



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, December 13, 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, L. Girardi, T. Vair, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, D. McConnell, B. Lamming, T. Anderson, M. Zuppa, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, C. Rumiel, F. Pozzebon

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting and Budget Meeting of November 29, 2021 and December 6 and 7, 2021 Budget Meeting 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 M. Shoemaker
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the Agenda for December 13, 2021 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

5. Proclamations/Delegations

5.1 Salvation Army Week

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

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

Resolved that all the items listed under date December 13, 2021 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda item 6.9 be approved as recommended.

Carried

6.1 2022 Borrowing By-laws

The report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2021-222 and 2021-223 appear under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.2 2022 Council Meeting Schedule (Revised)

The report of the City Clerk was received by Council.

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

Resolved that the report of the City Clerk dated December 13, 2022 concerning revised 2022 Council meeting schedule be received and that the revised schedule be approved.

Carried

6.3 Development of Active Transportation Master Plan

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 December 13, 2021 be received and the proposal submitted by WSP Canada Inc. for the provision of Development of Active Transportation Master Plan with proposed fees of \$136,876 plus HST as outlined in their proposal as submitted, as required by Planning Division be approved.

Carried

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

6.4 Professional Services – Assessment and Property Taxation Support

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated December 13, 2021 be received and the proposal submitted by MTAG for the provision of services for Assessment and Taxation support on an as required basis commencing January 2022 for a three year period (with the option for up to two additional years by mutual agreement), as required by Finance (Taxation) be approved.

Carried

6.5 Downtown Safety Initiatives Funding Request

A report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated December 13, 2021 concerning Downtown Safety Initiatives Funding be received and that Council approve the use of the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund in the amount of \$21,508 and an expenditure of up to \$181,805 from the Community Development Fund to support the implementation of a one-year pilot program to improve downtown safety and security which includes a Downtown Ambassador program and night time security patrols.

Carried

6.6 Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore – Additional Donation in Support of Rosedale Park

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

The relevant By-law 2021-211 appears under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.7 Tourism Sault Ste. Marie 2022 Budget

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Director Tourism and Community Development dated December 13, 2021 concerning allocation of Municipal Accommodation Tax funds for the Tourism Sault Ste. Marie 2022 budget be received and that Council approve the use of the \$763,788 as follows:

Group sales, travel and training	\$36,600
Materials and supplies	\$26,500
Marketing and promotion	\$355,238
Bid support	\$40,000
General development	\$270,000
Membership fees / subscriptions	\$35,450
Total	\$763,788

Carried

6.8 Amendment to Firearms By-law 08-168

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated December 13, 2021 be received and that the request of the Soo Finish Nordic Ski Club concerning an amendment to Firearms By-law 2008-168 be approved; further that the Legal Department be requested to prepare the necessary by-law to effect the same.

Carried

6.10 Film Industry Support Community Development Fund and Tourism Development Fund Application

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

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

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated December 13, 2021 be received and Council approve applications to the Economic Development Program of \$100,000 and Tourism Development Fund of \$100,000.00 over a two-year period to support the extension of the Film, Television and Digital Media position and associated marketing and attraction efforts.

Carried

6.11 New Horizons for Seniors – Grant Application 2022

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

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

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated December 13, 2021 concerning New Horizons for Seniors Grant Application be received and that staff be authorized to apply to Employment and Social Development Canada for funding to support active healthy lifestyle programming.

Carried

6.12 2022 Arts and Culture Assistance Grants

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated December 13, 2021 concerning the 2022 Arts and Culture Assistance Program Grants be received and that the two Arts and Culture Assistance Program funding streams be merged into one funding stream;

Further that the following grants be approved:

1. Algoma Conservatory of Music – \$16,286
2. Algoma Festival Choir – \$2,971
3. Thinking Rock Community Arts – \$6,175
4. Fringe North International Theatre Festival – \$19,264
5. Friends of Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site – \$5,956
6. Adam Francis Proulx – \$2,933

7. Living History Algoma – \$7,693
8. Shadows of the Mind Film Festival – \$3,845
9. Strawberry Moon Collective (Ode Imin Geezis) – \$903
10. Indian Friendship Centre – \$4,362
11. Sault Symphony Orchestra – \$6,650

Carried

6.13 Designated Heritage Property Tax Rebates 2021

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated December 13, 2021 concerning Designated Heritage Property Tax Rebates be received and that the recommendation of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee that the designated heritage property tax rebates for the 2020 tax year be paid to the qualified owners of the following designated heritage properties be approved:

- 875 Queen Street – Forest Insect Laboratory
- 69 Church Street – Air Service Hangar
- 10 Kensington Terrace, Unit #1- Upton House
- 10 Kensington Terrace, Unit #2 – Upton House
- 10 Kensington Terrace, Unit #3- Upton House
- 193 Pim Street – Wellington Square Townhouses
- 189 Pim Street – Wellington Square Townhouses
- 191 Pim Street – Wellington Square Townhouses
- 242 - 246 Queen Street East – Hussey Block
- 864 Queen St. East – Algonquin Hotel
- 1035 Queen St. East
- 358 – 356 Queen Street – Barnes/ Fawcett Block
- 143 McGregor Avenue
- 1164 Queen St. East
- 36 Herrick Street
- 780 Wellington
- 83 Huron Street – Machine Shop
- 115 Upton Rd

Carried

6.14 Northern Avenue at Sackville Road Intersection – Crossing Guard Study

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

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated December 13, 2021 concerning Northern Avenue at Sackville Road Intersection Crossing Guard Study be received as information.

Carried

6.15 Demolition – 149 Gore Street

The report of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Works and Engineering Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Works and Engineering Services dated December 13, 2021 concerning Demolition – 149 Gore Street be received and that the \$400,000 demolition cost be approved.

Carried

6.9 Tourism Development Fund Application – Downtown Plaza

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated December 13, 2021 concerning the Downtown Plaza Tourism Development Fund application be received and that the recommendation of the Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors to allocate \$50,000 be approved.

	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	8	3	0
			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 AIM Recycling

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Whereas residents in the area of AIM Recycling on Carpin Beach Road have registered numerous complaints with AIM Recycling, City Councillors and staff as well as the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) concerning issues with the operations at the site, including but not exclusive to noise, emissions, site plan control and traffic; and

Whereas the Ministry and AIM Recycling are working on an Environmental Approval process that should address some of the issues but take a lengthy time to be completed; and

Whereas a number of Ontario municipalities control some aspects of salvage yard operations through business licensing by-laws; and

Whereas the move by Algoma Steel Inc. to electric arc steelmaking will result in an increased need for scrap metal as an input and may result in increased salvage/metal processing operations in Sault Ste. Marie;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff review whether a business licensing approach can be used to address some of the concerns noted by residents in the area of AIM Recycling and, by extension, the community at large concerning existing or future salvage/metal processing operations.

	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

8.2 Taxi Licensing

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen
 Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie has a by-law that regulates and licences the operation of vehicles for hire (taxi service) within Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service is responsible for the enforcement of the by-law; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie issues the licences approved in accord with the by-law; and

Whereas there is some concern about licenced operators complying with the by-law, specifically, the provisions that relate to the requirement of wheelchair accessible taxi service; and

Whereas City Council wants to ensure that the by-law is being properly administered and believes the administration thereof and the parties responsible for said administration should be assessed;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council directs the CAO, in conjunction with Sault Ste. Marie Police Service, to undertake whatever steps they collective determine appropriate to assess how the administration and enforcement of the by-law is operating as between the City and Sault Ste. Marie Police Service and make a recommendation to Council on how the by-law should be administered on a going forward basis.

	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

- 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 M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date December 13, 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 2021-211 (Agreement) The Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation playground equipment Rosedale Park

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2021-211 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and The Kiwanis Club for Lakeshore Foundation for the playground equipment for Rosedale Park be passed in open Council this 13th day of December, 2021.

Carried

11.1.2 By-law 2021-222 (Financing) Borrowing Current Expenditures

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2021-222 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 be passed in open Council this 13th day of December, 2021.

Carried

11.1.3 By-law 2021-223 (Financing) Borrowing Capital Expenditures

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2021-223 being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of \$15,000,000 to finance capital expenditures for short and long term purposes for The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and \$6,200,000 for the Public Utilities Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 13th day of December, 2021.

Carried

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 2021-227 (Local Improvement) Passchendaele Lane from Northern Ave East to Prince Drive

Moved by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that By-law 2021-227 being a by-law to authorize the construction of Class "A" pavement on Passchendaele Lane from Northern Avenue East to Princeton Drive under Section 3 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Ontario Regulation 586/06 be read a FIRST and SECOND time this 13th day of December, 2021.

Carried

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 S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss one item relating to the security of property of the municipality; one item that is a trade secret; and two items relating to a plan to be applied to negotiations

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 section 239(2)(a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board; (j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; and (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board)

Carried

14. Adjournment

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Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

“Christian Provenzano”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk