

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2001 09 10

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

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, D. Irving, N. Kenny, B. Freiburger, B. Strapp, P. McAuley, M. White

ABSENT: Councillor T. Austin

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2001 08 27 be approved. CARRIED.

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

3. **PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Councillor D. Brandt

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the accounts of 2001 08 24 in the amount of \$1,256,884.52 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 2001 08 05 to 2001 08 18 in amounts of Hourly \$1,371,514.63 and Salaried \$272,243.95 as certified and paid be confirmed. CARRIED.

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

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

3. Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor D. Brandt
Resolved that the accounts of 2001 08 31 in the amount of \$1,653,216.11 be passed and paid. CARRIED.

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

Mayor J. Rowsell declared a pecuniary interest - Algoma Central Railway is client of Engineering firm.

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.

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Bryan Hayes was in attendance concerning the Proclamation - 2001 United Way Campaign.
- (b) Barbara Schultz was in attendance concerning the Proclamation - Take Back the Night.
- (c) Bill Dobbs was in attendance concerning the Proclamation - Prostate Cancer Awareness Week.
- (d) Debbie Greco and Denise VanEldert were in attendance concerning the Proclamation - National Payroll Week.
- (e) Jane Karhi, Strategic Planning Coordinator, Building an Extraordinary Community was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(a).
- (f) Michael Burtch, Director/Curator, Art Gallery of Algoma was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(c).

PART ONE - CONSENT AGENDA

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

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor D. Brandt

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2001 09 10 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Letters from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities to the Honourable Andy Mitchell concerning federal assistance for Algoma Steel Inc. and from Mayor Rowswell to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines concerning Algoma Steel Pensioners were received by Council.
- (b) Correspondence from the City of Elliot Lake (concerning MNR downloading of wildlife management) was received by Council.
- (c) The letter from the Industrial Wood and Allied Workers of Canada concerning the duty recently imposed on Canadian softwood lumber exports to the U.S. was received by Council.
- (d) The letter from the Minister of Northern Development and Mines concerning approval of \$34,000 funding toward a Study on the feasibility of North Bay/Sault Ste. Marie Transpolar Air Cargo hubs and the terms of reference and budget for the Study were received by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Brandt

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that City Council accept the letter from Minister Dan Newman concerning approval of \$34,000 funding toward a Study on the feasibility of North Bay/Sault Ste. Marie Transpolar Air Cargo hubs and further that \$8,500 be approved from the Economic Development Fund for the City's share of this Study. CARRIED.

- (e) The request to hold a special occasion permit event at an outdoor municipal facility was accepted by Council.

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:

Easter Seal Society

Roberta Bondar Pavilion

October 27, 2001 - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CARRIED.

5. (f) **Tenders for Equipment - Public Works and Transportation Department**

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

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated September 10, 2001 be endorsed and that the tenders for the supply and delivery of two pieces of equipment, required by the Public Works & Transportation Department, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(g) **Tenders for Screened Street Sand**

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

Moved by Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor D. Brandt

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated 2001 09 10, be endorsed and that the tender for the supply of Screened Street Sand, required by the Public Works & Transportation Department, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(h) **Property Tax Appeal Procedure - Commercial and Industrial Vacancies**

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

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the report of the City Tax Collector dated 2001 09 10 concerning Property Tax Appeal Procedure - Commercial and Industrial Vacancies be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(i) **Staff Travel Requests**

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

Moved by Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the staff travel requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2001 09 10 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

(j) **Council Travel**

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that Mayor John Rowsell be authorized to travel to the 2001 Northeastern Ontario Municipal Conference being held in Sudbury on September 12th, 2001. CARRIED.

5. (k) **Leading the Way 'Naturally' - Corporate Strategic Plan - Review Process**

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

Moved by Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor D. Brandt

Resolved that the report of the Assistant City Clerk dated 2001 09 10 concerning the Corporate Strategic Plan be accepted, and the recommendation to proceed with the review process as outlined in the report be approved. CARRIED.

(l) **Request for Financial Assistance for National/International Sports Competition**

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

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the report of Lori Ballstadt, Assistant Manager of Recreation and Culture under date 2001 09 10 concerning a request for Financial Assistance for National/International Sports competition be accepted and the recommendation contained therein be endorsed. CARRIED.

(m) **Engineering Agreement - Bellevue Park CSO Tank**

The report of the Director of Engineering Design & Buildings was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2001-171 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

Mayor Rowswell declared a pecuniary interest - Engineering firm submitted a proposal for the Bellevue Park CSO Tank.

(n) **Contract 2001-8E
Improvements to Wellington Street (Trunk Road to Lake Street)**

The report of the Environmental/Construction Engineer was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2001-176 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

(o) **Transfer to Huron Superior Catholic District School Board of a Portion of St. Theresa School Site**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2001-172 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

(p) **Big Box Hearing - Ontario Municipal Board Approval of Settlement**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2001 09 10 concerning Big Box Hearing - OMB Approval of Settlement be accepted as information. CARRIED.

5. (q) **Enforcement of Parking Meters at Algoma University College**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2001-180 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- Councillor B. Irwin declared a pecuniary interest - spouse employed by Algoma University College.
- (r) **Council Honoraria Review Committee Update**
The report of the Chair, Council Honoraria Review Committee was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor L. Turco
Seconded by Councillor D. Brandt
Resolved that the report of the Chair, Council Honoraria Review Committee dated 2001 09 09 concerning Council Honoraria Review Committee Update be accepted as information. CARRIED.

PART TWO - REGULAR AGENDA

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

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

- (a) **Contract with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines in Support of the "Building an Extraordinary Community" Initiative**
The report of the Strategic Planning Coordinator, B.E.C. was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2001-177 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (b) **Growth Mandate Steering Committee - Rationale for Economic Development Fund**
The report of the President and CEO - Economic Development Corporation was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor D. Brandt
Resolved that agenda item 6.(8)(b) BE AMENDED so that the work be open to public tender and that deliverable 3 of the scope of work be undertaken prior to the completion of question 2, which is the specific plan of implementation and further that E.D.C. commence an immediate application to FEDNOR for funding assistance on this project analysis and development. CARRIED.

6. (8)
(b)

Recorded Vote

For: Councillors D. Brandt, D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, T. Ryma, B. Irwin, D. Oraziatti

Against: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors L. Turco, D. Amaroso, N. DelBianco, P. Mick

Absent: Councillor T. Austin

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor D. Brandt

Resolved that the report of the President and CEO, EDC dated 2001 09 05 concerning Growth Mandate Rationale for Economic Development Fund be accepted and the recommendation that Council authorize \$16,000 from the Economic Development Fund for hiring The Possibilities Group to undertake an analysis and project development of the Growth Mandate themes, be approved, AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

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

Against: Councillors D. Amaroso, N. DelBianco, P. Mick

Absent: Councillor T. Austin

(c) **Art Gallery of Algoma - Animation Centre - 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 L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the report of the President and CEO, EDC dated 2001 09 06 concerning Art Gallery of Algoma - Animation Centre be accepted and the recommendation to approve \$20,000 from the Economic Development Fund for hiring additional administrative support staff at the Art Gallery (thus allowing current staff to dedicate time and resources on the development of the Animation Centre), be approved. 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 there have been several complaints of traffic delays because of train crossing occupied,
Whereas the long train occupied blockings could delay the response time of emergency vehicles,
Whereas some street blockings have been timed to last as long as 35 minutes,
Now therefore be it resolved that the Public Works and Transportation Department report back to Council "crossing occupied times" in the Wellington and Huron Street areas in order that Council, or the appropriate staff can approach Huron Central or Wisconsin Central or C.N. with delay times if need be.
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 . DelBianco
Seconded by Councillor D. Brandt
Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2001 09 10 be approved. CARRIED.

- (a) Moved by Councillor D. Brandt
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2001-171 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and Earth Tech (Canada) Inc. to design and construct the Bellevue Park Combined Sewer Overflow Tank be read three times and passed in Open Council this 10th day of September, 2001. CARRIED.

Mayor J. Rowsell declared a pecuniary interest - Engineering firm submitted a proposal for the Bellevue Park CSO Tank.

- (b) Moved by Councillor D. Brandt
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that By-law 2001-172 being a by-law to authorize the transfer to Huron Superior Catholic District School Board of a portion of the St. Theresa School site be read three times and passed in Open Council this 10th day of September, 2001. CARRIED.

10. (c) Moved by Councillor D. Brandt
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that By-law 2001-176 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and Rainone Construction for improvements to Wellington Street from Trunk Road to Lake Street be read three times and passed in Open Council this 10th day of September, 2001 (Contract 2001-8E). CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor D. Brandt
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that By-law 2001-177 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and the Minister of Northern Development and Mines regarding funding of a request for proposals on the evaluation of "Building an Extraordinary Community" - grass roots initiative be read three times and passed in Open Council this 10th day of September, 2001. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor D. Brandt
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that By-law 2001-178 being a by-law to appoint Gary Avery Manager of Social Housing be read three times and passed in Open Council this 10th day of September, 2001. CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor D. Brandt
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that By-law 2001-179 being a by-law to appoint Carl Rosso Manager of Ontario Works be read three times and passed in Open Council this 10th day of September, 2001. CARRIED.
- (g) Moved by Councillor D. Brandt
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that By-law 2001-180 being a by-law to amend Section 16B of Traffic By-law 77-200 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 10th day of September, 2001. CARRIED.

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

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco
Seconded by Councillor D. Brandt
Resolved that this Council shall now go into Caucus to discuss one property item (possible acquisition of land) and one item concerning solicitor-client privilege. CARRIED.

12.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"JOHN ROWSWELL"
MAYOR

"DONNA P. IRVING"
CLERK