

## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**2002 11 04**

**5:00 P.M.**

### **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**NOTE:** Jody Curran took the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance as Councillor Ward 2 prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting.

**PRESENT:** Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, J. Curran, B. Hayes, F. Manzo, N. DelBianco, D. Oraziotti, B. Irwin, D. Amaroso

**OFFICIALS:** J. Fratesi, D. Irving, L. Bottos, B. Freiburger, P. Liepa, M. Brechin, J. Dolcetti, B. Strapp, P. McAuley, D. Elliott, N. Apostle

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2002 10 21 be approved. CARRIED.

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

3. **PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the accounts of 2002 10 18 in the amount of \$1,861,425.97 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 2002 09 29 to 2002 10 12 in amounts of Hourly \$1,388,784.70 and Salaried \$489,851.79 as certified and paid be confirmed. CARRIED.

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

3. Moved by Councillor D. Jones  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Resolved that the accounts of 2002 10 25 in the amount of \$2,026,077.25 be passed and paid. CARRIED.

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

Councillor B. Irwin declared a pecuniary interest - employed by Sault Area Hospitals.

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Susan Milne was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(v).
- (b) Doug Cooper, Project Engineer, Ministry of Transportation and Chris Gauer, Senior Project Manager, Marshall Macklin Monaghan were in attendance to update Council on the Highway 17 Project - Trunk Road Access from Trunk Road to Highway 17 (new).
- (c) Brian Curran, PUC Inc.; Peter Rupcic, OCWA; Chris Kresin, Kresin Engineering and Mel Brechin, Commissioner of Engineering and Planning were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(3)(a).
- (d) Elaine Pitcher, on behalf of Superior 7 Advertising; and Dave Shier, Lakeshore Kiwanis were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(6)(a).
- (e) Brian Irwin, Bill Therriault and Tom Dodds, on behalf of the Economic Diversification Strategy Steering Committee 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 D. Jones  
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin  
Resolved that all the items listed under date 2002 11 04 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

5. (a) News Releases dated October 25, 2002 concerning FedNor funding to RAPIDS Success Business Growth Inc. to establish trade and export advisory services in Sault Ste. Marie and district and implement a pilot project to improve access to capital for small business and for a Labour Market Partnerships Project were received by Council.
- (b) Correspondence from Carmen Provenzano, Chair, Industrial Marketing Strategy Global Committee concerning Air Cargo Hub Feasibility Study was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Industrial Marketing Strategy Global Committee forwarded under date 2002 10 18 from Carmen Provenzano, Chair, be accepted; and further that the recommendation contained therein to proceed at this time with the hiring of a sector specialist to attract logistics organizations, air cargo companies and other aviation industries to our Sault Ste. Marie Airport that will utilize the existing infrastructure, be endorsed; and

Further that Council approve the transfer of the balance of funds of approximately \$80,000. in the Transpolar Account for implementation of this recommendation. CARRIED.

- (c) The letter from the Soup Kitchen Community Centre thanking the people of Sault Ste. Marie for the overwhelming response to the Centre's recent food drive was received by Council.
- (d) The letter from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation concerning a quarterly payment of the 5% allocation in the amount of \$534,131. to the City was received by Council.
- (e) The letter from the Executive Director, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund concerning funding for the Sault Ste. Marie Industrial Land Development Program was received by Council.
- (f) Correspondence from the Industrial Wood and Allied Workers of Canada (concerning a request for a resolution of support for IWA Canada's pension-bridging proposal to the federal government); FONOM (concerning Tax Incentive Zone Program); the Township of Pickle Lake (concerning new provincial government regulations on fuel oil tanks); the Town of St. Mary's (concerning Union Gas retroactive fee); the City of Ottawa (concerning Water Taking Permit process) was received by Council.

5. (g) **Council Travel**

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that Mayor John Rowsell be authorized to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Woodworks Workshop and Awards Evening being held in Thunder Bay November 20, 2002 at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00. CARRIED.

(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 travel requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2002 11 04 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

(i) **2003 Council Meeting Schedule**

The report of the City Clerk was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the City Clerk dated 2002 11 04 concerning 2003 Council Meeting Schedule be accepted and the recommendation to approve the schedule be endorsed. CARRIED.

(j) **Tender for One (1) Articulated Wheel Loader Pick-up Sweeper Attachment**

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 November 4, 2002 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and delivery of One (1) Articulated Wheel Loader Pick-up Sweeper Attachment, required by the Public Works and Transportation Department be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(k) **Tender for Electrical Service Upgrade - Former MTO Building (2002FA05)**

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

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated November 4, 2002 be endorsed and that the tender for the Electrical Service Upgrade at the former MTO Building, required by Fire Services, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

5. (l) **Tender for Parking Lot Snow Removal**

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 November 4, 2002 be endorsed and that the tender for Snow Removal at various municipal Parking Lots, required by the Parking Division, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(m) **Tenders for Automotive Supplies and Tire Services**

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

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated November 4, 2002 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and delivery of Automotive Supplies and Tire Services, required by the various City Departments and cooperatively PUC Inc. be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(n) **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 2002 11 04 be approved and the tax records be amended accordingly. CARRIED.

(o) **Vacant Unit Tax Rebate Program - Commercial and Industrial Properties**

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

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that pursuant to Section 442.5 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, the adjustments for tax accounts outlined on the City Tax Collector's report of 2002 11 04 be approved and the tax records be amended accordingly. CARRIED.

(p) **Private Sector Funding for New Arena - Request for Proposals for Advisory Services**

The report of the Commissioner of Community Services on behalf of the Arena Study Review Committee was accepted by Council.

5. (p) Moved by Councillor D. Jones  
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin  
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Community Services dated 2002 11 04 concerning Private Sector Funding for New Arena - Request for Proposals for Advisory Services be accepted and the recommendation to (1) issue a request for proposals to secure advisory services for the private sector partner process of the new arena project and (2) allocation of funding up to \$100,000. (funds to come from the Economic Diversification Fund) be approved. CARRIED.
- (q) **Sault Trails and Recreation Inc. (S.T.A.R.)**  
The report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin  
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2002 11 04 concerning Sault Trails and Recreation Inc. be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (r) **Contract 2002-12E - Upgrade of the Clark Creek Pumping Station**  
The report of the Manager of Construction and Environmental Engineering was accepted by Council. The relevant by-law 2002-220 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (s) **Civic No. 235 Kingsford Road - Property Standards Order**  
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 November 4, 2002 concerning Civic No. 235 Kingsford Road be accepted and the recommendation that if the property is not in compliance by November 30, 2002 the Corporation hire the forces necessary (on the basis of the lowest of a minimum of three quotes) to correct the outstanding deficiencies itemized in the Residential Standards Order dated August 16, 2002 and recover the costs by adding them to the taxes of the subject property, be approved. CARRIED.
- (t) **2001 Annual Report - Sault Ste. Marie Fire Services**  
The report of the Fire Chief was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin  
Resolved that the report of the Fire Chief dated 2002 11 04 concerning 2001 Annual Report be accepted as information. CARRIED.

5. (u) **Environmental Site Assessment for Korah Garage Property - Civic #1024 Third Line West**

The report of the Deputy 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 Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2002 10 23 concerning an Environmental Assessment for Korah Garage Property at Civic #1024 Third Line West be accepted, and the recommendation that M. R. Wright and Associates be hired to carry out the Assessment of the property and that City forces carry out the cleanup of the site, be approved. CARRIED.

(v) **2002 Communities in Bloom Competition**

The report of the Chairperson, Communities in Bloom Committee was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Chairperson, Communities in Bloom Committee dated 2002 11 04 concerning the 2002 Communities in Bloom competition results be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(w) **Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site**

The report of the Chairperson, Historic Sites Board and the Commissioner of Community Services was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Chairperson, Historic Sites Board dated 2002 11 04 and the report of the Commissioner of Community Services dated 2002 11 04 be accepted concerning a Request for Funding that would allow the Board to proceed immediately with the purchase of white cedar shingles for the roof of the Summer Kitchen at the Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site be approved; and further that installation of the new shingles (should no funding or grants be found from other sources) be approved, and that the total funding amount to a maximum estimate at \$25,000. to \$30,000. come from the 2002 Unforeseen Expenses Account. CARRIED.

(x) **Winter Maintenance Response - Friday, November 1, 2002 - Snowfall**

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

5. (x) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin  
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2002 11 04 concerning the Winter Maintenance Response - Friday, November 1, 2002 Snowfall, be accepted as information. CARRIED.

## **PART TWO - REGULAR AGENDA**

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

#### **6. (3) ENGINEERING**

##### **(a) Report on the Operation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie Sewage Treatment Plants**

The report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning was received by Council. The letter from Ron Gagnon resident and former employee of OCWA was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning dated 2002 11 04 concerning Report on the Operation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie Sewage Treatment Plant be accepted and the recommendation contained on Page 8 of the report that the City continue with an OCWA run operation for the contract period and following that period Council give consideration to tendering a proposal call to obtain the best operator including the City for these facilities, be approved. DEFEATED.

#### **Recorded Vote**

For: Councillors L. Turco, B. Hayes, F. Manzo, B. Irwin, D. Amaroso

Against: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, P. Mick, J. Curran, N. DelBianco, D. Oraziatti

Absent: Nil



6. (3)  
(a)

Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie is the sole Shareholder of PUC Inc. with its four subsidiary organizations; and

Whereas ownership of PUC Inc. has resulted in an interest payment of \$1,500,000.00 in 2001 and an estimated \$2,500,000.00 is expected in 2002 to be paid to the City, which assists the City in providing lower tax rates to residents; and

Whereas the five year contract is valued at approximately \$10 million and PUC Services has offered to reduce the costs of the contract by \$100,000.00 per year or \$500,000.00 over a five year period; and

Whereas the strategic mandate of the PUC as endorsed by the city includes: maintaining customer service; promoting growth and opportunity for the City of Sault Ste. Marie maximizing job creation; maximizing shareholder value; and maintaining environmental and safety leadership; and

Whereas, City Council in its capacity as shareholder, at a special meeting on January 14, 2002 strongly endorsed PUC Services to aggressively pursue water and wastewater operating contracts; and

Whereas the ability of the PUC Inc. to compete for other water and wastewater operating contract would be greatly enhanced with the City recognizing this expertise, and awarding PUC Services the wastewater operations contract; and

Whereas there will be opportunities for purchasing and inventory synergies between water and wastewater operations with potential cost reductions for both the water and wastewater systems; and

Whereas the current water treatment plant is supervised on a 24/7 basis and any system upsets at the wastewater plants would be immediately identified and corrective measures taken;

Now therefore be it resolved that staff be instructed to inform OCWA that the City will transfer the contract for wastewater treatment over to the PUC Services at the first available date as per the current contract. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors D. Jones, P. Vaudry, J. Caicco, P. Mick, J. Curran, N. DelBianco, D. Orazietti

Against: Councillors L. Turco, B. Hayes, F. Manzo, B. Irwin, D. Amaroso

Absent: Nil

6. (3)

(a) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Whereas the contract awarded by the City of Sault Ste. Marie for wastewater management is valued at approximately \$1.6 million; and

Whereas the City has currently retained OCWA to manage Sault Ste. Marie wastewater treatment facilities; and

Whereas the PUC Inc. Board of Directors have expressed a strong interest in being able to provide wastewater management services to our City; and

Whereas there may be other interested parties which are capable of providing this service;

Therefore be it resolved that the City enter into a Request for Proposal process to determine the appropriate provider of wastewater management services.

OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.

6. (6) **PLANNING**

(a) **Billboard Signs**

The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2002 11 04 concerning Billboard Signs be accepted and the recommendation that City Council approve the recommendations contained in the report dated 2002 09 23 be endorsed in principle, and further that the appropriate by-law be prepared in consultation with Superior 7 Advertising and Lakeshore Kiwanis for Council's further consideration.  
CARRIED.

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

(a) **Economic Diversification Strategy**

The report of the Economic Diversification Strategy Committee was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Jones

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the Economic Diversification Strategy report dated November 2002 be approved in principle; and

Further that a three month review period begin immediately to obtain comments from local businesses, organizations, and the community-at-large; with a final report to be submitted to City Council by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003; and

Further that the Steering Committee be requested to present and review the report with appropriate Federal and Provincial officials; and

6. (8)  
(a) Further that the Steering Committee be authorized to immediately begin implementation of the 31 specific project recommendations contained in the report; and  
Further that all parties who contributed to the preparation of the report be thanked for their efforts. CARRIED.

(b) **City Youth Attraction Committee - Sault Ste. Marie Youth Attraction Website Project**

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, on behalf of the City Youth Attraction Committee dated 2002 10 28 concerning Sault Ste. Marie Youth Attraction Website Project be accepted and the recommendation that Council provide an amount of \$10,000. as the budget for this website project as part of the Youth Retention/Attraction Strategy (with funds to come from the Economic Diversification Fund) be approved. CARRIED.

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

(a) Moved by Councillor F. Manzo

Seconded by Councillor P. Vaudry

Whereas the residents of the south side of Base Line between civic numbers 2467 Base Line and 2707 Base Line have presented a petition regarding ditching in front of their properties; and

Whereas their petition states that when this section of Base Line was under the jurisdiction of Prince Township under the old Boundary Road agreement; and

Whereas as stated in their petition that no maintenance was done while under Prince Township jurisdiction and now as stated in their petition that the south side of Base Line is now turned over to the City of Sault Ste. Marie for maintenance of roads and ditches;

Now therefore be it resolved that City Council accept the petition from the residents of the south side of Base Line between civic numbers 2467 Base Line and 2707 Base Line and forward this petition to the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation for an immediate investigation of the maintenance of this ditch as mentioned in the Base Line residents petition; and

Whereas this ditch needs immediate attention. 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 2002 11 04 be approved. CARRIED.

(a) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that By-law 2002-220 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and Cecchetto and Sons Limited for the upgrade of the Clark Creek Pumping Station be read three times and passed in Open Council this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002 (Contract 2002-12E). CARRIED.

(b) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that By-law 2002-221 being a by-law to appoint or re-appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to enforce the by-laws of the Corporation and to repeal By-law 96-101 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002. CARRIED.

(c) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that By-law 2002-222 being a by-law to appoint or re-appoint a Property Standards Officer and Property Standards Inspectors and to repeal By-law 96-102 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002. CARRIED.

11.

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

(a) Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor D. Oraziotti

Resolved that City Council suspend Procedure Bylaw 99-100 in accordance with Section 3(2) to allow for continued debate and consideration of the remaining items on this evening's agenda exceeding the 5 hour meeting time. 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**