

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2003 09 22

5:00 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, B. Irwin, D. Amaroso

OFFICIALS D. Irving, L. Bottos, P. McAuley, N. Apostle, D. Overboe, L. Rosso, M. Brechin,
: J. Luszka, B. Strapp

ABSENT: Councillor D. Orazietti

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2003 09 08 be approved. CARRIED.

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

3. **PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the accounts of 2003 09 05 in the amount of \$2,429,662.84 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 2003 08 17 to 2003 08 30 in amounts of Hourly \$1,488,938.66 and Salaried \$326,601.30 as certified and paid be confirmed. CARRIED.

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

Mayor J. Rowswell declared a pecuniary interest – China Steel is a client of Engineering firm.

3. Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the accounts of 2003 09 12 in the amount of \$772,796.28 be passed and paid. CARRIED.

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

Councillor P. Vaudry declared a pecuniary interest – retired employee of Algoma Steel Inc.

Councillor D. Amaroso declared a pecuniary interest – spouse employed by Algoma Steel Inc.

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Lou St. Jules, Chairman, Oncology Van Program was in attendance concerning Proclamation – Elks and Royal Purple Oncology Van Program Week.
- (b) Captain Mark Lawson, Royal Canadian Air Cadets was in attendance concerning Proclamation – Air Cadet Week.
- (c) Michelle Luckhardt, Public Health Nurse, Algoma Health Unit was in attendance concerning Proclamation – Breast Health Awareness Month and Algoma's CIBC Run for the Cure Day.
- (d) Bill Sroka was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(a).
- (e) Stu Rawlings was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(u).

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

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

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2003 09 22 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) The letter from Bill Sroka concerning possible solutions to pet overpopulation was received by Council.

5. (a) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the petition of over 4,500 and letter presented by Bill Sroka to City Council on September 22, 2003 concerning pet overpopulation problems in Sault Ste. Marie BE REFERRED to the Humane Society for review and report back to City Council and further that Council requests as part of the review, that the Humane Society undertake a survey of other Humane Societies for possible new approaches to controlling pet overpopulation and that Mr. Sroka be invited to participate in the requested survey and review. CARRIED.

Review Committee to include Councillor D. Amaroso, Councillor P. Vaudry and Bill Sroka.

Recorded Vote

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillor D. Oraziatti

- (b) Correspondence from Mayor Rowswell concerning his recent visit to Sister City Forssa Finland and the Bioenergy 2003 Conference held in Jyvaskyla Finland was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the reports of Mayor Rowswell dated 2003 09 22 concerning Sister City Forssa Finland and Bioenergy 2003 Conference – Jyvaskyla Finland September 2 – 5, 2003 be accepted; and
Further be it resolved that Council invite representatives of the Forssa Development Corporation to Sault Ste. Marie and request our Economic Development Corporation to have further discussions with them and report back to Council in early December, 2003. CARRIED.

- (c) The news release from Sault Ste. Marie Police Service concerning the recent Power Outage – Debriefing was received by Council.
- (d) The letter from Mayor Rowswell to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care concerning the lack of long-term care beds in our community was received by Council.
- (e) Correspondence from the Township of Wilmot (concerning Insurance Premiums and Gas Prices) was received by Council.

5. (f) The letter from Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo concerning Bon Soo 2004 being held January 30 to February 8, 2003 was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that City Council approve the request of the General Manager, Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo for the use of the former A. B. McLean site for the 12th Annual Bon Soo Fantasy Kingdom and further that Council approve the request concerning the possible use of the City's large snowblower for construction of the Fantasy Kingdom, subject to weather conditions that the City may be experiencing at the time, be approved. CARRIED.

- (g) The letter from the Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation requesting an exemption to the Noise By-law for a Mudboggs event at Runway Park on September 28th was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2003-204 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes. The letter requesting permission for a private property liquor license extension in conjunction with this event was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that City Council has no objection to the proposed extended licensed area as detailed in the written request for a liquor license extension on private property for an outdoor event on the following stated date and times:

Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation

Airport Fairgrounds

Sunday, September 28, 2003

12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. CARRIED.

- (h) **Staff Travel Requests**

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

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the staff travel requests contained in the report of Chief Administrative Officer dated 2003 09 22 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

5. (i) **Council Travel**

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that Mayor John Rowswell be authorized to travel to Thunder Bay on October 8 and 9, 2003 for the Northern Ontario Business Awards at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00; and

Further that Councillor Lou Turco be authorized to travel to Toronto on October 2 and 3, 2003; and on November 20 and 21, 2003 for two AMO Board of Directors Meetings (at a total cost of \$300.00 to the City for each meeting). CARRIED.

(j) **Tender for Memorial Gardens Arena – High Roof Replacement**

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

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated September 22, 2003 be endorsed and that the tender for the Memorial Gardens Arena – High Roof Replacement, required by the Community Services Department, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(k) **RFP – Program Registration and Facility Management Software**

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

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated September 22, 2003 be endorsed and that the proposal for a Program Registration and Facility Management System, required by the Community Services Department, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(l) **Algoma Health Unit (AHU) – Participation in OMERS**

The report of the Commissioner of Human Resources was accepted by Council.

The relevant By-law 2003-199 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

(m) **Survey of Municipalities Regarding Accessibility Planning**

The report of the Policy and Implementation Coordinator, Social Services Department was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Policy and Implementation Coordinator, Social Services Department dated 2003 09 22 concerning Survey of Municipalities regarding Accessibility Planning be accepted as information. CARRIED.

5. (n) **Access Ontario Conference - Followup**

The report of the Policy and Implementation Coordinator, Social Services Department was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Whereas the first Access Ontario Conference held in Sault Ste. Marie on September 10 and 11, 2003 has proven to be a most effective gathering where persons both able and with disabilities were able to share information and strategies; and

Whereas amongst the many initiatives and positions that have been developed as a result of the Conference, the most obvious and critical requirements for a unified Provincial standard for the application of the ODA Legislation has surfaced as the most important;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie requests that the Provincial Government immediately and in consultation with all stakeholders, develop a unified set of comprehensive standards for the Province-wide application of the new Ontarians With Disabilities Act; and that a copy of this resolution be provided to all Ontario municipalities with a request for support. CARRIED.

(o) **Draft Municipal Accessibility Plan**

The report of the Policy and Implementation Coordinator, Social Services Department was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Policy and Implementation Coordinator, Social Services Department dated 2003 09 22 concerning Draft Municipal Accessibility Plan be accepted as information and further that the Plan be reviewed by the local ODA Advisory Committee and submitted to Council in January 2004 for approval. CARRIED.

(p) **V. E. Greco and Peter G. Manzo Outdoor Pools**

The report of the Commissioner Community Services was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner Community Services dated 2003 09 22 concerning V. E. Greco and Peter G. Manzo Outdoor Pools be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the process, as supported by PRAC, for reviewing the use of the outdoor pools be endorsed. CARRIED.

5. (q) **East End Water Pollution Control Plant – Wastewater Characterization Study – Funding Agreement**

The report of the Manager of Construction and Environmental Engineering was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2003-202 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

(r) **Livestock at Large By-law – By-law 2003-203**

The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2003-203 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

(s) **Adding 289 Queen Street East as a Parking Lot to be Regulated by the Parking Division – By-law 2003-200**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2003-200 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

(t) **Doors Open Ontario Program 2004 – Ontario Heritage Foundation**

The report of the Vice Chairperson, Municipal Heritage Committee was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Vice Chairperson, Municipal Heritage Committee dated 2003 09 22 concerning Ontario Heritage Foundation – Doors Open Ontario 2004 Program be accepted and further that City Council fully supports the Municipal Heritage Committee initiative to register Sault Ste. Marie as a participating host of Doors Open Ontario Program in 2004. CARRIED.

(u) **Secure Community Sault Ste. Marie Initiative (Prosperity Partnership Fund Proposal)**

The report of the President and C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the President and C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation dated 2003 09 16 concerning Prosperity Partnerships Fund Proposal – Secure Community Sault Ste. Marie Initiative be accepted and the recommendation that Council (1) supports the E.D.C. in its participation on the Secure Community Sault Ste. Marie Steering Committee and (2) provide financial support in the amount of \$15,000.00 (with funds from the Economic Diversification Fund) conditional on approval of the Prosperity Partnerships Fund Proposal and financial support from the other identified partners, be approved. CARRIED.

5. (v) **5th Annual Ontario Global Traders Awards and Export Forum**
The report of the President and C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that the report of the President and C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation on behalf of the Enterprise Centre dated 2003 09 04 concerning 5th Annual Ontario Global Traders Awards and Export Forum be accepted and the recommendation that Council provide financial support in the amount of \$6,000.00 (with funds from the Economic Development Fund) for E.D.C. to host this event scheduled for April 15, 2004 be approved. CARRIED.
- (w) **Sault Ste. Marie Public Library – A Strategic Agenda 2003 – 2008**
The report of the Chairman, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Chairman, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board dated 2003 09 02 concerning the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library – A Strategic Agenda 2003 – 2008 be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (x) Correspondence from the Mayor of Thunder Bay concerning Financial Support for Nibinamik First Nation (Summer Beaver) was received by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Whereas the municipality of Summer Beaver in Northwestern Ontario recently suffered a tragic loss of lives in an airplane crash; and
Whereas the Mayor of Thunder Bay on behalf of the City of Thunder Bay has provided a financial donation to the Summer Beaver Crisis Coordination and is asking other Northern Municipalities to also consider a financial contribution;
Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie on behalf of this community, offers its sincere sympathy to the community of Summer Beaver and authorizes a \$500.00 donation to assist Summer Beaver in its crisis coordination efforts. CARRIED.
- (y) **Communities in Bloom Competition**
The report of the Assistant Manager Recreation and Culture was accepted by Council.

5. (y) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Assistant Manager Recreation and Culture Division dated 2003 09 22 concerning Communities in Bloom Competition be accepted as information. CARRIED.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Whereas some residents of Ward 5 in the Fourth and Fifth Line Area and residents in other wards are expressing that they feel the noise level created by very loud and long train whistles in the vicinity of their homes is excessive and unnecessary;
Now therefore be it resolved that a meeting be convened involving Councillors Amaroso and Jones, appropriate City Staff, neighbourhood representatives and a representative from Algoma Central Railway to discuss with the Railway the possibility of a decrease in the volume and shortening the duration of train whistles blown in the early hours in the area of Fourth and Fifth Line. CARRIED.

- (b) Correspondence from AMO entitled Policy Priorities for Ontario Municipalities and Analysis of Key Campaign Promises 2003 was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Irwin
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Be it resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports in principle the "Policy Priorities for Ontario's Municipalities – 2003 Provincial Election" produced by Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
Further be it resolved that a copy of this resolution and the AMO document be forwarded to all provincial candidates for the riding of Sault Ste. Marie, for their consideration. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

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

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillor D. Oraziatti

- (c) Correspondence concerning the location of a National Disease Control Centre was received by Council.

7. (c) Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso
Whereas the Government of Canada and the Ontario Health Minister have expressed support for a national Disease Control Centre; and
Whereas the Algoma Health Unit and the Algoma District Municipal Association have strongly supported a Centre for Disease Control (CDC) being located in Sault Ste. Marie/Algoma; and
Whereas a Centre for Disease Control is an opportunity for the Sault Ste. Marie/Algoma area that would bring direct and indirect economic benefits to the community; and
Whereas Sault Ste. Marie is the center of Canada, and is an international city with a very attractive quality of living and fully capable of supporting a national disease control center;
Now therefore be it resolved that City Council fully supports the effort toward locating a CDC in Sault Ste. Marie and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the MP's and MPP's for Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma. 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 P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2003 09 22 be approved. CARRIED.

- (a) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2002-43 being a by-law to stop up, close and authorize the conveyance of a lane in the Laird Subdivision, Plan 2539 and being shown as Parts 1 to 16 inclusive on Plan 1R-10653 be read a third time and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of September after notice thereof had been published once a week for four weeks and after Council had met to hear every person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who had applied to be heard. CARRIED.

- (b) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2003-198 being a by-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to enforce the by-laws on various properties and to amend Schedule "A" to By-law 90-305 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of September, 2003. CARRIED.

10. (c) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2003-199 being a by-law to amend By-law Number 3139 which authorized participation by the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of September, 2003. CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2003-200 being a by-law to amend By-law 81-357 and By-law 69-80 to create a parking lot at 289 Queen Street East (the former Algoma Hotel site) be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of September, 2003. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2003-201 being a by-law to designate 65, 67 and 71 Spring Street and 66 March Street as an area of site plan control be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of September, 2003. (Spina) CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2003-202 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and The Minister of the Environment for funding (Great Lakes Sustainability Fund) for the upgrading of the East End Water Pollution Control Plant be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of September, 2003. CARRIED.
- (g) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2003-203 being a by-law to regulate livestock at large be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of September, 2003. CARRIED.
- (h) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2003-204 being a by-law to amend By-law 80-200 and By-law 4100 dealing with the exemption from the noise control by-laws for a Mudbogg Competition on September 28, 2003 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of September, 2003. CARRIED.

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

12.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"JOHN ROWSWELL"

MAYOR

"DONNA P. IRVING"

CLERK