

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2006 09 11

5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

ABSENT: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillor B. Hayes

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

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2006 08 28 be approved. CARRIED.

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

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Lou St. Jules, Public Relations Officer, Elks Lodge was in attendance concerning Proclamation - Elks and Royal Purple Oncology Van Program Week.
- (b) Shane Nisbet and Miranda Mayhew, Co-Chairs, United Way were in attendance concerning Proclamation - 2006 United Way Campaign.
- (c) Lief Kreutzberg was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(p).
- (d) Robert Dumanksi was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(6)(a).

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

5.

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

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2006 09 11 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Correspondence from AMO was received by Council.
- (b) Correspondence from Ontario 911 Advisory Board (concerning a request for financial assistance) was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Whereas the Ontario 911 Advisory Board was formed at the request of Ontario municipalities; and

Whereas it is now in great need of financial assistance in order to continue to represent ratepayers in the face of ever increasing technological advancement; and

Whereas technological advancement and deregulation of the local telephone market makes it necessary to represent municipalities and ratepayers at the Canadian Radio Telecommunication Commission (CRTC) and the CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee (CISC) on a regular basis;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie contributes \$100.00 to the Ontario 911 Advisory Board in order to allow it to continue to advance a safe delivery of 911 system for police, fire and ambulance emergency services in our municipality and throughout the province. CARRIED.

- (c) The letter from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine concerning Another 56 Medical Students Join NOSM was received by Council.
- (d) 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 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 Park

Smack Daddy's Riverfront Riot Wrestling Event

September 23rd from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. CARRIED.

5.

(e) **Council Travel**

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that Councillor Lou Turco be authorized to travel to the (1) AMO Executive MOU Meeting being held in Toronto (one day in October) at a cost of \$300.00 to the City; and (2) FONOM Meeting being held in Kirkland Lake (two days in September) at no cost to the City. CARRIED.

(f) **Tender for Exterior Wall Panel Repairs Phase 2 - Civic Centre**

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 2006 09 11 be endorsed and that the tender for the Repair of Exterior Wall Panels at the Civic Centre, required by the Building Services Division, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(g) **Tender for Portable Events Floor - Steelback Centre**

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 2006 09 11 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and fitting of a Portable Events Floor at the Steelback Centre, required by the Community Services Department, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(h) **Tender for Municipal Mausoleum Expansion - Phase XI**

The report of the Manager of Purchasing and Acting Manager of Public Works and Transportation Administration was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing and the Acting Manager of Public Works and Transportation Administration dated 2006 09 11 concerning Municipal Mausoleum Phase XI Expansion be accepted and that the tender for the construction of the Municipal Mausoleum Expansion - Phase XI, required by the Cemeteries Division of the Public Works and Transportation Department, be awarded as recommended; and

Further that Council approve an amount of \$50,000.00 from the Cemetery Reserve Fund for the preparation of the site for future mausoleum phases be approved. CARRIED.

5. (i) **Six Month Financial Report**

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

Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2006 09 11 concerning Six Month Financial Report be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(j) **Day Care - Best Start Program**

The report of the Commissioner of Community Services was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2006-198 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

(k) **The Sault Ste. Marie Museum - The Old Post Office - Leibert Environmental Unit**

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

Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2006 09 11 concerning the Sault Ste. Marie Museum - Old Post Office - Leibert Environmental Unit be accepted and the request for a one-time operating grant to replace the Leibert Environmental Unit at the Sault Ste. Marie Museum at an estimated cost of \$24,000.00 plus GST with funds to come from the Unforeseen Account be approved. CARRIED.

(l) **Request for Financial Assistance for National/International Sports Competitions**

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

Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Assistant Manager, Recreation and Culture dated 2006 09 11 concerning Request for Financial Assistance for National/International Sports Competitions be accepted and the recommendation to provide a \$200.00 grant to Korrie Young (2006 World Karate Association World Championships) be approved. CARRIED.

(m) **2008 Northeastern Ontario Recreation Association Educational Forum**

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

5. (m) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that the report of the Assistant Manager, Recreation and Culture dated 2006 09 11 concerning 2008 Northeastern Ontario Recreation Association Educational Forum be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(n) **Contract 2006-13E - Rosedale Ravine Sewer Extension**

The report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2006-197 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

(o) **Fire Services - Hazmat Trailer**

The report of the Fire Chief was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Fire Chief dated 2006 09 11 concerning Fire Services - Hazmat Trailer be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the purchase of a trailer from Martin's Trailer and Accessories at a cost of \$12,945.38 including applicable taxes with funds to come from the approved 2006 budget allocation be approved. CARRIED.

(p) **Overnight Parking of Recreational Vehicles and Camper Units in Commercial Parking Lots**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2006 09 11 concerning Overnight Parking of Recreational Vehicles and Camper Units in Commercial Parking Lots be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(q) **Proposed Alien Invasive Species Management Centre - Implementation and Operating Plan**

The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2006-196 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2006 09 11 concerning the Proposed Alien Invasive Species Management Centre - Implementation and Operating Plan, be accepted and the Planning Director's recommendation that City Council authorize an agreement with Metropolitan Knowledge International to prepare an Implementation and Operating Plan for the Proposed Alien Invasive Species Management Centre at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.00 be endorsed. CARRIED.

5. (r) **Steelback Centre - Memorial Tower Electrical Work and Lighting**

The report of the Commissioner of Community Services was accepted by Council.

Mover Councillor P. Mick

Seconder Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Community Services dated 2006 09 11 concerning Steelback Centre - Memorial Tower Electrical Work and Lighting be accepted and the recommendation that the electrical work and lighting for the Memorial Tower be single sourced to Red Star Electric Ltd. in the amount of \$23,000.00 plus GST be approved. CARRIED.

- (s) The letter from the resident of 27 Partridge Court concerning the waterfront boardwalk was received by Council.

Mover Councillor P. Mick
Seconder Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the letter from the resident of 27 Partridge Court concerning the waterfront boardwalk BE REFERRED to the Public Works and Transportation, Legal and Engineering Departments for review and report back to Council. CARRIED.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

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

6. (3) **ENGINEERING**

(a) **Five Year Capital Road Reconstruction Plan (2007 - 2011)**

The report of the Director of Engineering Services was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Services dated 2006 09 11 concerning the Five Year Capital Road Reconstruction Plan (2007 - 2011) be accepted and the recommendations that:

- 1) City Council accept this report as a guide for developing the yearly capital roads program over the next five years;
- 2) Council approve the Capital Road Construction Program for the 2007 construction season;
- 3) Council approve the Revoked Connecting Link Program for 2007;
- 4) Engineering Department proceed with local improvement notices for 2007 works; and

6. (3)
(a) 5) Engineering return to Council in the near future with a recommendation to retain consulting engineers for design of the works to ensure a timely construction start in the spring of 2007 be approved. CARRIED.

6. (6) **PLANNING**

- (a) **Application No. 57T-06-506 - Robert Dumanski on behalf of John Dick - 2627 and 2625 Queen Street East - Request to Approve Development of a 19 Lot Subdivision (Single Detached Residential Lots)**

The report of the Planning Division was received by Council.

Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Resolved that Application No. 57T-06-506 BE DEFERRED for a period of two weeks (meeting of September 25th) in order that a neighbourhood meeting can be held. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2006 09 11 concerning Application No. 57T-06-506 - Robert Dumanski on behalf of John Dick be accepted and the Planning Director's recommendation that City Council approve the application subject to the 3 conditions contained in the report be endorsed. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Whereas there are unsafe orders pertaining to the vacant apartment building on 206 Cathcart Street; and

Whereas there are numerous complaints regarding the condition of the building; and

Whereas the building, which sustained fire damage many years ago, has become very unsightly and the residents feel that it is a safety concern to the neighbourhood;

Therefore be it resolved that the Legal and Building Departments exercise all aspects of the Building Code to repair the exterior of the building to a safe and accessible level, or demolish the entire building at the owner's expense. CARRIED.

7. (b) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Whereas a number of intersections in Sault Ste. Marie are most difficult for seniors or physically handicapped to complete the crossing in the time allotted without fear for their safety;
Be it resolved that Council request Public Works and Transportation Department to prepare a report on the implementation and cost thereof of “timed intersection crossings” to accommodate these individuals. Note: Kelowna, British Columbia would appear to be an example of the successful implementation of the above. Several members of the Sault Ste. Marie Accessibility Advisory Committee have endorsed the concept and have recommended specific locations, i.e., Northern Avenue/Great Northern Road intersection adjacent to the Cara Community; Bay and East intersection adjacent to numerous seniors’ complexes. CARRIED.
- (c) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Whereas the process of determining “excavator locate requests” has become a more complex, time-consuming and appears to be now less efficient, and potentially more costly to homeowners or contractors;
Be it resolved that the Engineering Department prepare a report on the present policy of determining “locates” for the P.U.C., Public Works and Transportation Department, cable companies, Bell Canada and gas companies; and
Further it is anticipated the report would include the following:
1) who is to be called for each locate? Is there a specific time frame within which they respond?
2) is it a local or out-of-town provider for these services?
3) are the “locates” coordinated to prompt, efficient delivery?
4) what role do call centers play in the present process?
5) who pays for the present system?
6) once determined, for what time period is a “locate” valid?
7) outline any present shortcomings with the present system?
8) any issues? Any recommendations? Do we have any authority over the process?
9) the Engineering Department to consult with the Innovation Centre regarding possible solutions to improve service delivery utilizing GIS and GPS technology on mobile devices. CARRIED.

7. (d) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor J. Curran
Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie pays MPAC three quarters of a million dollars a year for various services including assessment and enumeration of electors; and
Whereas MPAC has had the task of populating and providing the City of Sault Ste. Marie with the 2006 Preliminary List of Electors; and
Whereas MPAC was not able to confirm the Canadian citizenship of 3,600 residents of Sault Ste. Marie which has had the effect of creating an “unknown list”;
Now therefore be it resolved that the eligible residents of Sault Ste. Marie be encouraged to look for and to fill out their revision form that the City Clerk’s Department has mailed out and that other appropriate PSA’s occur to try and correct this serious situation; and
Further that the costs for undertaking this correction be billed to MPAC.
CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor J. Curran
Whereas the City Councillors in Ward Two have received requests from constituents of Ward Two;
Therefore be it resolved that Public Works and Transportation Department be requested to study the impact of putting an advance left turn signal at the corner of Queen and Pine Streets (for westbound traffic on Queen Street turning southbound onto Pine Street). CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor L. Turco
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Whereas on September 11th, 2001 all the world was saddened by the tragic loss of life that occurred when terrorists attacked the United States at the World Trade Centre in New York City and Washington DC; and
Whereas since these terrible acts caused much suffering and immense losses that occurred on that day for so many victims; and
Whereas this is the fifth anniversary of that tragic event; and
Whereas each one of us remembers that day in our individual ways, the heroic deeds of so many firefighters, police personnel and citizens;
Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie remembers this date September 11th in honour of those who lost their lives five years ago today; and
Further that this resolution be forwarded to our neighbours through the Mayor of the Sault Ste. Marie Michigan City Commission and the State Department of the U.S. Federal Government and the Mayor of New York City Michael Bloomberg on behalf of the residents of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. 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 P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that all the by-laws listed under Item 10 of the Agenda under date 2006 09 11 be approved. CARRIED.

(a) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that By-law 2006-196 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Metropolitan Knowledge International for the preparation of an implementation and operating plan for the proposed Alien Invasive Species Management Centre be read three times and passed in Open Council this 11th day of September, 2006. CARRIED.

(b) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that By-law 2006-197 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with Harold Phillips Haulage for the Rosedale Ravine Sewer Extension be read three times and passed in Open Council this 11th day of September, 2006. (Contract 2006-13E) CARRIED.

(c) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that By-law 2006-198 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and The District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (SSMSSAB) for providing start-up funds to the City (Day Care) for the Best Start Program be read three times and passed in Open Council this 11th day of September, 2006. CARRIED.

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor N. DelBianco
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"John Rowswell"

MAYOR

"Donna P. Irving"

CLERK