



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, July 15, 2024

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, Councillor A. Caputo, Councillor R. Zagordo, Councillor M. Bruni, Councillor S. Kinach, Councillor C. Gardi, Councillor M. Scott

Officials: T. Vair, R. Tyczinski, L. Girardi, S. Schell, N. Ottolino, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, C. Rumiell, P. Tonazzo, S. Facey, K. Coccimiglio, L. Perry, V. McLeod, T. Anderson, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, G. Atkinson, K. Pulkkinen

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 June 24, 2024 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 C. Gardi – YMCA Agreements

Member of YMCA

4.2 Councillor C. Gardi – By-law 2024-113 (Agreement) YMCA Grant Agreement

Member of YMCA

4.3 Councillor C. Gardi – By-law 2024-114 (Agreement) Lease Agreement YMCA

Member of YMCA

4.4 Councillor C. Gardi – By-law 2024-115 (Agreement) YMCA Sublease

Member of YMCA

4.5 Councillor C. Gardi – By-law 2024-116 (Agreement) YMCA Memorandum of Understanding

Member of YMCA

4.6 Councillor C. Gardi – By-law 2024-117 (Delegation) YMCA Lease Agreements

Member of YMCA

5. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the Agenda for July 15, 2024 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

6. Presentations

6.1 Algoma Steel Inc.

Michael Garcia, Chief Executive Officer was in attendance.

6.2 KPMG

Oscar Poloni, Audit Partner and Chris Pomeroy, Senior Manager and Eric Pino, Partner were in attendance with respect to Agenda item 8.2.1 2023 Audited Financial Statements.

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that all the items listed under date July 15, 2024 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

Carried

7.1 Corporate Strategic Plan 2024-2027

The report of the CAO was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the CAO dated July 15, 2024 concerning Corporate Strategic Plan 2024–2027 be received as information.

Carried

7.2 Indigenous Policy and Process Renewal Advisor

The report of the CAO was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the CAO dated July 15, 2024 concerning Indigenous Policy and Process Renewal Advisor be received and that Council authorize an increase in complement to establish this new position and authorize a budget increase for the salary related to this position.

Carried

7.3 Canada Community Building Fund

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

The relevant By-law 2024-92 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.4 Advertising Opportunities on the Hub Trail

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO of Community Development and Enterprise Services dated July 15, 2024 concerning Advertising on the Hub Trail be received as information.

Carried

7.5 Tourism Development Fund Applications July 2024

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated July 15, 2024 be received and that the recommendation of the Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors to allocate \$86,000 as detailed below be approved:

1. Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site – Tourism Growth Project \$20,000;
2. Sault Ste. Marie Cricket Club Soo North Cup – \$4,500;
3. Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation – Canadian Demonstration Snowbird Squadron Airshow \$18,000;
4. Soo Minor Baseball Association – 9U Selects Provincial Championships \$3,500; and
5. Entomica Insectarium – \$40,000.

Carried

7.6 Ontario's North Economic Development Consortium Funding

The report of the Director of Economic Development was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Business Development dated July 15, 2024 concerning Ontario's North Economic Development Consortium (ONEDC) be received and that Council approve the investment of \$21,000 total over three years through the Community Development Fund – Economic Development Stream to support ONEDC and the Northern Ontario Revenue Accelerator Program.

Carried

7.7 Arts and Culture Assistance Grant – Late Intake 2024

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated July 15, 2024 concerning Arts and Culture Assistance Grant – Late Intake 2024 allocation of funds be approved as follows:

- Thinking Rock Community Arts – \$5,000;
- Musical Comedy Guild – \$5,000;

- Over the Rainbow Children’s Entertainment – \$3,050;
- Rebeka Herron – \$2,452.52;
- Riley Greco – \$2,439.29;
- Sault Blues Society – \$1,726.19;
- Sault Potters Guild – \$1,432; and
- The Klub Community Centre – \$5,000.

Carried

7.8 Adopt-A-City-Property Policy

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 15, 2024 concerning Adopt-A-City Property Policy be received and that the policy be approved.

The relevant By-law 2024-112 repealing By-laws 99-91 and 2011-170 is listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

Carried

7.8.1 Adopt-A-City-Property Policy and Amended Application Form

7.9 Five Year Capital Transportation Program (2025–2029)

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated July 15, 2024 concerning the 2025–2029 Five-Year Capital Transportation Program be received and that:

- Council approve the 2025-2029 programs in principle;
- that the Engineering Division proceed with any local improvement notices for 2025 works;
- that staff procure consulting engineering services for projects not to be completed by in-house staff; and
- that the resurfacing of Great Northern Road between Third Line and Wigle Street be the designated project for the City’s application to the 2025 Connecting Link Program.

Carried

7.10 Amend Noise Control By-law 80-200 (Wedding)

Correspondence requesting an exemption from the noise control by-law was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2024-99 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.11 Wawa Reciprocal Emergency Assistance Agreement

The report of the Community Emergency Management Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

The agreement and relevant By-law 2024-98 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

Carried

7.12 Wawa Court Licence of Occupation (Provincial Offences)

The report of the Court Liaison Supervisor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2024-105 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.13 Building Faster Fund Investment Plan

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 15, 2024 concerning the Building Faster Fund Investment Plan be received and that Council:

- approve the municipal Build Faster Fund Investment Plan for 2024; and
- enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Carried.

The relevant By-law 2024-110 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes

7.14 Association of Municipalities of Ontario

AMO's Homelessness Encampments policy document was received by Council.

8. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees

8.1 Administration

8.1.1 Appointment of Deputy CAO Public Works and Engineering Services

The report of the CAO was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2024-99 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

8.2 Corporate Services

8.2.1 2023 Audited Financial Statements

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated July 15, 2024 concerning 2023 Audited Financial Statements be received and that the financial statements be approved.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
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			
Results	11	0	0	0

8.3 Community Development and Enterprise Services

8.3.1 YMCA Agreements

Councillor C. Gardi declared a conflict on this item. (Member of YMCA)

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

Jake D'Agostini, Director, Sault Ste. Marie YMCA, Jared MacSween, Acting General Manager, Sault Ste. Marie YMCA and Jim Janzen, Senior Vice President YMCA Ontario Resource Development Ontario was in attendance.

The relevant By-laws 2024-113, 2024-114, 2024-115, and 2024-116 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

Insurance Requirement for YMCA Lease Agreements

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2024-117 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

8.4 Public Works and Engineering Services

8.5 Fire Services

8.6 Legal

8.7 Planning

8.8 Boards and Committees

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

9.1 Physician Assistant Recruitment

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Whereas in January 2024 the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie passed a resolution seeking staff feedback on adding nurse practitioner recruitment to the scope of the Physician Recruitment Committee; and

Whereas Council is awaiting a recommendation on that issue; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie is pushing for the development of a distributed-model third campus for NOSM-U which could include, among other things, the training of allied healthcare professionals; and

Whereas the shortage of family physicians in Sault Ste. Marie and province-wide is impacting the health and well-being of residents; and

Whereas opportunities exist to alleviate the caseload of routine family medicine treatment through the targeted use of allied healthcare professionals;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to include recruitment of Physician Assistants and any other allied healthcare professionals deemed beneficial to the well-being of the community into their investigation on a potential widening of the scope of the Physician Recruitment Committee.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
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			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

9.2 Goose Management Proposal

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Whereas it is important to maintain a healthy balance of wildlife and people in our community;
and

Whereas according to Environment Canada temperate-breeding Canada geese can damage grass, plants, parks, crops, and other green spaces, while goose droppings foul footpaths, docks, beaches, lawns, parks and contribute to contamination of nearby water with parasites and coliform bacteria; and

Whereas both geese with nests or young are known to be aggressive toward humans and pets;
and

Whereas geese are particularly attracted to grass near water, which leads to conflict between humans and geese at places like the boardwalk, Bellevue Park, Clergue Park and many other main City attractions; and

Whereas these attractions have been put in place for the use of citizens and to encourage tourism to our city, but the presence of geese and goose droppings deters people from being able to utilize these areas to their full potential; and

Whereas municipalities such as Orillia, Barrie, Simcoe, and Ramara have successfully implemented goose management plans;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to report back to Council regarding the cost and feasibility of a goose management plan in Sault Ste Marie;

Further Be It Resolved that the report include the current amount being spent to manage geese, including clean-up, and any current tactics being used to curb goose and human interaction.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
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			
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 L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that all By-laws under item 12 of the Agenda under date July 15, 2024 save and except By-laws 2024-113, 2024-114, 2024-115, 2024-116 and 2024-117 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 2024-92 (Agreement) Canada Community-Building Fund (AMO)

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2024-92 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and The Association of Municipalities of Ontario for access to the Canada Community-Building Fund be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

Carried

12.1.2 By-law 2024-98 (Agreement) Municipality of Wawa Reciprocal Emergency Assistance

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2024-98 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and the Municipality of Wawa to enhance emergency management capabilities through shared resources and mutual aid during emergencies be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

Carried

12.1.3 By-law 2024-99 (Regulations) Amend Noise Control By-law 80-200 (Wedding)

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-Law 2024-99 being a by-law to exempt the wedding of Meggie Opala and Lucas Virtanen at 151 Simpson Street on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 11:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. from Noise Control By-law 80-200 be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

Carried

12.1.4 By-law 2024-105 (Agreement) Wawa Provincial Offences Court Licence of Occupation

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2024-105 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and the Municipality of Wawa for the City's use of office space to conduct Provincial Offences Court be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

Carried

12.1.5 By-law 2024-110 (Agreement) Building Faster Fund

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-Law 2024-110 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Building Faster Fund Transfer Payment Agreement be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

Carried

12.1.6 By-law 2024-111 (Agreement) James L. McIntyre Exterior Cladding Replacement

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2024-111 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Everest Masonry Corp. 1000378194 for the exterior cladding at the James L. McIntyre Centennial Library as required by Sault Ste. Marie Public Library be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

Carried

12.1.7 By-law 2024-112 (Adopt-a-Street/Adopt-a-Park) Repealing By-law 99-91 and Amending By-law 2011-170

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that By-law 2024-112, being a by-law to repeal By-law 99-91 (a by-law to authorize the standard form Adopt-A-Street and Adopt-a-Park agreements) and to repeal Amending By-law 2011-170, be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

Carried

12.1.12 By-law 2024-97 (Appointment) Appointment of Deputy CAO Public Works and Engineering Services

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2024-97, bring a by-law to appoint Susan Hamilton Beach as Deputy CAO, Public Works and Engineering Services be passed in open Council this 15th day of July 2024.

Carried

12.1.8 By-law 2024-113 (Agreement) YMCA Grant Agreement

Councillor C. Gardi declared a conflict on this item. (Member of YMCA)

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

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Resolved that By-Law 2024-113 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Grant Agreement between the City and Young Men's Christian Association of Sault Ste. Marie for the Community Development Fund Grant for the building at 235 McNabb Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
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			
Results	10	0	1	0
				Carried

12.1.9 By-law 2024-114 (Agreement) Lease Agreement YMCA

Councillor C. Gardi declared a conflict on this item. (Member of YMCA)

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-Law 2024-114 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Lease Agreement between the City and 1000943321 Ontario Inc. for the YMCA building at 235 McNabb Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
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			
Results	10	0	1	0
				Carried

12.1.10 By-law 2024-115 (Agreement) YMCA Sublease

Councillor C. Gardi declared a conflict on this item. (Member of YMCA)

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2024-115 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Young Men’s Christian Association of Sault Ste. Marie for the Sublease for

the building at 235 McNabb Street in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
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			
Results	10	0	1	0
				Carried

12.1.11 By-law 2024-116 (Agreement) YMCA Memorandum of Understanding

Councillor C. Gardi declared a conflict on this item. (Member of YMCA)

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2024-116 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Young Men’s Christian Association of Sault Ste. Marie for the Memorandum of Understanding for the building at 235 McNabb Street in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
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			
Results	10	0	1	0
				Carried

12.1.13 By-law 2024-117 (Delegation) YMCA Lease Agreements

Councillor C. Gardi declared a conflict on this item. (Member of YMCA)

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2024-117 being a by-law to delegate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to execute changes to the agreements with the Young Men's Christian Association and 1000943321 Ontario Inc. be passed in open Council this 15th day of July, 2024.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
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			
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

14. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss:

- one item concerning proposed acquisition of land; and
- one item concerning a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction 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 continue to discuss the same without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

Municipal Act R.S.O. 2002 – section 239 2 (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and 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

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

"Matthew Shoemaker"

Mayor

"Rachel Tyczinski"

City Clerk