

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2001 11 19

5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor J. Rowswell, 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, R. Travaglini, N. Apostle, J. Dolcetti

ABSENT: Councillor T. Ryma

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2001 11 05 be approved. CARRIED.

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

3. **PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the accounts of 2001 11 02 in the amount of \$1,260,418.85 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 2001 10 14 to 2001 10 27 in amounts of Hourly \$1,339,101.59 and Salaried \$323,410.88 as certified and paid be confirmed. CARRIED.

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

Councillor T. Ryma declared a pecuniary interest - employed by CTV Television Inc.

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

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the accounts of 2001 11 09 in the amount of \$2,281,907.75 be passed and paid. 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 L. Turco declared a pecuniary interest - spouse employed by Police Services.

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Doug Clute was in attendance to introduce two Irish visitors and the Wider Horizons Project.
- (b) Frank Provenzano was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(6)(a).
- (c) Robert Bressan, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(7)(a).

PART ONE - CONSENT AGENDA

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

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2001 11 19 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) The letter from the Unit Manager, Canadian Cancer Society thanking City Council for its support of a medical rate for patients travelling from Toronto to Ottawa was received by Council.
- (b) The letter from the Acting Director, Sault Ste. Marie Museum thanking City Council for its financial support for the HVAC unit in the Durham Gallery was received by Council.

5. (c) The letter from the Minister of Transport concerning funding for municipal transit was received by Council.
- (d) The news release from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing concerning input on Smart Growth Management Councils was received by Council.
- (e) The letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing concerning the 2002 Community Reinvestment Fund and the CRF Transit Bonus was received by Council.
- (f) The letter from Mayor Rowsell to the CRTC concerning intervenor status at the CRTC hearings scheduled for December 3, 2001 in Hamilton, Ontario was received by Council.
- (g) The letter from Ontario Winter Carnival requesting permission for a temporary street closing for Foster Drive from Elgin Street to Russ Ramsay Way 2002 02 01 to 2002 02 03 was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-220 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

(h) **Staff Travel Requests**

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

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the staff travel requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2001 11 19 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

(i) **Property Tax Appeals**

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

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that pursuant to Section 442 and 443 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, the adjustments for tax accounts outlined on the City Tax Collector's report of 2001 11 19 be approved and the tax records be amended accordingly. CARRIED.

(j) **Ontario's Transit Plan**

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

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2001 11 08 concerning Ontario's Transit Plan be accepted as information. CARRIED.

5. (k) **Municipal User Fee Report**

The report of the Manager of Budgets was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Budgets, Finance Department dated 2001 11 19 concerning the report on User Fees and Recommended User Fee Increases (contained on page 8 of the report) be accepted as information only, and further resolved that the report be placed on the 2001 12 03 Council Meeting agenda for consideration and decision. CARRIED.

(l) **Agreement With the Soo Thunderbirds Hockey Club Inc.**

The report of the Commissioner Community Services was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-218 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

(m) **Approval of the Year 2002 Capital Construction Program**

The report of the Manager of Construction and Environmental Engineering was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Construction and Environmental Engineering dated 2001 11 19 concerning Approval of the Year 2002 Capital Construction Program be accepted and the recommendation to approve the 2002 Capital Construction Program at a cost of \$5,500,000. be endorsed. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Councillors D. Brandt, D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, D. Amaroso, B. Irwin, D. Oraziotti, P. Mick

Against: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors L. Turco, N. DelBianco

Absent: Councillor T. Ryma

(n) Correspondence from FRIENDS of Canadian Broadcasting spokesman Ian Morrison concerning CTV and MCTV service in Sault Ste. Marie and a Notice of Public Hearing in Hamilton were received by Council.

5. (n) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry
Whereas the CRTC is an independent Crown Agency established by the Government of Canada in 1968;
And whereas the CRTC reports to Parliament through the Minister of Canadian Heritage;
And whereas the CRTC is vested with the authority to regulate and supervise all aspects of the Canadian broadcasting system, as well as to regulate telecommunications service providers and common carriers that fall under Federal jurisdiction;
And whereas the CRTC has, in dealing with complaints about the loss of “local news” in MCTV’s Northern Ontario broadcast stations, clearly warned CTV that it expects CTV to live up to, not only the letter, but also the spirit of CTV’s commitment made during licence transfer and renewal applications before the CRTC;
And whereas CTV, like any other broadcast network, is reliant on continuing support from the Federal Government both directly and through the CRTC;
Now therefore be it resolved that City Council urgently request local M.P. Carmen Provenzano and other Northern Ontario M.P.’s to continue to work with Heritage Minister, Sheila Copps to ensure that CTV fulfills all of its obligations to Northern Ontario communities, the CRTC and the Federal Government and to ensure that “local programming” and pertinent “local news” continue to be delivered to the residents of Sault Ste. Marie and other Northern cities; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to FONOM. CARRIED.
- (o) Correspondence from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation concerning operation of the Casino and the recent increase in allocation to the City was received by Council.

PART TWO - REGULAR AGENDA

6. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

6. (6) PLANNING

- (a) **Application No. A-32-01-Z - 1022291 Ontario Inc. - 875 Queen Street East, 69 Church Street and 60 Pim Street - Request the Rezoning to Permit Additional Commercial, Tourist and Service Type Maintenance and Repair Uses**

The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.

6. (6)
(a) Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the report of the Planning Division under date 2001 11 19 concerning Application No. A-32-01-Z - 1022291 Ontario Inc. be accepted and the recommendation that City Council approve the application subject to the 4 conditions contained in the report be endorsed; and further that a storage warehouse be an approved use. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

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

Against: nil

Absent: Councillor T. Ryma

6. (7) **PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION**

(a) **Pointe Des Chenes Park/Campground Water Supply**

The report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2001 11 19 concerning Pointe Des Chenes Park/Campground Water Supply be accepted and the recommendation to proceed with Alternative 6 "Upgrading Existing System" at an estimated cost of between \$116,000. - \$171,000. (with funds from Parkland Development Charges Reserve; PWT 2001 surplus funds; and a capital improvement surcharge for users of the campground area) be approved, and further that Conestoga-Rovers & Associates be hired to undertake the required engineering work for this project. CARRIED.

(b) **Water Supply - Strathclair Park**

The report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.

6. (7)
(b) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2001 11 19 concerning Water Supply - Strathclair Park be accepted and the recommendation to install a watermain to Strathclair Park facilities at an estimated cost of \$90,000. (with funds from the Parkland Development Charges Reserve, PWT 2001 surplus funds and User fees), be approved. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Councillors D. Brandt, D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, D. Amaroso, B. Irwin, D. Oraziotti, N. DelBianco, P. Mick

Against: Mayor J. Rowsell, Councillor L. Turco

Absent: Councillor T. Ryma

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

(a) **Notice of Motion**

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.

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. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2001 11 19 be approved. CARRIED.

10. (a) Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that By-law 2001-218 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and the Soo Thunderbirds Hockey Club Inc. for the use of the John Rhodes Community Centre and the Memorial Gardens for a period of one year concluding August 31, 2002 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 19th day of November, 2001. CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that By-law 2001-219 being a by-law to amend Section 1 of By-law 86-134 concerning remuneration of members of Council and Local Boards be read three times and passed in Open Council this 19th day of November, 2001. CARRIED.
- (c) Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that By-law 2001-220 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Foster Drive and Queen Street to facilitate various Bon Soo events be read three times and passed in Open Council this 19th day of November, 2001. CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that By-law 2001-221 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and FedNor for funding of costs associated with the restoration of the Clergue Blockhouse be read three times and passed in Open Council this 19th day of November, 2001. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that By-law 2001-222 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and the Magicorp Systems Inc. for the Development of the Gateway Site be read three times and passed in Open Council this 19th day of November, 2001. CARRIED.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that this Council shall now go into Caucus to discuss one legal (pending litigation and Solicitor-Client privilege) and two labour relations matters. CARRIED.

12.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

**“JOHN ROWSWELL”
MAYOR**

**“DONNA P. IRVING”
CLERK**