

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2007 01 29

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

ABSENT: Councillors F. Manzo (illness), P. Mick (brother passed away)

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, D. Irving, L. Bottos, P. McAuley, N. Apostle, B. Freiburger, K. Streich-Poser, L. Rosso, L. McCoy, D. Pauze, D. McConnell, J. Dolcetti, F. Coccimiglio, J. Luszka

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2007 01 15 and the Special Meeting of 2007 01 22 be approved. CARRIED.

Note: Councillor L. Tridico declared a pecuniary interest concerning one item on the 2007 01 15 Council Caucus Meeting Agenda.

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

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Benita Brogno, President Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo Board of Directors was in attendance concerning Proclamation - Bon Soo Winter Carnival 2007.
- (b) Dan Ingram, Area Manager Heart and Stroke Foundation Sault Ste. Marie Office and Bruce Richmond, Sault Ste. Marie Chapter President were in attendance concerning Proclamation - Heart Month.
- (c) Dorothy McNaughton, President Sault Chapter Canadian Council of the Blind was in attendance concerning Proclamation - White Cane Week.

4. (d) Ken Thomlinson on behalf of the Algoma Federation of Agriculture was in attendance concerning Food Freedom Day (no proclamation).
- (e) Lua Turcotte, Co-Chair Sault Youth Council was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(1)(b).
- (f) Peter Vaudry, Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(a).
- (g) Bruce Caughill, Consulting Engineer/Architect; Ron Gagnon, Interim President and C.E.O. Sault Area Hospital and Rob Greve, Sault Ste. Marie Professional Firefighters Association were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(1)(a).
- (h) Brian Curran, President and C.E.O. PUC Inc. was in attendance in response to a Council resolution dated 2007 01 15 concerning the 2007 PUC interest payment to the city and concerning agenda item 5(gg). Note: Item 7.(e).
- (i) Bob Paciocco was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(6)(a).
- (j) Ann Marie McPhee on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was in attendance concerning agenda item 5.(dd) and 6.(1)(c).
- (k) Errol Caldwell, Executive Director Science Enterprise Algoma was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(b).

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

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

Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2007 01 29 - Part One - Consent Agenda [save and except 5.(ee) Tabled to next meeting when Councillor F. Manzo is in attendance] be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Correspondence from AMO and OGRA was received by Council.
- (b) Correspondence from Ontario Lottery and Gaming advising that the quarterly payment of the 5% allocation from October 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 is \$369,383.00 was received by Council.
- (c) The letter from the Northeastern Ontario Recreation Association concerning the election of Lori Ballstadt, Assistant Manager of Recreation and Culture to the Association's Board of Directors was received by Council.

5. (d) The letter from the consultant for MTO concerning public notice of a Transportation Environmental Study report addendum for the realignment of Highway 17 in the vicinity of Montreal River Harbour was received by Council.
- (e) The letter from the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal concerning congratulations to Mayor Rowswell on re-election and working with Council on the infrastructure needs of our city was received by Council.
- (f) The copy of the Outstanding Council Resolutions List dated 2007 10 15 was received by Council.

(g) **Council Travel**

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that Councillor Lou Turco be authorized to travel to (1) a FONOM meeting being held in North Bay (two days in February) at no cost to the city; and (2) an AMO Executive MOU meeting being held in Toronto (two days in February) at a cost of \$300.00 to the City. CARRIED.

The report of Mayor Rowswell concerning Trade Mission to China was accepted by Council.

Mover Councillor J. Caicco

Seconder Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that Mayor John Rowswell be authorized to travel in April 2007 to lead a Trade Mission to China at an estimated cost of \$9,500.00 plus \$2,000.00 for dinners, hosting meals and other trip expenses. CARRIED.

(h) **Staff Travel Requests**

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

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the Staff Travel Requests contained in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2007 01 29 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

(i) **Firefighters' Protective Turnout Clothing**

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

5. (i) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2007 01 29 be endorsed and that the quotation for the supply and delivery of Firefighters' Protective Turnout Clothing, required by Fire Services, be accepted as recommended. CARRIED.
- (j) **Property Tax Appeals**
The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
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 01 29 be approved and the tax records be amended accordingly. CARRIED.
- (k) **Vacant Unit Tax Rebate Program - Commercial and Industrial Properties**
The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
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 01 29 be approved and the tax records be amended accordingly. CARRIED.
- (l) **Purchase of a New Financial Information System**
The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council. The relevant By-laws 2007-25 and 2007-26 are listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- Moved by Councillor J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2007 01 29 concerning Purchase of New Financial Information System be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the purchase of a Financial information System as proposed by Diamond Municipal Solutions and that funding in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 be provided as follows: \$359,320.00 from the Computer Software Reserve; \$150,000.00 from the Electronic Office Equipment Reserve; and an allocation of \$173,000.00 for 4 years (2007 - 2010) from the Capital for Current allocations, be approved. CARRIED.
- (m) **Personal Computer Workstation Upgrade**
The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

5. (m) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2007 01 29 concerning Personal Computer Workstation Upgrade be accepted and the recommendation that IT be authorized to proceed immediately with the purchase of 60 personal computer workstations and the memory upgrade of 100 personal computer workstations at a cost of \$89,000.00 with funding to come from the Information Technology operating budget be approved. CARRIED.

(n) **City Credit Rating**

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

Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2007 01 29 concerning City Credit Rating be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(o) **Ontario Disability Support Program Funding Freeze**

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

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Whereas Premier McGuinty announced that the province and AMO would be undertaking a provincial municipal fiscal service review over the next two years to review the fiscal and service imbalance between the province and the municipal sector; and

Whereas the Ontario Disability Support Program is a provincial administered program that bills the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) 20% for the cost of benefits and 50% for the costs of administration; and

Whereas the costs over the last seven years for the ODSP program have increased significantly since the funding for this program was devolved; and

Whereas the city of Sault Ste. Marie as the largest municipal contributor to the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board bears the largest part of the municipal costs of the ODSP program; and

Whereas the city of Sault Ste. Marie is not receiving its full entitlement from the OMPF fund (2007) due to a phase-in requirement from the Ministry of Finance;

5. (o) Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the position of the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association in their petition to the Minister of Community and Social Services (letter dated December 22, 2006) to freeze the cost of administration and benefits for the ODSP program at 2006 levels for 2007 and 2008 until such time as the provincial municipal fiscal service review is complete and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Northern municipalities for support. CARRIED.
- (p) **Contract Renewal - Group Health Centre Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**
The report of the Commissioner of Human Resources was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-28 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (q) **Feasibility Study - Snow Tube Park**
The report of the Assistant Manager, Recreation and Culture was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that the report of the Assistant Manager, Recreation and Culture dated 2007 01 29 concerning Feasibility Study - Snow Tube Park be accepted as information. CARRIED.
- (r) **34 Wellington Street West - Property Standards**
The report of the Chief Building Official/Property Standards Officer was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that the report of the Chief Building Official/Property Standards Officer dated 2007 01 29 concerning Civic No. 34 Wellington Street West be accepted and the recommendation that the Corporation hire the forces necessary to remove garbage bags, debris and derelict vehicles from the property adding the costs of this action to the taxes of the subject property be approved. CARRIED.
- (s) **Engineering Services - Lyons Avenue Resurfacing**
The report of the Director of Engineering Services was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-22 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (t) **Engineering Services - Biannual Bridge Inspections**
The report of the Director of Engineering Services was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-21 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (u) **Ontario Municipal Board Hearing - Zoning By-laws 2004-206 and 2004-207 - 32 Powley Road and 626 Fifth Line East - Lofstrom**
The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

5. (u) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that the report of the Assistant City Solicitor dated 2007 01 29 concerning Ontario Municipal Board Hearing - Zoning By-law 2004-206 and 2004-207 - 32 Powley Road and 626 Fifth Line East - Lofstrom be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(v) **Ontario Municipal Board Hearing - Zoning By-law 2006-178 - 73 Northern Avenue (Giulietti) - Plumbing Supply Store**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2007 01 29 concerning Ontario Municipal Board Hearing - Zoning By-law 2006-178 - 73 Northern Avenue (Giulietti) - Plumbing Supply Store be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(w) **Lease Agreements - Brody's Sports Bar and Grill and the Pro Shop - John Rhodes Community Centre**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2007 01 29 recommending that Brody's Sports Bar and Grill and the Pro Shop be released from the requirement of having to provide a letter of credit as outlined in clause 4 (a) (xiv) of their respective leases be approved. CARRIED.

(x) **Friends of the St. Mary's River Request to Install a Sign at Bellevue Park**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2007 01 29 be accepted and that the Friends of the St. Mary's River be authorized to install a sign at Bellevue Park at a specific site to be determined in discussions with the Parks Division be approved. CARRIED.

(y) **Replacement Deed - 76 Victoria Street**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-27 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

5. (z) **Lease Agreement - 276 Wellington Street East - Randall Paul Deresti**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-16 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (aa) **Proposed Closure and Conveyance of Portion of Black Road**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-30 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (bb) **Lease - Bell Mobility - Cathcart and West Streets - Tower and Equipment Shelter**
The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-24 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- (cc) **Revised Borealis Project Concept Plan**
The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2007 01 29 concerning the Revised Borealis Project Concept Plan be accepted and the Planning Director's recommendation that City Council accept this report as information be endorsed. CARRIED.
- (dd) **Signalized Pedestrian Crossing on Northern Avenue**
The report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council.
- Moved by Councillor J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that the report of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2007 01 29 concerning Signalized Pedestrian Crossing on Northern Avenue be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the installation of a signalized pedestrian crossing on Northern Avenue in the vicinity of the Pee Wee Arena and Zellers Plaza at an estimated cost of \$175,000.00 subject to approval as a 2007 supplementary budget item be approved. CARRIED.
- (ee) **Spring Clean-Up**
The report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was received by Council.
- Moved by Councillor J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation dated 2007 01 29 concerning Spring Clean-up be accepted as information. TABLED to a meeting when Councillor Manzo is in attendance.

5. (ff) **Winter Maintenance of Red Rock Road (Maki Road) Agreement With Brookfield Power**

The report of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation was accepted by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-19 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

Mayor J. Rowswell declared a pecuniary interest - son is employed by Brookfield Wind.

(gg) **PUC Inc. 2006 Fourth Quarter Shareholder Report**

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

Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the President and C.E.O., PUC Inc. dated 2007 01 23 concerning PUC Inc. 2006 Fourth Quarter Shareholder Report be accepted as information. CARRIED.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

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

6. (1) **ADMINISTRATIVE**

(a) **Development of the Former MTO Site for an Emergency Response Centre**

The report of the Chief Administrative Officer, the report of the Fire Chief and the report of the C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation were accepted by Council. The memo from Mayor Rowswell dated 2007 01 23 and the reports of the Fire Chief and the Commissioner of Finance that were on the December 11, 2006 agenda were received by Council. The relevant By-law 2007-29 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

Moved by Councillor B. Hayes

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that agenda item 6.(1)(a) BE DEFERRED until the February 12, 2007 Council Meeting in order to allow further input from union groups to address their concerns. DEFEATED.

6. (1)
(a)

Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2007 01 29 concerning Development of the MTO Site for an Emergency Response Centre be accepted and the recommendations that

1. staff be authorized to proceed with the project to finally provide that much anticipated and much needed permanent accommodation for the City's integrated Fire/EMS operations;

2. Council authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the Sault Area Hospital and execute the MOU which has been prepared, thereby allowing for the creation of the new consolidated regional Emergency Response Centre;

3. the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare a long-term lease for the rental of approximately 3,800 square feet of space in the renovated building to Sault Area Hospital at market rent;

4. Council approve the recommendations contained in the revised funding proposal of the Commissioner of Finance as set out in his report of December 11, 2006, subject to any amounts being secured successfully from NOHFC and/or FedNor being used to reduce the City's share; and

5. Council authorize staff to proceed to the next steps with funding applications to NOHFC and FedNor for assistance with this project be approved. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Councillors J. Caicco, D. Celetti, O. Grandinetti, L. Tridico, F. Fata, S. Butland

Against: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors L. Turco, B. Hayes, S. Myers, T. Sheehan

Absent: Councillors F. Manzo, P. Mick

6. (1)
(a)

Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the Fire Chief dated 2007 01 29 concerning Development of the Former MTO Site as an Emergency Response Centre be accepted and the recommendations that Council authorize staff to continue to retain Bruce Caughill, Consulting Engineer/Architect to complete the necessary design work and further that an immediate call for tenders for this project be approved. CARRIED.

6. (1)

(a) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that the report of the C.E.O., Economic Development Corporation dated 2007 01 29 concerning Resolution from Council to Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation on MTO Property be accepted as information. CARRIED.

(b) **Youth Strategy Officer Information Update**

The report of the Social Services Department was accepted by Council. The letter from the Sault Youth Opportunities Task Force was also received by Council.

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor S. Myers

Resolved that the report of the Social Services Department dated 2007 01 29 concerning Youth Strategy Officer Information Update be accepted and the recommendation that Council consider funding for a long term employment commitment by creating a municipal position of Youth Strategy Officer BE REFERRED to the 2007 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

(c) **Joint Accessibility Plan 2007**

The report of the Municipal Accessibility Plan Coordinator was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Accessibility Plan Coordinator on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee concerning the annual Joint Accessibility Plan - Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Transit Services (Year 4) January 2007 to December 2007 be accepted as information and the recommendations contained therein be approved in principle subject to the 2007 budget deliberations be approved. CARRIED.

6. (1)

(d) **Update on Homelessness Initiative in Sault Ste. Marie**

The report of the Community Coordinator, Social Services Department was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Whereas the provision of and access to adequate housing is a fundamental human right according to paragraph 25 (1) of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

6. (1)
(d)

Whereas in 1976 Canada signed the International Covenant to Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, a legally binding treaty, committing Canada to make progress on fully realizing all economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to adequate housing; and

Whereas the enjoyment of other human rights, such as those privacy, to respect for the home, to freedom of movement, to freedom from discrimination, to environmental health, to security of the person, to freedom of association, and to the equal protection and benefit of the law are indivisible from and indispensable to the realization of the right to adequate housing; and

Whereas the United Nations Committee has been highly critical of Canada's failure to make progress in guaranteeing the right to adequate housing for all Canadians , in light of Canada's relative affluence, a criticism made most recently in its concluding observations of December 10, 1998; and

Whereas the United Nations Committee issued a specific recommendation that Canada implement a national strategy aimed at reducing homelessness and poverty; and

Whereas Canada's wealth and national budget are more than adequate to ensure that every woman, child and man residing in Canada has secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing as part of standard of living that will provide healthy, physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual and social development and a good quality of life; and

Whereas achievement of improved housing conditions is best realized through co-operative partnerships of government and civil society and the meaningful involvement of local communities; and

Whereas the federally funded Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI), Urban Aboriginal Homelessness Initiative (UAHI) and Regional Homelessness Funds (RHF) are centrepieces of a national program implemented by the previous government to reduce and alleviate homelessness; and

Whereas SCPI, UAHI, and RHF funding has enabled the City of Sault Ste. Marie to invest in the creation of needed youth and men's shelter, and implement innovative programs and services to help people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, to move forward in their lives; and

Whereas the issue of homelessness continues to exist in Sault Ste. Marie and other communities across Canada and require dedicated, long-term, flexible resources;

Therefore be it resolved that the report from the Community Coordinator, Social Services Department be accepted as information and Council request the Federal Government, specifically the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Finance, and the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development to secure ongoing, long-term funding to address the homeless and those at risk of homelessness at minimum current funding levels communities have received in the past through Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative, Regional Homelessness Funds and Urban Aboriginal Homelessness Initiative be approved. CARRIED.

6. (6) **PLANNING**

(a) **Application No. 57T-06-503 - Windsor Farms Subdivision Limited - 434 Old Garden River Road - Request in Order to Permit the Development of an 88 Lot Single Detached Residential Subdivision**

The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2007 01 29 concerning Application No. 57T-06-503 - Windsor Farms Subdivision Limited be accepted and the Planning Director's recommendation that City Council approve the Draft Plan of Subdivision for the proposed Windsor Farms Subdivision, subject to the 22 conditions contained in the report be endorsed. CARRIED.

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

(a) **Physician Recruitment Committee - Two Community Focus Group Reports on Health Care**

The report of the Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the reports of the Physician Recruitment Committee concerning two focus group reports on health care be accepted as information and the recommendations contained therein be endorsed; and

Further resolved that City Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Peter Vaudry for his years of hard work and diligence as Chair of the Physician Recruitment Committee since its inception and over the last five years; and

Further that City Council congratulates former Councillor Vaudry on his recent appointment to the newly formed LINS, representing the people of Sault Ste. Marie and Northern Ontario. CARRIED.

(b) **Science Enterprise Algoma (seA) Application to the EDF 2006**

The report of the CEO, Economic Development Corporation was accepted by Council.

6. (8)

(b) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the CEO, Economic Development Corporation dated 2007 01 29 concerning Science Enterprise Algoma (seA) Application to the EDF fund be accepted and the recommendation that:

1. \$60,000 from the EDF fund be approved for seA (through the SSMEDC that directly supports the allocation of funds to three projects - Alien Invasive Species Centre (\$10,000.00); NOCI Bi Products Sector Specialist (\$25,000.00); and the Centre of Excellence for Forestry Innovation - Natural Products Centre (\$25,000.00); and

2. that seA provide a quarterly report outlining their results and providing the financial accounting pertaining to the three projects; and

3. that seA and NOCI provide recognition to the City of Sault Ste. Marie for its financial contributions via promotion and marketing material, be approved.
CARRIED.

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

(a) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor T. Sheehan

Whereas councillors are forced to miss meetings from time to time for a multitude of reasons including illness, work or other City Council related business; and

Whereas the absenteeism documented in the Minutes does not include the reason for the absenteeism;

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Clerk be asked to record in the minutes following a Council meeting that a councillor is absent from, the reason for the absence if requested by an individual councillor. CARRIED.

(b) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor S. Myers

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie will be represented at a very prestigious national sporting event by Ryan Harnden's rink from the Soo Curlers Association who recently captured the Northern Ontario Junior Men's Curling Championship;

Now therefore be it resolved that Ryan Harnden, Clint Cudmore, Johnny Miners and Steve Molodovich be congratulated on behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie by City Council on advancing to the national championships in St. Catherines February 3 to 10 and that they are wished the best of luck. CARRIED.

7. (c) Moved by Councillor L. Turco
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Whereas roofs at both the Seniors' Drop-In Centre and the Steelton Seniors' Complex are presently leaking severely and resulting in costly temporary repair; and
Whereas a one-time grant may be available to deal with a portion of the cost of remediation; and
Whereas the project was deferred at last year's budget;
Be it resolved that appropriate staff re-evaluate the present situation and prepare necessary documentation to ensure a timely completion of the necessary work. CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor D. Celetti
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata
Whereas Carmen's Way is now open for truck traffic, and truck use on the old Wallace Terrace is no longer required;
Be it resolved that staff report on taking the proper steps to erect directional signs for these trucks to use Wellington Street West from Conmee Avenue to the top of the underpass and proceed east to the truck route when required or proceed west on the new Wallace Terrace for access to Algoma Steel as required. Report to deal with signage to be posted to require truck traffic not use the old Wallace Terrace in either direction. CARRIED.
- (e) Moved by Councillor B. Hayes
Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco
Whereas PUC has indicated its intent to reduce its interest payment to the City by \$500,000.00 for 2007; and
Whereas this reduction in payment will be used by PUC for capital improvements; and
Whereas budgeted capital improvements for 2007 have increased by over \$1 million dollars over 2006 actual; and
Whereas the \$500,000.00 will likely be picked up by taxpayers in the form of a levy;
Now therefore be it resolved that City Council request the PUC Board to reverse its decision and leave 2007 interest payments at the 2006 level. 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. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that all the by-laws listed under Item 10 of the Agenda under date 2007 01 29 be approved. CARRIED.

(a) Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that By-law 2007-16 being a by-law to renew the lease between the City and Randall Paul Deresti concerning the car lot and office at 276 Wellington Street East be read three times and passed in Open Council this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.

(b) Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that By-law 2007-18 being a by-law to authorize the construction of a concrete sidewalk on Queen Street East from Dacey Road to Queensgate Boulevard under Section 3 of the Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Regulation 119/03 be read a first and second time this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.

(c) Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that By-law 2007-19 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Brookfield Power Wind Prince L.P. for the provision of year round maintenance to the portion of Maki Road north of Allard Lake to the City boundary be read three times and passed in Open Council this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.

Mayor J. Rowsell declared a pecuniary interest - son employed by Brookfield Wind.

(d) Moved by Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that By-law 2007-21 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and M. R. Wright and Associates Co. Ltd. concerning Biannual Municipal Bridge Inspections and Report be bridges in the City of Sault Ste. Marie be read three times and passed in Open Council this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.

10. (e) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2007-22 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Elliott Engineering Inc. concerning the resurfacing of Lyon's Avenue and improvements to the Lyon's Wellington intersection be read three times and passed in Open Council this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.
- (f) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2007-23 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-law 2005-151 concerning lands located at 104 Albert Street West be read three times and passed in Open Council this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.
- (g) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2007-24 being a by-law to authorize a lease between the City and Bell Mobility to allow Bell to erect a tower and equipment shelter at the northwest corner of Cathcart and West Streets be read three times and passed in Open Council this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.
- (h) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2007-25 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Diamond Software Inc. concerning the purchase of a financial information system be read three times and passed in Open Council this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.
- (i) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2007-26 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Avanti Software Inc. concerning the purchase of a financial information system be read three times and passed in Open Council this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.
- (j) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2007-27 being a by-law to authorize a replacement deed in favour of Judy Coutts for lots 163 and 164, Hamilton Subdivision, Plan 58 be read three times and passed in Open Council this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.

10. (k) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2007-28 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and the Sault Ste. Marie and District Group Health Association for the provision of Employee Assistance Services be read three times and passed in Open Council this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.
- (l) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2007-29 being a by-law to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Sault Area Hospital for funding toward the relocation of the Central Ambulance Communications Centre be read three times and passed in Open Council this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.
- (m) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2007-30 being a by-law to stop up, close and authorize the conveyance of a portion of the Black Road road allowance to the owner of 498 Black Road be read a first and second time this 29th day of January, 2007. CARRIED.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor S. Myers
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Resolved that Council suspend By-law 99-100 dealing with Council's rules of procedure to allow for completion of this evening's agenda beyond 5 hours in length. CARRIED.
- (b) Moved by Councillor J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that this Council shall now go into Caucus to discuss two legal solicitor-client privilege; two property possible land disposition and acquisition; one personal matter about identifiable individual; and two labour relations items; 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.

Mayor Rowsell, Councillors L. Tridico and B. Hayes each declared a pecuniary interest concerning one matter at the 2007 01 29 Council Caucus Meeting.

12.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"John Rowswell"

MAYOR

"Donna P. Irving"

CLERK