

## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**2003 01 27**

**5:00 P.M.**

### **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Mayor J. Rowsell, Councillors D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, J. Curran, B. Hayes, F. Manzo, N. DelBianco, D. Orazietti, B. Irwin, D. Amaroso

**OFFICIALS:** J. Fratesi, D. Irving, N. Apostle, B. Freiburger, D. McConnell, J. Sniezek, P. McAuley, M. Brechin, L. Bottos, B. Young, F. Coccimiglio

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti

Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2003 01 13 be approved. CARRIED.

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

3. **PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti

Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo

Resolved that the accounts of 2003 01 10 in the amount of \$2,353,454.01 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 2002 12 22 to 2003 01 04 in amounts of Hourly \$1,429,105.39 and Salaried \$773,835.01 as certified and paid be confirmed. CARRIED.

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

Councillor D. Orazietti declared a pecuniary interest - employed by Algoma District School Board.

Councillor P. Mick declared a pecuniary interest - daughter employed by Algoma District School Board.

3. Councillor J. Curran declared a pecuniary interest - spouse employed by Algoma District School Board.

Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti

Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo

Resolved that the accounts of 2003 01 17 in the amount of \$1,013,461.90 be passed and paid. CARRIED.

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

Councillor B. Irwin declared a pecuniary interest - employed by Sault Area Hospital.

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Robin McDonald, President; Donna Gregg, General Manager, Bon Soo and Mr. Bon Soo were in attendance concerning Proclamation - Bon Soo 2003.
- (b) Benita Brogno, Coordinator of the Winter Cities Conference and Patti Jennings, on behalf of the Tourism Solution Council, were in attendance concerning the Proclamation - Winter Cities Conference and the Great Lakes Tourism Workshop being held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with the Conference.
- (c) The winners of the Mayor's Award for Business - Fitzpatrick Industries Inc. (Jim Fitzpatrick) and Bank of Nova Scotia (Dave Wilton) were in attendance to receive the 2002 Award.
- (d) Ben Pascuzzi, President, Chamber of Commerce was in attendance concerning the launch of the Chamber's 2003 Directory.
- (e) Jackie Fletcher and Shirley Horn on behalf of the "Echoes of the World" international drumming festival were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(a).
- (f) Doug Cooper, Project Engineer, Ministry of Transportation and Chris Gauer, Senior Project Manager, Marshall Macklin Monaghan were in attendance to update Council on the Highway 17 Project (new) - Trunk Road Access from Trunk Road to Highway 17 - Preferred Alternative.
- (g) Frank Sarlo and Tom Kowaleski, Vice-President, Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(b).
- (h) Russ Hilderley was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(6)(a).

## **PART ONE - CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2003 01 27 - Part One - Consent Agenda, save and except 5.(e) [tabled], be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Correspondence from the Echoes of the World 2003 Committee concerning the First Annual International Drumming Festival taking place June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo

Resolved that the correspondence from the "Echoes of the World" organizing committee dated 2003 01 27 requesting City Council support and staff advice for various components of this 2-day event being held in Sault Ste. Marie on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003 BE REFERRED to the Commissioner of Community Services for appropriate review and followup action. CARRIED.

- (b) The letter from the Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation and the memo from the Director of Financial Services concerning a request to Council to allow a tax classification change for the Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor D. Oraziatti

Whereas the Airport Development Corporation was established to provide air transportation services to the City of Sault Ste. Marie and area; and

Whereas said airport is the only airport in the Province of Ontario that pays education taxes; and

Whereas the Provincial Government has agreed that our International Bridge Plaza would be assessed in a property tax class which is taxed at the general (municipal) tax levy only, with no education taxes payable; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie wishes to assist said Airport Development Corporation in achieving equity with other Provincial airports by relieving it of its education tax burden;

Now therefore be it resolved that City Council authorizes City staff to work with the Airport Development Corporation in approaching the appropriate Provincial ministry(ies) to request permission to assess the Sault Ste. Marie International Airport in the same property tax class [CM] as the International Bridge Plaza so as to be taxed at the general (municipal) tax rate only. CARRIED.

5. (c) Correspondence from the County of Perth (concerning Federal Housing Initiative); the Regional Municipality of Niagara (concerning one-third tax-free provision pursuant to Section 255 of the Municipal Act for members of Council) was received by Council.
- (d) Correspondence from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation concerning a quarterly payment of the 5% slot revenue to the City in the amount of \$470,731.00 was received by Council.
- (e) The letter from Mayor Rowswell to the Premier of Ontario concerning Transpolar Air Cargo Initiative in Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Whereas the Transpolar Air Cargo initiative has long range potential for Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay and Northern Ontario; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie does not have sufficient financial resources to build the infrastructure at the airport required to market this opportunity to Asian and Russian Air Carriers; and

Whereas Carmen Provenzano, M.P. for the City of Sault Ste. Marie recently announced that we need to further develop a business plan to justify infrastructure expenditures at the airport; and

Whereas it will be difficult to develop a business plan without conditional support to build the airport infrastructure from both the Federal Government and Provincial Government;

Therefore be it resolved that Council request Ontario Premier, Ernie Eves and Prime Minister, Jean Chretien conditionally support infrastructure funding for the Sault Ste. Marie Airport pending the outcome of a business plan. TABLED.

- (f) The letter from Team Sault Ste. Marie to the Minister of Human Resources Development Canada concerning Canadian Steel Trade Employment Congress (CSTEC) Proposal for Industrial Apprenticeship Trades Program was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti

Whereas the Canadian Steel Trade and Employment Congress (CSTEC) is a joint venture between the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) and Canada's Steel producing companies that was established in 1985; and

Whereas through its work with steel and other industries, governments, education and training providers, CSTEC has developed a wide range of unique and innovative programs in areas of skills training and worker adjustment; and

Whereas in the area of worker adjustment in Sault Ste. Marie, in partnership with Algoma Steel, the United Steelworkers of America and the local college and universities, CSTEC has assisted over 1650 Algoma workers with retraining and job finding skills; and

5. (f) Whereas in the area of skills training in the workplace, CSTECH has developed the Steel Industry Training Program (SITP) which has assisted in the skills upgrading of much of Algoma's workforce; and  
Whereas the CSTECH Apprenticeship Trades/Technician Program will address Sault Ste. Marie's industrial skills shortage; contribute to the Government of Canada's target to double the number of apprenticeships by 2010; offer local employers/students an extended work co-op period prior to hiring; increase the retention rate of locally produced skilled tradespeople; reduce the certification time of trades people from 4 years 6 months to 3 years 4 months; and reduce the debt loads on graduates by enabling students to "earn as they learn";  
Now therefore be it resolved that City Council joins local industry, local unions, Team Sault Ste. Marie and affiliated organizations and Sault College of Applied Arts and Technology in the enthusiastic support for a proposal for Industrial Apprenticeship Trades Programs which has been submitted to Human Resources Development Canada. CARRIED.

(g) **Council Travel**

Correspondence from Mayor Rowswell and Mayor Boshcoff concerning the upcoming OGRA/ROMA Conference and the Northern Mayors Coalition was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Resolved that Mayor John Rowswell be authorized to travel to the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA/ROMA) Annual Conference being held in Toronto February 23 to 26, 2003 at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti

Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Resolved that Councillor Lou Turco be authorized to attend the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors Meetings being held in Toronto on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at a total cost to the City of \$300.00. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo

Resolved that Mayor John Rowswell be authorized to travel in conjunction with the Northern Mayors Coalition (lobbying and discussing issues common to Northern Ontario) as required (maximum 2 trips). CARRIED.

(h) **Staff Travel Requests**

A report of the Chief Administrative Officer is attached for the consideration of Council.

5. (h) Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that the travel requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2003 01 27 be approved as requested. CARRIED.
- (i) **Newspaper Article “When it Comes to City Services, We’re Happy Campers”**  
The report of the Manager, Continuous Quality Improvement was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry  
Resolved that the report of the Manager Continuous Quality Improvement dated 2003 01 21 concerning the recent News Article “When it Comes to City Services, We’re Happy Campers” be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (j) **RFP - Computer Hardware and Software for UNIX Environment**  
The report of the Manager of Purchasing was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated January 27, 2003 be endorsed and that the proposal to upgrade and replace the existing Unix Computer System, required by Information Systems be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.
- (k) **Appointment of Bankers**  
The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2003-20 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti  
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry  
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2003 01 27 concerning Banking be approved; and  
Further be it resolved that RBC Royal Bank be appointed as bankers for the City of Sault Ste. Marie for a five year period commencing the second quarter of 2003. CARRIED.
- (l) **Fiscal Agency Agreement**  
The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2003-27 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (m) **2003 Corporate Membership Fees**  
The report of the Deputy City Clerk was accepted by Council.

5. (m) Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti  
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry  
Resolved that the report of the Deputy City Clerk dated 2003 01 27 be accepted and that the recommendation to proceed with payment of the 2003 Corporate Membership Fees be approved. CARRIED.
- (n) **Civic Centre Lobby Exhibits**  
The reports of the Commissioner Community Services were accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2003-28 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (o) **Sault Youth Sports Association - Effects of Bingo Hall Closure**  
The report of the Commissioner Community Services was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner Community Services dated 2003 01 27 concerning the Sault Youth Sports Association - Effects of Bingo Hall Closure be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved. CARRIED.
- (p) **R.F.P. - New Arena Private Partnership Project Advisor**  
The report of the Commissioner Community Services was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry  
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner Community Services dated 2003 01 27 concerning RFP - New Arena Private Partnership Project Advisor be accepted and the recommendation that the IBI Group be hired as the Project Advisor be approved. CARRIED.
- (q) **Relocation of Mini Soccer Fields From Strathclair Park to Queen Elizabeth Sports Complex**  
The report of the Commissioner Community Services was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner Community Services dated 2003 01 27 concerning the Relocation of Mini Soccer Fields From Strathclair Park to Queen Elizabeth Sports Complex be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (r) **Community Services Department - Alcohol Risk Management Policy**  
The report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture was accepted by Council.

5. (r) Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti  
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry  
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2003 01 27 concerning the proposed revised Alcohol Risk Management Policy for the City of Sault Ste. Marie be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved. CARRIED.
- (s) **Cemetery Price List Concerning Holy Sepulchre Columbarium Prices**  
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2003-21 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (t) **Lots 404 and 405, Plan 58, Hamilton Subdivision**  
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2003-19 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (u) **Lease Renewal - Sault Trailblazers Snowmobile Club and Province of Ontario**  
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2003-26 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (v) **Historic Sites Board - Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site**  
The report of the Chairperson Historic Sites Board was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that the report of the Chairperson, Historic Sites Board dated 2003 01 27 be accepted and the recommendation that City Council endorse the Historic Sites Board/Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site involvement in the proposed Marketshare Agawa Canyon-Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Program affording groups like the Historic Sites Board a unique opportunity to promote their site and increase visitation be approved. CARRIED.

## **PART TWO - REGULAR AGENDA**

6. **REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**
6. (6) **PLANNING**
- (a) **Application No. A-3-03-T - Gilder Broadcasting Limited - 931 Black Road - Request to Temporarily Utilize the Subject Property for the Removal of Topsoil**  
The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.



6. (6)

- (a) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2003 01 27 concerning Application No. A-3-03-T - Gilder Broadcasting Limited be accepted and the recommendation that City Council approve the temporary zoning conditional upon the applicant and the City entering into a new Operational Agreement be endorsed. CARRIED.

- (b) **Trails Master Plan**

The report of the Planning Division and letters from various trail user groups were accepted by Council.

- Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2003 01 27 concerning Trails Plan be accepted and the recommendation that City Council adopt the Sault Ste. Marie Trails Master Plan as a basis for future trail development be endorsed. CARRIED.

7.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor B. Irwin  
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie's air cargo strategy is based on the expert advice contained in Intervistas' reports; and

Whereas there appears to be some community misunderstanding about the direction recommended to and subsequently adopted by City Council for the air cargo initiative;

Now therefore be it resolved that executive summaries of the two Intervistas reports and powerpoint presentation on August 27, 2002 be posted on the municipal website. CARRIED.

- (b) Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti  
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Whereas the policies of the City of Sault Ste. Marie require that all goods and services be purchased at the best possible price; and

Whereas the tendering process ensures that materials required by the City which meet the minimum specifications in fact are purchased from the lowest bidder; and

Whereas in the past several years the City has gone to a competitive proposal call approach for the City's insurance, auditing and banking needs; and

Whereas other outside professional services such as engineering, legal and architectural services are awarded by contract by the City without the benefit of a proposal call or tendering process; and

7. (b) Whereas it is important to ensure taxpayers of both the effective and efficient use of tax dollars in City spending;  
Now therefore be it resolved that appropriate staff review the way in which the City of Sault Ste. Marie reviews and awards contracts for outside professional services in comparison to other municipalities of similar size and report back to Council with respect to any recommendations. CARRIED.
- (c) Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco  
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco  
Whereas there have been several accidents over the years at the intersection of Wawanosh and Reid; and  
Whereas there has been a concern of speed of traffic on Reid Street;  
Now therefore be it resolved that the Department of Public Works and Transportation be requested to comment on improvements or action which might be considered to improve safety at this intersection. 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. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2003 01 27 be approved. CARRIED.
- (a) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that By-law 2002-225 being a by-law to authorize the construction of a sanitary sewer, private drain connection and Class "A" Pavement on Wallace Terrace from Farwell Terrace to Patrick Street under Section 12 of the Local Improvement Act be read a third time and passed in Open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003. CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that By-law 2003-18 being a by-law to establish as streets and assume for public use various parcels of land conveyed to the City, be read three times and passed in Open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003. CARRIED.

10. (c) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that By-law 2003-19 being a by-law to remove lots 404 and 405 in the Hamilton Subdivision, Plan 58 from the effects of By-law 3523 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003. CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that By-law 2003-20 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the RBC Royal Bank with respect to the provision of banking services be read three times and passed in Open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that By-law 2003-21 being a by-law to amend Cemeteries By-law 99-208 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003. CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that By-law 2003-22 being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 59 to the Official Plan be read three times and passed in Open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003. (Ian Overman) CARRIED.
- (g) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that By-law 2003-23 being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 60 to the Official Plan be read three times and passed in Open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003. (Ontario Concrete Finishing) CARRIED.
- (h) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that By-law 2003-24 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-law 4500 and 4501 concerning lands located at 1191 Great Northern Road and further be it resolved that By-law 2003-25 being a by-law to designate 1191 Great Northern Road as an area of site plan control be read three times and passed in Open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003. (Ontario Concrete Finishing) CARRIED.

10. (i) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that By-law 2003-26 being a by-law to authorize the renewal of a lease agreement for the period of five years between the City, Her Majesty the Queen and the Sault Trailblazers Snowmobile Club Inc. to permit the Club to use a parcel of Provincially owned land lying between McNabb Street and the proposed extension of Second Line East as a staging area be read three times and passed in Open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003. CARRIED.
- (j) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that By-law 2003-27 being a by-law to authorize a letter of agreement between the City and National Bank Financial Inc. to appoint the company as the City's fiscal agent be read three times and passed in Open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003. CARRIED.
- (k) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo  
Resolved that By-law 2003-28 being a by-law to repeal By-law 76-359 concerning the Exhibitor Agreement form be read three times and passed in Open Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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. Caicco  
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry  
Resolved that this Council shall now go into Caucus to discuss one property (acquisition of land) matter. CARRIED.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti  
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry  
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

**"JOHN ROWSWELL"**  
**MAYOR**

**"DONNA P. IRVING"**  
**CLERK**