

MINUTES

TWIN SAULTS – JOINT COUNCIL/COMMISSION WORKING MEETING

2003 09 29 – 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
99 FOSTER DRIVE
SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

PRESENT: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors D. Amaroso, B. Irwin, D. Jones, N. DelBianco, F. Manzo, B. Hayes, J. Curran, P. Mick, J. Caicco, P. Vaudry
Mayor T. Bosbous, Commissioners W. Munsell, D. Gonyeau, D. Hoornstra, C. McGahey, F. King, V. Lawrence

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, D. Irving, L. Clarke, S. Nebel, L. Murray, K. Eagle, S. Cannello, L. McCoy, B. Davies

ABSENT: Councillors L. Turco, D. Orazietti

1. **Opening Comments**

Mayor Tony Bosbous

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor John Rowswell

Introduction of City Council

Moved by

Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by

Councillor N. DelBianco

*Resolved that City Council now proceed into the Committee of the Whole to consider the following matter referred to it for consideration – Twin Saults – Joint Council/Commission Working Meeting.
CARRIED.*

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, P. Mick, J. Curran, B. Hayes, F. Manzo, N. DelBianco, B. Irwin, D. Amaroso

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillors L. Turco, D. Orazietti

Spencer Nebel, City Manager, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Joe Fratesi, Chief Administrative Officer, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

2. **Mutual Aid Agreement (Fire Protection) – A Review**

Fire Chief Lynn McCoy, Sault, Ontario and Fire Chief Ken Eagle, Sault, Michigan were in attendance and provided an update and review of the current Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Protection Services. Both Fire Chiefs committed to pursuing the possibility of enhanced mutual services provided by their respective departments.

3. **Mutual Emergency Services – Exploring Possibilities**

Police Chief Bob Davies, Sault, Ontario and Police Chief Lou Murray, Sault, Michigan provided an update and review of current mutual police services between the two departments. There are fewer possibilities for mutual police services than there are for fire services and both Police Chiefs committed to a continued working relationship especially in the communication of key information.

4. **Bridge Bus**

Joe Fratesi, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the status of the International Bridge Bus and advised that it will continue to operate under a new agreement between the two Countries.

5. **Communications Issues**

Joe Fratesi, Chief Administrative Officer, provided brief comments and a commitment to ongoing dialogue between both Council, Commission and staff.

6. **BRIDGE Presentation**

The report of BRIDGE was accepted by Council. Duane Buchanan, Don Gerri and Peter Nixon on behalf of BRIDGE group were in attendance concerning this item.

7. **Border Crossing Issues**

City Council and City Commission members were very concerned about Border Crossing issues such as the long delays that sometimes occur and the manner in which some travelers are treated at the border crossings. Each agreed that this is primarily a Federal issue and that a meeting between the two Councils and Federal officials should be scheduled for the next Twin Saults Meeting.

8. **Next Meeting – Where Do We Go From Here**

It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce from both Saults should be invited to the next Twin Saults Meeting.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the Committee of the Whole now rise and report on the matter referred to it by City Council – Twin Saults – Joint Council/Commission Working Meeting. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Whereas the cities of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario (hereinafter the "Twin Saults") share a common border, a common river, a largely common history, strong family connections and a common name; and

Whereas each of the Twin Saults wishes to broaden and expand its economy and create jobs; and

Whereas there are impressive individual and collective attributes available to the Twin Saults which can be enhanced bi-national cooperation; and

Whereas other border communities in North America and Europe have demonstrated that substantial social and economic benefits can result from bi-national cooperation;

Now therefore be it resolved that the enhancement and expansion of bi-national cooperation, and the active pursuit and development of cooperative projects which provide mutual benefits to the Twin Saults is hereby supported and endorsed; and

Further that the areas of bi-national opportunity to be explored be primarily North American in origin, but also be international, where warranted; and

Further that the BRIDGE organization be recognized as the coordinating body to promote bi-national cooperation, to seek and explore bi-national opportunities of mutual benefit, and to identify, develop and implement demonstration projects; and

Further that the Twin Saults' intent to actively promote bi-national cooperation and pursue bi-national opportunities be made known to State/Provincial and Federal levels of government as deemed timely, useful and constructive; and

Lastly that a process be established to provide for regular communication between Twin Sault officials and elected representatives and regular reporting of progress on bi-national initiatives. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, P. Mick, J. Curran, B. Hayes, F. Manzo, N. DelBianco, B. Irwin, D. Amaroso

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillors L. Turco, D. Oraziatti

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Whereas the Twin Saults – Joint Council/Commission met for the first time on September 29, 2003; and

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie concurs that there are strategic opportunities for cooperation between Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan;

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie endorses an annual meeting of the Twin Saults – Joint Council/Commission to discuss issues of mutual concern (and more often if requested by either Council) (invite Chamber of Commerce from both Saults to next meeting). CARRIED.

9. **Key to the Cities Presentation**

Mayor Rowswell and Mayor Bosbous exchanged keys to their respective cities.

10. **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"JOHN ROWSWELL"

MAYOR

"DONNA P. IRVING"

CLERK