



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Budget Meeting of City Council
Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2024
6:00 pm
Council Chambers
Civic Centre

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

Officials: T. Vair, R. Tyczinski, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, T. Anderson, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, P. Tonazzo, C. Rumiel, N. Ottolino, S. Facey, J. King, D. Perri, N. Maione, V. McLeod, G. Nicholson, K. Pulkkinen

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the Agenda for November 18, 2024 Budget Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Mayoral Direction 2025 Budget

Mayoral Direction 2024-10 was signed by the Mayor on September 9, 2024.

5. 2025 Budget Input Opportunities

Tessa Vecchio, Corporate Communications Officer

6. Levy Boards

6.1 Algoma Public Health

Algoma Public Health Board will consider its 2025 budget on November 27, 2024

Public health units are governed by the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. Section 72(1)(a) states the obligating municipality must pay for the expenses incurred by the health unit in its performance of its functions and duties set out by the Act. Section 72(8) states that obligating municipalities will pay the amounts set out in the notice from the health unit at the times specified.

6.2 Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority

The 2025 draft proposed budget and levy and 2025 proposed fee schedule policy appeared on the October 21, 2024 Council Agenda.

Conservation Authorities are governed by the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Section 27 sets out the apportionment of costs based upon the benefit derived by each participating municipality. Any participating municipality that receives a notice of apportionment under section 27 may, within 30 days of receiving the notice, apply to the Ontario Land Tribunal, or to such other body as may be prescribed by regulation, for a review of the apportionment of the operating expenses. The Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority Budget was received by City Council on October 2, 2024.

6.3 Sault Ste. Marie District Social Services Administration Board

The Sault Ste. Marie District Social Services Administration Board (SSMDSSAB) is governed by the *District Social Services Administration Board Act*. Section 6 states the "municipality shall pay the amounts required to be provided by it for its share of the costs of social services to the board for its district, on demand." The *Act* allows for penalties to be imposed for non-payment.

7. Local Boards

7.1 Police Services Board

Police Chief Hugh Stevenson, John Bruno, Chair, and Angela Davey, Manager of Finance made a presentation at the November 12, 2024 Council meeting.

The Police Service is governed by the *Police Services Act*. Section 39(5) of the *Act* states that the board can appeal to the Ontario Civilian Police Commission who will determine if the

proposed estimates provide for adequate and effective police services that meet the needs of the community for the fiscal year in question. The budget submitted by the Police Service is based upon meeting their requirements under the *Act*.

7.2 Public Library Board

Matthew MacDonald, CEO and Kaitrin Aaltonen, Business Administrator were in attendance.

A public library board is governed by the *Public Libraries Act*. The *Act* requires the library board to submit to Council annually an estimate required by the board for the fiscal year. Under the *Act*, Council can approve or amend and approve the estimates.

8. Outside Agency Grants

8.1 Art Gallery of Algoma

Mark Lepore, Board President and Jasmina Jovanovic, Director were in attendance.

8.2 Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre

Jamie Hilsinger, Executive Director was in attendance.

8.3 Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre

Peter Bruijns, Executive Director was in attendance.

8.4 Sault Ste. Marie Museum

William Hollingshead, Executive Director and Curator and Mike Delfre, Chair were in attendance.

9. 2025 Proposed Budget

The 2025 Proposed Budget was received by Council.

Shelley Schell, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and Steve Facey, Manager of Finance were in attendance.

10. 2025 Service Level Changes

Staff provided an overview of supplemental budget requests.

11. Departmental Budgets

2025 Departmental Budgets were received by Council.

12. Adjournment

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Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn.

Carried

"Matthew Shoemaker"

Mayor

"Rachel Tyczinski"

City Clerk