

## **MINUTES**

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

**2007 02 26**

**4:30 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, P. Mick

**ABSENT:** Councillor F. Manzo (illness)

**OFFICIALS:** J. Fratesi, M. White, R. Tyczinski, F. Coccimiglio, J. Elliott, J. Dolcetti, N. Apostle, L. Bottos, D. McConnell, B. Freiburger, D. Elliott

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2007 02 12 and the Special Meeting of 2007 02 19 be approved. CARRIED.

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

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Ian Shaule, Youth Volunteer, Canadian Red Cross was in attendance concerning Proclamation - Red Cross Month.
- (b) Richard Ciotti and Mike Delfre, Co-Chairs of Easter Seals Telethon and two ambassadors were in attendance concerning Proclamation - Easter Seals Month.
- (c) Dave Pitcher, Shawn Dagenais and Dustin Pauze, Digital WebWorks were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(k).
- (d) Brian Curran, President and C.E.O. PUC Inc. was in attendance with an update to Council concerning the operation of the City Water System.

4. (e) Kelly Marshall, Chairperson Historic Sites Board and Kathy Fisher, Curator Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site were in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(j) and 6.(8)(a).
- (f) Don Bruni and Dennis Lethbridge were 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 S. Myers

Seconded by Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2007 02 26 - Part One - Consent Agenda [save and except 5.(f) - OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH - Withdrawn by Mover and Seconder] be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Correspondence from AMO was received by Council.
- (b) The letter from Science Enterprise Algoma thanking City Council for its financial support of seA projects was received by Council.
- (c) Correspondence from the City of Stratford (concerning support for the recommendations of the Perth County Coalition Against Poverty); and the Saving the Region of Ontario North Group STRONG (concerning strategies to ensure communities in Northern Ontario remain sustainable) was received by Council.
- (d) The copy of the Outstanding Council Resolutions List dated 2007 02 12 was received by Council.

(e) **Staff Travel Requests**

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

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the Staff Travel Requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2007 02 26 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

(f) **2007 Council Meeting Schedule - Proposed Amendment**

Mayor Rowswell requested that the 2007 Council Meeting Schedule be amended.

5. (f) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that the 2007 Council Meeting Schedule BE AMENDED as follows:  
1) Cancel the regular meeting of March 26<sup>th</sup>; and  
2) Schedule a regular meeting for April 2<sup>nd</sup> be approved. OFFICIALLY READ  
NOT DEALT WITH. (WITHDRAWN BY MOVER AND SECONDER)
- (g) **Tender for Four (4) Freestanding Columbariums (2007CI01)**  
The report of the Manager of Purchasing was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor S. Myers  
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2007 02 26 be endorsed and that the tender for the supply and delivery of Four (4) Freestanding Columbariums, required by the Cemeteries Division of the Public Works and Transportation Department be awarded as recommended. CARRIED.
- (h) **Property Tax Appeals**  
The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor S. Myers  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
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 02 26 be approved and the tax records be amended accordingly. CARRIED.
- (i) **Vacant Unit Tax Rebate Program - Commercial and Industrial Properties**  
The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata  
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 02 26 be approved and the tax records be amended accordingly. CARRIED.
- (j) **User Fees By-law 2007-11 - Historic Sites Board Proposed User Fee Increases for 2007**  
The report of the Manager of Budgets and Revenue and the Commissioner of Community Services were accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-41 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (k) **Launch of Redesigned City Website**  
The report of the Corporate Affairs Officer was accepted by Council.

5. (k) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that the report of the Corporate Affairs Officer dated 2007 02 26 concerning Launch of Redesigned City Website be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (l) **Municipal Election Signs**  
The report of the Deputy City Clerk was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor S. Myers  
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that the report of the Deputy City Clerk dated 2007 02 26 concerning Municipal Election Signs be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (m) **2007 Federal Homelessness Initiative**  
The report of the Community Coordinator, Social Services Department was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor S. Myers  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that the report of the Community Coordinator, Social Services Department dated 2007 02 26 concerning 2007 Federal Homelessness Initiative be accepted and the recommendation that the City of Sault Ste. Marie through the Social Services Department continue in their role as Community Entity to access Homelessness Partnering Strategy funds to complete the Community Plan Assessment and apply for bridge funding to continue with present homelessness programs and activities be approved. CARRIED.
- (n) **Soo Greyhound Games - Noise From Blowing of Horns**  
The report of the Commissioner of Community Services was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Community Services dated 2007 02 26 concerning Soo Greyhound Games - Noise From Blowing of Horns be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (o) **Firearms By-law Exemption - Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Sites - Special Events**  
The report of the Curator, Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-36 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

5. (p) **Engineering Services Agreement - Wellington Street East From Trunk Road to East Street**

The report of the Director of Engineering Services was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-40 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

(q) **Trunk Road Resurfacing - Black Road to Wellington Street East Environmental Assessment**

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

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Services dated 2007 02 26 concerning Trunk Road Resurfacing - Black Road to Wellington Street East - Environmental Assessment be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(r) **Roberta Bondar Marine Dock - Dredging**

The report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning dated 2007 02 26 concerning Roberta Bondar Marine Dock Dredging be accepted and the recommendation that the report of Stem Engineering be accepted as information and that no further work be carried out at this time to increase the available depth through excavation to bedrock be approved. CARRIED.

(s) **Reconstruction of Sewage Dumping Station - West End Wastewater Treatment Plant**

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

Moved by Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Services dated 2007 02 26 concerning Reconstruction of Sewage Dumping Station - West End Wastewater Treatment Plant be accepted and the recommendation that PUC Services be authorized to issue security cards to licensed septage haulers to permit dumping of septage at the West End Plant Dump Station and further that consideration be given in the updated sewer use by-law to charge a fee for dumping at this facility with the intent to reconstruct the facility when revenue is sufficient be approved. CARRIED.

(t) **Petition for Cul-de-sac at North End of Queensgate Boulevard**

The report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.

5. (t) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that the report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2007 02 26 concerning Petition for Cul-de-sac at North End of Queensgate Boulevard be accepted and the recommendation that a cul-de-sac not be installed and that the developer continue the development as approved under the Draft Plan Approval be approved. CARRIED.

(u) **Timekeeping and Security System**

The report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2007 02 26 concerning Timekeeping and Security System be accepted and the recommendation that staff be authorized to issue an RFP for an appropriate time clock/security system for Public Works and Transportation be approved. CARRIED.

(v) **Municipal Gifts to Dignitaries Program**

The report of the Chairperson, Cultural Advisory Board was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Chairperson, Cultural Advisory Board dated 2007 02 26 concerning Municipal Gifts to Dignitaries Program be accepted and the recommendation that Council support the request of the Cultural Advisory Board and authorize that the top seven artists who participated in the Competition Outline for Commissioned Works for Municipal Gifts to Dignitaries be chosen as the artists to provide municipal gifts to dignitaries for the current term of Council be approved. CARRIED.

(w) **Provincial Approval of Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Funding Aqueduct Repair Beneath Farwell Terrace**

The report of the General Manager, Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority was accepted by Council.

5. (w) Moved by Councillor S. Myers  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that the report of the General Manager, Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority dated 2007 02 26 concerning Provincial Approval of Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Funding Aqueduct Repair Beneath Farwell Terrace be accepted as information and further that Council expresses its gratitude to the Conservation Authority and engineering staff for pursuing this funding on behalf of the City. CARRIED.

## **PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA**

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

#### 6. (5) **LEGAL**

##### (a) **Council Resolution of October 30, 2006 Regarding Chronic Eyesores**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2007 02 26 concerning Council Resolution of October 30, 2006 Regarding Chronic Eyesores be accepted and the recommendations that:

- 1) With respect to Property Standards matters, that Option 2 be adopted in the case of chronic offenders (being an offender that has been subject to a previous Property Standards order for the same property); and
- 2) For less serious properties where the Dirty Yard by-law is employed that in the case of property that has been subject to the Dirty Yard by-law process previously (for more minor offences such as tall grass or small amounts of debris) that the warning letter normally sent out by the Legal Department be eliminated be approved. CARRIED.

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

##### (a) **Application No. A-4-07-OP - Don Bruni - 1415 Third Line West - Request to Create 6 New Rural Area Lots for Residential Purposes**

The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.

6. (6)  
(a) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2007 02 26 concerning Application No. A-4-07-OP - Don Bruni be accepted and the Planning Director's recommendation that City Council approve Official Plan Amendment No. 120 be endorsed. CARRIED.
- (b) **Downtown Development Initiative Update**  
The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor S. Myers  
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2007 02 26 concerning Downtown Development Initiative Update be accepted as information and further that Council authorize applications to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for Rural Economic Development (RED) Program funding and further that a public hearing on the proposed Downtown Community Improvement Plan be scheduled for the April 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting be endorsed. CARRIED.
6. (8) **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**
- (a) **Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site - Visitor Centre, Summer Kitchen Redesign and Site Accessibility Project**  
The report of the Chairperson, Historic Sites Board was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor S. Myers  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that the report of the Chairperson, Historic Sites Board dated 2007 02 26 concerning Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site - Visitor Centre, Summer Kitchen Redesign and Site Accessibility Project be accepted and that Council supports in principle the proposed developments for the Site and members of the Board proceeding with meeting with various funding agencies to identify potential grant dollars for the capital development be approved. 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 many children attending our schools in Sault Ste. Marie are bussed daily; and  
Whereas in addition to busses, many students are dropped off and picked up by their parents, thereby regularly creating traffic congestion and confusion around school entrances; and  
Whereas there does not appear to be a standard, both set and observed for the safe loading and unloading of children at these schools; and  
Whereas concern for the safety of such students becomes significantly greater during the winter time with the existence of high snowbanks, reduced street widths and diminished visibility, both for students and drivers; and  
Whereas in recent years off-road loading areas have been created at some schools (the most recent being Sister Mary Clare School) to effectively deal with the safety concerns which exist with the loading and unloading of children from vehicles;  
Now therefore be it resolved that the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation be requested to convene a meeting with the appropriate officials of all local school boards. The purpose of such a meeting would be to determine how the Boards, the Bus Companies, Parent Councils and the City might work co-operatively to improve the safety of our children being dropped off and picked up at their respective schools and further that the Commissioner report back to Council with the results of such meeting, including any recommendations which City Council might consider. CARRIED.

Councillor L. Turco declared a pecuniary interest - spouse is a trustee with the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board.

- (b) Moved by Councillor L. Turco  
Seconded by Councillor S. Myers  
Whereas there is an opportunity for Sault Ste. Marie to submit a bid to host the 2008 FONOM Conference; and  
Whereas it is recognized that hosting such a conference in Sault Ste. Marie has an economic impact of over \$100,000.00 and brings prestige and a high profile exposure to our community; and  
Whereas 1992 was the last time Sault Ste. Marie did host this event; and  
Whereas it is further recognized that there is no cost at this time to submit a bid due to the assistance provided by Tourism Sault Ste. Marie;

7. (b) Now therefore be it resolved that we ask for Council's support to proceed with a bid submission and further if Sault Ste. Marie is selected to host the 2008 FONOM Conference, City Council approves \$8,000.00 from the 2006 EDF Fund; \$2,000.00 dedicated to host a reception in Kirkland Lake at the 2007 FONOM Conference as stipulated in the conference bid package and \$6,000.00 to be provided to contract a conference coordinator for one year to report through the Clerk's office and work as the City's staff representative on the conference committee as also required in the bid package from FONOM be approved. CARRIED.

The report of Councillor S. Myers was accepted by Council.

- (c) Moved by - Councillor S. Butland  
Seconded by - Councillor J. Caicco  
Resolved that Council acknowledge returning Canadian Forces Reservists from Sault Ste. Marie in the manner as outlined in Councillor S. Butland's letter of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 be approved. CARRIED.

The letter from Councillor S. Butland was accepted by Council.

- (d) Moved by Councillor S. Butland  
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco  
Whereas City Council for the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie on June 12, 2006 passed a resolution requesting the Federal Government to consider establishing a full passport office here in Sault Ste. Marie to adequately serve the residents of Northern Ontario; and  
Whereas the requirement for passports to enter the United States when travelling by air became effective in January 2007; and  
Whereas the requirement for passports to enter the United States by land will become effective in January 2008, unless current discussions with American officials result in some other form of acceptable documentation for entry; and  
Whereas there is currently a significant backlog of passport applications being processed, notwithstanding the fact the Federal Government has hired about 500 temporary staff to deal with such backlog; and  
Whereas the problem will only become much greater unless permanent offices are established in strategic locations throughout Ontario, such as in Sault Ste. Marie for all of Northeastern Ontario;  
Now therefore be it resolved that the Prime Minister of Canada and the Federal Minister of Immigration be requested to favourably respond to the June 12, 2006 resolution of City Council so that the required effective service, including same day service, which is made available to other residents who live near existing passport offices is also made available to all residents of Northeastern Ontario. CARRIED.

7. (e) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor L. Turco  
Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie has recently opened Carmen's Way; and  
Whereas this multi-vehicle transportation corridor is an efficient state of the art  
piece of infrastructure;  
Now therefore be it resolved that City staff redouble its efforts to get the trucks  
off the "old truck route" and onto the better route Carmen's Way; and further that  
they report back to Council in the near future with their action plan. CARRIED.

(f) **Notice of Motion**

Mover Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded Councillor

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie contributes millions of dollars in funding to  
"outside agencies" each year; and

Whereas many governments have agreements in place with "outside agencies"  
to assure that taxpayers are receiving value for the dollars that are being spent;

Now therefore be it resolved that City Council request that the Finance  
Committee report back to Council on how the City may incorporate iron clad  
Accountability Agreements as one of the requirements for providing taxpayer  
funds to "outside agencies".

- (g) Moved by Councillor D. Celetti  
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti  
Whereas the City is using graders on city streets to cut snow buildup from city  
streets, resulting in undue hardship for our citizens especially our seniors and  
handicapped who are physically unable to clear this manufactured snow from  
their windrows;  
Be it resolved that Council instruct the appropriate staff to report back to Council  
with a detailed report on using payloaders behind these graders to help our  
citizens out clearing this manufactured snow from their windrows. This is an  
aging community, our seniors who are taxpayers already pay for this service  
through their taxes. CARRIED.

- (h) Moved by Councillor S. Butland  
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco  
Whereas the Steelback Centre has been in operation for six months and it appears to be functioning at levels beyond expectations as evidenced by the number and quality of concerts, pending national events, unprecedented Sault Greyhound attendance figures along with record concession sales;  
Be it resolved that appropriate staff prepare a report based on the above and hopefully incorporating the following:
1. Greyhound – City financial revenue sharing to this point in time with consideration also to the \$1,000,000 ticket plateau
  2. Concession revenue on a one game, one concert basis
  3. Policy as applied to Promoter-City agreements as to Steelback Centre Concerts
  4. Increase in costs as necessitated by increase in staff levels and other unforeseen circumstances
  5. Potential lineup of coming attractions
  6. Subsidy of present operation as compared to the Memorial Garden venue
  7. Status of permanent Steelback sign, sound system
  8. Reviews from outside attendees/performers e.g. Barenaked Ladies
  9. Present marketing strategies
  10. Outline any noted deficiencies and potential remedies
  11. General comments: media, Tourism Sault Ste. Marie, suite holders, visiting teams, Greyhounds, Frank D'Angelo, casino, Downtown merchants, general public, staff
  12. Comment on advisability of establishing a reserve fund to provide necessary improvements or unforeseen circumstances. 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 T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that all the by-laws listed under Item 10 of the Agenda under date 2007 02 26 be approved. CARRIED.

- (a) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that By-law 2007-35 being a by-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to enforce the by-laws on various properties be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. CARRIED.

10. (b) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that By-law 2007-36 being a by-law to exempt the Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site from By-law 70-359 being a by-law to prohibit the discharge of firearms in the municipality be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. CARRIED.
- (c) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that By-law 2007-37 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 588 Airport Road be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that By-law 2007-38 being a by-law to designate the lands located at 588 Airport Road as an area of site plan control be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that By-law 2007-39 being a by-law to adopt Amendments No. 119 to the Official Plan be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that By-law 2007-40 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Totten Sims Hubicki Associates Limited for the design and reconstruction of Wellington Street from Trunk Road to East Street in the City of Sault Ste. Marie be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. CARRIED.
- (g) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that By-law 2007-41 being a by-law to replace Schedule "B" to By-law 2007-11 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007. CARRIED.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that this Council shall now go into Caucus to discuss one labour relations matter; 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 S. Myers  
Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti  
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

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"John Rowswell"

**MAYOR**

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"Donna P. Irving"

**CLERK**