



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 2022
4:30 pm
Council Chambers
Civic Centre

Present: Councillor M. Shoemaker, Councillor S. Hollingsworth, Councillor S. Spina, Councillor L. Dufour, Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen (by video), Councillor A. Caputo, Councillor R. Zagordo, Councillor M. Bruni, Councillor S. Kinach, Councillor C. Gardi, Councillor M. Scott

Officials: M. White, R. Tyczinski, L. Girardi, T. Vair, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, N. Ottolino, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, T. Anderson, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, P. Tonazzo, C. Rumiel, J. King, L. Petrocco, D. Perri, V. McLeod, F. Pozzebon

14. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to consider two items subject to solicitor-client privilege;

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)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege)

Carried

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 21, 2022 be approved.

Carried

3. Questions and Information Arising Out of the Minutes and not Otherwise on the Agenda

Mayor Shoemaker opened the meeting with condolences on the passing of former City Councillor and member of the Committee of Adjustment Art Gualazzi.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4.1 Councillor S. Spina – Security Services – Ronald A. Irwin Civic Centre

Employer has a security contract with City

4.2 Councillor S. Spina – Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Appointment

Employer has a contract with the City

4.3 Councillor S. Spina – By-law 2022-196 (Parking) Amend By-law 90-305 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers

Employer has a contract with the City

5. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the Agenda for December 12, 2022 City Council Meeting and Addendum #1 as presented be approved.

Carried

6. Proclamations/Delegations

6.1 Elettra Marconi Society 90th Anniversary

Ida Simon, President, was in attendance.

6.2 Community Christmas for Children

6.3 Community Development Award

Liza Scali and Mike Fiore were in attendance representing the Tap Room. Rebecca Evans, Chair of the Community Development Award Committee was in attendance.

6.4 Update on 941 and 995 Queen Street East

Italo Ferrari, property owner, was in attendance.

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that all the items listed under date December 12, 2022 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda items 7.4 and 7.16 be approved as recommended.

Carried

7.1 2023 Borrowing By-laws

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

The relevant By-laws 2022-184 and 2022-185 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.2 Third Quarter Financial Report – September 30, 2022

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Finance dated December 12, 2022 concerning Third Quarter Financial Report – September 30, 2022 be received as information.

Carried

7.3 2023 User Fees

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

The relevant By-law 2022-189 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.5 Security Services – Ronald A. Irwin Civic Centre

Councillor S. Spina declared a conflict on this item. (Employer has a security contract with City)

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated December 12, 2022 concerning Security Services – Ronald A. Irwin Civic Centre be received and that the Commissionaires Ottawa be approved to provide the services as required by the Building Services Division (contract to commence January 31, 2023 for a period of three years with an option to renew for up to two additional years).

Carried

7.6 Tenders for Automotive Supplies

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated December 12, 2022 concerning Tender for Automotive Supplies be received and that tenders for the supply and delivery for an initial 15-month term commencing January 1, 2023 with the option to renew for up to four one-year periods by mutual agreement be approved as follows:

- Automotive fasteners, MSC Direct Industrial Supply, Mississauga ON;
- Automotive filters, Reyco Automotive, Sault Ste. Marie ON;
- Automotive protective lighting, Traction, Sault Ste. Marie ON; and
- Automotive batteries, Atlas Auto Parts, Sault Ste. Marie ON.

Carried

7.7 Downtown Activation

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated December 12, 2022 concerning Downtown Activation be received and that Council refer consideration of expanded downtown activation resources to the 2023 budget.

Carried

7.8 Downtown Ambassador Program Expansion

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated December 12, 2022 concerning expansion of the Downtown Ambassador program and the Downtown Safety Initiatives be received and that the continuation of the Ambassador Program and service level be referred to the 2023 Budget.

Carried

7.9 Designated Heritage Property Tax Rebates 2022

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated December 12, 2022 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 2021 tax year be paid to the qualified owners of designated heritage properties enrolled in the program be approved.

Carried

7.10 Designated Heritage Property Grant – 36 Herrick Street Stair Restoration

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated December 12, 2022 concerning Designated Heritage Property Grant – 36 Herrick Street Stair Restoration be received and that a grant in the amount of \$300 to support the replacement of front stairs at 34-36 Herrick Street be approved.

Carried

7.11 Public Art Project Funding – Downtown Plaza Indigenous Screen

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation dated December 12, 2022 concerning Public Art Projects Funding – Downtown Plaza Indigenous Screen be received and that

\$40,000 in funding from the Community Development Fund – Public Art Reserve to support public art projects be approved.

Carried

7.12 Tourism Development Fund Applications – Hogan’s Homestead and Art Gallery of Algoma

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated December 12, 2022 concerning Tourism Development Fund applications be received and that the recommendation of the Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors to allocate \$84,000 be approved for the following projects:

- Hogan’s Homestead Sweetest Destination (\$50,000); and
- Art Gallery of Algoma Feasibility Study (\$34,000).

Carried

7.13 Everett Street Parking Prohibition

The report of the Manager of Traffic and Communications was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Traffic and Communications dated December 12, 2022 concerning Everett Street Parking Prohibition be received and that the Legal Department be directed to draft the appropriate modifications to By-law 77-200 Schedule-A to be brought back to Council at a later date.

Carried

7.14 2023 Aqueduct Repairs – Engineering Consultant Selection

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Services and Design Engineer dated December 12, 2022 concerning 2023 Aqueduct Repairs – Engineering Consultant Selection be received and that design and contract administration services be awarded to Tulloch Engineering.

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

Carried

7.15 Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Appointment

Councillor S. Spina declared a conflict on this item. (Employer has a contract with the City)

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

The relevant By-law 2022-196 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.17 Prince Township Building Inspection Agreement

The report of the Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2022-179 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.4 Property Tax Appeal – 145 Old Garden River Road

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Taxation dated December 12, 2022 concerning the property tax appeal for 145 Old Garden River Road be received and that tax records be amended pursuant to section 357 of the *Municipal Act* effective January 1, 2022.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			

Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

7.16 Waste Management – Sale of Recycling Carts to GFL

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

The relevant By-law 2022-198 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour
 Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Director of Public Works dated December 12, 2022 concerning sale of recycling carts to GFL be received and that Council approve the revenue be directed to a Property Demolition Fund, the criteria for said fund to be established at the direction of a future Council resolution.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

8. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees

8.1 Administration

8.2 Corporate Services

8.3 Community Development and Enterprise Services

8.4 Public Works and Engineering Services

8.4.1 Strategies for Managing Traffic Speed Update

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

Councillors Bruni, Caputo, Hollingsworth and Kinach indicated interest in serving on this task force.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Services and Design Engineer dated December 12, 2022 concerning Strategies for Managing Traffic Speed Update be received and that Councillors M. Bruni and S. Hollingsworth, two representatives from the Police Service, the Deputy CAO, Public Works and Engineering Services, the Director of Public Works, Manager of Traffic and Communications, Director of Engineering, Municipal Services and Design Engineer and the Corporate Communications Officer be appointed to the Speed Management Task Force.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			

Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

8.5 Fire Services

8.6 Legal

8.6.1 Update on 941 and 995 Queen Street East Properties

Halo Ferrari was in attendance representing the property owner.

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor and the Chief Building Official dated December 12, 2022 concerning the properties at 941 Queen Street East and 995 Queen Street East be received as information in response to the Council resolution of November 21, 2022.

Further be it resolved that, as it pertains to the buildings located at 941 and 995 Queen Street East, since the City is not in a financial position to move beyond the current enforcement measures, that staff continue to seek funds in order to further such enforcement, which may include demolition, and report to Council once financially able to.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0

Carried

8.7 Planning

8.7.1 A-13-22-Z.OP 400 Second Line West (Steve Ficociello)

The report of the Planner was received by Council.

Steve Ficociello was in attendance representing the applicant. Mark Lepore, Counsel for the applicant, was in attendance

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Planner dated December 12, 2022 concerning Application A-13-22-Z.OP be received and that Council approve this application in the following manner:

Amend the Official Plan by re-designating 400 Second Line West from Residential to Commercial on the Land Use Map (Schedule C) – map change.

Amend the Special Exception By-law by removing 400 Second Line West from the text and map of S.351.

Rezone 400 Second Line West from Medium Density Residential Zone (R4.351 H) with Special Exception 351 and subject to a Holding Provision, to General Commercial Zone (C4.S), with the following new Special Exceptions to replace S.351:

1. Increase the maximum gross floor area for office uses outside of the Downtown from 300 to 500 square meters.
2. Prohibit fuel sales, motor vehicle sales and parts dealers, and motor vehicle repair and maintenance.

Further that Council deem 400 Second Line West subject to Site Plan Control;

Further that Council deem the lot known as 400 Second Line West to not be a lot on a draft plan of subdivision (subdivision file reference 57T-15-501).

And that the Legal Department be requested to draft the necessary by-laws to effect the same.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			

Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

8.7.2 Affordable Housing Task Force and First Neighbourhoods Community Improvement Plan

The report of the Senior Planner was received by Council.

Councillors Caputo and Dufour indicated an interest in serving on this task force.

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Senior Planner, dated December 12, 2022, concerning the Affordable Housing Task Force be received, and that City Council appoint Councillor A. Caputo and Councillor L. Dufour to participate on the Task Force as well as the Director of Planning, the Senior Planner, the Coordinator of Plans Examinations, the Chief Financial Officer, and one representative from each of the DSSAB, Ontario Aboriginal Housing, Community Living Algoma, Habitat for Humanity and one local developer to be recruited by the task force.

Further, that Council authorize the Affordable Housing Task Force to bring forward a recommendation on amending the Housing Policies to a future Council meeting.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			

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Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

8.8 Boards and Committees

8.8.1 Community Development Award 2022 – The Tap Room – 62 Pim Street

The report of the Senior Planning Technician was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Senior Planning Technician dated December 12, 2022 concerning the 2022 Community Development Award be received and that Council present the 2022 Community Development Award to The Tap Room, located at 62 Pim Street.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			

Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

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

9.1 Supervised Consumption Site

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie continues to suffer higher than average overdose and fatality rates from the opioid addictions epidemic that is severely challenging our community; and

Whereas the rates of emergency room visits and deaths in Sault Ste. Marie related to opioid use and abuse are significantly higher compared to the provincial average. In 2021, the emergency room visit rate was 138 per 100,000 people locally compared to the provincial average of 86 per 100,000 people, and the death rate was 64 per 100,000 locally compared to 21 per 100,000 people provincially; and

Whereas studies have shown that supervised consumption sites can offer benefits to drug users, which include:

- attracting high-risk, marginalized users
- management of overdose and decreased mortality
- enhancement of safe injecting practices
- decreased public drug use and improved public amenity
- increased uptake of treatment and other healthcare and social services
- prevention of transmission of blood-borne diseases and the associated economic benefits from it; and

Whereas there has been no evidence linking existing supervised consumption sites to either an:

- increase in crime, or
- increase in drug use or related risks; and

Whereas Sudbury and Timmins have developed supervised consumption sites and the services that are available to drug users in other northern Ontario communities should be available in our community; and

Whereas there is a process to follow to develop a supervised consumption site, which includes municipal approvals, provincial approvals and federal approvals;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to review the process for the establishment of a supervised consumption site, including what applications need to be completed, the steps municipalities must take, if any, before those applications are completed, whether the municipality should spearhead the efforts to develop a supervised consumption site or whether such efforts should be undertaken by community partners, and the next steps required by the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie to advance the desire of Council to have a supervised consumption site operate within our community.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

9.2 Bill 3

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi
 Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Whereas the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has passed Bill 3 which was described as "*An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council*"; and

Whereas this Bill initially applies to the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa, but will later be expanded to include other municipalities according to statements made by the Premier; and

Whereas this Bill gives mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly takes away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and includes giving the mayor

the authority to propose and adopt the municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council; and

Whereas this Bill gives authority over professional staff to the mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer; and

Whereas these changes will inevitably lead to a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to City Council and the public and will now take direction from the mayor alone when the mayor so directs; and

Whereas these are unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Mayor Shoemaker be requested to write a letter to Premier Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, and Member of Provincial Parliament Ross Romano articulating Sault Ste. Marie City Council’s objection to these changes and that these changes not be implemented beyond the cities of Toronto and Ottawa, as they are detrimental to smaller municipalities by degrading the democratic process inherent to duly elected City Councils of municipalities across Ontario.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

9.3 Stop Sign – Bainbridge Street and Northern Avenue

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach
Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas Council's goal is to have safe residential areas, streets, and overall community safety; and

Whereas traffic is steadily increasing on Bainbridge Street year by year; and

Whereas aggressive driving has increased in Sault Ste. Marie over the past few years; and

Whereas there is currently a yield sign at the intersection of Northern Avenue and Bainbridge Street;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to report back to City Council regarding converting the yield sign at Northern Avenue and Bainbridge Street to a stop sign.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

9.4 Cycling

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie continues to be committed to increasing the use of active transportation and the active transportation infrastructure in our community; and

Whereas bike lanes offer a lane of traffic for the safe operation of bicycles on roadways; and
Whereas the number of individuals engaging in active transportation across all seasons in Sault Ste. Marie continues to increase year by year; and

Whereas studies have shown that active transportation networks can offer several health environmental and traffic benefits, which include:

- Reduced carbon emissions
- Increased mobility for citizens
- Reduced vehicle traffic
- Physical and mental health benefits for citizens
- Economic benefits for families by providing transportation options that do not require gasoline
- Increasing the connectivity of our community to spark tourism and provide a higher quality of life; and

Whereas the *Highway Traffic Act* of Ontario provides rules of the road for the safe travel of all vehicles on the roadway: and

Whereas the *Highway Traffic Act* of Ontario requires slower moving vehicles to travel as far to the right on the roadway as safely possible; and

Whereas bicycles meet the definition of vehicle under the *Highway Traffic Act* Ontario and are therefore subject to all rules of the road as set out by the Act; and

Whereas bicycles are often operated at a speed that is slower than traffic around them, often requiring them to use bike lanes to stay as far to the right as safely possible on roadways; and

Whereas section 52(b) of city of Sault Ste. Marie By-law 77-200 currently prohibits the use of bicycles in bike lanes on roadways in Sault Ste. Marie from November 1st each year to April 30th the following year

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to review by law 77-200 section 52(b) prohibiting the use of bicycles in bike lanes between November 1st each year and April 30th the following year to consider repealing that section of the by-law and have it replaced with information consistent with the *Highway Traffic Act* of Ontario and to notify Council of any additional steps Council and community partners may consider taking to allow for the safe operation of bicycles year-round within our community.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			

Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

9.5 Reduction or Refunds of Taxes – Sickness or Extreme Poverty

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour
 Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas the municipality wishes to make home ownership accessible to the broadest swath of its residents; and

Whereas once a resident owns a home, there are benefits to the municipality in keeping residents in their homes; and

Whereas there are occasions where residents, due to unforeseeable circumstances, are temporarily unable to pay property taxes; and

Whereas municipalities throughout Ontario have implemented by-laws to reduce or refund property taxes in cases of sickness or extreme poverty, under s.357(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and

Whereas under s.357(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, either City staff can review the personal circumstances for the exemption requested, or Council can delegate such authority to the Assessment Review Board;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to return to Council with a proposed by-law authorizing the tax relief under s.357(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* for those in extreme poverty or sickness, and that staff further delegate the authority to review the personal circumstances for those seeking an exemption under said by-law to the Assessment Review Board.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

9.6 Environmental Co-Investment Fund

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour
 Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Whereas many areas of Downtown Sault Ste. Marie were previously reclaimed industrial lands that were cleaned up and re-purposed by previous Councils; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie does not currently have a budget allocation for environmental remediation; and

Whereas the previous term of Council saw significant advancements in preparing the Gateway property for redevelopment, including the removal of the railroad, the acquisition of land fronting Bay Street and the pending relocation of the Mill Market building; and

Whereas there exist other properties along the St Marys River in need of remediation; and

Whereas our major industrial partners in Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma Steel Inc. and Tenaris have recently embarked on generational investments into their Sault Ste. Marie operations;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Mayor be requested to approach local industrial partners to explore the concept of an Environmental Remediation Co-Investment Fund. This

fund could be a way for legacy industries to help clean up prior areas of operation and for the City to leverage non-tax sources to help prepare these lands for constructive redevelopment.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

9.7 Surface Water Monitoring Program

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour
 Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie is currently lobbying to be the chosen site for the Canada Water Agency; and

Whereas the City of Hamilton has recently begun a surface water monitoring program that aims to establish baseline levels for local surface water; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie has a sewer use and control by-law, but lacks sufficient resources for its enforcement and background historical data to inform potential infractions; and

Whereas the recently constituted Environmental Sustainability Committee has the community representation and mandate from Council to help advise on the need and methods available for a surface water monitoring program;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff work with the Environmental Sustainability Committee, PUC Inc., and Innovation Centre to report to Council on how to propose and develop a surface water quality monitoring program for the City of Sault Ste. Marie that samples current and past outlets into the St Mary’s River to provide baseline data to Provincial enforcement agencies.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0

Carried

10. Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Such Matters as are Referred to it by the Council by Resolution

11. Adoption of Report of the Committee of the Whole

12. Consideration and Passing of By-laws

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
 Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that all By-laws under item 12 of the Agenda under date December 12, 2022 save and except By-law 2022-196 be approved.

Carried

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

12.1.1 By-law 2022-179 (Agreement) Prince Township Building Inspection Services

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-179 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and The Corporation of the Township of Prince for building inspection services be passed in open Council this 12th day of December, 2022.

Carried

12.1.2 By-law 2022-184 (Financing) Current Expenditures

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-184 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 be passed in open Council this 12th day of December, 2022.

Carried

12.1.3 By-law 2022-185 (Financing) Borrowing Capital Expenditures

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-185 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 12th day of December, 2022.

Carried

12.1.4 By-law 2022-189 (Finance) User Fees

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-189 being a by-law to establish user fees and service charges be passed in open Council this 12th day of December, 2022.

Carried

12.1.5 By-law 2022-190 (Zoning) 384 Bush Street (Wolfpack Properties Corporation c/o Bryce Fairburn)

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-190 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 384 Bush Street (Wolfpack Properties Corporation c/o Bryce Fairburn) be passed in open Council this 12th day of December, 2022.

Carried

12.1.6 By-law 2022-191 (Heritage Designation) 119 Woodward Avenue

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-191 being a by-law to designate civic 119 Woodward Avenue as being of architectural or historic value or interest be passed in open Council this 12th day of December 2022.

Carried

12.1.8 By-law 2022-197 (Agreement) Northern Community Centre Lease to ADSB (Algoma District School Board)

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-197 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and The Algoma District School Board for the leasing of space at the expanded Northern Community Centre be passed in open Council this 12th day of December, 2022.

Carried

12.1.9 By-law 2022-198 (Agreement) Sale of Recycling Carts to GFL

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-198 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and GFL Environmental Inc. for the sale of recycling carts be passed in open Council this 12th day of December, 2022.

Carried

12.1.9.1 Replacement page 2 of Agreement

12.2 By-laws before Council for FIRST and SECOND reading which do not require more than a simple majority

12.2.1 By-law 2022-192 (Local Improvements) Biggings Avenue from Queen Street East to Wellington Street East

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-192 being a by-law to authorize the construction of Class "A" pavement on Biggings Avenue from Queen Street East to Wellington Street East under Section 3 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Ontario Regulation 586/06 be passed in open Council this 12th day of December, 2022.

Carried

12.2.2 By-law 2022-193 (Local Improvements) Wemyss Street from Pim Street to Trelawne Avenue

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-193 being a by-law to authorize the construction of Class "A" pavement on Wemyss Street from Pim Street to Trelawne Avenue under Section 3 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Ontario Regulation 586/06 be read a FIRST and SECOND time and passed in open Council this 12th day of December, 2022.

Carried

12.2.3 By-law 2022-194 (Local Improvements) Blake Street from McNabb Street to Wawanosh Avenue

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-194 being a by-law to authorize the construction of Class "A" pavement on Blake Street from McNabb Street to Wawanosh Avenue under Section 3 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Ontario Regulation 586/06 be read a FIRST and SECOND time and passed in open Council this 12th day of December, 2022.

Carried

12.2.4 By-law 2022-195 (Local Improvement) Stanley Street from Pine Street to Elizabeth Street

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-195 being a by-law to authorize the construction of Class "A" pavement on Stanley Street from Pine Street to Elizabeth Street under Section 3 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Ontario Regulation 586/06 be read a FIRST AND SECOND time and passed in open Council this 12th day of December, 2022.

Carried

12.3 By-laws before Council for THIRD reading which do not require more than a simple majority

12. Consideration and Passing of By-laws

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

12.1.7 By-law 2022-196 (Parking) Amend By-law 90-305 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers

Councillor S. Spina declared a conflict on this item. (Employer has a contract with the City)

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2022-196 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 12th day of December, 2022.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina			X	
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	10	0	1	0

Carried

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

Councillor L. Dufour reported orally to Council with respect to activities with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

“Matthew Shoemaker”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk