

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2001 05 07

5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

ABSENT: Councillor T. Austin

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, M. White, N. Kenny, W. Lamming, B. Freiburger, M. Brechin, D. McConnell, D. Bourn, L. Ballstadt, B. Strapp, R. Avery, J. Luszka, D. M. Iley, J. Elliott, P. McAuley, S. Hamilton

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 04 23 be approved. CARRIED.

Councillor D. Brandt declared a pecuniary interest on item 5.(j) - relative on the list.

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 T. Ryma

Resolved that the accounts of 2001 04 20 in the amount of \$544,721.55 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 2001 04 01 to 2001 04 14 in amounts of Hourly \$1,232,840.03 and Salaried \$270,111.22 as certified and paid be confirmed. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma

Resolved that the accounts of 2001 04 27 in the amount of \$1,543,926.11 be passed and paid. CARRIED.

3. Mayor J. Rowsell declared a pecuniary interest - R. F. Contracting is a client of Engineering firm.

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Nancy Mancuso of the Community Centres Division, Community Services Department was in attendance to receive a 25-Year Long Service Award.
- (b) Lyne Gagnon-Ruscio was in attendance concerning the Proclamation - Customer Service Week.
- (c) Glenda Hubley, Sault Area Hospitals, Local 46 Coordinator/Bargaining Unit President was in attendance concerning the Proclamation - Nursing Week.
- (d) Sarah Mitchell and Kristy Wilson were in attendance concerning the Proclamation - Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- (e) Councillor Debbie Amaroso was in attendance concerning the Proclamation - Ontario March of Dimes Month.
- (f) Margaret Nicholson was in attendance concerning the Proclamation - Hearing Speech and Hearing Awareness Month.
- (g) Kim Zettler, Manager - Downtown Association was in attendance concerning the Proclamation - International Children's Festival Day.
- (h) Kathryn Johnson, 1st Vice President, Sault Female Hockey was in attendance to announce two teams who won medals at the OWHA Provincial Championships.
- (i) Leo Vecchio, Marketing Coordinator, Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre and Donna Holmberg, Sault Ste. Marie Museum were in attendance concerning presentation on 4 Culture.
- (j) Kim Zettler, Manager - Downtown Association was in attendance to respond to an inquiry made by Councillor Irwin at the 2001 04 23 Council Meeting concerning the Downtown Association 2001 Budget estimates.
- (k) Tony Martin, Bruce Strapp and Shane Kelland were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(f).
- (l) Rick Talvitie and Mike Cant, Totten Sims Hubicki were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(p).

4. (m) Bill Polnick, President and Gord Mezzomo - St. Mary's River Marine Centre and D'Arcy McKittrick, Tourism Company were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(bb).
- (n) Linda Burtch - L.A.C.A.C. and Don Johnston - Bushplane Heritage Centre were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(w).
- (o) Jim St. Jules was in attendance concerning the Proclamation - 75th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club.

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 05 07 - Part One - Consent Agenda, save and except agenda items 5.(m) and 5.(y), be approved as recommended. CARRIED.
- (a) Correspondence from the Town of Arnprior (concerning recycling programs); the City of Guelph (concerning General Agreement on Trade In Services); and the City of Kingston (concerning Bank of Canada Loans to Municipalities) were received by Council.
- (b) Correspondence from AMO concerning Provincial-Municipal relations was received by Council.
- (c) A letter from the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation concerning museum funding was received by Council.
- (d) A letter from the Chamber of Commerce concerning the Northern Rural Medical School Initiative was received by Council.
- (e) A letter from the Downtown Association concerning the proposed PUC rate increase was received by Council.
- (f) Correspondence from the Economic Development Corporation concerning Trade Bridge 2001 was received by Council.
- (g) Correspondence from the Fundraiser/Public Relations Coordinator, Rotary Club, concerning Rotaryfest 2001 being designated a community event was accepted by Council.

5. (g) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma
Resolved that City Council designate Rotaryfest which is held annually in the City of Sault Ste. Marie (July 19 to 21, 2001) to be a "Community Festival" for the purposes of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. CARRIED.
- (h) **Staff Travel Requests**
The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the staff travel requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2001 05 07 be approved as requested. CARRIED.
- (i) **Proposal for the Supply and Installation of a Modular Columbarium Niche Structure**
The report of the Manager of Purchasing was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated May 7th, 2001 be endorsed and that the proposal for the Supply and Installation of a Modular Columbarium Niche Structure, required by the Cemeteries Division of the Public Works and Transportation Department, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.
- (j) **Tender for Selected Granular Materials**
The report of the Manager of Purchasing was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated May 7th, 2001 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply of Selected Granular Materials, required by the City Corporation, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.
- (k) **Tender for Ready-Mix Concrete**
The report of the Manager of Purchasing was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated May 7th, 2001 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply of Ready-Mix Concrete, required by the City Corporation, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.
- (l) **Attendance and Disability Management Software**
The report of the Commissioner of Human Resources was accepted by Council.

5. (l) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Human Resources dated 2001 05 07 concerning Attendance and Disability Management Software be accepted and the recommendation to purchase the system for a maximum of \$25,000.00 with funding from the WSIB Reserve be approved. CARRIED.

(m) **Accident Insurance and WSIB**

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

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Human Resources dated 2001 05 07 concerning Accident Insurance and WSIB for members of Council be accepted as information. CARRIED.

Notice of Motion

Moved by Councillor N. DeBianco

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the Commissioner of Human Resources be directed to obtain Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage for the Mayor and Members of City Council.

(n) **Sault Ste. Marie and District All Sports Hall of Fame**

The report of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, All Sports Hall of Fame Sub-Committee was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma

Resolved that the report of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, All Sports Hall of Fame Sub-Committee under date 2001 05 07 concerning the Sault Ste. Marie and District All Sports Hall of Fame be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(o) **Proposed Agreement - Algoma Adventures Ltd.**

The report of the Assistant Manager, Recreation and Culture was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-73 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

(p) **Update of the Solid Waste Management Study**

The report of the Environmental/Construction Engineer was received by Council as information.

(q) **Wallace Terrace Truck Route Designation**

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

5. (q) Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings dated 2001 05 07 concerning Wallace Terrace Truck Route Designation be accepted and the recommendation to upgrade the Class "B" Truck Route designation on that section of Wallace Terrace between Korah Road and McFadden Avenue be upgraded to a Class "A" Truck Route be approved. CARRIED.
- (r) **Street Closing - Lake Street - McNabb Street to MacDonald Avenue; North Street - Second Line to Niagara Drive; and Dennis Street - Wellington Street to Bay**
The report of the Environmental/Construction Engineer was accepted by Council. The relevant by-laws 2001-74, 2001-75 and 2001-76 are listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (s) **John Street Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement**
The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma
Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings dated 2001 05 07 concerning John Street Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved. CARRIED.
- (t) **Reconstruction of Black Road**
The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings dated 2001 05 07 concerning Reconstruction of Black Road be accepted and the recommendation to retain Totten Sims Hubicki to provide engineering services be approved. CARRIED.
- (u) **OHRP Loan #5761-001-280**
The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council.

5. (u) Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma
Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings dated 2001 05 07 be accepted and the recommendation that the outstanding balance of OHRP Loan #5761-001-280 in the amount of \$1,014.00 be forgiven. CARRIED.
- (v) **Steel City Kiwanis - Notice of Proposed Outdoor Licensed Events on Private Property and Request to Declare Community Festivals on Two Occasions**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2001 05 07 be approved and that Council agree to the designation of a Community Festival for the dates June 21st, 22nd, 23rd, July 19th, 20th, 21st and August 17th and 18th for Steel City Kiwanis. CARRIED.
- (w) **Designation of Properties Under the Ontario Heritage Act - 875 Queen Street East (Former Forest Insect Laboratory); and 64 Church Street (Former Ontario Provincial Air Service Hangars)**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2001 05 07 concerning Designation of Properties Under the Ontario Heritage Act - 875 Queen Street East (Former Forest Insect Laboratory); and 64 Church Street (Former Ontario Provincial Air Service Hangars) be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (x) **Prohibition of Pesticide Use - Response to Outstanding Council Resolution**
The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma
Resolved that the report of the Assistant City Solicitor dated 2001 05 07 concerning Prohibition of Pesticide Use be accepted and the recommendation to await guidance from a Supreme Court of Canada case before proceeding further be approved. CARRIED.
- (y) **Ontario Municipal Board Decisions Concerning "Big Box" Rezoning in Other Cities**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

5. (y) Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2001 05 07 concerning Ontario Municipal Board Decisions Concerning "Big Box" Rezoning in Other Cities be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (z) **Hiawatha Park - Bus Route**
The report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma
Resolved that the report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2001 04 12 concerning a Hiawatha Park - Bus Route be accepted, and the recommendation not to extend bus service to the park be approved. CARRIED.
- (aa) **Economic Development Fund**
The report of the President and C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the report of the President and C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation dated April 30, 2001 be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- Moved by Councillor L. Turco
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Whereas the previous City Council established an Economic Development Fund in 1999 to stimulate economic growth and job creation; and
Whereas many economic development projects were assisted by the fund, including the Call Centre Strategy, which resulted in the attraction of RMH Teleservices and the creation of 450 jobs;
Therefore be it resolved that the previous City Council and all those who have been involved in the associated projects be commended for the establishment and implementation of the Economic Development Fund. CARRIED.
- (bb) Correspondence from the St. Mary's River Marine Centre was received by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that Council express its support in principle of the refurbishment of the Museum Ship Norgoma and the construction of a land based interpretive centre; and

5. (bb) Further that the question of the final location of this project be dealt with separately. CARRIED.

(cc) Correspondence from the President and C.E.O., Sault Area Hospitals in response to a Council resolution dated 2001 02 12 concerning physician recruitment was received by Council.

(dd) **Roberta Bondar Marina Dredging**

The report of the Supervisor Project Development was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma

Resolved that the report of the Supervisor Project Development under date 2001 05 07 concerning the Roberta Bondar Marina Dredging be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be endorsed. CARRIED.

(ee) Correspondence from the Vice-President, Human Resources - Algoma Steel Inc. concerning a recent Sault Star article was received by Council.

(ff) **Budget Meeting - 2001 05 22**

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

(gg) The letter requesting permission for a private property liquor licence extension was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the following request for a liquor licence extension on private property for an outdoor event on the stated date and time be endorsed by City Council:

Algoma University College

Annual Spring Convocation and Garden Reception

June 9, 2001

2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. CARRIED.

PART TWO - REGULAR AGENDA

6. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

6. (2) COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) Staff Response to the Feasibility Study and Business Plan of the St. Mary's River Marine Centre

The report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture was accepted by Council.
Note: See item 5.(bb).

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture under date 2001 05 07 concerning Staff Response to the Feasibility Study and Business Plan of the St. Mary's River Marine Centre be accepted, and the recommendations contained therein be endorsed. DEFEATED.

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

(a) Moved by Councillor B. Irwin

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Whereas the steel industry is an important and significant part of the economy of North America and typically employs thousands of workers in the many locations in both Canada and the U.S. where steel and steel products are manufactured;

And whereas moreso than ever before, the illegal dumping of cheap foreign steel is causing a serious oversupply and undervaluing of domestic product in an artificially depressed market in North America;

And whereas among the most adversely affected steel companies, Algoma Steel Inc. has announced the need for restructuring its finances, in large part at least due to the negative effects of illegal dumping and low prices for product;

And whereas several Canadian cities including Sault Ste. Marie, rely heavily on the employment and economic viability of the Canadian steel industry and expects the Federal Government to act quickly and effectively to ensure that there is a level playing field in North American markets and that tariffs are applied where necessary to prevent illegal dumping;

And whereas in the last few weeks all three major Canadian steel producers have asked the senior levels of government to review all current legislation which deals with this recurring problem of dumping of steel with a view to making changes that would allow for an expedient manner of dealing with dumping complaints;

7. (a) Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie requests the Federal Government of Canada to immediately undertake a review of the current legislation and process to effectively act on the serious issue of illegal dumping of steel into Canada;
And further be it resolved that this Council expresses its support for all of the efforts that our local Member of Parliament, Carmen Provenzano, regarding this issue, has in the past and will in the future, make on behalf of Algoma Steel Inc., its employees and all of the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie. CARRIED.

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

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

Recorded Vote

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

Against: nil

Absent: Councillor T. Austin

- (b) Moved by Councillor P. Vaudry
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Whereas Northern Ontario has experienced a serious shortage of medical doctors for several years;
And whereas the current and past City Council have strongly supported a proposal to establish a medical school in Northern Ontario as a real and tangible way in which the Provincial Government can assist northern cities in adequately staffing with medical practitioners;
And whereas Sault Ste. Marie and area will benefit greatly from the implementation of this important initiative which will go a long way in promoting interest among doctors and medical students wanting to teach medicine or practice medicine in Northern Ontario;
Now therefore be it resolved that City Council expresses its sincere appreciation to the Premier of Ontario, Mike Harris; the Minister of Health, Tony Clement; and the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Dan Newman for their support for this very important initiative for all communities of Northern Ontario. 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. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2001 05 07 be approved. CARRIED.

(a) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that By-law 2001-73 being a by-law to authorize a Licence of Occupation with 1022054 Ontario Limited operating as Algoma Adventures be read three times and passed in Open Council this 7th day of May, 2001. CARRIED.

(b) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that By-law 2001-74 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Lake Street from McNabb Street to MacDonald Avenue for the purpose of final asphalt and construction from May 8th, 2001 to July 31st, 2001 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 7th day of May, 2001. CARRIED.

(c) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that By-law 2001-75 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of North Street from Second Line to Niagara Drive for the purpose of final asphalt and construction from May 8th, 2001 to July 31st, 2001 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 7th day of May, 2001. CARRIED.

(d) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that By-law 2001-76 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Dennis Street from Wellington Street to Bay Street for the purpose of final asphalt and construction from May 8th, 2001 to July 31st, 2001 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 7th day of May, 2001. CARRIED.

(e) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that By-law 2001-77 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and the Sault Ste. Marie Police Association concerning the distribution of Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Type 3 surplus funds be read three times and passed in Open Council this 7th day of May, 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 T. Ryma
Resolved that this Council shall now go into Caucus to discuss one Labour Relations matter. CARRIED.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

**"JOHN ROWSWELL"
MAYOR**

**"DONNA P. IRVING"
CLERK**