

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
2000 01 24
5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor S. Butland, Councillors R. Niro, M. Borowicz, J. Curran, D. Jones, D. Oraziotti, P. Vaudry, C. Swift, D. Amaroso, D. Brandt, B. Irwin, S. Lepore, M. Pascuzzi

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, D. Irving, L. Bottos, J. McAuley, W. Lamming, B. Freiburger, M. Brechin, D. McConnell

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi
Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2000 01 10 be approved. CARRIED.

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

3. **PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that the accounts of 1999 12 31 #II in the amount of \$2,013,511.47 be passed and paid. CARRIED.

Councillor R. Niro declared a pecuniary interest – employed by Work Wear Corporation of Canada.

Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi
Resolved that the accounts of 2000 01 14 in the amount of \$7,239,172.47 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 1999 12 26 to 2000 01 08 in amounts of Hourly \$1,278,932.38 and Salaried \$221,960.26 as certified and paid be confirmed. CARRIED.

Councillor D. Oraziotti declared a pecuniary interest – employed by Algoma District School Board.

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

4.

DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- (a) Susan Kniahnicki, Co-Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Safe Communities Partnership was in attendance concerning Proclamation – Injury Prevention Month.
- (b) Jim McDonald, President Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo; Donna Gregg and Mr. Bon Soo were in attendance concerning Proclamation – Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo Time.
- (c) Heather Watson and other representatives of Building An Extraordinary Community Youth Council were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(a).
- (d) Michael Gekas, Vice President, Algoma University Students Association was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(b).
- (e) Mike Delfre, Chair and Tom Dodds on behalf of the Multi Modal Transportation Facility/Industrial Lands Committee were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(c).
- (f) Bill Walker, Vice Chair Plummer Hospital; Jamie Melville and Mr. Nelson were in attendance concerning Sault Area Hospitals Foundation New Redevelopment Plan and Capital Fund Raising.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi

Whereas the Health Services Restructuring Commission's work in the Province has incredulously underestimated the costs of hospital restructuring by over \$2 billion and its timetable now three years behind schedule calling into question the credibility of the Commission; and

Whereas the Municipalities of Ontario are faced with an unprecedented fund raising task to finance appropriate healthcare facilities in their jurisdiction; and

Whereas our parent Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has not yet developed any strategy to deal with this totally untenable situation leaving each jurisdiction to proceed independently; and

Whereas a yet untabled report on the health of Ontario residents will likely indicate there to be a major discrepancy between the health of the people in the North versus the South of Ontario; and

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie has been more proactive than most Ontario Cities and has committed up to \$10 million towards the implementation of hospital restructuring; and

Whereas discussions with Ministry officials suggest that our Hospital Board enter into continual immediate negotiations to determine a final price and sign off from the Ministry on the "Functional Program" of the restructuring implementation; and Whereas the Super Build Infrastructure Program has a finite budget and any further delays in the process may hinder our City's ability to access the necessary funding to achieve our goal of providing the best healthcare facilities to our residents; and

Whereas any delay only protracts the time period which could preclude the completion of critical healthcare components such as the radiotherapy unit (cancer bunker);

Therefore Be It Resolved that a Committee of Council composed of the Mayor and two Councillors (Vaudry and Pascuzzi) be struck and they as well as the Commissioner of Finance be delegated to consult with the Boards of the Sault Area Hospitals on how best to move forward expediently and strategically in discussions with the Ministry of Health to effect the most desirable hospital facility that the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie require and deserve. CARRIED.

- (g) Malcolm McLeod and Gord Acton were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(6)(a).
- (h) Bruce Strapp and Dan Hollingsworth were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(a).

PART ONE - CONSENT AGENDA

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

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti

Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2000 01 24 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Correspondence concerning a Bon Soo Hockey Game between high school students and City Council was received by Council.
- (b) A letter from the Algoma University Students Association concerning the Access 2000 Campaign was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor M. Borowicz

Whereas post-secondary education has become a basic need for Canadians and for the future development of Canada

Whereas since 1994, more than \$5 billion in federal funding has been withdrawn from post-secondary education

Whereas since 1990 tuition fees in Canada have increased by an average of 126%

Whereas average student debt for graduating students in Canada has increased from \$8,000. in 1990 to \$25,000. in 1998

Whereas in 1976 Canada signed an international covenant committing Canada to eliminate user fees for post-secondary education

Whereas at Canadian universities and colleges, classrooms are overcrowded, many students do not have access to the equipment they need, and institutions can no longer provide an adequate level of service

Be it resolved that the City Council support and endorse the campaign Access 2000 put on by the Canadian Federation of Students, of which the Algoma University Students' Association is a member. CARRIED.

Councillor R. Niro declared a pecuniary interest – daughters attend Algoma University College.

Councillor B. Irwin declared a pecuniary interest – spouse employed by Algoma University College.

- (c) A letter and report (under separate cover) from the Multi Modal Transportation Facility/Industrial Lands Committee was received by Council.

Moved by - Councillor C. Swift

Seconded by - Councillor M. Pascuzzi

Be it resolved that the Multi Modal Transportation Facility/Industrial Lands Committee's report investigating the market demand and prefeasibility of an integrated industrial park on Algoma Steel lands located immediately east of Leigh's Bay Road and south of Base Line be referred to staff for consideration and recommendations as part of the current Industrial Land Development Program and report back by May 1st; and further resolved that the members of the committee and the organizations which they represent be thanked for their time, effort and commitment to making Sault Ste. Marie an attractive place to do business. CARRIED.

Councillor R. Niro declared a pecuniary interest – owns property in study area.

- (d) A news release from the Ministry of Finance concerning Property Tax of Vacant Business Properties was received by Council.

- (e) A letter from the Solicitor General of Canada's office in response to a Council resolution concerning the operation of the Northern Treatment Centre was received by Council.
- (f) A letter from the City of Sault Ste. Marie Michigan concerning the recent International Millennium Fireworks Display was received by Council.
- (g) A letter from the President, Sault Major Hockey Association, concerning the Sault Thunderbirds Hockey Club was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor C. Swift

Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Resolved that the letter received from the Sault Major Hockey Association be referred to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for review and report back to Council. CARRIED.

(h) **Council Travel**

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti

Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi

Resolved that Mayor Steve Butland be authorized to travel to Toronto to attend the Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) Conference as well as a meeting with First Gulf Development Corporation being held February 1 to 3 and 4 respectively. CARRIED.

(i) **Outstanding Council Resolutions**

The Outstanding Council Resolutions list updated to 2000 01 10 was received by Council.

(j) **Staff Travel Requests**

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

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti

Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Resolved that the staff travel requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2000 01 24 be approved as presented. CARRIED.

(k) **Pre-Budget Departmental Presentations**

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

Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi
Resolved that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2000 01 24 concerning Pre-Budget Departmental Presentations be accepted and the recommended schedule and timing of the Presentations be approved. CARRIED.

(l) **Tender for Fire Department Uniform Clothing**

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

Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated 2000 01 17 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and delivery of Uniform Clothing required by our Fire Department, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(m) **Agreement Between the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Sault Ste. Marie District Social Services Administration Board**

The report of the Director of Financial Services was received by Council. The relevant by-law 2000-14 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

(n) **2000 Corporate Membership Fees**

The report of the Assistant City Clerk was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi
Resolved that the report of the Assistant City Clerk dated 2000 01 24 be accepted and further that the recommendation to proceed with payment of the 2000 Corporate Membership Fees (save and except item 2 – AMMO) be approved. CARRIED.

(o) **Corporate Strategic Plan**

The report of the Assistant City Clerk was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that the report of the Assistant City Clerk dated 2000 01 24 concerning Corporate Strategic Plan be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(p) **Citizen Initiated Referendum**

The report of the City Clerk in response to a Council resolution dated 1999 09 13 was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that the report of the City Clerk dated 2000 01 24 concerning Citizen Initiated Referendum be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(q) **Bon Soo Carnival Snowmobile Rides**

The report of the Recreation Assistant was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi
Resolved that the report of the Recreation Assistant under date 2000 01 18 concerning Bon Soo Carnival Snowmobile Rides be accepted, and the recommendation contained therein be endorsed. CARRIED.

(r) **Use of the John Rhodes Community Centre for Ontario Timeship 2000**

The report of the Manager Community Centres was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that the report of the Manager Community Centres dated 2000 01 17 concerning use of John Rhodes Community Centre for Ontario Timeship 2000 event be accepted and the recommendation to waive the normal rental fees at the Centre for this event, be approved. CARRIED.

(s) **Parking Meter Upgrade**

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

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti
Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner Community Services under date 2000 01 24 concerning Parking Meter Upgrade be accepted, and the recommendation contained therein be endorsed. CARRIED.

(t) **Gateway Site Servicing and Roadway Improvements**

The report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning dated 2000 01 12 concerning Gateway Site Servicing and Roadway Improvements be accepted and the recommendation contained therein, be approved. CARRIED.

(u) **Engineering Services for the 2000 Capital Construction Program**

The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor C. Swift

Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings dated 2000 01 11 concerning Engineering Services for the 2000 Capital Construction Program be accepted and the recommendations contained therein, be approved. CARRIED.

(v) **Agreement Between City and Ontario Timeship 2000**

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council. The relevant by-law 2000-15 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

(w) **Lease With R. M. Elliott Construction Sault Ste. Marie Limited for Snow Dump Site – 2.08 Acres at Rear of 35 Cedar Street**

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council. The relevant by-law 2000-21 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

(x) **Northland Trailer Park – Public Utilities Charge Against Residents of Northland Trailer Park**

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council. The relevant by-law 2000-9 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

(y) **Section 33 of the Traffic By-law Entitled “Funeral and Other Processions”**

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council. The relevant by-law 2000-13 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

(z) **Ontario Municipal Board Hearing Into Minor Variance Application Involving 105-107 Forest Avenue**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor C. Swift

Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2000 01 24 concerning OMB Hearing into Minor Variance Application Involving 105 – 107 Forest Avenue be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(aa) **Sixth Line Bridge – Environmental Assessment**

The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi
Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings dated 2000 01 21 concerning Sixth Line Bridge – Environmental Assessment be accepted as information. CARRIED.

PART TWO - REGULAR AGENDA

6. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

6. (6) PLANNING

(a) Application No. A-5-00-Z – City of Sault Ste. Marie – 2121 Sixth Line – Request to Amend Zoning Bylaw to Clarify Boundaries of the Subject Property

The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti
Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi
Resolved that the report of the Planning Division under date 2000 01 14 concerning Application No. A-5-00-Z – The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie be accepted and the Planning Director's recommendation, be endorsed. CARRIED.

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

6. (8) BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

(a) Economic Development Fund Applications – Community Small Business Investment Fund – RAPIDS Community Investment Inc.; and Recreational Lock Fees – City of Sault Ste. Marie

The report of the President and CEO of the Economic Development Corporation was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that the report of the President and CEO, Economic Development Corporation dated 2000 01 18 be accepted and the recommendation concerning support for Economic Development Fund applications for (1) Community Small Business Investment Fund - RAPIDS Community Investment Inc. and (2) Recreational Lock Fees – City of Sault Ste. Marie, be approved. CARRIED.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor S. Lepore
Seconded by Councillor R. Niro
Resolved that the petition for sidewalk snow plowing on Northland Road from Bloor Street to Conmee Avenue be referred to the Public Works and Transportation Department for appropriate followup. 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 D. Orazietti
Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi
Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2000 01 24 be approved. CARRIED.
- (a) Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that By-law 2000-9 being a by-law to amend By-law 85-101 being a by-law dealing with sewer rates and sewage service rates collected by the Sault Ste. Marie PUC be read three times and passed in Open Council this 10th day of January, 2000. (Northland Trailer Park) CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that By-law 2000-13 being a by-law to repeal Section 33 of Traffic By-law 77-200 respecting funeral and other processions be read three times and passed in Open Council this 24th day of January, 2000. CARRIED.
- (c) Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning dated 2000 01 06 concerning the construction of sanitary sewer, private drain connections and Class "A" pavement on Dennis Street from Bay Street to Wellington Street East on the initiative plan under Section 12 of the Local Improvement Act at an estimated cost of \$1,202,402.00 is hereby approved and adopted and
Be It Further Resolved that By-law 2000-11 authorizing the construction and capital expenditure thereof, be read the first and second times this 24th day of January, 2000. CARRIED.

- (d) Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that By-law 2000-14 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and the Sault Ste. Marie District Social Services Administration Board for the City to provide to the Board accounting and financial services commencing January 1, 2000 and terminating December 31, 2000, be read three times and passed in open Council this 24th day of January, 2000. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that By-law 2000-15 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Ontario Timeship 2000 (a venture of the Ontario Science Centre, Royal Ontario Museum and Science North) for an exhibition to be held in Sault Ste. Marie commencing July 5th, 2000 through to July 11th, 2000, be read three times and passed in open Council this 24th day of January, 2000. CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that By-law 2000-19 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-law 4500 and By-law 4501 concerning lands located at 775 & 785 Queen Street East, 770 & 784 Bay Street and 2 & 6 St. Thomas Street and further be it resolved that By-law 2000-20 being a by-law to designate the above-noted addresses as an area of site plan control be read three times and passed in open Council this 24th day of January, 2000. (Sar-Gin Developments) CARRIED.
- (g) Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that By-law 2000-21 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and R M Elliott Construction Sault Ste. Marie Limited concerning a snow dump site at the rear of 35 Cedar Street for the period commencing January 1st, 2000 and terminating May 1st, 2000 and annually thereafter from November 1st to May 1st, unless cancelled in writing by either party prior to September 1st in any succeeding year, be read three times and passed in open Council this 24th day of January, 2000. CARRIED.
- (h) Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that By-law 2000-23 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Arthur Andersen Chartered Accountants concerning the preparation of a financial feasibility report concerning a multi purpose spectator facility project, be read three times and passed in open Council this 24th day of January, 2000. CARRIED.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor M. Borowicz
Seconded by Councillor D. Brandt
Whereas neighboring residents, including many senior citizens on Boehmer Blvd. and Chapple Street are affected by increased vehicular traffic on Willow Avenue in recent months, and
Whereas crossing Willow Avenue to access the Cambrian Mall has become a serious problem for these residents,
Therefore be it resolved that the attached letter be directed to appropriate staff to study and report back to City Council on the feasibility of installing traffic lights at the intersection of Willow Avenue and Chapple Street or providing any other appropriate remedy. CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi
Resolved that this Council shall now go into Caucus to discuss two Labour Relations matters. CARRIED.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor D. Oraziotti
Seconded by Councillor M. Pascuzzi
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"STEPHEN E. BUTLAND"
MAYOR

"DONNA P. IRVING"
CLERK