



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

Monday, November 20, 2023  
6:00 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 C. Gardi, Councillor M. Scott

Absent: Councillor S. Kinach

Officials: M. White, R. Tyczinski, L. Girardi, T. Vair, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, S. Facey, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, P. Tonazzo, C. Rumiel, K. Pulkkinen

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- 1. Land Acknowledgement**
  - 2. Approve Agenda as Presented**

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

Resolved that the Agenda for November 20, 2023 Budget Meeting as presented be approved.

**Carried**

- 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**4. Mayoral Direction – 2024 Budget**

**5. 2024 Budget Input Opportunities**

Tessa Vecchio, Corporate Communications Officer was in attendance.

**6. Levy Boards**

**6.1 Algoma Public Health**

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 and Region Conservation Authority**

Corrina Barrett, General Manager / Secretary Treasurer was in attendance.

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. The ability to enforce the payment is set out in section 27(7). A municipality may appeal the levy to the Ontario Land Tribunal. The appeal must commence within 30 days after the notice of the levy is received from the authority.

**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**

Local Boards have the legislative ability to set their budgets to be added to the municipal tax levy; however, the municipality may have a greater say in the service level that the board provides.

**7.1 Police Services Board**

Chief H. Stevenson and Angela Davey, Manager, Finance Services were in attendance.

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, Chief Executive Officer was 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 Algoma University**

**8.2 Art Gallery of Algoma**

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

**8.3 Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre**

Jamie Hilsinger, Executive Director was in attendance.

**8.4 Sault Ste. Marie Museum**

William Hollingshead, Executive Director and Mike Delfre, President of the Board of Directors were in attendance.

**8.5 Soo Arena Association (Pee Wee Arena)**

**8.6 Sault Ste. Marie Crimestoppers**

**8.7 Entomica**

**9. 2024 Proposed Budget**

**9.1 CAO 2024 Budget Presentation; CFO Budget Presentation**

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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City Clerk