

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2005 09 12

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, S. Butland, B. Hayes, F. Manzo, N. DelBianco, D. Amaroso

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, D. Irving, L. Bottos, J. Dolcetti, B. Strapp, L. Whalen, D. McConnell, P. McAuley, B. Freiburger, M. Kukoraitis

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2005 08 29 be approved. CARRIED.

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

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

(a) Rob & Carole Frech, Terry Fox Run Organizers were in attendance concerning Proclamation - Terry Fox Week.

(b) Roselan Ennis, Habitat for Humanity was in attendance concerning Proclamation - Habitat for Humanity Week.

(c) Debbie Amaroso, Chair United Way Campaign was in attendance concerning Proclamation – 2005 United Way Campaign.

(d) Lou St. Jules, Oncology Public Relations Representative was in attendance concerning Proclamation – Elks & Royal Purple Oncology Van Program Week.

(e) Proclamation - Take Back the Night

4. (f) Mike Prentice, Co-organizer of the Sault Ste. Marie for Katrina Relief Concert was in attendance to update the community on this benefit concert being held at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion on Wednesday, September 21 starting at 5:00 p.m.

- (g) Representatives of the Searchmont Ski Association were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(a).
- (h) Bill Durnford, President Tourism Sault Ste. Marie; Darrell Maahs, President Sault Trailblazers Snowmobile Club; Ian McMillan, Director of Tourism, Tourism SSM; Vincent Greco; Andre Riopel; Amber Lahti; Mike Sanzosti; Lorena Tridico; and Gerald Bennett, Sault Naturalists were in attendance to address Council concerning agenda item 6.(3)(a).
- (i) Paul Barcis was in attendance concerning agenda item 7.(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 2005 09 12 - Part One - Consent Agenda save and except 5.(t) [tabled to the September 26, 2005 Council Meeting] be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Correspondence from AMO and FONOM was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Whereas there is a coalition of Northern Ontario associations that have joined together in a major lobby effort on behalf of the economic future of the forest industry in northern communities; and

Whereas the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is supportive of the coalition's efforts to save the future of the forest industry in northern communities and the coalition's request to the Government of Ontario for intervention and meaningful action to save the future of the forestry industry in the north; and

Whereas FONOM is considering a \$5,000 to \$10,000 financial contribution toward the hiring of a professional consultant to advance this initiative and is asking member municipalities if they believe FONOM should provide financial assistance for this effort;

- 5. (a) Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Sault Ste. Marie City Council expresses its support for FONOM providing such a financial contribution; and
Further Resolved that City Council approve a contribution from the City of Sault Ste. Marie toward this initiative in the amount of \$5,000 with funds to come from the EDF fund, be approved. CARRIED.

- (b) Correspondence from the City of Mississauga (concerning Bill 169 The Transportation Statute Law Amendment Act 2005 concerning roadway school crossing guards); Municipality of Grey Highlands (concerning water taking as a land use); the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (concerning Ontario Library Services) was received by Council.
- (c) The letter from the Sault Ste. Marie Museum concerning the Ministry of Culture Community Museums Operating Grant was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that City Council expresses its support of the Sault Ste. Marie Museum letter to the Minister of Culture dated 2005 09 14 concerning funding for Community Museums through the Community Museums Operating Grant program. CARRIED.

- (d) Letters from the Commissioner of Emergency Management concerning Hurricane Katrina relief efforts were received by Council.
- (e) The request for a Special Occasion Permit for an event at a municipal facility was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the following requests to hold Special Occasion Permit events at municipal facilities on the stated dates and times be endorsed by City Council:

Smack Daddy's

Roberta Bondar Pavilion – Hurricane Katrina Benefit

September 21, 2005 from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. CARRIED.

(f) **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 2005 09 12 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

5. (g) **Council Travel**

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that Councillor Lou Turco be authorized to travel to a Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Board Meeting being held in Kapuskasing, Ontario (two days in September) at no cost to the City. CARRIED.

(h) **Citizen Appointments**

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that citizens Trent Massy and Diane Morrell be appointed to the Ontarians With Disabilities Accessibility Advisory Committee from September 12, 2005 to December 31, 2006. CARRIED.

(i) **Mayor and Council Travel Expenses - January 1 – June 30, 2005**

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 2005 09 12 concerning Mayor and Council Travel Expenses for the period January 1 to June 30, 2005 be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(j) **Computer Hardware and Software Disaster Recovery Back-up System**

The report of the Purchasing Manager was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing, dated 2005 09 12 be endorsed and that the proposal for the supply and installation of a Computer Hardware & Software Disaster Recovery Backup System, required by the Information Technology Division, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(k) **Lottery Licence Fee Extension**

The report of the Assessment and Collections Supervisor was accepted by Council. The letter from the President, Greenbelt Charities Association concerning this matter was received by Council.

5. (k) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Assessment and Collections Supervisor dated 2005 09 12 concerning Lottery Licence Fee Extension be accepted and the recommendation that the 1% lottery licence fee be maintained until December 31, 2005, be approved. CARRIED.

(l) **2006 Council Meeting Schedule**

The report of the City Clerk was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the City Clerk dated 2005 09 12 concerning 2006 Council Meeting Schedule be accepted and further that the recommended 2006 Council Meeting Schedule, be approved. CARRIED.

(m) **Citizen Appreciation Day – September 23, 2005**

The report of the Corporate Affairs Officer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Corporate Affairs Officer dated 2005 09 12 concerning Friday, September 23, 2005 – Citizen Appreciation Day Activities be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(n) **Intake Two – COMRIF**

The report of the Director of Engineering Design & Buildings was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Design & Buildings dated 2005 09 12 concerning Intake Two – COMRIF be accepted and the recommendation that the following projects be approved as the municipality's proposed funding submission for COMRIF Intake Two:

(1) Third Line Extension (Peoples Road to east of SAH entrance)

(2) South Market Extension (McNabb St. to Cambridge Place)

(3) Shannon Road Reconstruction (Queen St. to Trunk Road)

and furthermore acknowledge that these projects are the highest priority for COMRIF Intake Two, be approved. CARRIED.

(o) **Connection Between Home Depot and Wal-Mart Parking Lots**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

5. (o) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2005 09 12 concerning Connection between Home Depot and Wal-Mart Parking Lot be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (p) **Recommendation from City Staff to Suspend the Benefit Assessment Parking Levy**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2005 09 12 concerning the Benefit Assessment Parking Levy be accepted and the recommendation that after the 2006 levy is calculated for 2005 expenses and the levy applied, that there be no further levy against the owners of commercial buildings in the benefit assessment areas and that the shortfall (approximately \$47,000) be applied to the general levy, be approved. CARRIED.
- (q) **Amendments to By-law 77-200 - Heavy Truck Route**
The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2005-143 is listed under item 10 of the Minutes.
- (r) **Persons with Disabilities Requiring Assistance On and Off City Buses**
The report of the Transit Manager was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Transit Manager dated 2005 09 12 concerning Persons with Disabilities Requiring Assistance On and Off City Buses be accepted and the recommendation that an attendant who is required to assist a person with a disability be allowed to ride for free on City Transit, be approved. CARRIED.
- (s) **Request for Proposal for Transportation Consulting Services to Perform a Comprehensive Transit Operational Review**
The report of the Transit Manager was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that the report of the Transit Manager dated 2005 09 12 concerning a Request for Proposal for Transportation Consulting Services to Perform a Comprehensive Transit Operational Review be accepted and the recommendation contained therein, be approved. CARRIED.
- (t) **Multimodal Transportation Initiative Update**
The report of the Director of Industrial Marketing was received by Council.

5. (t) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Director of Industrial Marketing dated 2006 09 07 concerning Multimodal Transportation Initiative Update be accepted as information. (TABLED TO SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 COUNCIL MEETING)
OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.
- (u) The letter concerning the Bawating Collegiate and Vocational School 45th Reunion kick-off event being held September 16, 2005 was received by Council.
- (v) The press release concerning Mayor's Statement on Gateway Negotiations was received by Council.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

6. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

6. (3) ENGINEERING

(a) Proposed Snowmobile Corridor

The report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor J. Collins

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Design and Buildings dated 2005 08 29 concerning Proposed Snowmobile Corridor be accepted and the recommendation that a snowmobile trail along the west side of the new Truck Route and Portage Lane between the new Truck Route and the Tourist Information Centre on Queen Street at Hudson be approved as the preferred route; and

Further that the snowmobile trail location between Second Line and Third Line be considered by Council once an environmental impact study has been prepared and reviewed by the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority with recommendations back to Council to follow; and

Further that the costs for the study be taken from the Trails Development account approved by Council in the 2005 Budget. DEFEATED.

6. (3)
(a)

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowsell, Councillors J. Caicco, J. Curran, B. Hayes,
N. DelBianco

Against: Councillors P. Mick, L. Turco, D. Celetti, J. Collins, T. Sheehan,
S. Butland, F. Manzo, D. Amaroso

Absent: Nil

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

(a) **Searchmont Ski Resort**

The report of the C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation dated 2005 09 11 concerning Searchmont Ski Resort be accepted and the recommendation that Council supports this first important stage of saving Searchmont by a contribution of \$350,000.00 from the Economic Diversification Fund conditional upon the timely signing of the purchase agreement and the securement of a matching financial contribution from NOHFC be approved. CARRIED.

(b) **Priorities for Economic Diversification Fund**

The report of the C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation dated 2005 09 11 concerning Priorities for Economic Diversification Fund be accepted and the recommendation that Council adopt the recommended strategy for the four top priority projects as identified in the report 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 D. Celetti
Resolved that City Council accepts the letter from 13 individuals regarding use of an unofficial boat launch at the entrance of the Big Carp River at the end of Carpin Beach Road that has been in use for over 60 years by boaters since the days of the Township of Korah and now the City; and
Further Resolved that this request be referred to the appropriate City staff for a report back to City Council on the continued use and upgrading of this location as an official boat launch. CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario has always enjoyed a special relationship with the American people, largely because of our border location; and
Whereas, notwithstanding our minor differences from time to time, the United States of America remains Canada's greatest ally in times of war and in times of peace; and
Whereas on August 31, 2005 Hurricane Katrina left in her wake in the United States, a level of damage and devastation never previously experienced or even imagined; and
Whereas, the true extent of the casualties, devastation and damage has yet to be fully determined and understood as the mammoth rescue and relief efforts are being mounted; and
Whereas Sault Ste. Marie has always been ready and willing to provide compassion and assistance to our fellow man around the world in circumstances such as these (examples being the earthquake in Italy years ago and more recently to the Tsunami victims):
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council authorizes a donation of \$7,500.00 (with funds to come from the Unforeseen Account) on behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie to the Canadian Red Cross disaster relief effort (where 91% of all donations will actually be provided for victim assistance) to assist in the mammoth efforts that will be required for the continued rescue, relief, relocating and rebuilding of the lives of our American neighbours to the south. 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 B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that all the by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda under date 2005 09 12 be approved. CARRIED.

(a) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that By-law 2005-141 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the City and FedNor for funding for the Interpretation/Restoration Project for the Ermatinger Old Stone House be read three times and passed in Open Council this 12th day of September, 2005. CARRIED.

(b) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that By-law 2005-143 being a by-law to amend Section 42(1) of Traffic By-law 77-200 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 12th day of September, 2005. CARRIED.

(c) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that By-law 2005-144 being a by-law to amend Schedule A of Traffic By-law 77-200 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 12th day of September, 2005. CARRIED.

(d) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that By-law 2005-145 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and the Community Services Local No. 3, Canadian Union of Public Employees be read three times and passed in Open Council this 12th day of September, 2005. CARRIED.

11.

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

(a) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor J. Curran

Resolved that Council suspend Procedure Bylaw 99-100 to allow for completion of this agenda beyond the 5-hour time limit. CARRIED.

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