

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2007 03 26

4:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

ABSENT: Mayor J. Rowswell (out of town), Councillor F. Manzo (illness)

OFFICIALS: D. Irving, N. Kenny, B. Freiburger, J. Dolcetti, D. McConnell, P. McAuley, N. Apostle, R. Roy, D. Elliott

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico

Resolved that the Minutes of the Special Meeting for Agency Presentations of 2007 03 08 and the Regular Council Meeting of 2007 03 12 be approved. CARRIED.

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

3. **APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the Agenda for the 2007 03 26 City Council Meeting as presented be approved. CARRIED.

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Denise Liddard, Volunteer with local Parkinson Society Support Group was in attendance concerning Proclamation - Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month.
- (b) Dr. Celia Ross, President and Deborah Loosemore, Director of Advancement and External Relations, Algoma University College were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(a).

4. (c) Peter Vaudry, Mary Jane Yorke and Debbie Amaroso on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(b).
- (d) Tom Vair, Executive Director Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre was in attendance concerning an update on Innovation Centre activities and 2007 Budget.
- (e) Brian Curran, President and C.E.O. PUC Services Inc. was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(c).
- (f) Linda Savory-Gordon and Al Errington on behalf of the Coalition for Algoma Passenger Trains were in attendance concerning agenda item 7.(a).
- (g) Ken McBride and Randy Gaetano were in attendance concerning the proposed expansion at Collegiate Heights Retirement Residence.
- Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti
Resolved that City Council authorize staff to analyse the viability of a contra of land at the snow dump site for Collegiate Heights Retirement Residence expansion and report back to Council with findings. DEFEATED.
- (h) Suzanne Hanna on behalf of the Communities in Bloom Committee was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(7)(c).
- (i) Keith Avery was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(y).

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico
Resolved that all the items listed under date 2007 03 26 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.
- (a) Correspondence from AMO, correspondence from the Ontario Forestry Coalition concerning Proposed Species at Risk Legislation and a news release from the governments of Ontario and Canada concerning the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem were received by Council.
- (b) The copy of the Outstanding Council Resolutions List dated 2007 03 12 was received by Council.

5. (c) The request for a temporary street closing for a parade on Elgin and Queen Streets in conjunction with the Ontario Group Air Force Convention being held May 20, 2007 was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-49 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

(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 L. Turco

Resolved that the following request to hold a Special Occasion Permit event at a municipal facility on the stated dates and times be endorsed by City Council:

Roberta Bondar Pavilion

Champagne Wedding

May 12, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. CARRIED.

(e) **Council Travel**

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico

Resolved that Mayor John Rowswell be authorized to travel to Calgary, Alberta in May 2007 to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference and a possible meeting with Canadian Pacific at an estimated cost of \$3,500.00. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

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

Against: D. Celetti, O. Grandinetti

Absent: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillor F. Manzo

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico

Resolved that Councillor Lou Turco be authorized to travel to (1) an AMO Board Meeting being held in Toronto (3 days in March) at a cost of \$300.00 to the City; and (2) an AMO Executive MOU Meeting being held in Toronto (one day in April) at a cost of \$300.00 to the City. CARRIED.

5. (f) **Staff Travel Requests**

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

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the Staff Travel Requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2007 03 26 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

(g) **Tender for Trees and Shrubs**

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

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2007 03 26 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and delivery of Trees and Shrubs required by the Parks Division of the Public Works and Transportation Department be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(h) **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 L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2007 03 26 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.

(i) **Tender for Transit Operators' Uniform Clothing**

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

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2007 03 26 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and delivery of Transit Operators' Uniform Clothing required by the Transit Division of the Public Works and Transportation Department be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.

(j) **Property Tax Appeals**

The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that pursuant to Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001, the adjustments for tax accounts outlined on the City Tax Collector's report of 2007 03 26 be approved and the tax records be amended accordingly. CARRIED.

5. (k) **Vacant Unit Tax Rebate Program - Commercial and Industrial Properties**
The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico
Resolved that pursuant to Section 364 of the Municipal Act, 2001, the adjustments, under the vacant unit tax rebate program for tax accounts outlined on the City Tax Collector's report of 2007 03 26 be approved and the tax records be amended accordingly. CARRIED.

- (l) **2007 Tax Apportionments**
The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that pursuant to Section 356 of the Municipal Act that the apportionment for the tax account(s) outlined on the attached list, certified by the City Tax Collector be approved to amend the Tax Roll in accordance with the report. CARRIED.

- (m) **2006 Honoraria and Expenses - Mayor and Council and Board and Commission Members**
The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2007 03 26 concerning 2006 Honoraria and Expenses (Mayor, Council, Board and Commission Members) be accepted as information. CARRIED.

- (n) **2007 Budget - Public Input Meeting**
The report of the Manager of Budgets and Revenue was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Budgets and Revenue dated 2007 03 26 concerning 2007 Budget - Public Input Meeting be accepted as information. CARRIED.

- (o) **Landfill Scale, Recycling and Hazardous Material Software Replacement**
The report of the Manager of Information Technology was accepted by Council.

5. (o) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico
Resolved that the report of the Manager Information Technology dated 2007 03 19 concerning Landfill Scale, Recycling and Hazardous Material Software Replacement be accepted and the recommendation that Council authorize the purchase of the Trux 'weigh-IT' software solution at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00 with funds to come from the Waste Disposal Site Reserve be approved. CARRIED.
- (p) **Immigration Portal, Contracts With Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration**
The report of the Manager of Information Technology was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-55 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (q) **Funding Agreement With the Province for Meetings on Celebrating the War of 1812 Bicentennial**
The report of the Commissioner of Community Services was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-54 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (r) **2007 Cultural Financial Assistance Grants**
The report of the Commissioner of Community Services was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Community Services dated 2007 03 26 concerning 2007 Cultural Financial Assistance Grants be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the recommendation of the Cultural Advisory Board for the 2007 Cultural Financial Assistance Grants as outlined in the report be approved. CARRIED.
- (s) **East End Wastewater Treatment Plant Substantial Completion**
The report of the Director of Engineering Services was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico
Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Services dated 2007 03 26 concerning East End Wastewater Treatment Plant Substantial Completion be accepted and the recommendation that Council endorse the date of March 30, 2007 for substantial completion provided the contractor agrees to construct the cover and stack be approved. CARRIED.
- (t) **Proposed Sale of 1776 Carpin Beach Road - Carpin Beach Gravel Pit**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

5. (t) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2007 03 26 concerning Proposed Sale of 1776 Carpin Beach Road - Carpin Beach Gravel Pit be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (u) **Snow Storage on Adjacent Properties**
The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico
Resolved that the report of the Assistant City Solicitor dated 2007 03 26 concerning Snow Storage on Adjacent Properties be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (v) **City Renewal of the Continuous Safety Services Agreement With the Electrical Safety Authority**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-44 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (w) **Air Quality Monitoring on City Property - Renewal of 2 Licenses of Occupation**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-53 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (x) **Zoning Application A-23-06-Z - Gerald Odber - 2675 Base Line - to Permit the Parking of 5 Commercial Vehicles in a Rural Area Zone - Resolving Outstanding Building Permit Issues**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-50 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (y) **Sale of 99 and Part of 69 Industrial Court B in the Industrial Park**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-56 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (z) **Provincial Budget - Future Property Tax Implications**
The report of the Manager of Budgets and Revenue was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Budgets and Revenue dated 2007 03 26 concerning Provincial Budget - Future Property Tax Implications be accepted as information. CARRIED.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

6. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

6. (7) PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

(a) Municipalities of Algoma - Use of Household Special Waste Facility

The report of the Waste Diversion Supervisor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Waste Diversion Supervisor dated 2007 03 26 concerning Municipalities of Algoma - Use of Household Special Waste Facility be accepted and the recommendation that Council extend the existing agreements with the outlying municipalities for one year at the current price of \$7.00 per permanent household be approved. CARRIED.

(b) AMO/AMRC Discussion Paper - Strengthening Extended Producer Responsibilities for Ontario's Blue Box

The report of the Waste Diversion Supervisor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico

Resolved that the report of the Waste Diversion Supervisor dated 2007 03 26 concerning AMO/AMRC Discussion Paper - Strengthening Extended Producer Responsibilities for Ontario's Blue Box be accepted and the recommendation that Council support the recommendations contained in the AMO/AMRC draft paper titled 'Strengthening Extended Producer Responsibilities for Ontario's Blue Box' dated February 2007 be approved; and
Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to AMO. CARRIED.

The memo to Council from Councillor Steve Butland concerning excerpts from the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Landfill Site Development and Operations Report 2005 - 2006 was received by Council.

The correspondence from Councillor Steve Butland entitled Miscellaneous Waste Diversion Facts was received by Council.

(c) Reduction of Polyethylene Bags in the Waste System

The report of Councillor Steve Butland and the report of the Waste Diversion Supervisor were accepted by Council.

6. (7)

(c) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Waste Diversion Supervisor dated 2007 03 26 concerning Reduction of Polyethylene Bags in the Waste System be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the 'Say Yes to Reuse and Recycling' campaign including the purchase of city multiuse bags at an cost of \$10,000.00 with funds to come from the Waste Disposal Site Reserve be approved. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico

Resolved that Councillor Steve Butland be authorized to investigate the possibility, feasibility of forming a partnership with Grace Canada of Ajax, Ontario with the intent of reducing substantially the amount of polystyrene (styrofoam) being dumped into our landfill site. CARRIED.

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

(a) **Algoma University College - The Independence Project**

The report of the Algoma University College was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Whereas Algoma University College is an important contributor to the economic, social and cultural life of Sault Ste. Marie and the Algoma Region; and

Whereas Algoma University College is preparing a request to the Ontario Government to change its status from an affiliate college of Laurentian University to an independent, degree-granting institution, to be called Algoma University;

Now therefore be it resolved that City Council supports and endorses the request to the Government of Ontario to create Algoma University by granting a provincial university charter to Algoma University College as soon as possible; and

Further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to municipalities in the District of Algoma and to FONOM for support of this resolution. CARRIED.

(b) **Physician Recruitment Program**

The report of the Manager of Finance and Audits was accepted by Council.

6. (8)

(b)

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico

Resolved that the report of the Physician Recruitment Committee dated March 2007 entitled Sault Ste. Marie Physician Recruitment and Retention Report to Council be accepted as information; and

Further resolved that the report of the Manager of Finance and Audits dated 2007 03 26 concerning Physician Recruitment Program be accepted and the recommendation that the 2007 Physician Recruitment Program be funded from the following sources:

1. unallocated 2006 Casino Revenue Reserve - \$100,899.00

2. contributions from Group Health Centre and Sault Area Hospital - \$241,499.00

3. Physician Recruitment Reserve - \$301,598.00

for a total of \$643,996.00 with a balance of \$29,743.00 available in the Reserve be approved. CARRIED.

(c) **PUC Inc. - Report to Shareholder**

The report of the President and C.E.O. PUC Services Inc. was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that City Council is now authorized to meet in open session as the sole shareholder of PUC Inc. CARRIED.

7.

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

(a)

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor S. Butland

Whereas the Algoma Central Railway passenger train services are a vital component of the Sault Ste Marie and Algoma District's economic, employment, recreational infrastructure and provides safe, reliable, all season, environmentally friendly and affordable transportation from Algoma's rural communities to Algoma's regional centre, Sault Ste Marie, for medical and other needs; and

Whereas the provision of unique, historic, practical and environmentally friendly train transportation into the exceptional natural and recreational resources of the forests, lands and waters of the Algoma District, is a rare and valuable asset to the quality of life and tourism economy of Sault Ste Marie and Algoma area;

7. (a) Now therefore be it resolved that Sault Ste Marie City Council requests of the Government of Canada that decisions concerning support and direction regarding the scheduling and maintenance of Algoma's passenger train services be based on the economic, employment, environmental, social, public safety and other needs dependent on the passenger train services along with consultation with stakeholder interests and communities; and
Further be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to surrounding municipalities for support and to the MPs and MPPs serving the Algoma District, MP Tony Martin, MP Brent St Denis, MP Charlie Angus, MPP David Oraziotti, MPP Mike Brown, MPP Gilles Bisson, as well as Canada's Minister of Transport Lawrence Cannon. CARRIED.

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

(b) Notice of Motion

Moved by Councillor L. Tridico

Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti

Resolved that any travel requests made by the Mayor and Councillors for out-of-town business funded by the taxpayers be accompanied by information regarding the travel requests; and

Further be it resolved that upon their return, a detailed report must be submitted regarding the meeting; and

Further this report should outline the short and long term economic return to our community.

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 2007 03 26 be approved. CARRIED.

10. (a) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2007-44 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and The Electrical Safety Authority for inspections of City buildings and other facilities for compliance with the Ontario Electrical Safety Code for the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 as well as training sessions for City employees be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of March 2007. CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2007-49 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Elgin Street from the Holiday Inn to Queen Street and the north lane of Queen Street from March Street to Elgin Street to facilitate the Ontario Group Air Force Association Parade be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of March 2007. CARRIED.
- (c) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2007-50 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 2675 Base Line Road be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of March 2007. (Odber) CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2007-51 being a by-law to appoint by-law enforcement officers to enforce the by-laws of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of March 2007. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2007-52 being a by-law to amend the text of Traffic By-law 77-200 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of March 2007. CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2007-53 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the City and the Ontario Realty Corporation acting as agent on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal for air quality monitoring on City property be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of March 2007. CARRIED.

10. (g) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2007-54 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and the Province of Ontario for funding toward the development of a draft strategy for the commemoration and celebration of the War of 1812 Bicentennial be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of March 2007. CARRIED.
- (h) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2007-55 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration concerning the creation of an immigration portal be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of March 2007. CARRIED.
- (i) Moved by Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco
Resolved that By-law 2007-56 being a by-law to authorize the sale of 99 Industrial Court B and Part of 69 Industrial Court B be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26th day of March 2007. 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.

"Susan Myers"

ACTING MAYOR

"Malcolm White"

DEPUTY CITY CLERK