-law Enforcement

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour
 Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Whereas City Council has identified Building and By-Law as an area of focus/improvement, having established a Task Force to effect needed improvements in our system; and

Whereas the Building and By-Law Task Force has identified an additional part-time by-law officer to liaise directly with Sault Ste. Marie Police Service to focus exclusively on buildings with additional criminal elements;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that relevant staff report back to Council on a method of funding the part time by-law officer position for 2021, potentially from a vacant buildings registration fee, administration fees from contracted services for compliance, and additional adjustments being made during the 2022 Budget.

| | For | Against | Absent |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mayor C. Provenzano | X | | |
| Councillor P. Christian | X | | |
| Councillor S. Hollingsworth | | | X |
| Councillor L. Dufour | X | | |
| Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen | X | | |

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| 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 | 10 | 0 | 1 |

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 D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date March 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 2021-50 (Zoning) 510 Second Line E (Trimount Construction Group – Berto)

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2021-50 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 510 Second Line East (Trimount Construction Group Inc.— Berto) be passed in open Council this 8th day of March, 2021.

Carried

11.1.2 By-law 2021-51 (Parking) Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2021-51 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 8th day of March, 2021.

Carried

11.1.3 By-law 2021-52 (Agreement) Microsoft Enterprise Software Licensing

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-52 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Microsoft Canada, Inc. for the supply and delivery of Microsoft Enterprise Software Licensing required by the City's Information Technology Division be passed in open Council this 8th day of March, 2021.

Carried

11.1.4 By-law 2021-53 (Interim Taxes) 2021-2 Amendment

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-53 being a by-law to amend Interim Tax By-law 2021-2 be passed in open Council this 8th day of March, 2021.

Carried

11.1.5 By-law 2021-54 (Agreement) Reconnect Festival Grant

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-54 being a by-law for the Reconnect Festival and Event Program grant be passed in open Council this 8th day of March, 2021.

Carried

11.1.6 By-law 2021-55 (Agreement) SRA Phase 2 Funding

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-55 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario for confirming the City of Sault Ste. Marie's interest in participation in SRA Phase 2 funding be passed in open Council this 8th day of March, 2021.

Carried

11.1.7 By-law 2021-56 – Delegated Authority – New Horizons Seniors Program Grant 2021

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-56 being a by-law to authorize the Director of Community Services to enter into an Agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, as represented by The Minister of Employment and Social Development for funding in the amount of Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight (\$20,928.00) Dollars to support seniors activity programming be passed in open Council this 8th day of March, 2021.

Carried

11.1.8 By-law 2021-57 (Agreement) Audit and Accountability Fund Transfer Payment

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2021-57 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Audit and Accountability Fund Transfer Payment be passed in open Council this 8th day of March, 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 D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

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

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

Carried

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

“Christian Provenzano”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk