



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, March 23, 2026

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, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, S. Schell, J. King, P. Tonazzo, C. Rumiell, D. Perri, N. Ottolino, N. Maione, F. Coccimiglio, T. Anderson, R. Van Staveren, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, S. Facey, M. Zuppa, T. Vecchio, N. Thibault, M. McAuley, L. Petrocco, J. Ricard, B. Love, K. Pulkkinen

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

2. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 23, 2026 be approved.

Carried

3. **Questions and Information Arising Out of the Minutes and not Otherwise on the Agenda**

4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

5. **Approve Agenda as Presented**

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the Agenda for March 23, 2026 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.
Carried

6. Presentations

6.1 Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board Annual Report

Wayne Greco, Chair and Matthew MacDonald, Chief Executive Officer were in attendance regarding Agenda item 8.8.2.

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that all the items listed under date March 23, 2026 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda items 7.3 and 7.20 be approved as recommended.

Carried

7.1 2025 Actions and Metrics Report

The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the CAO dated March 23, 2026 concerning the 2025 year-end update for the Corporate Strategic Plan 2024-2027 actions and metrics be received as information.

Carried

7.2 Port of Sault Ste. Marie

The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the CAO dated March 23, 2026 concerning the Port of Sault Ste. Marie be received as information.

Carried

7.4 Walk of Fame Award

The report of the City Clerk was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the City Clerk dated March 23, 2026 concerning Walk of Fame Award be received and that future nominations be made by members of City Council on an ad hoc basis.

Carried

7.5 2025 Council Remuneration and Expenses

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated March 23, 2026 regarding 2025 Council remuneration and expenses and employee travel expenses be received as information.

Carried

7.6 2025 Investment Report

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated March 23, 2026 concerning the 2025 Investment Report be received as information.

Carried

7.7 2025 Property Tax Appeals

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Taxation dated March 23, 2026 concerning 2025 Property Tax Appeals be received as information.

Carried

7.8 Vacant Home Tax Results

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Taxation dated March 23, 2026 concerning 2024 and 2025 Vacant Home Tax results be received as information.

Carried

7.9 2025 Tax Sale Results

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Taxation dated March 23, 2026 concerning 2025 Tax Sale Results be received as information.

Carried

7.10 Tender for Selected Granular Materials

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated March 23, 2026 concerning Selected Granular Materials as required by Public Works be received and that the tender for the supply of selected granular materials for the 2026 and 2027 seasons be awarded to Pioneer Construction Inc. and Possamai Construction & Aggregates on an as-required basis and by lowest cost rating per job.

Carried

7.11 Sport Field Lighting – Queen Elizabeth B Field

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated March 23, 2026 concerning Sport Field Lighting at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Complex B Field as required by Recreation and Culture Division be received and that the tender be awarded to S&T Electrical Contractors Limited in the amount of \$267,427 plus HST.

Carried

7.12 New Tires and Tire Repair Services

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated March 23, 2026 concerning new tires and tire services as required by Public Works and Engineering Services Fleet Division, Community Development and Enterprise Services Transit Division, and Fire Services Division be received and that the services be awarded to Fountain Tire Ltd., at rates quoted for the one-year period commencing March 31, 2026 with the option to extend for two additional one-year terms by mutual agreement.

Carried

7.13 Tenders for Equipment Purchase – Public Works

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated March 23, 2026 concerning equipment purchases as required by Public Works be received and that the tenders for the supply and delivery of various pieces of equipment be awarded at the low bid price meeting specifications as follows:

- One Tandem Axle Street Plow – TMS Truck Centre – \$364,270.51
- One Tandem Axle Street Sander – TMS Truck Centre – \$362,313.26

for a total amount of \$726,583.77 plus HST.

Carried

7.14 Third Party Transportation Services – Transit Division

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated March 23, 2026 concerning Third Party Transportation Services as requested by Transit and Parking Division be received and that the services be awarded to 1972699 Ontario Inc. o/a UCAB for the three year period commencing May 1, 2026 at fixed rates quoted with option to extend up to an additional two years by mutual agreement.

Carried

7.15 Traffic Signal Controller Replacements – Street Improvements Project

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated March 23, 2026 concerning purchase of traffic signal controller equipment as required by Public Works and Engineering Services be received and that the award to Econolite Canada Inc. as sole source in the amount of \$199,660 plus HST be approved.

Carried

7.16 Soo Greyhounds Inc. Agreement

The report of the Director of Community Services was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2026-36 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.17 Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation Playground Equipment Donation

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

The relevant By-law 2026-31 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.18 Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream Contribution Agreement

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated March 23, 2026 concerning the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream Contribution Agreement be received as information.

Carried

7.19 Reconstruction of East Street – Contract Award

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

The relevant By-laws 2026-33 authorizing execution of Contract 2026-1E and By-law 2026-34 authorizing the road closure of East Street from Bay Street to Wellington Street, including intersections, from May 1, 2026 to December 4, 2026 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.21 Traffic Flow – Church Street and Pim Street

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated March 23, 2026 concerning the traffic flow on Church Street and Pim Street be received as information.

Carried

7.22 Update to Deputy Chief Appointment By-Law

The report of the Fire Chief was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2026-32 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.23 Land Ambulance Maintenance Agreement Renewal 2026

The report of the Fire Chief was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2026-20 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.24 Increase of Parking Set Fines

The report of the Solicitor/Litigator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Solicitor/Litigator dated March 23, 2026 concerning the increase of parking set fines be received as information.

Carried

7.25 Housekeeping – Peddler and Food Vendor Licencing By-law

The report of the Solicitor/Litigator was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2026-25 and 2026-26 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.26 Intact Public Entities – Non-Accumulation of Limits, Indemnity and Claim Handling Agreements

The report of the Risk Manager was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2026-27, 2026-28, 2026-29 and 2026-30 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.27 Sustainable Development – Development Charges

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Director of Planning dated March 23, 2026 concerning Sustainable Development – Development Charges be received as information.

Carried

7.28 Housing Community Improvement Plan Update No. 2

The report of the Administrative Clerk – Housing Support was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Administrative Clerk – Housing Support dated March 23, 2026 concerning Housing Community Improvement Plan Incentive Programs Update be received as information.

Carried

7.29 Accessible Document Training and Software Purchase

The report of the Accessibility Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Accessibility Coordinator dated March 23, 2026 concerning Accessible Document Training and Software Purchase be received and that Council approve the use of up to \$85,000 from the Barrier Removal Reserve to provide staff training to create and remediate accessible documents;

Further that Council authorize proceeding with the procurement process to secure a qualified vendor to deliver the training, including the purchase of required software in accordance with the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation, and the Corporation’s Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

Carried

7.3 Landfill and Composting Operations RFP

The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was received by Council.

Mark Harrington, President, CUPE Local 3, was in attendance and addressed Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the CAO dated March 23, 2026 concerning landfill operations be received and Council authorize staff to develop and issue a Request for Proposals to seek a proponent that will purchase the landfill airspace and undertake landfill operations, and construct and operate a biosolids and single source organics composting facility.

| | For | Against | Conflict | Absent |
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| Mayor M. Shoemaker | X | | | |
| Councillor S. Hollingsworth | | X | | |
| Councillor S. Spina | | X | | |
| Councillor L. Dufour | X | | | |

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| 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 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Defeated |

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Seconded by: Councillor M Bruni

Resolved that the main motion be postponed to April 13, 2026 in light of a Notice of Motion.

| | For | Against | Conflict | Absent |
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| 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 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Defeated |

7.3.1 Notice of Motion

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie has received an unsolicited proposal regarding the long-term private operation and lease of the municipal landfill; and

Whereas the City's existing studies have focused primarily on technical expansion (Environmental Assessments) and the financial verification of a single private-sector offer; and

Whereas a 25-year shift in the delivery of a core municipal service requires a demonstrated "Community Green Light" and a comprehensive understanding of the long-term public interest;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the staff recommendation to proceed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the landfill operations be deferred for 90 days (to the Council meeting of June 22, 2026) to allow for the completion of the following:

1. The Public Interest Study: An independent evaluation of the long-term socio-economic impact of landfill privatization, including a market-value appraisal of the site's Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) and carbon offset potential.
2. The Community Consultation Process: At least two formal opportunities to gather direct input on environmental, traffic, and cost concerns.
3. The creation of a "Community Standards" document, based on the results of the public consultation, to be integrated into any future RFP as mandatory performance requirements for bidders.

Further Be It Resolved that any future RFP, if it proceeds, ensure successor rights, seniority protections, and wage-preservation guarantees for CUPE Local 3 employees.

7.20 Reconstruction of Peoples Road Phase 2 – Contract Award

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

The relevant By-laws 2026-38 authorizing execution of Contract 2026-2E and By-law 2026-39 authorizing the road closure of Peoples Road from Penno Road to Third Line including intersections from May 1, 2026, to November 27, 2026 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated March 23, 2026 concerning the reconstruction of Peoples Road be received and that contract 2026-2E be awarded to Avery Construction Limited.

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the motion be amended by adding to the end of the paragraph the following:

Further Be It Resolved That the traffic signals to be installed at Third Line and Peoples Road be enabled by the installation of the equipment to permit the future installation of the traffic signals, but that the traffic signals not be installed until such time as a future traffic count confirms the intersection meets all the criteria for signal installation.

| | For | Against | Conflict | Absent |
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| 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 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Carried |

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
 Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated March 23, 2026 concerning the reconstruction of Peoples Road be received and that contract 2026-2E be awarded to Avery Construction Limited;

Further Be It Resolved that the traffic signals to be installed at Third Line and Peoples Road be enabled by the installation of the equipment to permit the future installation of the traffic signals, but that the traffic signals not be installed until such time as a future traffic count confirms the intersection meets all the criteria for signal installation.

| | For | Against | Conflict | Absent |
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| Mayor M. Shoemaker | X | | | |
| Councillor S. Hollingsworth | X | | | |
| Councillor S. Spina | X | | | |

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| 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 |

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| Results | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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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-4-26-Z General Housekeeping Amendments – Phase II

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated March 23, 2026 concerning City-initiated *Planning Act* application A-4-26-Z Housekeeping Amendments – Phase II be received and that Council approve the housekeeping amendments listed in appendices “A” and “B” and that the Legal Department be requested to prepare the necessary by-law(s) to effect the same.

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| Mayor M. Shoemaker | X | | | |
| Councillor S. Hollingsworth | X | | | |

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| 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 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | | Carried |

8.8 Boards and Committees

8.8.1 Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Board

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that accommodations representative Cindy Beauchamp be appointed to the Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Board from March 23, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

Carried

8.8.2 Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Annual Report

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library 2025 annual report be received as information.

Carried

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

9.1 Traffic Control Signals – Trunk Road, Dacey Road, Frontenac Street

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina
Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas concerns regarding the safety of vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the intersection of Dacey Road and Trunk Road have been raised by residents; and

Whereas a number of motor vehicle collisions have been reported at the intersection; and

Whereas new residential developments in the area have led to an increase in motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the area; and

Whereas a recent traffic study has shown that there has been an increase in traffic at the intersection of Dacey Road and Trunk Road; and

Whereas the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians is a priority for the City of Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas pedestrians are required to cross Trunk Road on foot to access White Pines High school; and

Whereas the creation of this intersection with traffic control signals would create a mutually beneficial partnership with Batchewana First Nation and the City of Sault Ste. Marie to relieve traffic congestion in the area and the nearby intersection of Trunk Road, Boundary Road and Adelaide Street; and

Whereas the creation of an intersection with traffic control signals connecting Dacey Road, Trunk Road and Frontenac Street would lead to an increase in the safe travel of vehicles and pedestrians in the area;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to research the creation of an intersection complete with traffic control signals to connect Frontenac Street, Dacey Road and Trunk Road, and that staff engage partners from Batchewana First Nation and the rail service and report back to Council on the feasibility, timelines and cost of this project along with any potential funding opportunities, further that this report be brought back to Council as soon as possible so that any potential construction, if approved by Council, can be added to the 2027 budget deliberations.

| | For | Against | Conflict | Absent |
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| 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 | | | |

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| Councillor M. Bruni | X | | | |
| Councillor S. Kinach | X | | | |
| Councillor C. Gardi | X | | | |
| Councillor M. Scott | X | | | |
| Results | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Carried |

9.2 Traffic Study – Wellington Street East and Shannon Road

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Be It Resolved that Public Works and Engineering Services be requested to undertake a traffic warrant study for the signal at the intersection of Wellington Street East and Shannon Road and report back to City Council with the study findings by September 1, 2026.

| | For | Against | Conflict | Absent |
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| 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 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | Carried |

9.3 Community Economic Development

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Whereas working with surrounding communities offers significant economic, social, and operational advantages, transforming local economies by fostering sustainable growth, creating jobs, and enhancing quality of life; and

Whereas this "community economic development" approach keeps money circulating locally—often generating 70% more local economic activity than non-local alternatives—and builds resilience against economic pressures; and

Whereas many already see the City of Sault Ste. Marie as the hub and the surrounding communities as the spokes; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie has a responsibility to ensure we work together to ensure prosperity for all; and

Whereas many surrounding communities currently rely on Sault Ste. Marie for employment, services including health care, shopping for basic needs, professional services from banking to legal and sporting events to name a few; and

Whereas developing a strong economic and tourism strategy with communities in Algoma will build a healthier community for all; and

Whereas many other cities, towns and townships have created and executed economic and tourism strategies that have resulted in employment, ensuring a bright future;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Mayor, CAO, Economic Development Corporation staff and Tourism Sault Ste. Marie staff establish a working group with Wawa, Echo Bay, Blind River, St. Joseph Island and other members of the Algoma District Municipal Association to set economic goals that could include small to mid-size industries and/or tourism and/or agriculture to ensure that Sault Ste Marie and area is resilient for the future as artificial intelligence and other changes start to impact the community.

| | 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 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | Carried |

9.4 Assessment Appeals

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott
 Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Whereas a small number of large tax appeals from large landowners have caused the City to lose revenues that were budgeted for; and

Whereas it is the City’s objective to avoid tax increases that could result from the lost assessment; and

Whereas it is prudent to review tax classes, ratios and other tax policies to offset any losses that have arisen as a result of the tax appeals;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be directed to review the City’s tax ratios, classes, or any other tax policy that could offset some or all of the losses from the large tax appeals.

| | For | Against | Conflict | Absent |
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| 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 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | 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 A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that all By-laws under item 12 of the Agenda under dated March 23, 2026 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 2026-20 (Agreement) Land Ambulance Maintenance Agreement

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2026-20 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board for Fire Services Support Services Division to perform maintenance and repairs on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) vehicles be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.2 By-law 2026-25 (Peddler and Food Vendor Licencing)

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-Law 2026-25 being a by-law to amend By-law 2018-67 (being a by-law to licence, govern, and regulate peddlers and street sales in Sault Ste. Marie) be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.3 By-law 2026-26 (User Fees) Amend Schedule "A" Peddler Fees and Charges

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-Law 2026-26 being a by-law to amend certain Peddler fees and charges in Schedule "A" to User Fees By-law 2025-153 be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.4 By-law 2026-27 (Agreement) Intact Insurance Company Non-Accumulation of Limits

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2026-27 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Intact Insurance Company for the Non-Accumulation of Limits Agreement be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.5 By-law 2026-28 (Agreement) Intact Insurance Company Indemnity Agreement (Fleet)

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2026-28 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Intact Insurance Company for the Indemnity Agreement (Fleet) be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.6 By-law 2026-29 (Agreement) Intact Insurance Company Indemnity Agreement (Transit)

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2026-29 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Intact Insurance Company for the Indemnity Agreement (Transit) be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.7 By-law 2026-30 (Agreement) Intact Public Entities Claim Handling

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2026-30 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Intact Public Entities for claim handling be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.8 By-law 2026-31 (Agreement) Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation Donation

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2026-31 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation to support a playground equipment purchase for Kiwanis Park be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.9 By-law 2026-32 (Appointment) Deputy Chief Fire Prevention, Education and Emergency Management

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2026-32 being a by-law to appoint Gary Schryer as Deputy Chief Fire Prevention, Education and Emergency Management be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.10 By-law 2026-33 (Engineering) Reconstruction of East Street

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that by-law 2026-33 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Contract between the City and 1531161 Ontario Inc. (Boyer Construction) for the reconstruction of East Street from Bay Street to Wellington Street (Contract 2026-1E) be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.11 By-law 2026-34 (Temporary Street Closing) Reconstruction of East Street

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that by-law 2026-34 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of East Street from Bay Street to Wellington Street including intersections from May 1, 2026 to December 4, 2026 to facilitate the Reconstruction of East Street.

Carried

12.1.12 By-law 2026-36 (Agreement) Soo Greyhounds Inc. (Soo Greyhounds Hockey Club)

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2026-36 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Soo Greyhounds Inc. (Soo Greyhounds Hockey Club) for use of the GFL Memorial Gardens as the main tenant of the facility for ten (10) years, with two (2) five-year options to extend be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.13 By-law 2026-38 (Engineering) Reconstruction of Peoples Road – Phase 2

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2026-38 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Contract between the City and Avery Construction Limited for the reconstruction of Peoples Road from Penno Road to Third Line (Contract 2026-2E) be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

12.1.14 By-law 2026-39 (Temporary Street Closing) Reconstruction of Peoples Road – Phase 2

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that By-law 2026-39 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Peoples Road from Penno Road to Third Line including intersections from May 1, 2026, to November 27, 2026 to facilitate the Reconstruction of Peoples Road – Phase 2 be passed in open Council this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Carried

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

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

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 A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss:

- two items concerning proposed acquisition of lands;
- six items concerning proposed disposition of lands; and
- one item concerning labour relations or employee 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. 2001 – 239 (2)(c) a proposed acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality and (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk