



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, December 15, 2025

5:00 pm

Council Chambers and Video Conference

Present: Mayor M. Shoemaker, 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

Absent: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Officials: T. Vair, R. Tyczinski, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, S. Schell, J. King, P. Johnson, P. Tonazzo, C. Rumiel, D. Perri, T. Anderson, N. Ottolino, N. Maione, N. Thibault, M. Morgenstern, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, F. Coccimiglio, R. Van Staveren, M. Zuppa, T. Vecchio, K. Pulkkinen

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 24, 2025, Budget Meeting of November 24, 2025, and Budget Meeting of December 8, 2025 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-11-25-Z – 304 Industrial Park Crescent

Applicant is a client of law firm.

5. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the Agenda for December 15, 2025 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

6. Presentations

Claudette McGowan, CEO of Protexxa, and Norman R. Jaehrling, Managing Director, Aawan Maskwa Ltd. joined by video regarding Agenda item 7.8.

6.1 Fire Master Plan Update

Suzanne Charbonneau-Dent, Tayport Limited, was in attendance by video.

6.2 Northern Ontario Capacity

Sam Houston, Director, Dan Jones, Director, North Ontario Capacity GP Inc.; Dennis Labay, General Manager, Beamish Construction were in attendance by video.

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that all the items listed under date December 15, 2025 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

Carried

7.1 Outstanding Council Resolutions

7.2 2026 Borrowing By-law

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

The relevant By-law 2025-162 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.3 Sanitary Sewer Fee Collection Service Agreement

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

The relevant By-laws 2025-163 and 2025-170 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.4 Equipment Purchase – Two Refuse Trucks

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 December 15, 2025 concerning purchase of two refuse trucks as required by Public Works and Engineering Services – Landfill be awarded to FST Canada Inc. O/A Joe Johnson Equipment at the quoted amount of \$1,089,301.82 plus HST.

Carried

7.5 Playground Equipment for Manitou Park

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 Manger of Purchasing dated December 15, 2025 concerning the supply and installation of Playground Equipment for Manitou Park as required by Community Development and Enterprise Services and Public Works and Engineering Services be awarded to Park N Water Ltd. at their proposed price of \$157,459.25 plus HST.

Carried

7.6 2026 Aqueduct Repairs – Engineering Consultant Selection

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

The relevant By-law 2025-174 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.7 Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre – GIS Contract Extension

The report of the Manager of Information Technology was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2025-166 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.8 Protexxa Inc. – Offer of Purchase and Sale

The report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterpriser Services and Assistant City Solicitor/Senior Litigation Counsel was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2025-165 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.9 Removal of Restrictive Covenant – 328 Queen Street East

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated December 15, 2025 concerning the removal of a restrictive covenant on 328 Queen Street be received and that Council authorize staff to take the necessary steps to remove the restrictive covenant to substantially renovate the interior from the Subject Property and to confirm that this condition is satisfied.

Carried

7.10 Cemetery By-Law User Fee Update

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

The relevant By-law 2025-168 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.11 Designated Heritage Property Tax Rebates 2025

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated December 15, 2025 concerning Designated Heritage Property Tax Rebates 2025 be received and that the designated heritage property tax rebates for the 2024 tax year be approved and paid to the qualified owners of designated heritage properties enrolled in the program as follows:

1. 69 Church Street – Provincial Air Hangar;
2. 875 Queen Street East – Insect Pathology Lab;
3. 864 Queen Street – Algonquin Hotel;
4. 119 Woodward Avenue;
5. 10 Kensington Terrace – Unit #1;
6. 10 Kensington Terrace – Unit #2;
7. 10 Kensington Terrace – Unit #3;
8. 115 Upton Road – 1902 Family Residence;
9. 193 Pim Street Wellington Square Townhouses;
10. 36 Herrick Street;
11. 358-366 Queen Street East – Barnes-Fawcett Blocks;
12. 242-246 Queen Street East – Hussey Block;
13. 99 Huron Street – Yard Locker;
14. 83 Huron Street – Machine Shop;
15. 1048 Queen Street – Eastbourne;
16. 54 Summit Avenue; and

17. 143 McGregor Avenue.

Carried

7.12 Tourism Development Fund Applications – November 2025

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated December 15, 2025 be received and that the recommendation of the Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors to allocate \$156,000 as detailed below be approved.

1. Gathering at the Rapids Pow Wow \$20,000;
2. Bon Soo Winter Carnival \$10,000;
3. Frozen Toe Fat Bike Race \$7,500;
4. Dave Kensit Swim Meet \$3,500;
5. Sault Pedal Pub \$50,000;
6. Sport Event Bid #2015-001 \$50,000; and
7. Conference Bid #2025-002 \$15,000.

Carried

7.13 John Rhodes Community Centre Energy Retrofit and Accessibility Project

The report of the Sustainability Coordinator was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2025-173 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.14 Donation – Tenaris Algoma Tubes

The report of the Fire Chief was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Fire Chief dated December 15, 2025 concerning Donation – Tenaris Algoma Tubes be received and that Council approve moving any unused funds into the reserve and provide staff with the authority to move funds from the reserve for donation-related expenses in subsequent years.

Carried

7.15 Repeal By-Law 2023-98 Fire Prevention Officers

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2025-164 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.16 Deeming By-Law – Plummer and Smith Subdivision, Plan 327, 302 and 308 Queen Street East (Pharmlaw Investments Inc. Joseph R. Greco)

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2025-169 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.17 End-shareholder Form for PUC Banking

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated December 15, 2025 be received and that the Mayor be authorized to sign CIBC's Business Account Application and Agreement (Certificate regarding Information about a Corporate Owner of the Business) dated October 31, 2025.

Carried

7.18 Quick Access – Video Remote Interpreting Pilot Extension

The report of the Accessibility Coordinator was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2025-172 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

8. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees

8.1 Administration

8.2 Corporate Services

8.3 Community Development and Enterprise Services

8.3.1 Municipal Support Resolution – Proposed Natural Gas Energy Project

The report of the Manager of Business Attraction was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2025-167 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Project 1: North Ontario Capacity Snow Dump Sault Ste. Marie

Whereas the Proponent is proposing to construct and operate a Long-Term Capacity Services Project located on Municipal Project Lands, as defined and with the characteristics outlined in the table below, under the Long-Term 2 Capacity Services (Window 1) Request for Proposals ("LT2(c-1) RFP") issued by the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO"); and

Whereas the capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the LT2(c-1) RFP; and

Whereas the Proponent has delivered, no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Proposal Submission Deadline, a Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice to an applicable Local Body

Administrator in respect of the Municipal Project Lands that includes the details outlined in the table below, except for the Unique Project ID which should only be required as part of the Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice if available; and

- Unique Project ID of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project (if available): LT2c1-6599
- Legal name of the Proponent: NOC Snow Dump Sault Ste. Marie Limited Partnership
- Name of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project: NOC Snow Dump Sault Ste. Marie
- Technology of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project: Natural gas
- Maximum potential Contract Capacity of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project (in MW): 9.45MW
- Property Identification Number (PIN), or if PIN is not available, municipal address or legal description of the Municipal Project Lands: 315080008

Whereas pursuant to the LT2(c-1) RFP, if the Long-Term Capacity Services Project is proposed to be located in whole or in part on Municipal Project Lands, the Proposal must include Municipal Support Confirmation which may be in the form of a Municipal Resolution in Support of Proposal Submission; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:

1. The Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the submission of a Proposal for the Long-Term Capacity Services Project located on the Municipal Project Lands.
2. This resolution's sole purpose is to satisfy the mandatory requirements of Section 4.2(c)(iii) of the LT2(c-1) RFP and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of approval in relation to the Proposal or Long-Term Capacity Services Project or for any other purpose.
3. The Proponent has undertaken, or has committed to undertake, Indigenous and community engagement activities in respect of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project to the satisfaction of the Municipality.
4. The Municipal Project Lands does not include lands designated as Prime Agricultural Areas in the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Official Plan.
5. Where the Municipal Project Lands does include lands designated as Prime Agricultural Areas in the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Official Plan as of the date of this resolution:
 - a. The Municipal Project Lands are not designated as Specialty Crop Areas;
 - b. The Long-Term Energy Project is not a Non-Rooftop Solar Project;
 - c. The Proponent has satisfied the AIA Component One Requirement to the satisfaction of the Local Municipality; and
 - d. If the Proponent is selected as a Selected Proponent under the LT2(c-1) RFP, the council of City of Sault Ste. Marie will engage in good faith with the Selected

Proponent to enable the Selected Proponent to complete the AIA Components Two and Three Requirement.

	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	3	7	0	1
				Defeated

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Project 2: North Ontario Capacity McQueen Sault Ste. Marie

Whereas the Proponent is proposing to construct and operate a Long-Term Capacity Services Project located on Municipal Project Lands, as defined and with the characteristics outlined in

the table below, under the Long-Term 2 Capacity Services (Window 1) Request for Proposals (“LT2(c-1) RFP”) issued by the Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”); and

Whereas the capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the LT2(c-1) RFP; and

Whereas the Proponent has delivered, no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Proposal Submission Deadline, a Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice to an applicable Local Body Administrator in respect of the Municipal Project Lands that includes the details outlined in the table below, except for the Unique Project ID which should only be required as part of the Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice if available; and

- Unique Project ID of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project (if available): LT2c1-6596
- Legal name of the Proponent: NOC McQueen Sault Ste. Marie Limited Partnership
- Name of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project: NOC McQueen Sault Ste. Marie
- Technology of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project: Natural gas
- Maximum potential Contract Capacity of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project (in MW): 9.45MW
- Property Identification Number (PIN), or if PIN is not available, municipal address or legal description of the Municipal Project Lands: 315080068

Whereas pursuant to the LT2(c-1) RFP, if the Long-Term Capacity Services Project is proposed to be located in whole or in part on Municipal Project Lands, the Proposal must include Municipal Support Confirmation which may be in the form of a Municipal Resolution in Support of Proposal Submission; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:

1. The Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the submission of a Proposal for the Long-Term Capacity Services Project located on the Municipal Project Lands.
2. This resolution's sole purpose is to satisfy the mandatory requirements of Section 4.2(c)(iii) of the LT2(c-1) RFP and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of approval in relation to the Proposal or Long-Term Capacity Services Project or for any other purpose.
3. The Proponent has undertaken, or has committed to undertake, Indigenous and community engagement activities in respect of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project to the satisfaction of the Municipality.
4. The Municipal Project Lands does not include lands designated as Prime Agricultural Areas in the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Official Plan.
5. Where the Municipal Project Lands does include lands designated as Prime Agricultural Areas in the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Official Plan as of the date of this resolution:
 1. The Municipal Project Lands are not designated as Specialty Crop Areas;

2. The Long-Term Energy Project is not a Non-Rooftop Solar Project;
3. The Proponent has satisfied the AIA Component One Requirement to the satisfaction of the Local Municipality; and
4. If the Proponent is selected as a Selected Proponent under the LT2(c-1) RFP, the council of City of Sault Ste. Marie will engage in good faith with the Selected Proponent to enable the Selected Proponent to complete the AIA Components Two and Three Requirement.

	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	4	6	0	1
				Defeated

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

Project 3: North Ontario Capacity Brandes Pit Sault Ste. Marie

Whereas the Proponent is proposing to construct and operate a Long-Term Capacity Services Project located on Municipal Project Lands, as defined and with the characteristics outlined in the table below, under the Long-Term 2 Capacity Services (Window 1) Request for Proposals (“LT2(c-1) RFP”) issued by the Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”); and

Whereas the capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the LT2(c-1) RFP; and

Whereas the Proponent has delivered, no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Proposal Submission Deadline, a Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice to an applicable Local Body Administrator in respect of the Municipal Project Lands that includes the details outlined in the table below, except for the Unique Project ID which should only be required as part of the Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice if available; and

- Unique Project ID of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project (if available): LT2c1-6591
- Legal name of the Proponent: NOC Brandes Pit Sault Ste. Marie Limited Partnership
- Name of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project: NOC Brandes Pit Sault Ste. Marie
- Technology of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project: Natural gas
- Maximum potential Contract Capacity of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project (in MW): 9.45MW
- Property Identification Number (PIN), or if PIN is not available, municipal address or legal description of the Municipal Project Lands: 315080089

Whereas pursuant to the LT2(c-1) RFP, if the Long-Term Capacity Services Project is proposed to be located in whole or in part on Municipal Project Lands, the Proposal must include Municipal Support Confirmation which may be in the form of a Municipal Resolution in Support of Proposal Submission; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:

1. The Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the submission of a Proposal for the Long-Term Capacity Services Project located on the Municipal Project Lands.
2. This resolution's sole purpose is to satisfy the mandatory requirements of Section 4.2(c)(iii) of the LT2(c-1) RFP and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of approval in relation to the Proposal or Long-Term Capacity Services Project or for any other purpose.
3. The Proponent has undertaken, or has committed to undertake, Indigenous and community engagement activities in respect of the Long-Term Capacity Services Project to the satisfaction of the Municipality.
4. The Municipal Project Lands does not include lands designated as Prime Agricultural Areas in the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Official Plan.

5. Where the Municipal Project Lands does include lands designated as Prime Agricultural Areas in the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Official Plan as of the date of this resolution:
 1. The Municipal Project Lands are not designated as Specialty Crop Areas;
 2. The Long-Term Energy Project is not a Non-Rooftop Solar Project;
 3. The Proponent has satisfied the AIA Component One Requirement to the satisfaction of the Local Municipality; and
 4. If the Proponent is selected as a Selected Proponent under the LT2(c-1) RFP, the council of City of Sault Ste. Marie will engage in good faith with the Selected Proponent to enable the Selected Proponent to complete the AIA Components Two and Three Requirement.

	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	5	5	0	1
Tied, Defeated				

8.4 Public Works and Engineering Services

8.5 Fire Services

8.5.1 Fire Master Plan Update

The report of the Fire Chief was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Fire Chief dated December 15, 2025 concerning the Fire Master Plan Update be received and that:

1. The Fire Master Plan Update be approved as the strategic framework for the delivery of fire protection services within the City of Sault Ste. Marie; and
2. Council directs the Fire Chief to report further on implementing the strategies and recommendations contained in the Fire Master Plan on an ongoing basis and through the annual budget process.

	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	0	1
Carried				

8.6 Legal

8.7 Planning

8.7.1 Request for Deferral: A-10-25-Z – 140 Black Road

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated December 15, 2025 concerning rezoning application A-10-25-Z be received and that Council postpone this application to January 12, 2026.

Carried

8.7.2 A-11-25-Z – 304 Industrial Park Crescent

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

Acting Mayor M. Scott assumed the Chair.

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated December 15, 2025 concerning application A-11-25-Z be received and that Council rezone the subject property from Parks and Recreation (PR) Zone to Medium Industrial (M2.S) Zone with a Special Exception with the following provision:

That prior to any development or site alteration on the subject property, the Owner submits a grading and drainage plan with a stormwater brief, prepared by a qualified professional and approved by the Director of Engineering or their designate.

Be it further resolved that the subject property and 304 Industrial Park Crescent be deemed an area of Site Plan Control.

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	8	0	1	2
				Carried

Mayor M. Shoemaker resumed the Chair.

8.8 Boards and Committees

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

9.1 Provincial Plan to Consolidate Conservation Authorities

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie and the Township of Prince established the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority in 1963; and

Whereas local municipalities currently provide approximately 69% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 7%; and

Whereas municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers; and

Whereas Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization; and

Whereas the proposed Northern Ontario regional conservation authorities do not align with watershed boundaries and have the risk of increasing costs and decreasing service levels;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain existing conservation authorities in Northern Ontario that recognize our geographic realities and ensure strong local representation related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

And that the City of Sault Ste. Marie is opposed to the proposed "Northeastern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority" boundary configuration outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257;

And that the Ministry engage directly with affected municipalities of the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority, before finalizing any consolidation boundaries or legislative amendments.

	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	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. Spina

Resolved that all By-laws under item 12 of the Agenda under date December 15, 2025 save and except By-law 2025-167 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 2025-162 (Finance) 2026 Borrowing For Current Expenditures

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that By-law 2025-162 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026 be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

Carried

12.1.2 By-law 2025-163 (Sewers) Sewer and Sewage Service Rates Increase

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that By-law 2025-163 being a by-law to establish the sewer rates and sewage service rates, to require PUC Services Inc. to collect same, to repeal By-laws 2023-185 and 2020-10 and to terminate the Agreement made between the City and the Public Utilities Commission of The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie dated January 1, 1962 be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

Carried

12.1.3 By-law 2025-164 (Appointments) Repeal By-Law 2023-98 Fire Prevention Officers

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that By-Law 2025-164 being a by-law to repeal By-Law 2023-98 (being a by-law to appoint Fire Prevention Officers for the purpose of enforcing the Fire Protection and Prevention Act) be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

Carried

12.1.4 By-law 2025-165 (Surplus and Sale) Yates Avenue (Protexxa Inc.)

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that By-law 2025-165 being a by-law to declare the City owned property legally described as Part of PIN 31609-0390 and PIN 31609-0398; CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE being part of Yates Avenue approx. 8.39 acres as surplus to the City's needs and to authorize the disposition of the said property to Protexxa Inc. or as otherwise directed be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

Carried

12.1.5 By-law 2025-166 (Agreement) Geographical Information Systems (GIS) with Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre Contract Extension

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

Resolved that By-law 2025-166 being a by-law to extend the Geographical Information System GIS Agreement between the City and the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre for an additional one-year term from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

Carried

12.1.6 By-law 2025-167 (Agreement) Northern Ontario Capacity Natural Gas Energy Project

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

Resolved that By-law 2025-167 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and subsidiaries of Northern Ontario Capacity (NOC) for a proposed natural gas energy project in the form of a Municipal Support Resolution be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

12.1.7 By-law 2025-168 (User Fees) 2026 Cemetery User Fees Amendment

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

Resolved that By-law 2025-168 being a by-law to amend certain Cemetery fees and charges in Schedule "B" to User Fees By-law 2025-153 be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

Carried

12.1.8 By-law 2025-169 (Subdivision Control) Deeming 302 and 308 Queen Street East, Plummer and Smith Subdivision

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

Resolved that By-law 2025-169 being a by-law to deem not registered for purposes of subdivision control certain lots in the Plummer and Smith Subdivision, pursuant to section 50(4) of the Planning Act be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

Carried

12.1.9 By-law 2025-170 (Agreement) Sanitary Sewer Fee and Sewage Service Rate Invoicing and Collection Agreement

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

Resolved that By-law 2025-170 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and PUC Services Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Fee and Sewage Service Rate Invoicing and Collection Agreement be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

Carried

12.1.10 By-law 2025-171 (Taxes) Interim Tax Levies

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that By-Law 2025-171 being a by-law to provide for Interim Tax Levies be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

Carried

12.1.11 By-law 2025-172 (Agreement) Canadian Hearing Services, Inc. Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that By-Law 2025-172 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Amending Agreement between the City and Canadian Hearing Services, Inc. for the Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) service for American Sign Language interpretation at the Civic Centre be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

Carried

12.1.12 By-law 2025-173 (Agreement) John Rhodes Community Centre Energy Retrofit and Accessibility Project

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that By-Law 2025-173 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and His Majesty the King in right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities for the John Rhodes Community Centre Energy Retrofit and Accessibility Project be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025.

Carried

12.1.13 By-law 2025-174 (Engineering) 2026 Aqueduct Repairs Engineering Consultant Selection

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that By-law 2025-174 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Tulloch Engineering Inc. for design and contract administration for the 2026 Aqueduct Repairs contract be passed in open Council this 15th day of December, 2025

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 R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss one item concerning a proposed acquisition of land; one item concerning a proposed disposition of land by the municipality or local board; 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 – section 239 (2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; section 239 (2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk