

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2001 02 26

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, T. Austin, N. DelBianco, P. Mick

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, D. Irving, L. Bottos, R. Avery, W. Lamming, B. Freiburger, J. Elliott, D. McConnell, B. Strapp, M. White

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor T. Ryma

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2001 02 12 and the Special Meeting of 2001 02 19 be approved. CARRIED.

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

3. **PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Councillor B. Irwin

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that the accounts of 2001 02 09 in the amount of \$1,169,974.67 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 2001 01 21 to 2001 02 03 in amounts of Hourly \$1,216,144.70 and Salaried \$276,656.36 as certified and paid be confirmed. CARRIED.

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

Moved by Councillor B. Irwin

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that the accounts of 2001 02 16 in the amount of \$1,744,266.68 be passed and paid. CARRIED.

Councillor L. Turco declared a pecuniary interest - spouse employed by Reliable Maintenance Products.

3. Councillor N. DelBianco declared a pecuniary interest - employed by Holiday Inns of Canada Ltd.

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Mayor Rowswell presented Long Service Awards to seven former members of City Council (Joseph Fratesi, Arthur Gualazzi, Charles Swift, Frank Manzo, Tom Angus, Michael Sanzosti, Walter Chisholm).
- (b) Paula DeVeto, President, Algoma Branch, Ontario Association of Social Workers was in attendance concerning Proclamation - Social Work Week.
- (c) Karen Hurley, Canadian Red Cross Volunteer was in attendance concerning Proclamation - Red Cross Month.
- (d) Mary-Ann Iles, President, Sault Theatre Workshop was in attendance concerning Proclamation - Quonta Drama Festival Week.
- (e) Jennifer Grant, Public Relations Coordinator for Learning Disabilities Association of Sault Ste. Marie was in attendance concerning Proclamation - Learning Disabilities Awareness Month.

PART ONE - CONSENT AGENDA

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

Moved by Councillor B. Irwin

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2001 02 26 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) The letter from the President and C.E.O., Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre in response to a Council resolution dated 2001 01 22 was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor T. Ryma

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that City Council accept the letter from the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre dated 2001 02 12 concerning SMARTpark Initiative and request that the City's Planning Division and Economic Development Corporation provide all appropriate assistance during the consultative process. CARRIED.

- (b) Correspondence from the Minister of Northern Development and Mines to Mayor Rowswell in response to a meeting held on 2000 12 08 was received by Council.

5. (c) Correspondence from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities concerning the use and occupation of rights-of-way (ROW) municipal lands by federal regulated communications carriers was received by Council.

(d) **Citizen Appointment**

Moved by Councillor T. Ryma

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that citizen Frank DelBosco be appointed to the Fence Viewers Committee for the period February 26, 2001 to December 31, 2001. CARRIED.

(e) **Council Travel**

Moved by Councillor B. Irwin

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that Councillor Derik Brandt be authorized to travel to a FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities) Board of Directors Meeting in Sudbury March 8th and 9th, 2001. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor B. Irwin

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that Mayor John Rowswell be authorized to travel to Toronto for a meeting with Minister of Northern Development and Mines Dan Newman on February 28, 2001. CARRIED.

(f) **Staff Travel Requests**

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

Moved by Councillor B. Irwin

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that the staff travel requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2001 02 26 be approved as presented. CARRIED.

(g) **Submission to the Ministry of Finance**

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

Moved by Councillor T. Ryma

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2001 02 26 concerning Submission to the Minister of Finance be accepted and the recommendations contained therein, be approved. CARRIED.

5. (g) Recorded Vote

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

Against: nil

Absent: nil

(h) **2000 Honoraria and Expenses - Mayor & Council and Board & Commission Members**

The report of the Director of Financial Services was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor T. Ryma

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that the report of the Director of Financial Services dated 2001 02 26 concerning 2000 Honoraria and Expenses (Mayor, Council, Board and Commission Members) be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(i) **Parking Division By-law Enforcement Officers**

The report of the Supervisor Parking Division was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-40 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

(j) **Corporate Strategic Plan**

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

Moved by Councillor B. Irwin

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that the report of the Assistant City Clerk dated 2001 02 26 concerning Corporate Strategic Plan be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(k) **Steelton Senior Citizen Centre Naming**

The report of the Supervisor Senior's Services was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Irwin

Seconded by Councillor D. Jones

Resolved that the report of the Supervisor Senior's Services dated 2001 02 19 concerning Steelton Senior Citizen Centre Naming be accepted and the recommendation to name the Main Hall of the Steelton Senior Centre the "Walter Stringer Room", be approved. CARRIED.

(l) **Financial Assistance Policy for National/International Sports Competitions**

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

5. (l) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso
Resolved that the report of the Assistant Manager, Recreation and Culture dated 2001 02 26 concerning Financial Assistance for National/International Sports Competition Policy be accepted and the recommendation that the Policy be amended to include individuals or sport teams representing Northern Ontario, be approved. CARRIED.
- (m) **Request for Financial Assistance for National/International Sports Competitions - 2001 Billiard Congress of American Canadian National 8 Ball Championships**
The report of the Assistant Manager Recreation and Culture was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that the report of the Assistant Manager, Recreation and Culture dated 2001 02 26 concerning Request for Financial Assistance for National/International Sports Competition be accepted and the recommendation to provide a \$200.00 grant for a local billiard team to attend the 2001 Billiard Congress of America Canadian National 8-Ball Championship, be approved. CARRIED.
- (n) **Engineering Consulting Services - Lake Street Reconstruction**
The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-39 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (o) **Engineering Consulting Services - Dacey Road Reconstruction**
The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-38 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (p) **Engineering Consulting Services - King Street Reconstruction**
The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-46 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (q) **Wallace Terrace Truck Route Designation - Public Process**
The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor B. Irwin
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso
Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings dated 2001 02 26 concerning Wallace Terrace Truck Route Designation Public Process be accepted as information. CARRIED.

5. (r) **POA Transfer - Local Side Agreement - By-law 2001-49**
The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-49 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (s) **City Release of a Mortgage for the Plummer Memorial Hospital Property**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-41 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (t) **Part Lot Control By-law and Undeeming By-law - Forest Heights Subdivision, Lots 124 to 130, Plan H-520 - Civic Address 876 to 906 Pine Street**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant by-laws 2001-44 and 2001-45 are listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (u) **Lots 124 to 130 - Forest Heights Subdivision - Ruscio Masonry Construction Limited**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-43 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (v) **Drake Street Conservette**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2001-48 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- Councillor B. Irwin declared a pecuniary interest - resides on Drake Street.
- (w) **Gateway Project - Background and Update Report**
The report of the Planning Director was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor B. Irwin
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that the report of the Planning Division under date 2001 02 26 concerning the Gateway Project Background and Update Report be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (x) **Industrial Land Use Study**
The report of the Planning Division was received by Council as information. The Industrial Land Use Study will be presented at the 2001 03 19 Council Meeting for Council's consideration. The further report of the Planning Division concerning Industrial Land Use Study - Area 2 was accepted by Council.

5. (x) Mover Councillor T. Austin
Seconded Councillor P. Vaudry
Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2001 02 26 concerning Industrial Land Use Study - Area 2 be accepted and the recommendation that the Study recommendations be amended (for the March 19th Council Meeting agenda) to delete any reference to the Manzo property in Area 2, be approved. CARRIED.
- (y) **Municipal Cemetery Purchase of Modular Niche Units**
The report of the Manager of Cemeteries was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Cemeteries dated 2001 02 26 concerning Municipal Cemetery - Purchase of Modular Niche Units be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved and further that the required funding in the amount of approximately \$125,000.00 be taken from the Cemetery Reserve Account. CARRIED.
- (z) **Capital Equipment**
The report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2001 02 19 concerning Capital Equipment (traffic repair vehicle) be accepted and the recommendation to tender for purchase of a replacement vehicle with funds from the Equipment Reserve Account, be approved. CARRIED.
- (aa) **City Trails Master Plan**
The report of the Sault Ste. Marie Trails Coordinator, E.D.C. was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor B. Irwin
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that the report of the Sault Ste. Marie Trails Coordinator, E.D.C., concerning City Trails Master Plan - Public Open House on March 7, 2001 be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (bb) Correspondence from the Sault Ste. Marie Museum concerning a reduction in funding from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation was accepted by Council.

5. (bb) Moved by Councillor B. Irwin
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Whereas the Sault Ste. Marie Museum Board of Directors has been advised by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation that its operating grant for the year 2001 has been cut by 6% and;
Whereas this reduction will have a serious impact on the Museum's ability to continue to operate, especially in light of the requirements to meet new Provincial operating standards and;
Whereas pressure will be brought on City Council, in spite of its own difficult financial circumstances to assist in finding ways to make up the loss of grants from the Province;
Now therefore be it resolved that City Council supports the request of the Sault Ste. Marie Museum Board of Directors to the Province to not only re-instate the 6% cut but also to increase its operating grant by 5% per year for the next three years while the Museum meets the new standards mandated by the Province and;
Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Tim Hudak, the new Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation with a request for his personal assistance in this matter. CARRIED.

PART TWO - REGULAR AGENDA

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

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor B. Irwin
Seconded by Councillor T. Ryma
Be it resolved that traffic signalization at the intersection of Queen and Lake Streets be identified as a priority item;
Further be it resolved that this initiative be referred to the miscellaneous construction list. 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 T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2001 02 26, be approved. CARRIED.

10. (a) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2001-38 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Stem Engineering Group Incorporated concerning professional consulting services for the reconstruction of Dacey Road from Chambers Avenue to St. Mary's River, be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of February, 2001. CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2001-39 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Stem Engineering Group Incorporated to provide consulting services for the reconstruction of Lake Street from MacDonald Avenue to Trunk Road, be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of February, 2001. CARRIED.
- (c) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2001-40 being a by-law to appoint by-law enforcement officers to enforce the by-laws of the City of Sault Ste. Marie be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of February, 2001. CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2001-41 being a by-law to authorize a Discharge of Charge/Mortgage concerning an outstanding mortgage dating back to 1950 in favour of the City for Plummer Memorial Hospital property, be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of February, 2001. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2001-42 being a by-law to adopt a Cemetery commemorative tree sponsorship, be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of February, 2001. CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2001-43 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the release of the Subdivision Agreement and Yard Drainage Agreement with respect to lots 124 to 130 in the Forest Heights Subdivision, Plan H-520 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of February, 2001. CARRIED.

10. (g) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2001-44 being a by-law to remove lots 124 to 130 in the Forest Heights Subdivision, Plan H-520 from the effects of By-law 69-196, be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of February, 2001. CARRIED.
- (h) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2001-45 being a by-law to designate lots 124 to 130 in the Forest Heights Subdivision, Plan H-520 as an area not subject to part lot control, be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of February, 2001. CARRIED.
- (i) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2001-46 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Kresin Engineering Corporation concerning professional consulting services for the reconstruction of King Street between Bruce Street and Elgin Street be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of February, 2001. CARRIED.
- (j) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2001-48 being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of the Drake Street Conservette from the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of February, 2001. CARRIED.

Councillor B. Irwin declared a pecuniary interest - resides on Drake Street.

- (k) Moved by Councillor T. Ryma
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that By-law 2001-49 being a by-law to approve the signing of the Local Side Agreement with respect to the Provincial Offences Act court transfer be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of February, 2001. CARRIED.

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

Moved by Councillor B. Irwin
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that this Council shall now go into Caucus to discuss two personal matters about an identifiable individual; one property matter (possible land acquisition); and one legal (solicitor-client privilege) matter. CARRIED.

12.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor B. Irwin

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

**“JOHN ROWSWELL”
MAYOR**

**“DONNA P. IRVING”
CLERK**