

## **MINUTES**

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

**2004 08 09**

**4:30 P.M.**

### **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor D. Celetti

**OFFICIALS:** J. Fratesi, D. Irving, N. Kenny, N. Apostle, J. Dolcetti

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2004 07 26 be approved. CARRIED.

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

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Bob Wheelan, on behalf of the Gospel Music Festival Organizers was in attendance concerning Proclamation – A day of giving to those in need.
- (b) Rick Talvite, representative from Totten Sims Hubicki Associates was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(h).
- (c) Craig West and Alvin Olar were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(m).

## **PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2004 08 09 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Correspondence from the Town of Tecumseh (concerning funding assistance from the provincial government for municipal water service in rural areas); and the Township of Severn (concerning provincial funding for Emergency Management Programs for municipalities) was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that Sault Ste. Marie City Council supports the position of the Town of Tecumseh (resolution RCM-352/04) in its request for funding assistance from the Provincial Government to assist municipalities in providing water servicing infrastructure in rural areas; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Tecumseh, AMO and David Oraziatti, M.P.P. Sault Ste. Marie. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that Sault Ste. Marie City Council supports the position of the Township of Severn (Severn resolution dated 2004 07 08) in its request for funding to the Provincial Government for municipal emergency planning programs as detailed in recommendations submitted by the Provincial Advisory Committee to Emergency Management Ontario; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Township of Severn and David Oraziatti, M.P.P. Sault Ste. Marie. CARRIED.

- (b) Correspondence from the Township of Essa (concerning firefighter employment rights); Elliot Lake Retirement Living (concerning the Mayor's participation in a drag race); Bell Canada (concerning a Community Economic Development Partnership Fund); and the Minister of Transportation (concerning 2004 Transit Vehicle Program) was received by Council.
- (c) The request for a Special Occasion Permit for an event at an outdoor municipal facility was accepted by Council.

5. (c) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
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:  
Roberta Bondar Pavilion  
Wedding Reception of Rosario Scalzo and Donna Bonassisa  
August 21, 2004  
4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. CARRIED.
- (d) **Appointment to Historic Sites Board**  
  
Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Resolved that citizens Judy McGonigal be appointed to the Historic Sites Board from August 9, 2004 to December 31, 2005; and Terry Henderson from August 9, 2004 to December 31, 2006. CARRIED.
- (e) **Appointment to Ontarians With Disabilities Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
  
Moved by Councillor J. Curran  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Resolved that citizens Catherine Meincke, Geri Roberts, Bev Smith, Gerhard Nehr and Derrick Lavalley be appointed to the Ontarians With Disabilities Accessibility Advisory Committee from August 9, 2004 to December 31, 2006. CARRIED.
- (f) **Staff Travel Requests**  
The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was accepted by Council.  
  
Moved by Councillor J. Curran  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Resolved that the staff travel requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2004 08 09 be approved as requested. CARRIED.  
  
Moved by Councillor L. Turco  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Resolved that Councillor N. DelBianco be authorized to travel to the Gateway – Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation Meeting being held in Toronto August 19, 2004 at an estimated cost of \$950.00. CARRIED.
- (g) **Connecting Link Funding for the Reconstruction of Second Line West from People's Road to Farwell Terrace**  
The report of the Manager of Construction and Environmental Engineering was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2004-156 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.

5. (h) **Reconstruction of Russ Ramsay Way**  
The reports of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning and the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings were accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning dated 2004 08 09 and the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings dated 2004 07 26 concerning Reconstruction of Russ Ramsay Way be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the proposed design of Russ Ramsay Way as illustrated on the drawing labeled "A4" Russ Ramsay Way Preliminary Design be approved. CARRIED.
- (i) **Lease Agreement – Nicole Boivin – 641 Old Garden River Road**  
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2004-161 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (j) **Truck Route Project**  
The reports of the City Solicitor were accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2004-158 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- Councillor J. Caicco declared a pecuniary interest – involved in real estate transactions.
- (k) **Waterfront Walkway Extension and Ermatinger Old Stone House Improvements**  
The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2004 08 09 concerning the Waterfront Walkway Extension and Ermatinger Old Stone House Improvements be accepted and the recommendation that City Council accept this report as information be endorsed. CARRIED.
- (l) The letter from the C.E.O. Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation in response to a letter concerning potential job relocations to Sault Ste. Marie was received by Council.
- (m) The letter from the Sault Youth Council requesting a contribution of \$5,000.00 towards the official public launch of the Sault Youth Council in conjunction with Buskerfest was accepted by Council.

5. (m) Moved by Councillor J. Curran  
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland  
Resolved that City Council approve a contribution of \$5,000.00 to the Sault Youth Council to help facilitate its official public launch in conjunction with Buskerfest (August 27 to 29, 2004) with funds to come from the Economic Diversification Fund. CARRIED.
- (n) The request for a Special Occasion Permit for an event at an outdoor municipal facility was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland  
Resolved that the following request to hold a Special Occasion permit event at a municipal facility on the stated date and times be endorsed by City Council:  
Roberta Bondar Pavilion  
Sault Minor Football Association  
September 4, 2004  
7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. CARRIED.
- (o) **Appeal to Ontario Municipal Board – Zoning Application A-25-04-Z – Martin Fiser – 119 Gore Street (Pure Platinum)**  
The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Resolved that the report of the Assistant City Solicitor dated 2004 08 09 concerning Appeal to Ontario Municipal Board – Zoning Application A-25-04-Z – Martin Fiser – 119 Gore Street (Pure Platinum) be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (p) **Canadian Music Hall of Fame – Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS)**  
The report of the President and C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor L. Turco  
Seconded by Councillor J. Curran  
Resolved that the report of the President and C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation dated 2004 08 09 concerning Canadian Music Hall of Fame – Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Science (CARAS) be accepted and the 2 recommendations contained therein be approved. CARRIED.

## **PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA**

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

#### **6. (6) PLANNING**

##### **(a) Application No. A-30-04-Z.OP and Subdivision No. 57T-04-501 – Millcreek Heights Subdivision – Request to Amend Official Plan and Zoning By-law 4500 to Permit a 30-Lot Subdivision**

The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.

Moved by - Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by - Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2004 08 09 concerning Application No. A-30-04-Z.OP and Subdivision No. 57T-04-501 – Millcreek Heights Subdivision be accepted and the recommendation that City Council DEFER the application at the request of the applicant in order to allow the applicant sufficient time to address servicing issues be approved. CARRIED.

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

(a) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor T. Sheehan

Whereas the Strategic Plan recognizes quality customer service as a corporate value and customer service orientation as a key strategic direction;

Whereas Strategic Direction 3 is “To enhance the City’s ability to provide consistent and timely communication both internally and externally”;

Whereas Strategic Direction 4, Objective 4(a) is “To develop performance measurement tools to evaluate customer satisfaction”;

Whereas there may be several points of contact in order to address a customer complaint/query;

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie is a service industry;

Whereas there are many software packages on the market for tracking the progress of service requests and this is fast becoming an industry norm;

Therefore be it resolved that City Council authorize City staff to report back to Council on the current customer complaint process in place, its strengths and weaknesses, as well as the feasibility of implementing a new tracking model with a single point of contact. CARRIED.

7. (b) Mover Councillor S. Butland  
Seconded Councillor J. Caicco  
Be it resolved that City Council request of Legal Department an opinion as to whether Council may legislate by municipal by-law a policy that would prevent any resident from arbitrarily raising the elevation of their property such that it could cause flooding problems to neighbouring properties. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH. RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN BY MOVER.
- (c) Moved by Councillor S. Butland  
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco  
Be it resolved that City Council strike a committee to investigate the establishing of a more appropriate welcoming entrance infrastructure than is presently in existence at the north, east and west entrances to our city. (Committee – Steve Butland, Chair). CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco  
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco  
Whereas the neighbourhood located between West Street and Hudson Street, formally known as “Little Italy” was once a vibrant community; and  
Whereas Urban Renewal was unsuccessful in its attempt to revitalize this west end portion of the City; and  
Whereas the new Connecting Link Truck Route will bring additional activity to this area;  
Therefore be it resolved that in the design of the truck route from road design to landscaping to buffering, all attempts be made to consider the economic value of the area;  
Also, therefore be it resolved that City staff report back to Council regarding the possibility of re-opening the closed portion of James Street. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland  
Whereas City Council has made financial contributions to Outbound and Inbound Trade Missions, i.e., Ireland, Finland, Japan, Russia and Italy; and  
Whereas there has been many different approaches to organizing, attending and hosting these trips;  
Be it resolved that the International Relations Committee be authorized to research, consult and then create a template for, but not limited to, the initiating, marketing and organization of trade missions; and  
That a system of reporting be created that would include written feedback from participants and which would also include a cost benefit analysis of money spent to jobs created and a budget analysis;  
Further be it resolved that the International Relations Committee report back to Council with its findings for future consideration. CARRIED.

7. (f) Moved by Councillor S. Butland  
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco  
Be it resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie tender an expression of interest in the ultimate disposal of the old F. J. Davey Home and its properties. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Councillors J. Curran, J. Collins, T. Sheehan, S. Butland, F. Manzo, N. DelBianco, D. Amaroso

Against: Mayor J. Rowsell, Councillors J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, B. Hayes

Absent: Councillor D. Celetti

Moved by Councillor S. Butland  
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco  
Whereas Sault Ste. Marie presently has no representation on the Davey Home Board of Management; and  
Whereas "expression of Interest" has already been called for; and  
Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie is the major shareholder (76%) of the appraised value of \$2.2 million;  
Therefore be it resolved that staff prepare a report on the practicality, feasibility and advisability of purchasing the old F. J. Davey Home property and buildings. CARRIED.

Mover Councillor S. Butland  
Seconder Councillor N. DelBianco  
Be it resolved that City Council endorse a feasibility study (upset limit of \$20,000.00) to investigate the potential uses and economics of the old F. J. Davey Home to accommodate not-for-profit groups such as those who represent youth, disabled and seniors. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH. TABLED.

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 J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2004 08 09 be approved. CARRIED.

(a) Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that By-law 2004-35 being a by-law to stop up, close and authorize the conveyance of a portion of a lane in the Steel Plant Subdivision, Plan 1598, be read a third time and passed in Open Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004 after notice thereof had been published once a week for four consecutive weeks and after Council had met to hear every person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who had applied to be heard. CARRIED.

(b) Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that By-law 2004-156 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and the Province in order to access the Connecting Link Fund for the reconstruction of Second Line West from People's Road to Farwell Terrace be read three times and passed in Open Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004. CARRIED.

(c) Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that By-law 2004-158 being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of 236 St. George's Avenue and 294, 302, 306, 366, 440, 444, 448, 452, 494, 498, 500 and 540 Hudson Street as Part of the Truck Route Project, be read three times and passed in Open Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004. CARRIED.

Councillor J. Caicco declared a pecuniary interest – involved in real estate transactions.

(d) Moved by Councillor J. Curran

Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso

Resolved that By-law 2004-159 being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 86 to the Official Plan be read three times and passed in Open Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004. (Giancarlo Viotto) CARRIED.

- (e) Moved by Councillor J. Curran  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Resolved that By-law 2004-160 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-law 4501 and 90-252 concerning lands located at 548 Second Line West be read three times and passed in Open Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004. (Giancarlo Viotto) CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor J. Curran  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Resolved that By-law 2004-161 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Nicole Boivin to lease the land at 641 Old Garden River Road be read three times and passed in Open Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004. CARRIED.

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Amaroso  
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

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"John Rowswell"

**MAYOR**

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"Donna P. Irving"

**CLERK**