

# REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 15, 2021 4:30 pm Council Chambers and 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 M. Scott

Absent: Councillor C. Gardi

Officials: M. White, R. Tyczinski, M. Zuppa (L. Girardi, T. Vair, K. Fields, S.

Schell, P. Johnson, P. Niro, S. Hamilton Beach, D. McConnell, B. Lamming, T. Anderson, F. Coccimiglio, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, C. Rumiel, E. Cormier, S. Lavergne, S. Turco by video conference)

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### 1. Adoption of Minutes

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

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 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

# 3.1 Councillor R. Niro – By-law 2021-218 (Collective Agreement) Sault Ste. Marie Professional Firefighters Association Local 529

Brother was employed by Sault Ste. Marie Fire Service until retirement February 28, 2019.

# 3.2 Councillor D. Hilsinger – Tourism Development Fund Application – Canadian Snowmobile Race Association Snowcross 2022

Applicant is a client of employer.

#### 4. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the Agenda for November 15, 2021 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

#### 5. Proclamations/Delegations

#### 5.1 Louis Riel Day

#### 5.2 No to Violence Against Women Day

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that all the items listed under date November 15, 2021 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda items 6.3, 6.4 and 6.13 be approved as recommended.

Carried

#### 6.1 Robinson-Huron Treaty Resolution

A letter from Mayor Provenzano to the Premier was received by Council.

#### 6.2 Mental Health and Addictions

A letter from Mayor Provenzano to the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions was received by Council.

#### 6.5 Medal of Merit Committee By-law

The relevant By-law 2021-215 appears under item 11 of the Minutes.

#### 6.6 Cemetery By-law Amendments 2021

The report of the City Clerk was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2021-217 appears under item 11 of the Minutes.

#### 6.7 West End Splash Pad

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated November 15, 2021 concerning West End Splash Pad be received and that the item be referred to 2022 budget deliberations in the amount of \$750,000 for capital construction of a splash pad at Manzo Park with a corresponding service level increase of \$115,000 in budget 2023 to cover ongoing operating costs.

Carried

# 6.8 Tourism Development Fund Application – Canadian Snowmobile Race Association Snowcross 2022

Councillor D. Hilsinger declared a conflict on this item. (Applicant is a client of employer.)

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

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

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated November 15, 2021 concerning the Canadian Snowmobile Race Association Snowcross Tourism Development Fund application be received and that the recommendation of the Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors to allocate \$15,000 be approved.

Carried

### 6.9 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers

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

The relevant By-law 2021-221 appears under item 11 of the Minutes.

#### 6.10 Community Efficiency Financing Feasibility Study

The report the Sustainability Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report the Sustainability Coordinator dated November 15, 2021 concerning Community Efficiency Financing Feasibility Study be received and that staff be authorized to proceed with preparation of an application to the Green Municipal Fund for a feasibility study.

Carried

#### 6.11 October 2021 Community Development Fund – Green Initiatives Program Application

A report of the Sustainability Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Sustainability Coordinator dated November 15, 2021 concerning Green Initiatives Program Application be received and that the recommendation of the Environmental Sustainability Committee to allocate \$2,120 to the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Thermal Imaging Borrowing program request be approved.

Carried

#### 6.12 Race to Zero

The report of the Sustainability Coordinator was received by Council.

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

Resolved that the report of the Sustainability Coordinator dated November 15, 2021 concerning Race to Zero be received and that Council declare support by submitting the pledge for the Cities Race to Zero program as part of the United Nation's Cities Race to Zero campaign and amplify its efforts in building the momentum of the Race to Zero campaign by publicizing their involvement and encouraging more Canadian cities to join in this effort;

Further that City Council reiterate its position to reach net zero- by 2050 or sooner and commit to endorsing actions that are in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5° Celsius;

Further that Council commit to plan at least one inclusive and equitable climate action as listed in the Cities Race to Zero campaign pledge that will help to place Sault Ste. Marie on a resilient pathway, consistent with the 1.5° Celsius objective of the Paris agreement and begin implementation no later than 2022;

Further that staff be directed to report on progress of this initiative annually, beginning no later than the third quarter of 2022 to the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Carried

#### 6.14 Additional Solicitor

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council.

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

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated November 15, 2021 concerning an additional lawyer in the Legal Department be received as information.

Carried

#### 6.15 Acquisition Part Fifth Line East (Parts 2 and 3, 1R10664)

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

The relevant By-law 2021-212 appears under item 11 of the Minutes.

#### 6.16 Active Transportation Update - Fall 2021

The report of the Senior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Senior Planner dated November 15, 2021 concerning Active Transportation Update be received and that staff be authorized to:

- proceed with engineering design for the re-aligned hub trail;
- issue a tender for construction in spring/summer of 2022 for the section of the John Rowswell Hub Trail that runs along Queen Street West adjacent to Esposito Park; and
- refer the remainder of the project to 2022 budget deliberations.

The relevant By-law 2021-216 appears under item 11 of the Minutes.

Carried

### 6.17 Correspondence from Councillor C. Gardi

#### 6.3 RFP Transit Terminal Relocation

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

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated November 15, 2021 be received and the proposal submitted by IDEA Inc., for the provision of engineering services transit terminal relocation with fees of \$235,995 plus HST as outlined in their Proposal as submitted, as required by Transit (CDES), be approved.

A By-law authorizing signature of the Agreement for this project will appear on a future Council Agenda.

	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			Х
Councillor M. Scott		X	
Results	7	3	1

Carried

#### 6.4 Optional Small Business Tax Class

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated November 15, 2021 concerning

Optional Small Business Tax Class Consultation be received and that the Optional Small Business Subclass discount not be implemented at this time.

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor C. Provenzano	Χ		
Councillor P. Christian	Χ		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	Χ		
Councillor L. Dufour	Χ		
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	Χ		
Councillor D. Hilsinger	Χ		
Councillor M. Shoemaker		X	
Councillor M. Bruni	Χ		
Councillor R. Niro	Χ		
Councillor C. Gardi			Χ
Councillor M. Scott	Χ		
Results	9	1	1

Carried

### 6.13 Northern Avenue Improvements – Increase Project Budget

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 November 15, 2021 concerning Northern Avenue Improvements – Increase Project Budget be received and that the engineering fee limit in Kresin Engineering's agreement for the Northern Avenue Improvements be increased by \$65,000; further that \$150,000 be redirected from the McDonald Avenue Storm Water Management Pond to this project.

#### 6.13.1 Amendment

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that the words "redirected from the McDonald Avenue Storm Water Management Pond to this project" be deleted and replaced with the following words "designated from the 2022 Capital Transportation Program".

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor C. Provenzano	Χ		
Councillor P. Christian	Χ		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	Χ		
Councillor L. Dufour	Χ		
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	Χ		
Councillor D. Hilsinger	Χ		
Councillor M. Shoemaker	Χ		
Councillor M. Bruni	Χ		
Councillor R. Niro	Χ		
Councillor C. Gardi			X
Councillor M. Scott	Χ		
Results	10	0	1

Carried

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

Ressolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated November 15, 2021 concerning Northern Avenue Improvements – Increase Project Budget be received and that the engineering fee limit in Kresin Engineering's agreement for the Northern Avenue Improvements be increased by \$65,000; further that \$150,000 be designated from the 2022 Capital Transportation Program

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor C. Provenzano	Χ		
Councillor P. Christian	X		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X		

Results	10	0	1
Councillor M. Scott	Χ		
Councillor C. Gardi			Χ
Councillor R. Niro	Χ		
Councillor M. Bruni	Χ		
Councillor M. Shoemaker	Χ		
Councillor D. Hilsinger	Χ		
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	Χ		
Councillor L. Dufour	X		

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 Boards and Committees Review 2021

The report of the Deputy Clerk was received by Council.

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

Resolved that the report of the Deputy City Clerk dated November 15, 2021 concerning Boards and Committees Review 2021 be received and that:

#### Composition:

• Dangerous Dog Committee – members of Council be reduced from four to three

- Councillors no longer need to be appointed under the *Municipal Freedom of Information* and *Protection of Privacy Act*
- Christmas Lighting Awards Committee members of Council be reduced from four to one

#### Dissolved:

- Best for Kids Committee
- Conference and Major Special Events Committee Current CAO Selection Committee
- Truth and Reconciliation Committee (transferred to Bawating Advisory Circle)
- Committee to Review Municipal Parking Operations
- Community Committee on Graffiti

#### Request Amendment to Process

 Community Theatre Centre Board (request agreement between CTC and ADSB be amended to remove appointment by City Council)

### Review and Return with Options:

- Finance Committee review terms of reference and bring back options for Council's consideration
- Walk of Fame Selection Committee review terms of reference, meet with Downtown Association and bring back options for Council's consideration

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor C. Provenzano	Χ		
Councillor P. Christian	Χ		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	Χ		
Councillor L. Dufour	Χ		
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	Χ		
Councillor D. Hilsinger	Χ		
Councillor M. Shoemaker	Χ		
Councillor M. Bruni	Χ		
Councillor R. Niro	Χ		
Councillor C. Gardi			X

Councillor M. Scott X

Results 10 0 1

Carried

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

#### 8.1 Elimination of Plastics

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Whereas City Council has since January of 2020 shown its strong desire to see the reduction and elimination of plastic bags and other plastics in our community; and

Whereas City Council has now received the report from staff on the elimination of plastic bags from the motion dated September 25, 2021; and

Whereas the report shows that the plastic pledge has not achieved the desired result to see residents and businesses adopt the pledge; and

Whereas numerous provinces and cities in Canada including: Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, Montreal, Jasper, Prince Albert, Vancouver, Edmonton and Regina, among others either have or will soon have bans on plastic bags and other plastics;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff will undertake what is required to put a plastics ban in place in Sault Ste. Marie effective July 1, 2022 on the following items at a minimum: plastic grocery bags used in grocery stores, retail and restaurants, plastic straws and stir sticks, plastic cutlery, and plastic take-out food containers used by restaurants. In addition to the plastics ban, staff will create a community waste reduction strategy with robust goals to be approved by City Council and in place by July 1, 2022 with public consultation to take place prior to a by-law coming forward.

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor C. Provenzano	Χ		
Councillor P. Christian	X		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X		

Results	10	0	1
Councillor M. Scott	Χ		
Councillor C. Gardi			Χ
Councillor R. Niro	Χ		
Councillor M. Bruni	Χ		
Councillor M. Shoemaker	Χ		
Councillor D. Hilsinger	Χ		
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	Χ		
Councillor L. Dufour	X		

Carried

#### 8.2 Hallowe'en Spirit Awards

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Whereas the Sault Ste Marie Christmas Lighting Awards Program is a co-sponsored fun event that has been part of the community for years; and

Whereas it promotes community involvement and recognizes the efforts of residents who light up their homes and businesses in the spirit of the season; and

Whereas having community events such as the Christmas Lighting Awards program has been well received, organizing something similar for Hallowe'en decorations throughout the community may also lift spirits and create community fun; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to develop a Hallowe'en Spirit Awards program based on similar principles, rules and goals as of the Christmas Lighting Award Program and present a draft program to Council by June 2022.

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor C. Provenzano	Χ		
Councillor P. Christian	Χ		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X		
Councillor L. Dufour	Χ		

Results	10	0	1
Councillor M. Scott	Χ		
Councillor C. Gardi			Χ
Councillor R. Niro	Χ		
Councillor M. Bruni	Χ		
Councillor M. Shoemaker	Χ		
Councillor D. Hilsinger	Χ		
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X		

Carried

#### 8.3 Strand Avenue and Wilson Street Speeding

Moved by: Councillor R. Niro Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas excessive speed on City streets has grown to be a City wide concern; and

Whereas the residents of Strand Avenue and Wilson Street have reported excessive speeds in the vicinity of the intersection of Strand Avenue and Wilson Street; and

Whereas this intersection has a history of accidents with the most recent being on October 31, 2021; and

Whereas City Council has already approved a motion requesting City staff report back on ways to address excessive speeds City-wide;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering review the intersection of Strand Avenue and Wilson Street regarding any changes that should be made to the present traffic controls at that intersection and report back to Council.

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

Results	10	0	1
Councillor M. Scott	Χ		
Councillor C. Gardi			Χ
Councillor R. Niro	Χ		
Councillor M. Bruni	Χ		
Councillor M. Shoemaker	Χ		
Councillor D. Hilsinger	X		

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. Scott

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date November 15, 2021 save and except By-law 2021-218 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 2020-201 (Street Assumption) Amend By-law 2020-120

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-201 being a by-law to amend Schedule "A" to Street Assumption By-law 2020-120 be passed in open Council this 15th day of November, 2021.

Carried

### 11.1.2 By-law 2021-212 (Property Acquisition) Part Fifth Line East

Resolved that By-law 2021-212 being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of property located abutting civics 626, 654, and 668 Fifth Line East (Estate Trustee for Esther Robinson Cohen) be passed in open Council this 15th day of November, 2021.

Carried

# 11.1.3 By-law 2021-213 (Engineering) Tulloch Engineering Inc. MacDonald Avenue Drainage Improvements

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-213 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and TULLOCH Engineering Inc. for engineering services for MacDonald Avenue Drainage Improvements

Carried

#### 11.1.4 By-law 2021-214 (Street Assumptions) Various

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-214 being a by-law to assume for public use and establish as public streets various parcels of land conveyed to the City be passed in open Council this 15th day of November, 2021.

Carried

### 11.1.5 By-law 2021-215 (Medal of Merit Committee) Amend By-law 93-8

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-215 being a by-law to amend By-law 93-8 (being a by-law to establish a "Medal of Merit Committee" and to provide awards in the form of medals by the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie to persons or groups of persons in recognition of outstanding achievement) and to repeal By-law 2001-198 be passed in open Council this 15th day of November, 2021.

Carried

### 11.1.6 By-law 2021-216 (Agreement) Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program

Resolved that By-law 2021-216 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 Transportation for the Province of Ontario for the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program be passed in open Council this 15th day of November, 2021.

Carried

#### 11.1.7 By-law 2021-217 (Cemeteries) Amend By-law 2012-129

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-217 being a by-law to amend Cemeteries By-law 2012-129 (being a by-law to provide regulations for the operation of all municipal crematoriums, mausoleums, and cemeteries owned by the City of Sault Ste. Marie) be passed in open Council this 15th day of November, 2021.

Carried

#### 11.1.9 By-law 2021-219 (Traffic) Amend By-law 77-200

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-219 being a by-law to amend Schedule "A" and Schedule "V" of Traffic By-law 77-200 be passed in open Council this 15th day of November, 2021.

Carried

### 11.1.10 By-law 2021-221 (Parking) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-221 being a by-law to appoint Municipal 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 15th day of November, 2021.

Carried

# 11.1.8 By-law 2021-218 (Collective Agreement) Sault Ste. Marie Professional Firefighters Association Local 529

Councillor R. Niro declared a conflict on this item. (Brother was employed by Sault Ste. Marie Fire Service until retirement February 28, 2019.)

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-218 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Collective Agreement between the City and Sault Ste. Marie Professional Firefighters Association (Local 529) for the term commencing February 1, 2019 to January 31, 2021 be passed in open Council this 15th day of November, 2021.

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor C. Provenzano	Χ		
Councillor P. Christian	Χ		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	Χ		
Councillor L. Dufour	Χ		
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	Χ		
Councillor D. Hilsinger	Χ		
Councillor M. Shoemaker	Χ		
Councillor M. Bruni	Χ		
Councillor R. Niro			
Councillor C. Gardi			X
Councillor M. Scott	X		
Results	9	0	1

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
- 11.1.8 By-law 2021-218 (Collective Agreement) Sault Ste. Marie Professional Firefighters
  Association Local 529

Councillor R. Niro declared a conflict on this item. (Brother was employed by Sault Ste. Marie Fire Service until retirement February 28, 2019.)

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

Resolved that By-law 2021-218 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Collective Agreement between the City and Sault Ste. Marie Professional Firefighters Association (Local 529) for the term commencing February 1, 2019 to January 31, 2021 be passed in open Council this 15th day of November, 2021.

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor C. Provenzano	Χ		
Councillor P. Christian	Χ		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	Χ		
Councillor L. Dufour	Χ		
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	Χ		
Councillor D. Hilsinger	Χ		
Councillor M. Shoemaker	Χ		
Councillor M. Bruni	Χ		
Councillor R. Niro			
Councillor C. Gardi			X
Councillor M. Scott	Χ		
Results	9	0	1

Carried

# 12. Questions By, New Business From, or Addresses by Members of Council Concerning Matters Not Otherwise on the Agenda

#### 13. Closed Session

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to consider six items concerning the disposition of land and one item concerning the acquisition of land;

Further Be It Resolved that should the said closed session be adjourned, the Council may reconvene in closed session 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 acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality

Carried

#### 14. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

"Christian Provenzano"

Mayor

"Rachel Tyczinski"

City Clerk