

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2001 12 03

5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor J. Rowsell, Councillors D. Brandt, D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, L. Turco, D. Amaroso, B. Irwin, D. Oraziotti, N. DelBianco, P. Mick

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, D. Irving, L. Bottos, R. Avery, B. Freiburger, M. Brechin, J. Luszka, M. Murray, B. Strapp

ABSENT: Councillor T. Ryma

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor D. Oraziotti

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2001 11 19 be approved. CARRIED.

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

3. **PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Resolved that the accounts of 2001 11 16 in the amount of \$1,557,543.38 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 2001 10 28 to 2001 11 10 in amounts of Hourly \$1,313,751.61 and Salaried \$288,103.37 as certified and paid be confirmed. CARRIED.

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

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Resolved that the accounts of 2001 11 23 in the amount of \$1,634,003.59 be passed and paid. CARRIED.

3. Councillor T. Ryma declared a pecuniary interest - employed by CTV Television.
- Councillor N. DelBianco declared a pecuniary interest - employed by Holiday Inns of Canada.
- Councillor L. Turco declared a pecuniary interest - spouse employed by Police Services.
- Councillor B. Irwin declared a pecuniary interest - employed by Sault Area Hospitals.
4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**
- (a) Rosalind Ennis was in attendance concerning Proclamation - Community Christmas for Children.
 - (b) Bryna Coppel Park and Bill Nash, Sexual Assault Care Centre were in attendance concerning the annual White Ribbon Campaign and Montreal Massacre Memorial on December 6th.
 - (c) Todd Malpass and Geri Roberts were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(n).
 - (d) Hal McGonigal, BEC Tourism Solution Council and Bill Durnford, Tourism Sault Ste. Marie, a division of E.D.C. 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 P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Oraziotti
Resolved that all the items listed under date 2001 12 03 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.
- (a) The letter from Andre Riopel concerning public transit and user fees was received by Council.

5. (b) Correspondence from the Town of Caledon (concerning Smart Growth Management Councils); the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen (concerning standardized health services); the Town of Thessalon (concerning costs of complying with provincial financial reporting requirements); the City of Elliot Lake and the Town of Parry Sound (concerning a 50% reduction in Ontario's corporate tax rate for Northern Ontario business) was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Whereas the State of Michigan offers industry tax reductions to their property taxes and the Province of Quebec offers industry both corporate and property tax reductions; and

Whereas Northern Ontario is at an extreme disadvantage with respect to encouraging growth compared to our immediate neighbours; and

Whereas our Northern youth and residents are leaving the North in unprecedented numbers as a result of the shortage of gainful employment;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the Northern Mayors Coalition request for assistance from the Province of Ontario in the following ways:

- (1) For a period of 12 months, automobiles, trucks and other commercial vehicles be exempt from P.S.T. This request applies to the entire Province of Ontario.
 - (2) A reduction in P.S.T. for Northern Ontario by 2% below the Provincial rate.
 - (3) A 50% reduction in Ontario's corporate tax rate for Northern Ontario businesses. CARRIED.
- (c) Correspondence from the Joint International Bridge Authority concerning toll revisions at the International Bridge was received by Council.
- (d) The letter from a resident of North Carolina who visited our city recently was received by Council.
- (e) The Outstanding Council Resolutions list dated 2001 12 03 was received by Council.
- (f) **Council Travel**

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor D. Oraziatti

Resolved that Mayor John Rowswell be authorized to travel to Ottawa on December 10 to 12, 2001 for a Plenary Session of the Canada - Russia Intergovernmental Economic Commission Arctic and North Working Group. CARRIED.

5. (g) **News Release - Rowswell & Associates Engineers Ltd.**

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

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the main question item 5.(g) News Release - Rowswell and Associates be now put. DEFEATED.

Mayor J. Rowswell declared a pecuniary interest - his engineering firm.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor D. Oraziotti

Resolved that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2001 12 03 concerning News Release - Rowswell & Associates Engineers Ltd. be accepted as information. CARRIED.

Mayor J. Rowswell declared a pecuniary interest - his engineering firm.

(h) **Tender for Petroleum Products**

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

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor D. Oraziotti

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated December 3, 2001 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and delivery of Petroleum Products, required by the various City Departments and cooperatively, Public Utilities Inc., be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(i) **Tenders for Equipment - Public Works and Transportation Department**

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

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated December 3, 2001 be endorsed and that the tenders for the supply and delivery of three pieces of equipment, required by the Public Works and Transportation Department, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(j) **Tender for Oils, Greases and Gear Lubricants**

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

5. (j) Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated December 3, 2001 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and delivery of Petroleum Products, required by the various City Departments and cooperatively, Public Utilities Inc., be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.
- (k) **Consolidated Financial Statements and Auditors' Report - December 31, 2000**
The report of the Director of Financial Services was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the Consolidated Financial Statements and Auditors' Report of December 31, 2000 as submitted by the Director of Financial Services be received as information. CARRIED.
- (l) **Greenbelt Charities Association Application - New Year's Eve**
The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the report of the City Tax Collector be accepted to approve the application of Greenbelt Charities Association for a prize board of \$5,500.00 for December 31, 2001. CARRIED.
- (m) **Employee Code of Conduct Policy**
The report of the Commissioner of Human Resources was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Human Resources dated 2001 12 03 concerning Employee Code of Conduct Policy be accepted and the recommendation that Council endorse the Code of Conduct as an official policy of the City, be approved. CARRIED.
- (n) **Sault Ste. Marie Memorial Gardens - Sale of Alcohol at the Upcoming World Curling Tour Event**
The report of the Commissioner Community Services was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner Community Services dated 2001 12 03 concerning Sault Ste. Marie Memorial Gardens - Sale of Alcohol at the Upcoming World Curling Tour Event be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be endorsed. CARRIED.

5. (o) **Consulting Firms for Five Year Capital Construction Program**
The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings dated 2001 12 03 concerning Consulting Firms for 5-Year Capital Construction Program be accepted and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.
CARRIED.
- (p) **City Purchase from Management Board of Cabinet (Ontario Realty Corporation) of 1.32 Acres of Land South of Sault Ste. Marie Jail (Corner of Bruce and Melrose Streets)**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-226 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (q) **Parking on Alexandra Street**
The report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Oraziatti
Resolved that the report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2001 11 27 concerning Parking on Alexandra Street be accepted and the recommendation to allow parking on the north side of Alexandra Street on Sundays from April 1st to October 31st, be approved.
CARRIED.
- (r) **Intersection of Douglas Street and Turner Avenue**
The report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2001 11 16 concerning the intersection of Douglas Street and Turner Avenue be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (s) **Pine Street/Pleasant Drive Intersection**
The report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.

5. (s) Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Oraziatti
Resolved that the report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2001 11 16 concerning the intersection of Pine Street and Pleasant Drive be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (t) **BEC Education Solution Council - Canada First Robotics Games - Sault Ste. Marie Team Request for Assistance Under the City's Economic Development Fund**
The report of the President and C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the report of the President and C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation dated 2001 12 03 be accepted and the recommendation concerning support for an Economic Development Fund request from the BEC Education Solution Council for funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 for a Sault Ste. Marie Team to participate in the 2001-2002 Canada First Robotic Games competition, be approved. CARRIED.

PART TWO - REGULAR AGENDA

6. **REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

6. (1) **ADMINISTRATIVE**

(a) **Municipal User Fee Report**

The report of the Manager of Budgets was received by Council. [Also see item 7.(a).]

Moved by Councillor D. Brandt
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Budgets dated 2001 12 03 concerning Municipal User Fee Report (additional information) be accepted as information. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Whereas agenda item 6.(1)(a) recommends changes in User Fees be considered in 5 categories as outlined by the Manager of Audits;

And whereas there is economic uncertainty and community apprehension in regards to current and future income levels and ability to maintain the cost of living;

6. (1)
(a) Therefore be it resolved that the increase in User Fees BE DEFERRED until after the A.S.I. situation is clarified. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor D. Brandt

Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Budgets dated 2001 11 19 concerning the report on Municipal User Fees be accepted and further that the recommended User Fee Changes be approved. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.

6. (2) **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

(a) **John Rhodes Community Centre - Sculptures**

The report of the Commissioner of Community Services was accepted by Council. **Note:** Several public petitions concerning this item were presented at the Council Meeting.

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Resolved that the main question (item 6.(2)(a) John Rhodes Community Centre Sculptures) be now put. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Community Services dated 2001 12 03 concerning the sculptures at the John Rhodes Community Centre be accepted as information and that Council authorize the reinstallation of the sculptures in their present form, subject to correction of any structural deficiencies. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors D. Brandt, D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, L. Turco, D. Amaroso, B. Irwin, D. Orazietti, N. DelBianco, P. Mick

Against: nil

Absent: Councillor T. Ryma

6. (6) **PLANNING**

Note: There were no scheduled Planning items for this agenda.

6. (8) **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

(a) **Prospective Tourism Initiatives for the Sault Area Within “Ontario’s Living Legacy” Provincial Initiative**

The report of the Building an Extraordinary Community Tourism Solution Council and Tourism Sault Ste. Marie was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconded by Councillor D. Oraziotti

Resolved that the report of the Building an Extraordinary Community Tourism Solution Council and Tourism Sault Ste. Marie dated 2001 12 03 concerning Prospective Tourism Initiatives for the Sault area within “Ontario’s Living Legacy” Provincial Initiative be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved and further that a copy of this report and resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources. CARRIED.

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

(a) Mover - Councillor P. Vaudry

Seconder - Councillor D. Amaroso

Whereas Consent Agenda item 5.(k) recommends changes in User Fees be considered in 5 categories as outlined by the Manager of Budgets;

And whereas there is economic uncertainty and community apprehension in regards to current and future income levels and ability to maintain the cost of living;

Therefore be it resolved that the increase in User Fees as recommended be denied and further that the recommendation to decrease User Fees for day-time Ice Rentals be approved. WITHDRAWN BY MOVER AND SECONDER.

(b) Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Whereas the Corporation recently implemented a Strategic Plan to guide the City in its future endeavours;

And whereas the Community also recently implemented a Strategic Plan to guide the larger community in its future endeavours;

And whereas each of our actions are to be based on the visions adopted in these plans;

Now therefore be it resolved that appropriate staff arrange for the placement of the BEC Vision Statement and the City’s Strategic Plan Vision Statement in appropriate size and format in the Council Chambers. CARRIED.

7. (c) Moved by Councillor B. Irwin
Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti
Resolved that City Council hold a Special Council Meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. concerning Algoma Steel Inc. - Restructuring Plan - City Taxes. CARRIED.

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

Councillor P. Vaudry declared a pecuniary interest - employed by Algoma Steel Inc.

Councillor P. Mick declared a pecuniary interest - spouse retired from Algoma Steel Inc.

Councillor J. Caicco declared a pecuniary interest - father employed by Algoma Steel Inc.

Councillor D. Jones declared a pecuniary interest - employer is a creditor of Algoma Steel Inc.

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. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti
Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item of the Agenda under date 2001 12 03 be approved. CARRIED.

- (a) Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti
Resolved that By-law 2001-223 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-law 4500 and 4501 concerning lands located at 875 Queen Street East, 69 Church Street and 60 Pim Street, including Luscombe Lane and Further be it resolved that By-law 2001-224 being a by-law to designate 875 Queen Street East, 69 Church Street and 60 Pim Street as an area of site plan control be read three times and passed in Open Council this 3rd day of December, 2001. (1022291 Ontario Inc.). CARRIED.

10. (b) Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti
Resolved that By-law 2001-225 being a by-law to amend the relieving and standby pay policies of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie be read three times and passed in Open Council this 3rd day of December, 2001. CARRIED.
- (c) Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti
Resolved that By-law 2001-226 being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of property south of the Jail at the corner of Bruce and Melrose Streets) from the Management Board of Cabinet (Ontario Realty Corporation) be read three times and passed in Open Council this 3rd day of December, 2001. CARRIED.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor D. Orazietti
Resolved that this Council shall now go into Caucus to discuss one legal matter (pending litigation - solicitor-client privilege). CARRIED.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"JOHN ROWSWELL"
MAYOR

"DONNA P. IRVING"
CLERK