



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 10, 2022

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, D. Elliott, D. McConnell, B. Lamming, T. Anderson, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, by video conference)

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 13, 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 P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the Agenda for January 10, 2022 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

5. Proclamations/Delegations

5.1 Crime Stoppers Month

5.2 Christmas Lighting Awards

5.3 Future SSM Update

Travis Anderson, Director of Tourism and Community Development was in attendance.

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

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that all the items listed under date January 10, 2022 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

Carried

6.1 Outstanding Council Resolutions

6.2 Downtown Weekend Street Closures

A report of the Deputy City Clerk was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Deputy City Clerk dated January 10, 2022 concerning Downtown Weekend Street Closures be received as information.

Carried

6.3 Civic Centre Blinds – Project Scope Revision to include Phase II

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

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated January 10, 2022 concerning Civic Centre Blinds be received and the request to expand the scope of the project to complete the building (Phase II) utilizing funds from within the remaining approved 2021 Capital funding be approved.

Carried

6.4 John Rhodes Pool Boiler System – Increase Project Budget

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated January 10, 2022 concerning Pool Boiler System repairs be received and the request to increase the project budget to value of low quoted bid be approved.

Carried

6.5 Outside Agency Grant Agreements 2022

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

The relevant By-laws 2022-2, 2022-3, 2022-4, 2022-5 and 2022-6 appear under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.6 FutureSSM Project Update

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated January 10, 2022 concerning update for the FutureSSM project be received as information.

Carried

6.7 Tourism Development Fund Application – The Beaver Freezer Marathon

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated January 10, 2022 concerning Tourism Development applications for the Beaver Freezer Marathon be received and that the recommendation of the Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Board to allocate \$6,200 be approved.

Carried

6.8 New Development Cost Options

The report of the Planning Director was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Planning Director dated January 10, 2022 concerning New Development Cost Options be received as information.

Carried

6.9 Municipal Assessment Growth

The report of the Planning Director was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Planning Director dated January 10, 2022 concerning Municipal Assessment Growth be received as information.

Carried

6.10 Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated January 10, 2022 concerning Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund be received and that the resurfacing of Second Line West between Korah Road and Allen's Side Road be identified as the City's candidate project for the NORDS funding program.

Carried

6.11 Deeming By-law – Belvue Estates Subdivision, Plan 1M461 (Biasucci)

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

The relevant By-law 2022-9 appears under item 11 of the Minutes.

7. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees

7.1 Administration

7.1.1 COVID Update

The report of the CAO was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the CAO dated January 10, 2022 concerning COVID update 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

7.2 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 Hub Trail Connection – Old West End

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Whereas at the November 15, 2021 City Council meeting, Council approved a re-configuration of the Hub Trail in the area of Queen Street and Andrew Street; and

Whereas since 2018 the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie has been discussing a Hub Trail connection to the Old West End and James Street area; and

Whereas a number of expansions or re-alignments of the Hub Trail have been brought before City Council since 2018 but a Hub Trail connection to the Old West End and James Street area has not yet been brought before City Council; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie is undertaking an active transportation master plan at this time;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council declare the Old West End and James Street area connection to be the highest priority for future spending on the Hub Trail and direct staff to prepare a route for such a connection in anticipation of available funding.

	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

8.2 Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – Northern Ontario School of Medicine Support

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor D. Hilsinger

Whereas the life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and one person in eight across the North does not have access to a family doctor, and this represents the failure of health care in Northern Ontario; and

Whereas these Northern Ontario communities advocate for equitable health care, especially for under-served rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities in Northern Ontario; and

Whereas finding ways to encourage more physicians and health care professionals to stay and work in Northern communities is contributing to a crisis for citizens in the North; and

Whereas, although highly successful at providing doctors for Northern Ontario, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) has fewer health care professionals' spots than the rest of Ontario medical schools and it would take at minimum, five NOSM graduating classes at sixty-four physicians per year to address the current shortage,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that, with the announcement of NOSM becoming a free-standing University, the City of Sault Ste. Marie wishes to strongly request that the Provincial Government and the Ontario Medical Association immediately expand NOSM's capacity to meet the needs of Northern Ontario, with added MD positions, residency positions (PGY 1, 3 and 4) and clinical teaching funding to the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association; and

Further that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliott, MPP Ross Romano, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Medical Association, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

	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

8.3 Downtown Parking

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Whereas on January 5, 2022, the provincial government entered Stage II COVID restrictions requiring, among other things, the closure of indoor dining, and reduced capacity in retail settings until at least January 26, 2022; and

Whereas in past lockdowns, the City of Sault Ste. Marie has waived parking fees downtown in an effort to assist business in the downtown core to the greatest degree possible;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie waive downtown paid parking until the provincial restrictions on businesses are lifted.

	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 P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date January 10, 2022 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 2022-1 (Traffic) Amendments to Traffic By-law 77-200

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2022-1 being a by-law to consolidate amendments to Traffic By-law 77-200 be passed in open Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

Carried

11.1.2 By-law 2022-2 (Agreement) Algoma University Funding

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2022-2 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Algoma University for a grant in the amount of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars for activities undertaken to attract international students to Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

Carried

11.1.3 By-law 2022-3 (Agreement) Soo Arena Association (o/a Soo Pee Wee Arena) Funding

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2022-3 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Soo Arena Association (o/a Soo Pee Wee Arena) for a grant equal to the total annual municipal and education property taxes for the Residential class assessed value once taxes are paid in full be passed in open Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

Carried

11.1.4 By-law 2022-4 (Agreement) The Art Gallery of Algoma Funding

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2022-4 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and The Art Gallery of Algoma for a grant in the amount of Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Five (\$280,785) Dollars to assist with the provision of art and culture to the residents of Sault Ste. Marie and other visitors be passed in open Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

Carried

11.1.5 By-law 2022-5 (Agreement) Bushplane Heritage Grant Agreement

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2022-5 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and The Ontario Bushplane Heritage and Forest Fire Education Centre o/a The Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre for a grant in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand (\$175,000) Dollars to assist with the collection, preservation and exhibits of bushplanes and related material to promote public understanding of their historic significance, as well as a centre for research and information on bushplane and forest fire fighting heritage be passed in open Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

Carried

11.1.6 By-law 2022-6 (Agreement) Museum 49th Field Regiment Grant

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2022-6 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Sault Ste. Marie and 49th Field Regiment R.C.A. Historical Society for a grant up to Two Hundred Sixty Thousand (\$260,000) Dollars to assist with the collection, preservation, study and exhibits of the history of the people and the development of Sault Ste. Marie and immediate surrounding area to be passed in open Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

Carried

11.1.7 By-law 2022-7 (Elections) Voting Technology

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2022-7 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 herein by the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario for Voting Technology be passed in open Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

Carried

11.1.8 By-law 2022-8 (Elections) Hardware and Software

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2022-8 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. for rental Hardware and Dominion Software be passed in open Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

Carried

11.1.9 By-law 2022-9 (Subdivision Control) Belvue Estates (Biasucci)

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2022-9 being a by-law to deem not registered for purposes of subdivision control certain lots in the Belvue Estates Subdivision, pursuant to section 50(4) of the *Planning Act* be passed in open Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

Carried

11.1.10 By-law 2022-10 (Taxes) Interim Tax Levies

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2022-10 being a by-law to provide for Interim Tax Levies be passed in open Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

Carried

11.1.11 By-law 2022-11 (Engineering) Reconstruction Bloor Street West

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2022-11 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and AECOM Canada Ltd. for the reconstruction of Bloor Street West with proposed fees of Two Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred (\$235,500.00) Dollars plus HST be passed in open Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

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 S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss one item 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 matter without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

(Municipal Act section 239(2)(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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

“Christian Provenzano”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk