



## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 31, 2023

5:00 pm

Council Chambers and Video Conference

Present: Mayor M. Shoemaker, Councillor S. Hollingsworth, Councillor S. Spina, Councillor L. Dufour, Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen (by zoom until approximately 8:40 p.m.), Councillor A. Caputo, Councillor R. Zagordo, Councillor M. Bruni, Councillor S. Kinach, Councillor C. Gardi, Councillor M. Scott

Officials: M. White, R. Tyczinski, T. Vair, K. Fields, S. Schell, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, P. Tonazzo, C. Rumiell, S. Facey, S. Zuppa, J. Rogers, J. Kircal, A. Kenopic, J. Ricard

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1. **Land Acknowledgement**

2. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 10, 2023 be approved.

**Carried**

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

4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**4.1 Councillor S. Spina – Downtown Security Patrols**

Employer is contracted by the City.

**5. Approve Agenda as Presented**

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the Agenda for July 31, 2023 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

**Carried**

**6. Presentations**

**6.1 Homelessness Update**

Mike Nadeau, Executive Director, Sault Ste. Marie District Social Services Administration Board; Annette Katajamaki, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Mental Health Association Algoma; Dorothy Coad, Niigaaniin Services were in attendance.

**6.2 Queen Street Value Management Opportunities**

Carl Rumiell, Director of Engineering was in attendance.

**6.2.1 Downtown Association**

Nicholas Rosset, Chair was in attendance.

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that all the items listed under date July 31, 2023 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

**Carried**

**7.1 Second Quarter Financial Report – June 30, 2023**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Finance dated July 31, 2023 concerning Second Quarter Financial Report to June 30, 2023 be received as information

**Carried**

## **7.2 Seniors Active Living Transit Pilot**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Director, Community Services dated July 31, 2023, concerning the Seniors Active Living Transit Pilot be received and that the six month pilot be approved.

**Carried**

## **7.3 Tales from the Void: Noise By-Law 4100 Exemption**

Two reports of the Film, TV and Digital Media Coordinator were received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2023-132 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

## **7.4 Tourism Development Fund Applications – June and July 2023**

The report of the Manager of Travel and Tourism was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Travel and Tourism dated July 31, 2023 concerning Tourism Development Fund Applications for June and July 2023 be received and that the recommendation of the Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors to allocate \$9,000 as detailed below be approved:

1. Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre Holiday Craft Show – \$5,000
2. APR Welding Academy Welding Competition – \$2,000
3. ARCH Great Bucket List Cycle – \$2,000

**Carried**

## **7.5 Multi-Year Replacement Plan – Small Engine Machinery**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO of Public Works and Engineering Services dated July 31, 2023 concerning the feasibility of replacing any small engine equipment with electric small engine equipment as it reaches the end of useful life be received as information.

**Carried**

**7.6 Sault Ste. Marie Housing Needs Assessment 2023-2025**

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

Mark Menean was in attendance to provide comments to Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated July 31, 2023 concerning the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Needs Assessment 2023-2025 be received and that staff be directed to submit an application to the CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund.

**Carried**

**7.7 Notice of Circular Material Ontario's Recycling Contractor for Sault Ste. Marie – GFL**

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Director of Public Works dated July 31, 2023 concerning further details about the transition of the City's recycling program and the notification of the contract between Circular Materials Ontario and GFL Environmental Inc. for all recycling services in Sault Ste. Marie following the City's transition date of September 30, 2023 be received as information.

**Carried**

**7.8 Scrap Metal Facility Licensing By-law**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Solicitor/Prosecutor dated July 31, 2023 concerning a Scrap Metal Facility Licensing By-law and the attached draft By-law be received as information.

**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 Queen Street – Value Management Opportunities**

The report of the Director of Engineering was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated July 31, 2023 concerning Queen Street – Value Management Opportunities be received and that Council approve, in principle, the conceptual design of Queen Street between Pim Street and Gore Street.

Recommendations for Queen Street Improvements to be included in the next Five-Year Capital Transportation Program will appear on the August 28, 2023 Council Agenda.

**Postponed**

**Postponement:**

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor L. Dufour

Resolved that this motion be postponed to August 28, 2023.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor 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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
				<b>Carried</b>

**8.4.1.1 Alternative Motion**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated July 31, 2023 concerning Queen Street Value Management Opportunities be received and that Council:

1. Approve in principle the conceptual re-design of Queen Street between Pim Street and Gore Street;
2. Approve in principle the proposed re-construction of Queen Street between, at most, East Street and Bruce Street, to be included in the Five Year Capital Plan, and be slated for re-construction in 2024, at an estimated cost of no greater than \$6M, to be presented for Council’s consideration at the August 28, 2023 City Council meeting; further, if the \$6M proposed re-construction costs of East Street to Bruce Street is insufficient for the re-construction of the proposed re-construction area set out above, and if funding applications to assist in bringing the estimated re-construction cost down to \$6M are not successful, that staff be directed to reduce the boundaries of the proposed area for re-construction to fit within the \$6M budget for 2024;
3. Direct that staff include the re-construction of the remaining portions of Queen Street be included no sooner than every 2 years following the 2024 re-construction area set out above;
4. Direct that staff make application to every available funding pot available for downtown revitalization, whether provincially, federally, or through other organizations, to offset the anticipated municipal costs for the re-construction phases;
5. Approve the Spring Street conceptual re-design and direct staff to include the re-design in the Five Year Capital plan in a year deemed most suitable by staff.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor 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		

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Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach		X		
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott		X		
<b>Results</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
				<b>Tied, Defeated</b>

**8.5 Fire Services**

**8.6 Legal**

**8.7 Planning**

**8.7.1 A-7-23-Z 16 Caesar Road (786211 Ontario Limited c/o Mark A. Lepore)**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Planner dated July 31, 2023 concerning Rezoning Application A-7-23-Z be received and that Council rezone a 0.55 metre strip of land, shown as ‘area to be rezoned’ on the attached subject property map, from Medium Density Residential Zone (R4.S 419) with special exception 419 to General Commercial Zone (C4.S 419) with Special Exception 419, which permits:

1. A parking lot in association with 149 Trunk Road only;
2. Access from Trunk Road only; and
3. No other uses for a C4 zone.

And that the 0.55 metre strip being rezoned on 16 Caesar Road be deemed subject to site plan control as per section 41 of the *Planning Act*.

And that the Legal Department be requested to prepare the necessary by-law(s) to effect the same.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor 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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
				<b>Carried</b>

**8.7.2 A-5-23-Z and 57T-23-501 92 Manitou Drive (Manitou Developments Inc.)**

The report of the Planner was received by Council.

Vanessa Smith, Planner and John McDonald, Project Manager, Tulloch Engineering, were in attendance on behalf of the applicant.

Carol Martin, 134 Breton Road; and Jessica Fischer, 100 Crawford Avenue spoke in favour of the application.

Derek Armstrong, 127 Anna Street; Elaine Robert, 80 Amy Avenue; Maytland Bye, 91 Greene Street; Douglas Harvey, 123 Anna Street; Noella Duff, 17 Greene Street and Clement Germain, 103 Greene Street spoke in opposition to the application.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Planner dated July 31, 2023 concerning Draft Plan of Subdivision 57T 23-501 to create 12 low-density residential lots (Lots 1-12), a medium density residential development block (Block 4), pedestrian access (Block 1), stormwater management (Block 2), and parkland to be transferred to the City as part of Parkland Dedication Requirements (Block 3), be approved subject to the conditions of draft approval outlined in Appendix A; and that the subject property be rezoned in the following manner:

1. Lots 1 to 12: Rezone from Institutional Zone (I) to Low Density Residential Zone (R3.S) with a "Special Exception" to, in addition to those uses permitted in an R3 zone:
  - a. Permit one parking space in an exterior side yard setback for Lot 3;
  - b. Reduce the front yard setback from 7.5 metres to 6 metres;
  - c. Reduce the rear yard setback from 10 metres to 9 metres; and



- d. Reduce the required number of parking spaces from 1.25 to 1 space for any semi-detached dwelling unit; and
- 2. Blocks 1, 2 and 4: Rezone from Institutional Zone (I) to Medium Density Residential Zone (R4.S)H with a Holding Provision, subject to the following special exceptions:
  - a. Restrict the number of dwelling units to no greater than 20 units;
  - b. Restrict the height of any apartment building to no greater than 3 storeys;
  - c. As per the Holding Provision, restrict any development until such a time that a stormwater management plan and a servicing study are submitted to the satisfaction of City Council.
- 3. Block 3: Rezone from Institutional Zone (I) to Parks and Recreation Zone (PR).

And that the Legal Department be requested to prepare the necessary by-law(s) to effect the same.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor 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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
				<b>Carried</b>

**8.7.3 A-4-23-Z 188 Bloor Street (Brahm Verhoeckx)**

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated July 31, 2023 concerning Zoning By-law Amendment Application A-4-23-Z be received and that Council approve the application, subject to the following:

Rezone the subject property from Low Density Residential (R3) to Low Density Residential Zone (R3.S) with a special exception to, in addition to those uses permitted in a R3 zone:

1. Permit a Triplex;
2. Reduce the required exterior side yard setback from 4.5 metres to 3.0 metres for the triplex only;
3. Reduce the required number of parking spaces from 4 to 3 for the triplex only.

And that the Legal Department be requested to prepare the necessary by-law(s) to effect the same.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor 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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried**

**8.7.4 A-6-23-Z 1281 Great Northern Road (CS Engineers)**

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated July 31, 2023 concerning Zoning By-law Amendment Application A-6-23-Z be received and that Council approve the application, subject to the following:

Rezone the subject property from Highway Zone with special exception (HZ.S.160) to Highway Zone with an amended special exception (HZ.S.160 Amended) to, in addition to those uses permitted in a Highway Zone,

1. Permit Professional Scientific and Technical Services; and
2. Waive the surface treatment requirements outlined in Zoning By-law 2005-150, Section 5.2.2 for the Professional Scientific and Technical Services parking only.

And that the Legal Department be requested to prepare the necessary by-law(s) to effect the same.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor 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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
				<b>Carried</b>

**8.8 Boards and Committees**

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

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

Resolved that the rules of procedure be suspended to allow the meeting to exceed five hours in length.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor 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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
				<b>Carried</b>

**9.1 Downtown Security Patrols**

Councillor S. Spina declared a conflict on this item. (Employer is contracted by the City.)

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

Whereas from 2020 to 2022, the Downtown Association undertook overnight downtown security patrols in their business improvement area; and

Whereas in 2022, the City of Sault Ste. Marie took over responsibility for the cost of the downtown security patrols as a 6-month pilot project, (known as the Downtown Security Pilot Program – or DSPP); and

Whereas the DSPP was not funded on a permanent basis when it expired in the fall/winter of 2022; and

Whereas the cost of continuing the DSPP on an ongoing basis was \$105,378 per annum, as set out in the Council report of December 12, 2022, with a contribution from the Downtown Association; and

Whereas dynamic patrols undertaken by the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service have been successful since implemented in June 2023, but are only expected to be conducted throughout the summer months; and

Whereas the success of the downtown police dynamic patrols has highlighted the need for a permanent security or police presence in the downtown; and

Whereas the presence of police or security in the downtown area will assist in the feeling of safety residents have when in the downtown, and encourage more people to patronize downtown businesses;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to bring forward a report, by August 28, 2023 including:

1. Options for in-year funding of the Downtown Security Patrols for the remainder of 2023 once the dynamic police patrols end;
2. Recommended hours of operation for the downtown security patrols;
3. The Downtown Association’s willingness to participate in and fund a portion of the patrols; and
4. A referral of the ongoing cost of the program to the 2024 budget.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina			<b>X</b>	
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				
<b>Results</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Carried</b>

**9.2 Queen Street Improvements**

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

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie continues to work with citizens, partners and businesses to revitalize the downtown core creating downtown as a “place to go” rather than a place to “go through”; and

Whereas the 1.8-kilometer area of Queen Street East from Pim Street to Gore Street has not had a significant upgrade or change in almost 50 years; and

Whereas strategic investments in the revitalization of this area will support commercial business, residential densification, and increased tourism in Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas a report regarding a proposed plan to reconstruct this section of Queen Street was presented to City Council by staff on July 10, 2023; and

Whereas that report stimulated meaningful conversation regarding the project with additional ideas for the reconstruction of this area proposed by stakeholders and community members; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be directed to continue work on the Queen Street reconstruction plan and present Council with a number of options to consider for the redevelopment of this area. The plan(s) should include items for discussion such as but not limited to:

- A plan for 2-way traffic on Queen Street;
- A plan to remove all parking from Queen Street and move it to perpendicular streets and existing parking lots;
- A plan to include areas for delivery vehicles to use side streets or cut-in sections on Queen Street in front of businesses;
- A plan to increase the use of outdoor patios/commercial space for businesses;
- A plan to use the existing infrastructure such as the Hub Trail and the Bay Street multi-use path, connecting links in the downtown core, back lots, and north-south streets to

be identified as cycling/pedestrian routes to connect businesses and city services to the path moving them away from conflict with motor vehicles;

- A plan to make downtown more friendly to pedestrians block by block to promote easier and multiple commercial visits;
- A plan to use trial periods for ideas such as reduced speed limits, two-way traffic and cycle/pedestrian routes to gauge their success before implementing the full plan;
- A plan to increase residential/rental housing units in the downtown core,

Further Be It Resolved that this/these report(s) come back to Council in January of 2024.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor 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		
<b>Results</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
				<b>Defeated</b>

### 9.3 Rainbow Bridge Proposal

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Whereas pets and pet owners are among some of the most avid users of our outdoor amenities and walking trails; and

Whereas our pets play a vital role in the family dynamic in many households; and

Whereas memorializing our loved ones is an important tradition that provides many with closure and peace; and

Whereas "Crossing The Rainbow Bridge" is a widely used term associated with the passing of a beloved pet;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to report back to Council on dedicating a bridge within the Hub Trail system as "The Rainbow Bridge". This bridge will be adorned with a plaque reading The Rainbow Bridge poem and will be equipped to allow citizens to hang their departed pet's tags to memorialize them, while granting their owner's a spot to fondly remember them.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor 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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Carried**

**9.4 Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo  
 Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Whereas Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income and was recently expanded to included Canadian cities; and



Whereas the government of Canada website states that removing barriers to literacy would greatly improve all children’s chances at success, encourage children to take more initiative, have higher self esteem, stretch their imagination, and show that books are an important way to get information; and

Whereas supporting this initiative aligns with the corporate strategic goal to promote quality of life advantages within our youngest demographic; and

Whereas investing in our youth is a key to continued growth within our community that will have positive impacts on our citizens for generations;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff review and report back to Council concerning the process of enrolling the City of Sault Ste Marie in Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library;

Further it be resolved that staff seek a possible partnership with not for profit organization(s) to help finance this initiative.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor 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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
				<b>Carried</b>

**9.5 Minister of Energy – Independent Electricity System Operator**

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie City Council declared our community as the, “Alternative Energy Capital of North America” in 2008; and

Whereas Minister Todd Smith wrote a letter of commendation to the City of Sault Ste. Marie as one of Ontario’s Energy Champions in March 2023; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie will be the first community in Canada to launch a community-wide smart grid; and

Whereas the City desires to continue as a leader in the alternative energy sector; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario’s, “Powering Ontario’s Growth” plan commits to working towards a 100 per cent clean grid; and

Whereas the City saw numerous proponents advance projects for the previous, expedited IESO procurement process for renewable energy generation and storage projects with none being approved in Northern Ontario; and

Whereas the City has learned that the IESO has determined that energy projects from Sault Ste. Marie and area will not be eligible to participate in the LT-1 RFP process due to “deliverability issues”; and

Whereas the Algoma Steel EAF project requires a significant electricity supply; and

Whereas Algoma Steel is required to utilize the LSP gas plant to cover electricity requirements for their operations until transmission line upgrades are completed and possibly beyond; and

Whereas the use of gas plant incurs greater carbon tax than the use of electricity; and

Whereas without added capacity, not only will it delay full implementation of the EAF’s, but also cripple our ability to diversify our economy, prioritizing southern Ontario development over Northern Ontario’s continued sustainability; and

Whereas the transmission grid is in the process of being upgraded which will enable the deliverability of any generation/storage projects in our region shortly after LT-1 projects are anticipated to be activated; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie is part of the Ontario grid and our requirements should not be placed behind those of southern Ontario;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council request the Mayor to write to the Minister of Energy and President and CEO of IESO to request a meeting and enable the inclusion of Sault Ste. Marie and region within the LT-1 procurement, and future procurements, of renewable energy and storage projects in Ontario.

**For                      Against                      Conflict                      Absent**

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Mayor 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				
<b>Results</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
					<b>Carried</b>

**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**

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

**12.1.1 By-Law 2023-132 (Regulations) Noise Exemption Film Production Tales from the Void**

The report of the Film, TV and Digital Media Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that By-Law 2023-132 being a by-law to exempt the various locations of filming the production *Tales From the Void Season One*, between August and September 2023 from the Noise Control By-law 80-200 be passed in open Council this 31st day of July, 2023.

**Carried**

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

- 12.3 **By-laws before Council for THIRD reading which do not require more than a simple majority**
- 13. **Questions By, New Business From, or Addresses by Members of Council Concerning Matters Not Otherwise on the Agenda**
- 14. **Closed Session**

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

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss one item concerning proposed disposition of land; and 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 matters without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

*(Municipal Act section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; 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**

15. **Adjournment**

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

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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City Clerk