



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 12, 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, T. Vair, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, D. Elliott, S. Hamilton Beach, D. McConnell, B. Lamming, T. Anderson, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, M. Borowicz-Sibenik

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 29, 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 R. Niro – Partnership with Sault YMCA for Day Camp Services

Daughter is employed by Sault YMCA

3.2 Councillor M. Shoemaker – Sale of 206 Cathcart Street to JHCD Unlimited Inc. (Frank Shunock)

Purchaser is a client of law firm.

3.3 Councillor M. Shoemaker – By-law 2021-72 (Property Sale) 206 Cathcart Street (JHCD Unlimited Inc. Frank Shunock)

Purchaser is a client of law firm.

4. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the Agenda for April 12, 2021 City Council meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

5. Proclamations/Delegations

5.1 National Day of Action on the Overdose Epidemic

5.2 Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Annual Report

Wayne Greco, Chair and Chief Executive Officer Matthew MacDonald were in attendance.

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that all the items listed under date April 12, 2021 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

Carried

6.1 Outstanding Council Resolutions

6.2 Foundation Restoration Repair – Old Stone House Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated April 12, 2021 concerning Foundation Restoration Repair – Old Stone House Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site

be received and that the tender for foundation restoration be awarded to Robertson Restoration (818185 Ontario Inc.) at their low tendered price meeting specifications of \$158,400.00 plus HST.

A by-law authorizing signature of the contract will appear on a future Council Agenda.

Carried

6.3 Roof Replacement – Roberta Bondar Park

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

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated April 12, 2021 concerning Roof Replacement – Roberta Bondar Park be received and that the tender for roof replacement at the Roberta Bondar Park marina service building be awarded to Maverick & Son Exteriors and Consulting Services Inc. at their low tendered price meeting specifications of \$154,160.00 plus HST.

A by-law authorizing signature of the contract will appear on a future Council Agenda.

Carried

6.4 Indoor Mausoleum Feasibility Update

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

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated April 12, 2021 concerning Indoor Mausoleum Feasibility Update be received and that staff be requested to bring forward a capital request for approval to construct a new outdoor mausoleum as part of the 2022 or 2023 budgeting process.

Carried

6.5 Partnership with Sault YMCA for Day Camp Services

Councillor R. Niro declared a conflict on this item. (Daughter is employed by Sault YMCA)

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services concerning Partnership with Sault YMCA for Day Camp Services dated April 12, 2021 be received and that Council support the partnership with the Sault YMCA to provide use of the John Rhodes Centre for day camp services (including swims) by the YMCA and waive rental fees amounting to \$5,564.

Carried

6.6 Memorandum of Understanding- Algoma Trails Network

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

The relevant By-law 20201-68 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.7 Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program – 2021

The report of the Senior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the report of the Senior Planner dated April 12, 2021 concerning Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program – 2021 be received and that the CAO be authorized to enter into a single-source contract with WSP, to assess a preferred Hub Trail alignment in and around the Machine Shop/Mill Market area, at a cost of \$10,105.00, inclusive of non-rebatable HST, and that upon completion of this study, staff report back to Council with the preferred solution and associated financial implications.

Carried

6.8 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers

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

The relevant By-law 2021-69 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.9 Choose to Refuse: Take the Plastic-Free Challenge

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the report of the Director of Public Works dated April 12, 2021 concerning Choose to Refuse: Take the Plastic-Free Challenge be received and that Council provide its full support to Clean North and City staff in the development, education and promotion of a plastic-free Sault Ste. Marie.

Carried

6.10 Contract 2021-3E – Boardwalk Remediation Phase 2

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

The relevant By-law 2021-73 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.11 Pim Street Pump Station Engineering Services

The report of the Land Development and Environmental Engineer was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2021-66 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.12 Elizabeth Street Sanitary Sewer – Consultant Selection

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Services Engineer dated April 12, 2021 concerning the Elizabeth Street sanitary sewer consultant selection be received, and that Council authorize entering into an agreement for engineering services with WSP.

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

Carried

6.13 Office of the Fire Marshal Fire Safety Grant

The report of the Fire Chief was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2021-70 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.14 Sale of 206 Cathcart Street to JHCD Unlimited Inc. (Frank Shunock)

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

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

The relevant By-law 2021-72 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.15 Black Road Widening Project – Offer to Purchase 931 Black Road

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

The relevant By-law 2021-62 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

7. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees

7.1 Administration

7.1.1 Pointe des Chenes Update

7.1.1.1 Update on Pointe des Chenes – Potable Water

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor April 12, 2021 concerning the former Pointe des Chenes campground be received as information.

	For	Against	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

Carried

7.1.1.2 Pointe des Chenes Campground Update and Next Steps

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

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the report of the CAO dated April 12, 2021 concerning Pointe des Chenes Campground Update and Next Steps be received and that staff be directed to continue to work with Transport Canada, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Algoma Public Health to ensure the timely and sustainable provision of

potable water for the campground and day park and to report further to Council on recommendations for the future of the campground once the provision of potable water has been established.

	For	Against	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

Carried

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 Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Annual Report

The 2020 annual report of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the 2020 Annual Report of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library be received as information.

	For	Against	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

Carried

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

8.1 Sustainable Development

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

Whereas the real estate value located within a City's borders is the main revenue source of most municipalities, and growth in that amount value is one of many ways that City budgets keep up with inflation; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie, over the last 20 years, has experienced increasing assessment values in some neighbourhoods but not others, at the same time as having an aggregate in-year new growth rate of less than 1%; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie has access to detailed mapping from the Innovation Centre that shows these geographic areas of assessment growth vs stagnation; and

Whereas it is in the interest of all Sault Ste. Marie ratepayers to ensure that assessment distribution is as evenly spread throughout the City as possible, and that new growth does not come at additional cost to the existing levy; and

Whereas new development is one of the main sources of new assessment growth, provided that new development does not shift assessment value away from another area of the City; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie is the largest city in Ontario without development charges or a cost recovery mechanism for planning charges, both of which are key tools for a municipality to ensure that growth does not create assessment decline and stagnation elsewhere; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie is examining options for new growth Community Improvement Plans, many of which in comparator municipalities provide development charges exemptions for certain types or zones of needed development;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that relevant staff be requested to prepare a report outlining the best options for Sault Ste. Marie to adopt further tools to ensure that the cost of new development accurately reflects the cost to the general levy.

	For	Against	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	9	2	0

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 C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date April 12, 2021 save and except By-law 2021-72 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 2021-62 (Property) Acquisition Part 931 Black Road

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2021-62 being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of part of the property located at civic 931 Black Road (Bean/Scott) be passed in open Council this 12th day of April, 2021.

Carried

11.1.2 By-law 2021-65 (Developmental Control) 81, 85, 89, 93, 97 and 101 Ruth Street

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2021-65 being a by-law to remove designate lands located at 81, 85, 89, 93, 97 and 101 Ruth Street from an area of site plan control be passed in open Council this 12th day of April, 2021.

Carried

11.1.3 By-law 2021-66 (Agreement) Pim Street Pump Station Agreement

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2021-66 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and STEM Engineering Group Incorporated for engineering services for the Pim Street Pump Station structural repairs be passed in open Council this 12th day of April, 2021.

Carried

11.1.4 By-law 2021-67 (Council Procedure) Amend By-law 2013-100

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2021-67 being a by-law to amend Council Procedure By-law 2013-100 (being a by-law to regulate the proceedings of the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie) be passed in open Council this 12th day of April, 2021.

Carried

11.1.5 By-law 2021-68 (Agreement) Algoma Trail Network

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2021-68 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation, Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority and The Sault Cycling Club to construct up to 75 kilometers of multi-use mountain bike trails extending from the Sault Ste. Marie city limits into the surrounding Algoma region be passed in open Council this 12th day of April, 2021.

Carried

11.1.6 By-law 2021-69 (Parking) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2021-69 being a by-law to appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers to enforce the by-laws on various private properties and to amend Schedule "A" to By-law 90-305 be passed in open Council this 12th day of April, 2021.

Carried

11.1.7 By-law 2021-70 (Agreement) Fire Safety Grant Transfer Payment

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2021-70 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Fire Safety Grant Transfer Payment Agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal for funding under the Municipal Fire Protection Grant be passed in open Council this 12th day of April, 2021.

Carried

11.1.9 By-law 2021-73 (Engineering) Boardwalk Remediation (Contract 2021-3E)

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2021-73 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Contract between the City and EllisDon Civil Ltd. for the Boardwalk Remediation (Contract 2021-3E) be passed in open Council this 12th day of April, 2021.

Carried

11.1.10 By-law 2021-74 (Zoning) 163 Foxborough Trail and 907 Third Line East

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2021-74 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 907 Third Line East (Fox Run Subdivision), formerly referenced as 817 and 817A Third Line East be passed in open Council this 12th day of April, 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

11.3.1 By-law (Lane Closing and Conveyance) Abutting 721 Wellington Street East

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

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 THIRD time in open Council and passed this 12th day of April, 2021.

Carried

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

11.1.8 By-law 2021-72 (Property Sale) 206 Cathcart Street (JHCD Unlimited Inc. Frank Shunock)

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

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that By-law 2021-72 being a by-law to authorize the sale of surplus property being civic 206 Cathcart Street, legally described in PIN 31575-0160 (LT) to JHCD Unlimited Inc. (Frank Shunock) be passed in open Council this 12th day of April, 2021.

	For	Against	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 (Conflict)			
Councillor M. Bruni	X		
Councillor R. Niro	X		
Councillor C. Gardi	X		
Councillor M. Scott	X		
Results	10	0	

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 M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss two items 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 matters without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

Municipal Act R.S.O. 2002 – section 239 2 (c) a proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality

Carried

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

“Christian Provenzano”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk