

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2003 08 25

4:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, J. Curran, B. Hayes, F. Manzo, N. DelBianco, D. Oraziotti, D. Amaroso

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, D. Irving, N. Kenny, J. Elliott, B. Davies, B. Freiburger, B. Strapp, M. Kukoraitis, N. Apostle

ABSENT: Councillor B. Irwin

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2003 08 11 be approved. CARRIED.

2. **QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION ARISING OUT OF MINUTES AND NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA**

3. **PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that the accounts of 2003 08 08 in the amount of \$1,984,590.49 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 2003 07 20 to 2003 08 02 in amounts of Hourly \$1,514,227.78 and Salaried \$337,200.50 as certified and paid be confirmed. CARRIED.

Councillor L. Turco declared a pecuniary interest – spouse employed by Police Service.

Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that the accounts of 2003 08 15 in the amount of \$2,397,463.29 be passed and paid. CARRIED.

3. Councillor L. Turco declared a pecuniary interest – spouse employed by Police Service.

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Police Chief Bob Davies, on behalf of the Emergency Operations Control Team, was in attendance to provide Council with a preliminary report on the community's response to the recent electrical blackout and subsequent energy conservation measures.
- (b) Bruce Strapp, President and C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation was in attendance to introduce the President/C.E.O. of Northern Centre for Biotechnology and Clinical Research (NEUREKA).
- (c) Rick Talvitie, Totten Sims Hubicki Associates was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(3)(a).
- (d) Jamie Melville on behalf of Soo Mill, and Wayne Barbeau, resident of London Street were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(5)(a).
- (e) Proclamation – Heroes of Sault Ste. Marie

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

5. **COMMUNICATIONS AND ROUTINE REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2003 08 25 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Correspondence from the Children's Aid Society requesting permission for a temporary street closing on Blucher Street between Albert and Wellington on September 16, 2003 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for its 3rd Annual Family Fun Day Street Festival was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2003-193 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (b) Correspondence from the Town of Penetanguishene (concerning a request for support of a motion requesting the Province to increase payment-in-lieu of taxes paid to municipalities where hospitals and provincial correctional facilities are located) was received by Council.
- (c) **Staff Travel Requests**
The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was accepted by Council.

5. (c) Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that the staff travel contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2003 08 25 be approved as requested. CARRIED.
- (d) **Provincial Revenues**
The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2003 08 25 concerning Provincial Revenues be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (e) **Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) and the Ontario Property Tax System**
The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2003 08 25 concerning Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) and the Ontario Property Tax System be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (f) **Agreement With the Soo Thunderbirds Hockey Club Inc.**
The report of the Commissioner of Community Services was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2003-189 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that agenda item 5.(f) and By-law 2003-189 Agreement with Soo Thunderbirds Hockey Club Inc. BE DEFERRED to the September 8, 2003 Council Meeting. DEFEATED.
- (g) **Contract 2003-8E – Great Northern Road and Second Line Intersection – Northwest Quadrant Right Turn Lane**
The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2003-191 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (h) **Teen Centre on Albert Street**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

5. (h) Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso
Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2003 08 25 concerning Teen Centre on Albert Street be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (i) **Pointe des Chenes Park Campground – Lion's Club Insurance Requirement**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Whereas the City entered into an Agreement with the Lion's Club of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario dated April 15, 2000 for the operation of the Pointe des Chenes Campground for the period ending April 14, 2005 and thereafter from year to year until cancelled, upon certain terms and conditions; and
Whereas a review of the comprehensive general liability coverage has ascertained that the amount of coverage can be reduced from \$5,000,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence;
Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation does hereby approve the reduction in the amount of comprehensive general liability coverage specified in clause 9(b) of the said Agreement dated April 15, 2000 from \$5,000,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00. In all other respects, the said Agreement is hereby ratified and confirmed. CARRIED.
- (j) **Proposed Sale of Former Korah Garage**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2003-194 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (k) **Route Adjustments – Transit Services Division**
The report of the Transit Manager was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that the report of the Transit Manager dated 2003 08 11 concerning Route Adjustments – Transit Services be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (l) **St. Mary's Avenue Sanitary Sewer – North Street to Walnut Street; and Spruce Street to Maple Street**
The report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.

5. (l) Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2003 08 12 concerning St. Mary's Avenue Sanitary Sewer (North to Walnut Street and Spruce to Maple Street) be accepted and the recommendation that the Sanitary Sewer be replaced by Public Works at an estimated cost of \$45,000.00 with funds from the Sewer Surcharge Reserve Account be approved. CARRIED.
- (m) Correspondence from the Ministry of Finance concerning Budget Highlights was received by Council.
- (n) **Notice of PUC Shareholder Meeting**

Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso
Resolved that Council be authorized to go into closed session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2003 to meet as the sole shareholder of PUC Inc. pursuant to the provisions of the Business Corporations Act dealing with shareholder meetings. CARRIED.
- (o) The letter from the resident of 160 Kohler Street thanking Public Works and Transportation staff was received by Council.
- (p) **City of Forssa – Sister City**
The report of Mayor Rowswell was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Rowswell
Seconded by Councillor P. Mick
Whereas City Council received a memo from Mayor Rowswell dated August 25, 2003 concerning City of Forssa – Sister City;
Therefore be it resolved that City Council authorize Mayor Rowswell to attend the Bio-energy 2003 Conference in Jyvaskyla, Finland September 2 to 4, 2003 at an estimated expenditure of 1200 Eruro; and
Further resolved that City Council support and endorses Mayor Rowswell in rebuilding our relationship with sister city Forssa Finland. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors D. Jones, J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, B. Hayes, N. DelBianco, D. Oraziotti

Against: Councillors P. Vaudry, J. Curran, F. Manzo, D. Amaroso

Absent: Councillor B. Irwin

5. (q) **Acting Mayor**

Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Pursuant to Section 69 (2) of the Municipal Act, Resolved that Councillor Duane Jones be appointed Acting Mayor for the period September 1 to 7, 2003 (Mayor Rowswell out of the country on municipal business). CARRIED.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

6. **REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

6. (3) **ENGINEERING**

(a) **Solid Waste Management Plan – Recommended Changes to Waste Collection and Diversion in the Multi-Residential Sector**

The report of the Design and Subdivision Engineer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that the report of the Design and Subdivision Engineer dated 2003 08 25 concerning Solid Waste Management Plan – Recommended Changes to Waste Collection and Diversion in the Multi-Residential Sector be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Councillors D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, P. Mick, J. Curran, N. DelBianco, D. Oraziotti, D. Amaroso

Against: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors L. Turco, B. Hayes, F. Manzo

Absent: Councillor B. Irwin

6. (5) **LEGAL**

(a) **Soo Mill Use of City Boulevard on London Street**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2003 08 11 concerning Soo Mill Use of City Boulevard on London Street be accepted and the recommendation that City Council approve the requested use of the boulevard be approved. CARRIED.

6. (5)
(a) Councillor N. DelBianco declared a pecuniary interest – relative lives on London Street.

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, J. Curran, B. Hayes, D. Orazietti, D. Amaroso

Against: Councillors P. Mick, L. Turco, F. Manzo

Absent: Councillor B. Irwin

Councillor N. DelBianco declared a pecuniary interest – relative lives on London Street.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS PLACED ON AGENDA BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

- (a) Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti
Whereas the recent blackout allowed Sault Ste. Marie once again to show its readiness to effectively deal with emergency situations which might arise in our community; and
Whereas within minutes of the electrical blackout, the Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Operations Control Team assembled to deal with the crippling effects that the blackout would have on our community, and in so doing dealt with small and large issues, some of which would have been life threatening; and
Whereas our community managed its way through this emergency situation without any major incidents because of the great cooperation of not only those who were called in but because of the compliance and cooperation of the public at large; and
Whereas City Council wishes to express its sincerest thanks to all of its citizens for their response to Emergency Officials, not only during the power shortage but in the days that followed where conservation efforts were requested;
Now therefore be it resolved that City Council expresses its sincerest thanks and pride to the Emergency Operations Control Team, Great Lakes Power and P.U.C. Officials, Red Cross and Vicars Volunteers, the Sault Ste. Marie Ham Radio Club, Sunoco Oil Company, McDougall Fuels, City personnel and all other who had a role to play in the successful response to this recent emergency situation. CARRIED.

8. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUCH MATTERS AS ARE REFERRED TO IT BY THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION**

9. **ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

10. **CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS**

Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2003 08 25 be approved. CARRIED.

(a) Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that By-law 2003-188 being a by-law to amend Schedule "C" of Traffic By-law 77-200, be read three times and passed in Open Council this 25th day of August, 2003. CARRIED.

(b) Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that By-law 2003-189 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and the Soo Thunderbirds Hockey Club Inc. concerning the use of the Sault Ste. Marie Memorial Gardens and the John Rhodes Community Centre for a one year period commencing September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004, be read three times and passed in Open Council this 25th day of August, 2003. CARRIED.

(c) Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that By-law 2003-190 being a by-law to amend various sections to Building By-law 76-185 with respect to signs in the International Bridge Plaza area be read three times and passed in Open Council this 25th day of August, 2003. CARRIED.

(d) Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that By-law 2003-191 being a by-law to authorize a contract between the City and Lafarge Materials and Construction Inc. for the construction of a dedicated right turn lane at the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Great Northern Road and Second Line (Contract 2003-8E) be read three times and passed in Open Council this 25th day of August, 2003. CARRIED.

(e) Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that By-law 2003-192 being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 72 to the Official Plan be read three times and passed in Open Council this 25th day of August, 2003. CARRIED.

10. (f) Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2003-193 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Blucher Street from Wellington Street East to Albert Street East to facilitate the Children's Aid Society of Algoma's Family Fun Day Street Festival be read three times and passed in Open Council this 25th day of August, 2003. CARRIED.
- (g) Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2003-194 being a by-law to authorize the sale of 1024 Third Line West to Pasquale Lento be read three times and passed in Open Council this 25th day of August, 2003. CARRIED.

11. **QUESTIONS BY, NEW BUSINESS FROM, OR ADDRESSES BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL CONCERNING MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA**

- (a) Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that this Council shall now go into Caucus to discuss one personal matter about identifiable individual and one property (possible land acquisition) item. CARRIED.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor J. Curran
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"JOHN ROWSWELL"

MAYOR

"DONNA P. IRVING"

CLERK