

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2004 03 22

5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, J. Curran, D. Celetti, J. Collins, T. Sheehan, B. Hayes, F. Manzo, N. DelBianco, D. Amaroso

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, D. Irving, L. Bottos, P. McAuley, N. Apostle, B. Freiburger, M. Brechin, D. McConnell

ABSENT: Councillor S. Butland

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2004 03 08 be approved. CARRIED.

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

3. **PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the accounts of 2004 03 05 in the amount of \$2,032,176.08 and payrolls properly certified be passed and paid and the payrolls of the periods 2004 02 15 to 2004 02 28 in amounts of Hourly \$1,427,613.86 and Salaried \$341,971.32 as certified and paid be confirmed. CARRIED.

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

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

3. Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the accounts of 2004 03 12 in the amount of \$1,418,318.85 be passed and paid. CARRIED.

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

Councillor D. Celetti declared a pecuniary interest – employed by Algoma Central Railway.

Mayor J. Rowsell declared a pecuniary interest – China Steel is a client of engineering firm.

Councillor D. Amaroso declared a pecuniary interest – employed by Ontario March of Dimes.

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Councillor Frank Manzo, President, The Dump Truckers (1970) Association made several presentations concerning agenda item 5.(a).
- (b) Craig West on behalf of the Youth Opportunities Assessment Project was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(b).
- (c) Michael Burtch, Director Art Gallery of Algoma and Jon Linton, TCI Management Consultants were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(c).
- (d) John Hogg, President/C.E.O., Cole Layer Trumble Canada Inc. was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(d).
- (e) Bob Paciocco was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(6)(a).
- (f) Clem Nadeau and a resident on behalf of trucking business adjacent to subject property were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(6)(b).
- (g) John King was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(6)(c).
- (h) Cindy Ross, Shelter Manager, Humane Society and Bill Sroka 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 B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2004 03 22 – Part One – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) The letter from Councillor Frank Manzo concerning presentation of a donation to five charitable associations on behalf of The Dump Truckers (1970) Association was received by Council.
- (b) The Final Report Executive Summary of the Youth Opportunities Assessment Project dated March 2004 was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the Final Report Executive Summary of the Youth Opportunities Assessment Project dated March 2004 be accepted as information and further that the findings and conclusions to address youth issues in the community as detailed in the report be supported by City Council. CARRIED.

Councillor T. Sheehan declared a pecuniary interest – employed by Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities Workplace Training and Apprenticeship Branch.

- (c) The report of TCI Management Consultants entitled Sault Ste. Marie Animation Centre Feasibility Study dated March 11, 2004 was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the TCI Management Consultants regarding The Animation Centre Study be accepted as information, and that appropriate staff be requested to continue working with the Art Gallery of Algoma on this exciting initiative. CARRIED.

- (d) Correspondence from the President/C.E.O., Cole Layer Trumble Canada Inc. concerning alternate delivery of property assessment was received by Council.

5. (d) Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that Sault Ste. Marie City Council requests the Provincial Government to consider legislative changes regarding property assessment in Ontario that would allow more options to municipalities for the provision of assessment services including the possible privatization of the property tax assessment function and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance and Sault Ste. Marie M.P.P. David Oraziatti; and
Further that the resolution be amended to include in addition the following:
1) That the Minister of Finance be asked to use Sault Ste. Marie as a test site for alternate assessment services;
2) That the Minister of Finance review the services of IAAO (International Association of Assessing Officers); and
3) Copies of this resolution be sent to FONOM and AMO with a request for their support. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, J. Curran, D. Celetti, J. Collins, T. Sheehan, B. Hayes, F. Manzo, N. DelBianco, D. Amaroso

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillor S. Butland

- (e) The letter from the President, Sault College thanking City Council for its resolution of support for increased funding for the province's 24 colleges of applied arts and technology and requesting additional support from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Whereas City Council at its 2004 03 08 meeting passed a resolution requesting that the Ontario Government support the request from the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario to increase per-student funding by \$1,600.00 from the current level of \$4,700.00 over the next four years to bring Ontario's per-student funding to \$6,300.00 by 2007 – 2008, an amount which still remains below the national average; and

Whereas Sault College has indicated that it believes a resolution of support on this matter from FONOM would carry significant weight;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council resolution of 2004 03 08 and the letter from the President, Sault College dated 2004 03 11 be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) for consideration at the earliest opportunity. CARRIED.

5. (e) Councillor T. Sheehan declared a pecuniary interest – employed by Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities Workplace Training and Apprenticeship Branch.
- (f) The letter from the Chamber of Commerce dated 2004 03 12 requesting an exemption from By-law 70-359 to allow the discharge of firearms in the municipality by the Courier Du Bois Club at the Opening Ceremony of this year's Great Outdoor Show was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2004-62 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (g) Correspondence from the City of Kawartha Lakes (concerning Disconnection of electricity in the Winter by Hydro One and a review of the Current Value Assessment and Limiting Powers of the OMB); and the County of Hastings (concerning access to birth and death records for property assessment purposes) was received by Council.
- (h) The letter from the Minister of Economic Development and Trade to Mayor Rowswell concerning the role of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation in Sault Ste. Marie was received by Council.

(i) **Council Travel**

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that Mayor John Rowswell be authorized to attend the International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors Conference being held in Chicago, Illinois, July 14 to 16, 2004 at an estimated cost of \$2,200.00 (Canadian). CARRIED.

(j) **Staff Travel Requests**

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

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the staff travel requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2004 03 22 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

(k) **Retirement of Mel Brechin – Commissioner of Engineering and Planning**

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

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2004 03 22 advising of the retirement of Mel Brechin, Commissioner of Engineering and Planning, effective April 30, 2004 be accepted as information; and

5. (k) Further be it resolved that Council expresses its sincerest thanks and best wishes to Mr. Brechin after 35 years of dedicated service to the City of Sault Ste. Marie; and
Further be it resolved that Council authorizes the filling of the position of Commissioner of Engineering and Planning by way of the Selection Process which is set out in the Corporation's "Guidelines for the Recruitment and Selection of Senior Staff". CARRIED.

(l) **Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act**

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

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2004 03 22 concerning Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be accepted as information. CARRIED.

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

(m) **Tender for Athletic Field Marking Paint**

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

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated March 22, 2004 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and delivery of Athletic Field Marking Paint, required by the Parks Division of the Public Works and Transportation Department be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(n) **New Arena – Update**

The report of the Commissioner of Community Services and correspondence from Carmen Provenzano, M.P. Sault Ste. Marie were accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Community Services dated 2004 03 22 concerning New Arena Update be accepted and the recommendation that a request be sent to the Sports Culture and Tourism Partnerships Secretariat requesting permission to amend our application and further that the amended application include a request to finance the project as understood in the original application, one-third from each level of government – Federal, Provincial and Municipal be approved. CARRIED.

5. (n) Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, J. Curran, J. Collins, T. Sheehan, B. Hayes, N. DelBianco, D. Amaroso

Against: Councillors D. Celetti, F. Manzo

Absent: Councillor S. Butland

(o) **2004 Communities in Bloom Competition**

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

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Assistant Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2004 03 22 concerning 2004 Communities in Bloom Competition be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(p) **Operational Specifications for Wastewater Treatment Plants and Related Facilities – Consulting Engineering Services**

The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2004-59 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

(q) **Lease Extension With Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Chair of the Management Board of Cabinet (Ministry of Long Term Care Facility) – 540 Albert Street East**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2004-64 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

(r) **2003 Annual Report – Planning Advisory Committee**

The report of the Planning Advisory Committee was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Planning Advisory Committee dated 2004 03 22 concerning the 2003 Annual Report be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(s) **Removal of Traffic Lights at Bruce Street and Gladstone Avenue**

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

5. (s) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2004 03 16 concerning the Removal of Traffic Lights at the intersection of Bruce Street and Gladstone Avenue be accepted and the recommendation that the traffic lights be removed and stop signs placed on Gladstone Avenue be approved. CARRIED.
- (t) **East End Sewage Treatment Plant (EESTP) – Contractor Pre-Qualification Submissions**
The report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning dated 2004 03 22 concerning East End Sewage Treatment Plant (EESTP) – Contractor Pre-Qualification Submissions be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (u) The letter from the Executive Director – Northern Ontario Heritage Fund concerning the City's application for funding toward extension of the City's waterfront walkway and improvements to the Old Stone House was received by Council.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

6. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

6. (6) PLANNING

(a) Application No. A-8-04-Z & Condominium 57CDM04-501 – 418 Fourth Line West – Crimson Ridge Inc. – Request to Permit Residential Resort Development and Condominium

The report of the Planning Division was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2004 03 22 concerning Application No. A-8-04-Z and Condominium 57CDMO4-501 – The Woodlands at Crimson Ridge Inc., be accepted and the recommendation that City Council approve the application subject to the 4 conditions contained in the report be endorsed. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH. WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE SOLICITOR FOR THE APPLICANT.

6. (6)
(b)

Application No. A-10-04-Z.OP – 525 Black Road – Clem Nadeau – Request to Permit the Sale and Storage of Recreation Trailers, and the Sale and Maintenance of Small Engines

The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the reports of the Planning Division dated 2004 03 22 concerning Application No. A-10-04-Z.OP – Clem Nadeau be accepted and the recommendation that City Council approve the application subject to the 6 conditions contained in the reports be endorsed. CARRIED.

- (c) **Application No. A-11-04-Z – 1025 McNabb Street – King Propane Ltd. – Request to Permit the Bulk Storage of Propane and the Sale and Service of Propane Equipment and Appliances**

The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2004 03 22 concerning Application No. A-11-04-Z – King Propane Ltd. be accepted and the recommendation that City Council approve the application be endorsed. CARRIED.

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

- (a) **Pet Overpopulation – Council Resolution Dated 2003 09 22**

The report of the Humane Society and Review Committee was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Humane Society and Review Committee dated March 2004 concerning Pet Overpopulation be accepted as information. CARRIED.

- (b) **Business Plan – Results Year Three – Sault Ste. Marie Police Service**

The report of the Chief of Police was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Chief of Police dated 2004 03 05 concerning Business Plan – Results Year Three be accepted as information. CARRIED.

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

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

(a) Notice of Motion

Mover Councillor S. Butland

Seconder Councillor B. Hayes

Be it resolved that City Departments be requested to make presentations to Council on an ongoing rotational, continual basis with regards to all facets of their operations; their budget; their concerns; their future capital requirements; their equipment requests; their short and long term vision as it applies to their Department; and

Be it further resolved that these presentations be no longer than 30 minutes including time allocated for Council questions; these sessions to be held at Council's regularly scheduled meetings; and

Be it further resolved that these sessions can serve as an informational, educational instrument for Council and the general public but also provide Council an opportunity to consider cost-cutting measures to achieve an acceptable mill rate.

(b) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor J. Curran

Whereas City Council has acknowledged the importance of strong and consistent branding in all of the City's promotional materials and communications; and

Whereas this acknowledgement is found in both the City's Corporate Communications Strategy adopted by City Council on 2002 03 04 as well as in the City's Corporate Strategic Plan dated 2001 and most recently updated in 2002; and

Whereas both the "Open for Business" and "Naturally Gifted" themes currently being used by the City and its related agencies were developed and recommended to City Council by the Economic Development Corporation a number of years ago; and

Whereas City Council at a recent special meeting held on February 28, 2004 determined that it would be desirable to do a full community review of the City's current branding to ensure its maximum effectiveness;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Economic Development Corporation, with any assistance that may be required from the City's Corporate Affairs Officer, be asked to report back to Council on the most appropriate method of reviewing current branding and developing new brands, if necessary, for our community.
CARRIED.

7. (c) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso
Resolved that agenda item 7.(c) Town Hall Meeting on 2004 Budget BE REFERRED to the Finance Committee for review and consideration for the 2005 Budget Process. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, J. Curran, J. Collins, B. Hayes, N. DelBianco, D. Amaroso

Against: Councillors D. Celetti, T. Sheehan, F. Manzo

Absent: Councillor S. Butland

Moved by Councillor F. Manzo

Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti

Whereas the Mayors and City Councillors of the Cities of Timmins, North Bay and Sudbury have had Town Hall Meetings with their constituents to have some input and discussions on the deliberations concerning their 2004 City Budgets and whereas these Town Hall Meetings were very successful to the Mayors and City Councillors of the above-mentioned municipalities;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Mayor and City Councillors of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario invite the constituents of Sault Ste. Marie to a Town Hall Meeting to have some input and discussions on the deliberations concerning Sault Ste. Marie's 2004 City Budgets which will be very helpful to the Mayor and City Councillors and that appropriate dates be established to have these Town Hall Meetings with the constituents. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.

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 P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2004 03 22 [save and except 2004-65 and 2004-66 – Officially Read Not Dealt With] be approved. CARRIED.

10. (a) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2004-59 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Kresin Engineering Corporation for the provision of operating specifications for the wastewater treatment plants and related facilities be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of March, 2004. CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2004-60 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 4500 and 4501 regarding lands located at Civic Nos. 35, 37, 39 and 41 Great Northern Road and 34, 36 and 38 Blake Avenue and further be it resolved that By-law 2004-61 being a by-law to designate Blocks A and D on the map attached to By-law 2004-61 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of March, 2004. (Fausto DiTommaso) CARRIED.
- (c) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2004-62 being a by-law to exempt the Great Outdoor Show at the John Rhodes Community Centre from By-law 70-359 (a by-law to prohibit the discharge of firearms in the municipality) be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of March, 2004. CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2004-64 being a by-law to authorize a lease extension agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Chair of the Management Board of Cabinet (Ministry of Health and Long Term Care) for facilities on the third floor of the building situated at 540 Albert Street East be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of March, 2004. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2004-65 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 4500 and 4501 concerning lands located at 418 Fourth Line West and further be it resolved that By-law 2004-66 being a by-law to designate the subject area on the map attached to By-law 2004-66 as an area of site plan control be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of March, 2004. (Crimson Ridge) OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.

10. (f) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2004-67 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 4500 and 4501 concerning lands located at 1025 McNabb Street be read three times and passed in Open Council this 22nd day of March, 2004. (King Propane) CARRIED.

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"John Rowswell"

MAYOR

"Donna P. Irving"

CLERK