



## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 29, 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 C. Gardi, Councillor M. Scott

Officials: M. White, R. Tyczinski, M. Zuppa (L. Girardi, T. Vair, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, P. Niro, D. Elliott, S. Hamilton Beach, D. McConnell, B. Lamming, F. Coccimiglio, J. Bruzas, E. Cormier T. Vecchio, 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 November 15, 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. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the Agenda for November 29, 2021 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

**Carried**

**5. Proclamations/Delegations**

**5.1 Community Christmas for Children**

**5.2 World AIDS Day**

**5.3 Homelessness Update**

Mike Nadeau, Chief Executive Officer and Jeff Barban, Director of Housing Services, District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Board were in attendance.

**5.3.1 Homeless System Overview**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that all the items listed under date November 29, 2021 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda item 6.3 be approved as recommended.

**Carried**

**6.1 Reconstruction Bloor Street West from Lyons Avenue to Patrick Street**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated November 29, 2021 be received and that the proposal submitted by AECOM Canada Inc., for the provision of Engineering Services Reconstruction Bloor Street West with proposed fees of \$234,500 plus HST as outlined in their proposal as submitted (as required by Public Works and Engineering Services) be approved.

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

**Carried**

## **6.2 Tender for Supply and Delivery of Petroleum Fuel Products**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated November 29, 2021 be received and that the tender submitted by McDougall Energy Inc. for the supply and delivery of Petroleum Fuel Products be awarded on an as-required basis for the three year period commencing January 3, 2022 with the option for two additional one year extensions by mutual agreement.

**Carried**

## **6.4 Property Tax Appeals**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Taxation dated November 29, 2021 concerning Property Tax Appeals be received and the recommendation that the tax records be amended pursuant to sections 354 and 357 of the *Municipal Act* be approved.

**Carried**

## **6.5 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan**

The report of the Accessibility Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Accessibility Coordinator dated November 29, 2021 concerning Multi-year Accessibility Plan 2022 be received and that Council approve the 2022-2025 Multi-year Accessibility Plan.

**Carried**

## **6.6 CommunityPass Pilot Results**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated November 29, 2021 concerning CommunityPass Pilot Results be received and that the pilot with CommunityPass be

extended for one (1) year; further that staff report on results at the end of the pilot and provide any future recommendations.

The relevant by-law 2021-220 appears under item 11 of the minutes.

**Carried**

**6.7 Twin Pad Electric Ice Resurfacers**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Sustainability Coordinator and the Director of Community Services – Community Development and Enterprise Services dated November 29, 2021 concerning Twin Pad Electric Ice Resurfacers be received as information.

**Carried**

**6.8 Pointe des Chenes Park – Water Treatment Upgrade – Provision of Potable Water**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Director of Public Works dated November 29, 2021 concerning Pointe des Chenes Park Water Treatment Upgrade be received as information.

**Carried**

**6.8.1 Pointe des Chenes Update on Servicing**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Director, Public Works be received as information and that the expenditure of \$150,000 to service the daypark and campground be referred to the 2022 budget deliberations.

**Carried**

**6.3 2022 User Fees**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Finance dated November 29, 2021 concerning 2022 User Fees be received and that the recommendation to maintain the current sanitary sewer fee

rate of 70% of the full water charge be approved and that the rate continue to be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

The relevant by-law 2021-224 appears under item 11 of the minutes.

**Carried**

**6.3.1 Tipping Fees – Prince/Rankin**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Whereas in December 2016 Council passed a resolution seeking to charge users of the Sault Ste. Marie landfill who live outside the Sault’s municipal boundaries more in tipping fees than residents of Sault Ste. Marie are charged; and

Whereas the 2021 User Fee By-law, Schedule I, shows users from outside of Sault Ste. Marie paying the same tipping fee as users who are residents of Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas there are benefits to living within the City of Sault Ste. Marie that only residents of Sault Ste. Marie should have

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Schedule I of By-Law 2021-224 be amended to increase the out-of-town tipping fee to \$100 per tonne from the current \$77 per tonne that Sault Ste. Marie residents pay.

	<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>11</b>	<b>0</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**

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

**8.1 Municipal Revenue Generating Tools**

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Whereas Canada's municipalities are at the forefront of delivering a growing array of vital services to citizens, ranging from affordable housing, transit and child care to managing more than a trillion dollars of infrastructure; and

Whereas municipalities have limited revenue-generating options which are largely property taxes, user fees, intergovernmental transfers and development charges; and

Whereas the Provincial government must begin to modernize the tax system to allow municipalities new revenue generating tools that will support the rising costs facing all municipalities in Ontario; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) estimates the annual province-wide municipal infrastructure deficit to be \$6 billion dollars; and

Whereas the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* granted Toronto broader municipal revenue tools than the other 443 municipalities in Ontario; and

Whereas AMO has long lobbied for its members the right to access the same revenue tools permitted by the *City of Toronto Act*; and

Whereas one of the revenue tools the City of Toronto charges is a Municipal Land Transfer Tax parallel with the Province of Ontario on all property sales, except for first-time homebuyers; and

Whereas this revenue tool would generate nearly \$2.68 billion dollars for the other Ontario municipalities, which would help municipalities' growing infrastructure deficit; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie endorses the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities resolution requesting AMO to lobby the Premier of Ontario to grant Ontario municipalities the same municipal revenue tools as the City of Toronto;

Further Be It Resolved that this resolution be shared with the Provincial Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, NDP leader Andrea Horwath (leader of the Provincial Opposition), Steven Del Duca, leader of the Provincial Liberal party, Mike Schreiner, leader of the Provincial Green Party, MPP Ross Romano, Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Small Urban Municipalities, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and the Algoma District Municipal Association.

	<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**

**8.2 Capital Road Reconstruction and Resurfacing Expenses**

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

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie has approximately 1,200 road sections within City boundaries that must be maintained; and

Whereas the City's capital transportation budget is approximately \$4.5 million per year; and

Whereas this amount has not increased over the last two decades; and

Whereas the overall condition of City roads continues to deteriorate as a result of an underfunded capital budget; and

Whereas City staff is currently conducting a provincially mandated asset management update of city roads maintenance requirements; and

Whereas Council should investigate and compare capital road expenditures in other northern communities so that it has a benchmark of current practices and expenditures throughout the north

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council ask staff to prepare a report that compares capital reconstruction and resurfacing expenditures with other northern communities;

Further that the report attempt to include metrics related to length of roads, total lane kilometres, surface type, relative lengths of arterials, collectors and local roads to help frame the results and add the necessary context for comparison, and that the report be presented to council by June 2022.

	<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>11</b>	<b>0</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**



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

**11.1.1 By-law 2021-220 (Agreement) CommunityPass Pilot**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that By-law 2021-220 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Amending Agreement between the City and My Community Health Inc. for the CommunityPass app be passed in open Council this 29th day of November, 2021.

**Carried**

**11.1.2 By-law 2021-224 Finance (User Fees 2022)**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that By-law 2021-224 being a by-law to establish user fees and service changes be passed in open Council this 29th day of November, 2021.

**11.1.3 By-law 2021-225 (Agreement) IDEA Inc. Downtown Transit Terminal 111 Huron Street Relocation**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that By-law 2021-225 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and IDEA Inc. Integrated Design Engineering and Architecture for the relocation of the downtown transit terminal construction and design located at 111 Huron Street be passed in open Council this 29th day of November, 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>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

**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**

**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