

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2006 12 11

5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors J. Caicco, L. Turco, B. Hayes, D. Celetti, O. Grandinetti, S. Myers, L. Tridico, F. Fata, T. Sheehan, S. Butland, F. Manzo, P. Mick

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, D. Irving, L. Bottos, P. McAuley, N. Apostle, B. Freiburger, L. McCoy, J. Dolcetti, D. Elliott

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor F. Manzo

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2006 11 27 be approved. CARRIED.

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

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Dianna Taranto, Chair, Community Christmas for Children Planning Committee was in attendance concerning Proclamation - Community Christmas For Children.
- (b) David Poluck, 357 Northern Avenue East was in attendance to inform Council of his intention on behalf of a local group to undertake a process to request that Council revisit the Boxing Day store closing issue in 2007.
- (c) Dominico Stefanizzi, 436 Farwell Terrace and Salvatore Romano, 444 Farwell Terrace were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(p).

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

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

Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2006 12 11 - Part One - Consent Agenda [save and except 5.(p) - referred to Public Works and Transportation] be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Correspondence from AMO was received by Council.
- (b) Correspondence from the Township of Madawaska Valley (concerning the doctor shortage in Ontario); and letters from the Minister of Transportation (concerning the new Ontario Bus Replacement Program); the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (concerning reporting requirements for the 2006 Municipal Performance Measurement Program) were received by Council.
- (c) The News Release dated December 4, 2006 from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine concerning Northern Ontario School of Medicine Supports Development of a Clinical Research Institute for Northern Ontario was received by Council.

(d) **Staff Travel Requests**

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

Moved by Councillor F. Manzo

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Resolved that the Staff Travel Requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2006 12 11 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

(e) **Tender for Powered Roller Blinds - Steelback Centre**

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

Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Seconded by Councillor S. Butland

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2006 12 11 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and installation of Powered Roller Blinds at the Steelback Centre, required by the Community Services Department be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(f) **Tender for Oils, Greases and Gear Lubricants (2006WA29)**

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

5. (f) Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2006 12 11 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and delivery of Oils, Greases and Gear Lubricants, required by the various City Departments and cooperatively PUC Services Inc. for the year 2007 be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.
- (g) **Proposal for Design, Supply and Placement of an Illuminated Exterior Sign at the Steelback Centre**
The report of the Manager of Purchasing and the Commissioner of Community Services were accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2006 12 11 be endorsed and that the proposal for the Design, Supply and Placement of an Illuminated Exterior Sign at the Steelback Centre, required by the Community Services Department be accepted as recommended. CARRIED.
- (h) **Borrowing By-laws for 2007**
The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council. The relevant By-laws 2006-246 and 2006-252 are listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (i) **2007 Council Meeting Schedule**
The report of the City Clerk was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the report of the City Clerk dated 2006 10 16 concerning 2007 Council Meeting Schedule be accepted and the recommendation that Council amend Procedure By-law 99-100 as follows:
Section 3(1) The regular meetings of Council shall be held at 4:30 p.m. twice per month on Monday afternoons be approved; and
Further resolved that Council approve the recommended dates for the 2007 Council Meeting Schedule as amended to include a January 22nd Meeting to review the Procedure By-law and to add a second meeting in July and in August be approved. CARRIED.
- (j) **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee - 2004 to 2006 Accomplishments**
The report of the Assistant Manager Recreation and Culture was accepted by Council.

5. (j) Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Resolved that the report of the Assistant Manager Recreation and Culture on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee dated 2006 12 11 concerning Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee 2004 to 2006 Accomplishments be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (k) **Update on Carmen's Way Transportation Corridor**
The report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning dated 2006 12 11 concerning Update on Carmen's Way Transportation Corridor be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (l) **Request From Federal Bridge Corporation Limited for the City to Surrender its Five Shares in the St. Mary's River Bridge Company**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Whereas the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie has, since the mid 1960's, owned five shares in the St. Mary's River Bridge Company (the Company); and
Whereas the Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (FBCL) owns 136 of the 150 issued shares of the Company; and
Whereas the FBCL has requested the City to either transfer the five shares to the FBCL or return the five shares to the Treasury of the Company; and
Whereas the FBCL has issued a letter to the City dated November 27, 2006 indicating the commitment of the FBCL to maintain a majority of local representation on the Joint International Bridge Authority;
Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie accepts the report of the City Solicitor dated 2006 12 11 and that the City authorizes the transfer of its five shares in the Company to the FBCL or in the alternative, the return of the five shares to the Treasury of the Company be approved. CARRIED.
- (m) **Licence of Occupation - Ministry of Transportation**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2006-247 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

5. (n) **Lane Closing Application - Harris and Buckley Subdivision**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-laws 2006-248 and 2006-249 are listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (o) **Lane Closing Application - Connaught Park Subdivision**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-laws 2006-250 and 2006-251 are listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (p) **Farwell Terrace - No Parking**
The report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was received by Council.
- Moved by Councillor F. Fata
Seconded by Councillor P. Mick
Resolved that agenda item 5.(p) Farwell Terrace - No Parking BE REFERRED to the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation for review and report back to Council. CARRIED.
- Councillor D. Celetti declared a pecuniary interest - resides in subject area.
- Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2006 12 11 concerning Farwell Terrace - No Parking be accepted as information. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.
- Councillor D. Celetti declared a pecuniary interest - resides in subject area.
- (q) **Purchase of Small Excavator**
The report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2006 12 11 concerning Purchase of Small Excavator be accepted and the recommendation that Council authorize the purchase of the Kubota Mini Excavator from Tracks and Wheels for a purchase price of \$75,000.00 less 90% of the 2006 lease payments plus applicable taxes with funds to come from the 2006 equipment budget be approved. CARRIED.
- (r) **Purchase of Used Half-Ton Truck**
The report of the Manager of Equipment and Buildings, Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.

5. (r) Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Equipment and Buildings, Public Works and Transportation dated 2006 12 11 concerning Purchase of Used Half-Ton Truck be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the purchase of a 2006 Ford F150 4x2 from Maitland Motors at a cost of \$17,841.00 including trade-in, license fee and taxes with funds to come from the Cemeteries Reserve Fund be approved. CARRIED.

- (s) **Replacement of Ten Gas Fired Heaters in the Transit Vehicle Storage Area**
The report of the Transit Manager was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Resolved that the report of the Transit Manager dated 2006 12 11 concerning Replacement of Ten Gas Fired Heaters in the Transit Vehicle Storage Area be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the allocation of \$65,000.00 in funding from the Federal Gas Tax for Transit program to replace the ten gas fired heaters with ten gas fired radiant heaters at the Transit garage, 111 Huron Street and that a RFP for the work be issued be approved. CARRIED.

- (t) **Backup Pump for Sault Ste. Marie Landfill Site Pumping Station**
The report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2006 12 11 concerning Backup Pump for Sault Ste. Marie Landfill Site Pumping Station be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the purchase of a new pump for the Landfill site pump station at a cost of approximately \$70,000.00 with funds to come from the Waste Disposal Site Reserve be approved. CARRIED.

- (u) **Urn Garden Columbariums**
The report of the Manager of Cemeteries was accepted by Council.

5. (u) Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Cemeteries dated 2006 12 11 concerning Urn Garden Columbariums be accepted and the recommendation that staff proceed with the tendering for the construction of four urn garden companion columbarium units (each containing 16 companion niches) at an estimated cost of \$70,000.00 with funds to come from the Cemetery Reserve be approved. CARRIED.
- (v) **Biannual Bridge Inspections - Load Restrictions**
The report of the Director of Engineering Services was accepted by Council.
The relevant By-law 2006-253 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

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

6. (1) **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- (a) **2007 Appointments to Boards and Committees - Review of Process and Policy for Making Appointments**
The report of the City Clerk was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that the report of the City Clerk dated 2006 12 11 concerning 2007 Appointments to Boards and Committees - Review of Process and Policy for Making Appointments be accepted as information. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor S. Myers
Seconded by Councillor T. Sheehan
Whereas City Council currently makes a number of citizen appointments on many Boards and Committees; and
Whereas most terms of appointment do not have guidelines for a maximum length of service; and
Whereas some Boards and Committees provide an honorarium for citizens serving and others do not; and
Whereas City Councillors sit on over 50 Boards and Committees, some with more than one Councillor representative;

6. (1)
(a) Now therefore be it resolved that all appointments for 2007, save and except the Committee of Adjustment and Library Board, be limited to one year only and further be it resolved that a committee of Council be struck to review and report back within one year regarding length of terms for Citizens appointments, honorariums for Citizens and Council representation on all Boards and Committees. Committee: Councillors Susan Myers, Terry Sheehan, Lou Turco, Mayor John Rowswell ex-officio, Legal and Clerk Department representatives and citizen representative Brady Irwin. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors J. Caicco, L. Turco, B. Hayes, S. Myers, F. Fata, T. Sheehan, S. Butland, P. Mick

Against: Councillors D. Celetti, O. Grandinetti, L. Tridico, F. Manzo

Absent: Nil

6. (4) **FIRE**
- (a) **Development of the Former MTO Site as an Emergency Response Centre**
The report of the Fire Chief and the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer were received by Council.
- Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes
Therefore be it resolved that the resolutions regarding the MTO site BE DEFERRED until:
- 1) A visual inspection for all of City Council is arranged and undertaken to determine the suitability of the building for the proposed Emergency Response Centre usage; and
 - 2) A report from both the City Planning Department and Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation in regards to:
 - a) What potential usages have been proposed in the past by private and public sector entities for this property. Commenting on what was the potential economic/quality of life impact for the community of Sault Ste. Marie
 - b) An analysis of economic/quality of life usages for this property by a general call for ideas from private and public sector businesses. CARRIED.

6. (4)
(a)

Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland

Resolved that the report of the Fire Chief dated 2006 12 11 concerning Development of the Former MTO Site as an Emergency Response Centre be accepted and further that Council authorize the Fire Chief to proceed with the renovation project at the MTO Site in accordance with the plans that have been prepared by the Architect/Engineer and to be funded in accordance with the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance be approved. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.

Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2006 12 11 concerning MTO Site Financing Plan be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the use of funding within the 2006 capital levy to finance the MTO site renovations over a four-year period, and that rental revenue for the Sault Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC) be used to finance the balance of the project (Option 1) be approved. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti

Be it resolved that the Butland/Celetti Notice of Motion regarding "no further expenditures on air cargo, multi-inter modal initiative until such time as the study results are tabled" BE TABLED until such time as deemed appropriate by the mover and seconder. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti

Whereas Council has commissioned an all-encompassing, phased-in study to evaluate in a systematic manner the economic potential for Sault Ste. Marie to become a transportation corridor to the U.S.A. by land, sea and air; and

Whereas this study is to recommend strategies to pursue the economic benefits of this initiative; and

Whereas the first phase of the study will be tabled in early 2007; and

Whereas Council approved the \$550,000.00 expenditure which hopefully will provide a definitive blueprint to follow in this exercise;

7. (a) Be it resolved that Council not approve any further interim expenditures on the air cargo, multi/intermodal initiative until such time as the study results are tabled for Council's consideration; and
Be it further resolved that Council request of the Economic Development Corporation Board to adopt a similar policy. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.
- (b) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor T. Sheehan
Whereas in the recent municipal election there was significant vandalism of election signage resulting in financial burden and inconvenience to those seeking election; and
Whereas it is very difficult to police this type of vandalism; and
Whereas there have been many options considered to reduce this vandalism and associated costs including but not limited to eliminating signage on public property and restricting signage to private property, restricting the location of election signs to street corners only, and establishing parameters surrounding size of signage;
Now therefore be it resolved that City Council direct staff to research these and other options that may be existing in other municipalities and report back to Council. CARRIED.
- (c) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor P. Mick
Whereas there have been several complaints regarding the safety of pedestrians at the corner of Willow and McNabb; and
Whereas one of the complaintants was hit by a vehicle in 2002; and
Whereas due to the proximity of the Social Housing Complex, the YMCA, the Group Health Centre and Krazy Ernie's Food Mart there is significant vehicular and pedestrian traffic at this intersection; and
Whereas there has been a request as one possible solution to install signage reminding drivers to yield to pedestrians;
Now therefore be it resolved that Council direct appropriate staff to review incidents at the intersection of Willow and McNabb and report back to Council on any proposed solutions and costs that would make this intersection safer for pedestrian traffic. CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor T. Sheehan
Be it resolved that Councillor Butland be authorized to convene an initial, exploratory meeting regarding the feasibility of establishing an indoor soccer facility to accommodate the over 4,000 registered soccer players in our community;

7. (d) The intent would be to establish a smaller steering committee from the original group to facilitate the above process. It would be anticipated that participants at the initial meeting be as follows:
- 1) City Staff - Nick Apostle, Margaret Hazelton and Randy Travaglini;
 - 2) One member from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee;
 - 3) Representation from various Sault Amateur Soccer Association members:
Clive Wilkinson - President, SASA; Neil Ovey - Sault Youth; Terry Zeppa - Northern Heights; Joe Ceglie - Executive SASA; Mike Kulhan - Executive SASA; T. Brandstetter - Sault Ladies; Joe DiFlumeri - Sault Italian Indoor;
 - 4) Councillors S. Butland and J. Caicco. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Whereas the Finance Committee was established by resolution of the prior Council; and
Whereas the Finance Committee has been in place for approximately 2 ½ years; and
Whereas a new Council has now been elected; and
Whereas there has been some question as to the need for a Finance Committee and the responsibilities of that committee;
Now therefore be it resolved that the Commissioner of Finance provide to Council a report for the January 15, 2007 meeting on other municipalities that have Finance Committees in place, the reasons our Finance Committee was created, the Terms of Reference for Sault Ste. Marie's Finance Committee, copies from minutes of all prior Finance Committee Meetings as well as identification of what items the Finance Committee is currently working on.
CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Whereas the Agawa Canyon Tour Train is the City's largest tourist attraction and possibly Northern Ontario's largest tourist attraction; and
Whereas over the past several years, there has been a succession of ownership changes of this important rail operation, but there has not been a renewal or update of equipment or programming; and
Whereas the numbers of tourists who come to Sault Ste. Marie to experience the Agawa Canyon Tour has decreased annually because of the age and unreliability of the train rolling stock; and
Whereas there have been some discussions involving CN Rail and the senior levels of government for the renewal and update of equipment, thus far not resulting in any action which would curb or reduce the decrease in passengers on the train; and
Whereas it is important that we re-double our efforts to recover our tourism market share with a renewal and update of both equipment and programming for our Agawa Canyon Tour;

7. (f) Now therefore be it resolved that City Council establish a Committee, to be chaired by Councillor James Caicco and to consist of other members of Council, appropriate EDC and City staff, CN representation, and others as required. The said Committee will be tasked with making recommendations to Council and others on how to best renew and update both equipment and programming for the long term success of the Agawa Canyon Tour Train and any related passenger train services that it deems appropriate. CARRIED.

Councillor D. Celetti declared a pecuniary interest - employed by CN Railway.

- (g) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor T. Sheehan
Be it resolved that Council approve the closure of St. George's Avenue in the vicinity of St. Basil's High School on the evening of January 25th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. to accommodate a group of local filmmakers filming a movie entitled "Good Guys". 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 S. Myers
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that all the by-laws listed under Item 10 of the Agenda under date 2006 12 11 be approved. CARRIED.

- (a) Moved by Councillor S. Myers
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that By-law 2006-246 being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of \$25,000,000. to finance capital expenditures for short and long term purposes be read three times and passed in Open Council this 11th day of December, 2006. CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor S. Myers
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that By-law 2006-247 being a by-law to authorize a Licence of Occupation between the City and the Ministry of Transportation for a message board on Trunk Road east of Fournier Road be read three times and passed in Open Council this 11th day of December, 2006. CARRIED.

10. (c) Moved by Councillor S. Myers
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that By-law 2006-248 being a by-law to assume for public use and establish as a public lane, a portion of a lane in the Harris and Buckley Subdivision be read three times and passed in Open Council this 11th day of December, 2006. CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor S. Myers
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that By-law 2006-249 being a by-law to stop up, close and authorize the conveyance of a lane in the Harris and Buckley Subdivision be read a first and second time this 11th day of December, 2006. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor S. Myers
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that By-law 2006-250 being a by-law to assume for public use and establish as a public lane, a lane in the Connaught Park Subdivision be read three times and passed in Open Council this 11th day of December, 2006. CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor S. Myers
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that By-law 2006-251 being a by-law to stop up, close and authorize the conveyance of a lane in the Connaught Park Subdivision be read a first and second time this 11th day of December, 2006. CARRIED.
- (g) Moved by Councillor S. Myers
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that By-law 2006-252 being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of \$10,000,000. to meet current expenditures until taxes are collected be read three times and passed in Open Council this 11th day of December, 2006. CARRIED.
- (h) Moved by Councillor S. Myers
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that By-law 2006-253 being a by-law to provide load limits on specified bridges be read three times and passed in Open Council this 11th day of December, 2006. CARRIED.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor L. Turco
Seconded by Councillor S. Myers
Resolved that Council shall meet on January 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in Caucus to make the necessary one-year appointments to 2007 Boards and Committees. CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Resolved that this Council shall now go into Caucus to discuss one item containing personal information about identifiable individuals and two items concerning possible land acquisition; and
Further be it resolved that should the said Caucus meeting be adjourned, Council may reconvene in Caucus prior to the next meeting of Council to discuss the same matter(s). CARRIED.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

MAYOR

CLERK