



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 13, 2025

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, K. Fields, P. Johnson, S. Hamilton Beach, S. Schell, B. Lamming, N. Ottolino, D. Perri, N. Maione, P. Tonazzo, C. Rumiell, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, K. Pulkkinen

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 2, 2024 and Budget Meeting of December 9, 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 Mayor M. Shoemaker – A-14-24-Z.OP 550 Second Line East

Applicant is a client of law firm.

4.2 Mayor M. Shoemaker – By-law 2025-12 (Street Assumption) Connaught Avenue 1 Foot Reserve

Request of law firm

5. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the Agenda for January 13, 2025 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

6. Presentations

6.1 We Respect Each Other Video

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that all the items listed under date January 13, 2025 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the rules of procedure be suspended to allow Sandra Collins to speak to Agenda item 7.3.

	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

7.1 Outstanding Council Resolutions

A list of outstanding Council resolutions was received by Council.

7.2 Municipal Codes of Conduct

Correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing was received by Council.

7.3 Two Twelve-Metre Diesel Buses – Transit

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated January 13, 2025 concerning acquisition of two twelve-metre diesel buses be received and that the purchase from New Flyer at \$1,708,344.74 plus HST, with funding reallocated from the Transit 2022 budget from reduction of passenger vans be approved.

A By-law authorizing signature of the contract for this project will appear on a future Council Agenda.

Carried

7.4 Extension of Downtown Security Patrol Services

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated January 13, 2025 concerning Downtown Security Patrols be received and that services with Norpro Security at hourly rate pricing, HST extra, be extended for a period of one year (2025).

Carried

7.5 Northern Ontario Development Program Contribution Agreement

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

The relevant By-law 2025-10 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.6 Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund – Transfer Payment Agreement

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

The relevant By-law 2025-9 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.7 Ronald A. Irwin Civic Centre – Seventh Floor

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated January 13, 2025 concerning Ronald A. Irwin Civic Centre – Seventh Floor be received as information.

Carried

7.8 Lane Assumption, Closing and Conveyance – Cameron Subdivision

The report of the Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2025-2 and 2025-3 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.9 Traffic By-law Updates 2025

The report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering, dated January 13, 2025 concerning Traffic By-law update be received and that the recommended amendments be approved.

Staff will revise the appropriate schedule in the Traffic By-Law which will be brought to Council for approval at a later date.

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

8.5 Fire Services

8.6 Legal

8.7 Planning

8.7.1 A-13-24-Z 690 Black Road

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated January 13, 2025 concerning A-13-24-Z 690 Black Road be received and that Council approve this application in the following manner:

Rezone the subject property from Rural Area (RA.S429) Zone with Special Exception 429 to Light Industrial (M1.S429) Zone, with an amended Special Exception 429 to repeal all existing provisions and replace them with the following new provision:

1. Permit a repair and maintenance shop for hand-held power tools, air tools, and other hand-held tools.

And that the property 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.

	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

8.7.2 A-14-24-Z.OP 550 Second Line East

Mayor M. Shoemaker declared a conflict on this item. (Applicant is a client of law firm.)

Councillor M. Scott assumed the chair as Acting Mayor

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated January 13, 2025 concerning A-14-24-Z.OP 550 Second Line East be received and that Council approve this application in the following manner:

1. Approve Official Plan Amendment No. 257 by way of a notwithstanding clause to permit up to 250m² of office space on the subject property, and;
2. Rezone the subject property from Medium Industrial (M2) Zone to Medium Industrial Zone with Special Exception (M2.S) to include, in addition to those uses permitted in an M2 Zone office uses up to 250m² in size.

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

	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

Mayor Shoemaker resumed the chair.

8.8 Boards and Committees

8.8.1 Board and Committee Appointments 2025-2026

The report of the Deputy City Clerk was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Deputy City Clerk dated January 13, 2025 concerning Board and Committee Appointments 2025-2026 be received and that Council dissolve the Holiday Lighting/Hallowe'en Spirit Judging Committee and extend Anti-Hate Committee appointments until December 31, 2026.

	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

8.8.2 Appointments to Boards and Committees (Members Appointed by Council)

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that all appointments under Agenda item 8.8.2 be approved as recommended;

Further that members of committees being extended continue until their successors are appointed.

Carried

8.8.2.1 Anti-Hate Committee

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that Councillor A. Caputo, Councillor C. Gardi, Mayor M. Shoemaker (ex officio), Jeff Arbus, Saber Assi, Roohi Bedi, Pat Carter, Toyo Ibiyemi, Dave Mornix, Gunkaar Singh, Aaron Smith, Brendan Sutherland, and Amanda Zuke be appointed to the Anti-Hate Advisory Committee from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.2.2 Committee of Revision – Local Improvements

Application deadline extended.

8.8.2.3 Community Development Award Committee

Application deadline extended.

8.8.2.4 Cultural Vitality Committee

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that Councillor S. Spina and community members Miranda Bouchard, Vanessa Ferlaino, Dustin Goodall, Donna Hilsinger, Sean Meades, Nilah Moss, Lee Rendell, and Brenna Tomas be appointed to the Cultural Vitality Committee from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.2.5 Dangerous Dog Committee

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that Councillors M. Bruni, S. Kinach, and M. Scott be appointed to the Dangerous Dog Committee from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.2.6 Emergency Management Planning Committee

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina
Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that Mayor M. Shoemaker, Councillors C. Gardi and S. Hollingsworth be appointed to the Emergency Management Planning Committee from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.2.7 Environmental Monitoring Committee

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina
Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that Councillor S. Hollingsworth and community members Christopher March, Peter McLarty, David McLaughlin, and Tom Peer be appointed to the Environmental Monitoring Committee from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.2.8 Fence Viewers Committee

Application deadline extended.

8.8.2.9 Historic Sites Board

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott
Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that Councillor S. Hollingsworth and community members Heather Bot, Carol Caputo, Silvana Casola, David Conyers, Brittany Paat, Lamishia Siegart, Colin Tomchick, Jami van Haaften, and Sara Walker be appointed to the Historic Sites Board from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.2.10 Holiday Lighting/Hallowe'en Spirit Award Selection Committee

The report of the Deputy City Clerk was received by Council.

8.8.2.11 Municipal Heritage Committee

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth
Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that Councillor S. Spina and community members Hanna Ellis, Lise Joyal, Colin Tomchick, Jami van Haaften, Sarah Walker, and Alexander White be appointed to the Municipal Heritage Committee from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

A by-law will appear on a future Council Agenda.

Carried

8.8.2.12 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Application deadline extended.

8.8.2.13 Property Standards Committee

Application deadline extended.

8.8.2.14 PUC Water Commission

Terms of reference are under review.

8.8.2.15 Tourism Board of Directors

Application deadline extended.

8.8.2.16 Walk of Fame Selection Committee

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth
Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that Councillors L. Dufour, S. Kinach and M. Scott, and community members Vanessa Ferlaino and Halie Syrette be appointed to the Walk of Fame Selection Committee from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.3 Appointments to Boards and Committees Which are not Boards or Committees of Council

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth
Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that all appointments under Agenda item 8.8.3 be approved as recommended save and except Agenda items 8.8.3.3 and 8.8.3.8.

Carried

8.8.3.1 Algoma District Municipal Association

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

Resolved that Councillors C. Gardi and S. Hollingsworth, with Councillor M. Scott as alternate be appointed to the Algoma District Municipal Association from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.3.2 Algoma Public Health

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth
Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that Councillor S. Spina, Sonia Tassone, and Natalie Zagordo be appointed to the Algoma Public Health Board from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.3.4 District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth
Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that Councillors A. Caputo, S. Spina, L. Vezeau-Allen, R. Zagordo and M. Bruni be appointed to the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.3.5 Celebrating International Friendship Committee Bridge Walk Committee

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth
Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that Councillor R. Zagordo be appointed to the Celebrating International Friendship Committee Bridge Walk Committee from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.3.6 Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina
Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that Councillors M. Bruni, C. Gardi, S. Hollingsworth, and R. Zagordo be appointed to the Sault Ste. Marie Conservation Authority Board from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.3.7 Source Protection Committee

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the Manager of Development and Environmental Engineering be appointed to the Source Protection Committee from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.3.3 Chamber of Commerce

Councillors S. Kinach and L. Vezeau-Allen indicated interest in serving.

A simultaneous recorded vote was held:

Kinach: Mayor Shoemaker, Councillors M. Bruni, S. Hollingsworth, Kinach, Zagordo

Vezeau-Allen: Councillors C. Gardi, L. Dufour, M. Scott, S. Spina, L. Vezeau-Allen

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen be appointed to the Chamber of Commerce Board from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.3.8 Police Service Board

Councillors M. Bruni and A. Caputo indicated interest in this Board.

A simultaneous recorded vote was held.

Bruni: Mayor Shoemaker, Councillors M. Bruni, C. Gardi, S. Hollingsworth, S. Kinach, S. Scott

Caputo: Councillors A. Caputo, L. Dufour S. Spina, L. Vezeau-Allen, R. Zagordo

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that Mayor Shoemaker, Councillor M. Bruni, and community member Nuala Kenny be appointed to the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service Board.

Carried

8.8.4 Nominations to Boards and Committees which are not Boards or Committees of Council

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that all appointments under Agenda item 8.8.4 be approved as recommended;

Carried

8.8.4.1 Museum Management Board

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the Manager of Recreation and Culture or delegate be nominated to the Museum Management Board as resource (non-voting) member from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.4.2 St. Marys River Bi-national Public Advisory Committee

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the Manager of Development and Environmental Engineering be nominated to the St. Marys River Bi-National Public Advisory Committee as a non-voting member from January 13, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

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

9.1 Residency Requirement Policy for New Department Heads

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas Sault Ste Marie City Council recognizes the importance of fostering strong leadership and community involvement within our municipal government; and

Whereas City Council recognizes that spending decisions made by City department heads can directly impact local property taxes and other financial obligations of residents and businesses in Sault Ste Marie; and

Whereas City Council believes that having department heads to live within the city limits will ensure that they share the same concerns as the residents they serve, particularly concerning budget decisions and spending

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to report back to Council regarding a policy on having a residency requirement within the City of Sault Ste. Marie to be negotiated into all future contracts for department heads at the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, including provision for enforcement and, where necessary, if exceptions should be made. Current department heads who do not reside within the City limits shall be exempt from this requirement, provided they continue in their current position.

	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	7	4	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 S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that all By-laws under item 12 of the Agenda under date January 13, 2025 save and except By-law 2025-12 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 2025-1 (Traffic) Amendments to Traffic By-law 77-200

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2025-1 being a by-law to consolidate amendments to Traffic By-law 77-200 be passed in open Council this 13th day of January, 2025.

Carried

12.1.2 By-law 2025-2 (Street Assumption) Cameron Lane

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2025-2 being a by-law to assume for public use and establish as a public street Cameron Lane described as PIN 31541-0317 (LT) 20 FT LANE PL 310 ST. MARY'S AKA CAMERON LANE S OF HERRICK ST, EXCEPT PART 1 PLAN 1R13380; CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE, Cameron Subdivision be passed in open Council this 13th day of January, 2025.

Carried

12.1.3 By-law 2025-4 (Official Plan Amendment) Sackville Road Extension

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2025-4 being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 255 and Amendment No. 256 to the Official Plan for the City of Sault Ste. Marie (The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Sackville Road Extension) be passed in open Council this 13th day of January, 2025.

Carried

12.1.4 By-law 2025-5 (Taxes) Interim Tax Levies

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2025-5 being a by-law to provide for Interim Tax Levies be passed in open Council this 13th day of January, 2025.

Carried

12.1.5 By-law 2025-9 (Agreement) Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund Improvements Peoples Road Sanitary Sewer

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2025-9 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 Infrastructure for the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) for improvements to the Peoples Road Sanitary Sewer be passed in open Council this 13th day of January, 2025.

Carried

12.1.6 By-law 2025-10 (Agreement) Federal Funding Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-Law 2025-10 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Contribution Agreement between the City and The Minister of Indigenous Services, referred to as Minister of Indigenous Services and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario for funding to support the Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site be passed in open Council this 13th day of January, 2025.

Carried

12.1.7 By-law 2025-11 (Agreement) Transit Union Local 1767

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-Law 2025-11 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Amalgamated Transit Union (Local 1767) for the term commencing February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2027 be passed in open Council this 13th day of January, 2025.

Carried

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

12.2.1 By-law 2025-3 (Street Closing and Conveyance) Cameron Lane

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2025-3 being a by-law to stop up, close and authorize the conveyance of Cameron Lane in the Cameron Subdivision, Plan 310 be read a FIRST and SECOND time and passed in open Council this 13th day of January, 2025.

Carried

12.3 By-laws before Council for THIRD reading which do not require more than a simple majority

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

12.1.8 By-law 2025-12 (Street Assumption) Connaught Avenue 1 Foot Reserve

Mayor M. Shoemaker declared a conflict on this item. (Request of law firm)

Councillor Scott assumed the chair as acting Mayor.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-Law 2025-12 being a by-law to assume for public use and establish as a public street that portion of Connaught Avenue described as PIN 31593-0044 (LT) PCL 9518 SEC AWS; BLK 35 PL M391 KORAH; SAULT STE. MARIE, Sharon Hill II Subdivision be passed in open Council this 13th day of January, 2025.

	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			

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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

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

“Matthew Shoemaker”

Mayor

“Rachel Tyczinski”

City Clerk