# AMENDMENT NO. 247 TO THE SAULT STE. MARIE OFFICIAL PLAN

### **PURPOSE**

This Amendment is an amendment to the Text of the Official Plan as it relates to the Housing and Commercial Policies, and to the Land Use Map (Schedule C).

## LOCATION

PT SEC 32 TARENTORUS; PT LT 18 RCP H732 TARENTOROUS PTS 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7, 1R-13874; S/T T232886; SAULT STE. MARIE; PT SEC 32 TARENTOUS; PT LT 18 RCP H732 TARENTOROUS PT 1, 1R-13874; S/T T342880; SAULT STE. MARIE, having Civic Number 352/360 Northern Avenue and 31 Old Garden River Road, located at the northeast corner of the Northern Avenue East and Great Northern Rd.

### **BASIS**

The Text Amendments are necessary in view of an application to permit:

- a. New commercial development up 750m² on residential lands
- b. Permit major office space outside of the Downtown Area

Council now considers it desirable to amend the Official Plan.

# **DETAILS OF THE ACTUAL AMENDMENT & POLICIES RELATED THERETO**

The Official Plan for the City of Sault Ste. Marie is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph to the Special Exceptions Section:

162. Notwithstanding Residential Policy R.7 and Commercial Policy C.4 of the Official Plan, the property described PT SEC 32 TARENTORUS; PT LT 18 RCP H732 TARENTOROUS PTS 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7, 1R-13874; S/T T232886; SAULT STE. MARIE; PT SEC 32 TARENTOUS; PT LT 18 RCP H732 TARENTOROUS PT 1, 1R-13874; S/T T342880; SAULT STE. MARIE, having Civic Number 352/360 Northern Avenue and 31 Old Garden River Road, located at the northeast corner of the Northern Avenue East and Great Northern Rd., may allow commercial including major office space upon the subject area development up to 750m² and be located outside the Downtown Area.

#### INTERPRETATION

The provisions of the Official Plan as amended from time to time will be applied to this Amendment.

# **EXPLANATORY NOTE IN RESPECT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2023-105**

# SUBJECT PROPERTY: 352/360 Northern Avenue and 31 Old Garden River Road

The purpose of Zoning By-law 2023-105 is to rezone the property from R5.S-405 (High Density Residential) zone to R5.S (High Density Residential) zone with a new "Special Exception", to permit, in addition to those uses permitted in an R5 zone up to 750m<sup>2</sup> of commercial space, subject to the following provisions:

- a) Permitted commercial uses include office uses, food services, personal services, retail trade, amusement and fitness facilities, arts culture and heritage uses, bingo halls, accessory uses and similar. The foregoing uses are subject to the same regulations as the proposed apartment building;
- Reduce the required east interior side yard setback to from 13.5m to 0m to accommodate an enclosed corridor between the proposed building and the existing building on the abutting property;
- c) Reduce the combined number of required parking spaces from 185 to 101 spaces for the proposed 108-unit apartment building, the existing 4unit multiple attached dwellings, the place of worship, and the commercial use of the property;
- d) Provide a minimum of nine barrier-free parking spaces;
- e) Reduce the west exterior side yard setback from 13.5m to 4m;
- f) Permit parking within the required front (south) and exterior (west) side yards;
- g) Waive the need to provide a dedicated loading space as required by Section 6 of the Zoning By-Law; and
- h) Reduce the required landscaped open space from 33% to 29%.

The location of the subject property is shown on the map attached hereto.

This by-law shall not come into force until Official Plan Amendment No. 247 is approved by Council and the final date for appeal has expired without an appeal being filed.

An Explanatory Note in respect of Official Plan Amendment By-law 2023-104 concerning Amendment No. 247 to the Official Plan is attached.



