

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2003 09 08

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 J. Fratesi, D. Irving, L. Bottos, B. Freiburger, D. Overboe, D. McConnell, P. McAuley, B. Strapp, N. Apostle, M. Brechin
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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 08 25 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 08 22 in the amount of \$923,154.14 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 2003 08 03 to 2003 08 16 in amounts of Hourly \$1,559,697.03 and Salaried \$366,696.23 as certified and paid be confirmed. 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.

3. Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the accounts of 2003 08 29 in the amount of \$526,814.95 be passed and paid. CARRIED.

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

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Steve Butland, Chair, United Way Campaign was in attendance concerning Proclamation – 2003 United Way Campaign.
- (b) Giselle Wood Solomon, on behalf of the Mid North Network for the Coordination and Development of Adult Learning was in attendance concerning Proclamation – International Learners' Week in the City of Sault Ste. Marie.
- (c) Bill Dobbs, Chairperson, Soo and Area Prostate Cancer Support Group was in attendance concerning Proclamation – Prostate Cancer Week.
- (d) Tracey Roetman, Chair, Access Ontario Conference Committee was in attendance concerning Proclamation – Accessibility Awareness Week in Sault Ste. Marie.
- (e) Dorothy Motluck, Co-Chair, Zonta Club of Sault Ste. Marie Area and Algoma was in attendance concerning Proclamation – Zonta Literacy Awareness Month.
- (f) Robert Frech, Community Organizers 23rd Annual Terry Fox Run was in attendance concerning Proclamation – Terry Fox Week.
- (g) Dr. Tim Best, President, Algoma Academy of Medicine was in attendance seeking Council's support and a request to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care for the immediate approval of 25 additional long term care beds for Sault Ste. Marie and area on an interim basis.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes

Whereas the Sault Area Hospital and local long term caregivers have requested the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to consider approving badly needed additional long term care beds for our community; and

Whereas many patients are either being turned away to other centres or are having their treatments unduly delayed because the lack of acute care beds in the Sault Area Hospital, said beds being taken up by long term care patients who should be more suitably cared for in other institutions; and

4. (g) Whereas the latest request to the Province resulted in a reduction of 10% funding of long term care as opposed to the increase that is critically required; and
Whereas there appear to be at least 25 additional beds which can be approved on an interim basis to deal with the criticality of the situation in our community:
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council on behalf of its residents joins others in support of the request to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to immediately approve on an interim basis, at least 25 additional long term care beds which would immediately relieve the current pressure on acute care in our hospital. CARRIED.
- Councillor B. Irwin declared a pecuniary interest – employed by Sault Area Hospital.
- (h) Stephanie Gosselin, Coordinator Youth Opportunities Task Force was in attendance to provide an update on the Youth Opportunities Assessment Project.
- (i) Robert Farrell was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(r).
- (j) Katherine Dunster was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(s).
- (k) Mark Anderson, Chairperson, Parabus Advisory Committee was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(u).
- (l) Patti Jennings and Harold Blackwood on behalf of the BEC Tourism Solution Council were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(v).
- (m) Jim McIntyre and Phil Becker, on behalf of the Joint International Bridge Authority were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(y).

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

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

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2003 09 08 – Part One – Consent Agenda, save and except 5.(s) [Officially Read Not Dealt With – no mover/seconder] be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Correspondence concerning a request for permission to hold a Special Occasion permit event at an outdoor municipal facility was accepted by Council.

5. (a) Moved by - Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by - Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that the following request to hold a Special Occasion permit event at a municipal facility on the stated date and time be endorsed by City Council:
Roberta Bondar Pavilion
The Easter Seal Society
October 4, 2003 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CARRIED.
- (b) The copy of a Press Release dated August 27, 2003 and the letter dated August 28th concerning a City Meeting with OLGC Officials about filling the vacancy of the C.E.O. position at OLGC and more jobs for our community was received by Council.
- (c) The copy of a letter from Councillor David Oraziotti concerning withholding his honoraria/car allowance as a result of his candidacy in the upcoming Provincial Election was received by Council.
- (d) Correspondence from the Town of Gravenhurst (concerning a request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to consider amendments to the Planning Act) was received by Council.
- (e) **Tender for Screened Street Sand**
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 8, 2003 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply of Screened Street Sand, required by the Public Works and Transportation Department be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.
- (f) **Appointment to Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre Board of Directors**
- Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that Councillor Jody Curran be appointed to the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre Board of Directors for the remainder of the three year term expiring on December 31, 2003. CARRIED.
- (g) **Staff Travel Requests**
The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the staff travel requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2003 09 08 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

5. (h) **Property Tax Appeals**

The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that pursuant to Section 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 as amended, (formerly Section 442 and 443 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990) the adjustments for tax accounts outlined on the City Tax Collector's reports of 2003 09 08 be approved and the tax records be amended accordingly. CARRIED.

(i) **\$1 Billion Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund**

The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2003 09 08 concerning \$1 Billion Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(j) **Skatepark Initiative**

The report of the Assistant Manager, Recreation and Culture was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Assistant Manager, Recreation and Culture dated 2003 09 08 concerning Skatepark Initiative be accepted and the recommendation that PGM Design Associates be retained to provide site selection and design services for a concrete skatepark in Sault Ste. Marie at an estimated cost of \$17,420.00 (with funds from the Parks 5% sub-dividers fee) be approved. CARRIED.

(k) **Continued Improvements to Bellevue Marina**

The report of the Supervisor, Community Centres and Marine Facilities was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Supervisor Community Centres and Marine Facilities dated 2003 09 08 concerning Continued Improvements to Bellevue Marina be accepted and the recommendation to proceed with the improvements as outlined for Bellevue Marina at an estimated cost of \$19,205.00 (with funds from the Marine Reserve Account) be approved. CARRIED.

5. (l) **2004 Capital Road Construction Plan**
The report of the Manager of Construction and Environmental Engineering was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Construction and Environmental Engineering dated 2003 09 08 concerning 2004 Capital Road Construction Plan be accepted and the recommendation that City Council approve the 2004 Capital Construction Program at a cost of \$5,500,000.00 be approved. CARRIED.
- (m) **Trunk Road Cold-in-Place Asphalt Recycling**
The report of the Manager of Construction and Environmental Engineering was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Construction and Environmental Engineering dated 2003 09 08 concerning Trunk Road Cold-in-Place Asphalt Recycling be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (n) **Connecting Link Funding for the Milling and Resurfacing of Curb Lanes on Second Line From People's Road to Farwell Terrace**
The report of the Manager of Construction and Environmental Engineering was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2003-195 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (o) **Urban Service Line Extension – Fourth Line East Servicing**
The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings dated 2003 09 08 concerning Urban Service Line Extension – Fourth Line East Servicing be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (p) **Second Line Widening Project**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2003-196 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

5. (q) **Acquisition of 308 Second Line West – Mario Avati – Second Line Improvements**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2003-197 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

(r) **Lafreniere Ontario Municipal Board Hearing into Official Plan Amendment 2003-10 and Zoning By-law 2003-11**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2003 09 08 concerning Lafreniere OMB Hearing into OP Amendment 2003-10 and Zoning By-law 2003-11 be accepted and the recommendation that the City advise OMB that it does not want to proceed with the defence of By-laws 2003-10 and 2003-11 be approved. CARRIED.

Councillor D. Jones declared a pecuniary interest – employed by National Transportation.

Mayor J. Rowsell declared a pecuniary interest – client of Engineering firm (R. F. Contracting) is within notification area.

(s) **Access onto Property at 108 Albert Street East**

The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was received by Council.

Mover Councillor B. Hayes

Seconder Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the request of Nick Pitaro for access onto the property at 108 Albert Street East in order to install a kitchen fan at 104 Albert Street East be approved and further that the Legal Department prepare an appropriate by-law for the September 22nd Council Meeting that will include the date(s) and any other appropriate conditions for access to this property for the stated purpose. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH. (Mover/Seconder removed their names.)

(t) **New Comprehensive Zoning By-law – Industrial Zones**

The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2003 09 08 concerning the New Comprehensive Zoning By-law – Industrial Zones be accepted as information. CARRIED.

5. (u) **Para Bus Eligibility**

The report of the Transit Manager was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Transit Manager dated 2003 08 19 concerning Para Bus Eligibility be accepted and further that the recommended changes to expand the Para Bus Eligibility Criteria be endorsed. CARRIED.

(v) **Building an Extraordinary Community (BEC) – Tourism Solution Council – Tourism Surveys**

The report of the BEC Tourism Solution Council was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Chair, BEC Tourism Solution Council dated 2003 08 25 concerning BEC Tourism Solution Council Tourism Surveys be accepted as information, and further that City Council express its appreciation and thanks to Patti Jennings, Harold Blackwood and all other volunteers for their work on this project. CARRIED.

(w) **18% Increase in the Community Reinvestment Fund Grant**

The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2003 09 08 concerning 18% Increase in the Community Investment Fund Grant be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(x) **Sault Ste. Marie Museum**

The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2003 09 08 concerning Sault Ste. Marie Museum be accepted and the recommendation to replace the Climate/HVAC Control System at the Museum be approved, and further that the tender be awarded as recommended to Henderson Metal Co. Ltd. at a cost of \$20,913.15 with funds from the Unforeseen Expense Account. CARRIED.

5. (y) Correspondence from the International Bridge Administration was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo

Whereas City Council was approached earlier this year by the Joint International Bridge Authority to consider picking up a portion of the expected operating deficit of the International Bridge Bus estimated to be around \$44,000. U.S. Funds; and

Whereas City Council has taken the position that while there is general benefit to both communities of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan in having an International Bridge Bus, the chief benefactors of such a bus have in the past been Lake Superior State University and the businesses of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, including area Casinos; and

Whereas City Council's reluctance in participating in funding for the bus has been on the basis of it appearing that such assistance might be viewed by Sault Ste. Marie institutions, businesses and residents as subsidizing the competition; and

Whereas it appears that the bus operators are prepared to make routing adjustments which would ensure that both communities and their institutions and businesses equally share in the benefits that could come from a regular bus service between the two communities,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council agrees to participate to the extent of 20% and for a period of one year in underwriting the operating deficit of the bridge bus (estimated to be \$8,000. U.S. with funds from the Economic Development Fund) on condition that the other four stakeholders (City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Lake Superior State University, International Joint Bridge Authority and Michigan Department of Transport) each commit to an equal share amount; and

Further that this commitment be reviewed again by Council annually to ensure that benefits of continuing such a service indeed accrue to both communities.
CARRIED.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

6. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

6. (1) ADMINISTRATIVE

(a) Audit/Finance Committee

The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

6. (1)
(a) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer be approved and that a Finance/Audit Committee be established with three Councillors to review and recommend approval of the annual audit process and review the budget; and
Further be it resolved that the role of the Committee be reviewed by Council after one year of operation. CARRIED.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Whereas the Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation recently announced that the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation is opening its Northern Office in Sault Ste. Marie providing tourism based stakeholders across the north with a direct link to the provincial government; and
Whereas an important role of this office will be to promote the North as a tourist destination; and
Whereas ONTMPC also announced a \$100,000.00 grant to Tourism Sault Ste. Marie to boost its destination marketing;
Now therefore be it resolved that City Council express its full support for the new Office and its appreciation for the grant to Tourism Sault Ste. Marie; and
Further the Council requests that the head of ONTMPC be based in Sault Ste. Marie. CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes
Whereas several residents of the Chapple-Boehmer areas have voiced their concerns about difficulties crossing Willow Avenue in the vicinity of Cambrian Mall; and
Whereas many more pedestrians of all ages from the P-Patch area also access this same area; and
Whereas there are claims that traffic volume has significantly increased in recent years; and
Whereas the traffic lights at McNabb and Willow and the 4-way stop at Willow and Willoughby are a considerable distance for many pedestrians from these 2 areas;
Now therefore be it resolved that Council requests staff to investigate the possibilities of a safe crossing zone on Willow Avenue in the vicinity of the Cambrian Mall and report back to Council. 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 B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2003 09 08 be approved. CARRIED.

(a) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that By-law 2003-195 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and the Province in order to access the Connecting Link Fund for milling and resurfacing of curb lanes on Second Line from People's Road to Farwell Terrace be read three times and passed in Open Council this 8th day of September, 2003. CARRIED.

(b) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that By-law 2003-196 being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of portions of property abutting 160, 186 and 188 Second Line West as part of the Second Line road widening project be read three times and passed in Open Council this 8th day of September, 2003. CARRIED.

(c) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that By-law 2003-197 being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of 308 Second Line West as part of the Second Line road widening project be read three times and passed in Open Council this 8th 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 N. DelBianco

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"JOHN ROWSWELL"

MAYOR

"DONNA P. IRVING"

CLERK

