

ADDENDUM #1

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2007 08 27

4:30 P.M.

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (b) A News Release from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs concerning Downtown Revitalization Initiative to Foster New Economic Growth is attached for the information of Council.

(m) **Council Travel Budget**

A memo from Mayor John Rowswell is attached for the consideration of Council.

Mover - Councillor S. Myers

Seconder - Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the request from Mayor John Rowswell in a memo dated 2007 08 24 for authorization from Council that the 2007 International Travel Budget allocation for members of Council in the amount of \$7,000.00 be transferred to the Mayor's 2007 Travel Budget to cover expenses incurred for his international travel to China in April 2007 be approved.

6. (5) LEGAL

(a) **Letter From Residents of Red Pine Drive to Have the City Pay the Costs for Upgrading Red Pine Drive**

A letter concerning this item is attached for the information of council.

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

(a) **AMO Conference Report**

A report to Council from Councillor Lou Turco concerning the 2007 AMO Conference is attached for the information of Council.



news release

For Immediate Release
August 14, 2007

MCGUINTY GOVERNMENT INVESTS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

Downtown Revitalization Initiative to Foster New Economic Growth

SAULT STE. MARIE - The McGuinty government is investing in an initiative that will enhance and diversify Sault Ste. Marie's downtown, David Oraziotti, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie, announced today on behalf of Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

"Our government recognizes the importance of improving Sault Ste. Marie's downtown through attracting new businesses, creating and retaining jobs and strengthening the local economy," said Oraziotti. "Successful implementation of this revitalization initiative will help position our community as an attractive tourist destination, as well as a great place to live and do business."

The province will contribute \$570,000 to help the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and its partner, the Queenstown Association, implement the initiative.

"Thanks to the support of the provincial government, we can now proceed with our three year project of enhancing our downtown," said Mayor John Rowswell, City of Sault Ste. Marie. "Private sector financial incentive programs, building façade improvements, and building restoration are all parts of our community improvement plan to foster new economic growth."

This is just one more example of how, working together, Ontarians have achieved results in northern Ontario. Other examples include:

- Improving northern highways by investing more than \$1.8 billion over five years in highway expansions and improvements through the Northern Highways Strategy
- Investing in northern health care - this year, a \$15-million investment will help reduce wait times in the northwest and northeast LHINs and expand and improve hospitals in North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sioux Lookout, Thunder Bay and Sudbury
- Making available more than \$1 billion over five years in assistance for the forestry industry.

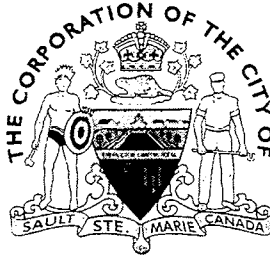
Today's investment was made through the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program, which invests in community-based projects that support sustainable rural economies in three priority areas: improved access to health care services, revitalized communities and downtowns, and enhanced skills training.

Through the RED Program, the province has invested \$33 million in 118 projects, representing a total investment of \$204.6 million in rural Ontario, since 2003. The Ontario government and its partners are building strong rural communities that work better for the people who live in them.

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John Rowswell, M.Eng., P.Eng., P.E.
MAYOR



August 24, 2007

Memo To: Councillors

Subject: Mayor's Travel Allowance

Earlier this year, the China trip consumed about half of the Mayor's travel budget. There is approximately \$1,100 remaining in this account.

In the Mayor and Council budget, we put aside \$7,000 for Council members for international travel. As no more international travel is planned for this year, I request that this allocation of \$7,000 for Council international travel be transferred to the Mayor's international travel to China this year.

As I expect to have further meetings with the Northern Mayors and Ministers both provincially and federally this fall, I request this internal account transfer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rowswell,
Mayor

Attachment

Travel Amounts, Statement of Objectives and Travel Report

- (10) The following provisions shall apply to travel by members of Council:
- (1) Starting in 2006 the maximum amount allotted to the Mayor for travel shall be \$24,000 for attendance at conferences, conventions, seminars, Association meetings or meeting relating to City business. In addition, the Mayor is allotted \$2,000 for receptions.
 - (2) Starting in 2006 the maximum amount allotted for each Councillor travel shall be \$2,500 for attendance at conferences and conventions;
 - (3) In addition to the amount set out in subsection 2 of this section, the sum of \$1,500 shall be provided in 2006 to permit a Councillor who is a member of the executive of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to attend Association executive or business meetings and \$1,500 to permit a Councillor who is a Member of the executive of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities to attend executive or business meetings.
 - (4) In addition to the amounts set out in subsections 2 and 3 of this section, a total additional amount of \$7,000 shall be provided to Councillors to undertake international travel.
 - (5) The amounts set out in this by-law shall be reviewed annually by Council.
 - (6) The Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer shall be responsible for approving travel expense reports submitted by the Members of Council but only if the travel expense reports comply with the provisions of this by-law.
 - (7) As soon as conveniently possible after the return of the Member of Council from a conference, convention or meeting for which travel funds were paid pursuant to this by-law, the member shall submit to Council a report on the conference, convention or meeting.

6.(5)(a)

Judy Biocchi

From: rgreenberg@pol.net
Sent: August 24, 2007 11:54 AM
To: James Caicco
Subject: Red Pine Drive

We are writing about the proposal to improve Red Pine Drive at Pointe Aux Pins.

Our family has owned property at 566 Red Pine Drive for seventy years and at 572 Red Pine Drive for eight years.

We are opposed to any removal of trees for widening or straightening of Red Pine Drive. We are opposed to the city having any right of way on either side of Red Pine Drive. At present there are only four permanent, year-round residences on this road.

We believe that the majority of owners would be very opposed to the removal of any trees or the upgrading of Red Pine Drive.

We believe that because of the taxes we pay and the lack of civic water, sewage or door to door garbage collection an alternative to altering the road would be to leave the road as is and to continue to plough it in the winter on a permanent basis.

As we will be out of town, we will not be in attendance at the Monday meeting about Red Pine Drive. We would have presented these arguments and given the chance, voted as the owners of properties on Red Pine Drive to leave the road as is and to have the city plough the snow in the winter on a permanent basis.

Dr Ronald Greenberg & Mrs Angela Nori
566 & 572 Red Pine Drive
Sault Ste Marie, ON
705 779 3800

8/24/2007

**Report to Council
2007 AMO Conference
Ottawa, Ontario**

Submitted by:

**Councillor Lou Turco,
City of Sault Ste. Marie Representative to AMO
Board Member, Large Urban Caucus**

More than 1700 delegates from municipalities across Ontario including 19 Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants from the Federal and Provincial Governments attended the 2007 Association of Municipalities (AMO) AGM and Conference from August 20 to August 22. The theme of this year's conference is "A Postcard from Ontario's Municipality".

Municipal issues will feature prominently in this fall's Provincial Election and all three Political Parties addressed the conference. The annual AMO conference is Ontario's foremost educational forum for municipal governance. More than 30 sessions and workshops were scheduled on topics such as:

- Fiscal challenges**
- Climate Change**
- Infrastructure Renewal**
- Property Taxes**
- Relations with First Nations**
- Homelessness**
- Energy and Conservation**
- The Clean Water Act**
- Community Safety and Waste Management**

I had the opportunity to hear presentations by:

- Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario**
- John Gerretson, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing**
- Jim Flaherty, Federal Minister of Finance**
- Lawrence Cannon, Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities**
- John Tory, Ontario Progressive Conservative Party Leader**

- **Howard Hampton, Ontario New Democratic Party Leader**
- **Jay Hope, Ontario Commissioner of Community Safety**
- **Robert Fischer, Political Analyst and CBC News Personality**
- **Stuart McLean, CBC Radio Personality**
- **Steven Mahoney, Chair, Workplace Safety Insurance Board**

I had the pleasure to chair a session on Tuesday entitled "What's New In Planning". On behalf of District Social Services Board, I had the opportunity to meet with Minister Marilyn Chambers, Minister of Community and Social Services. During my discussion, I urged the Minister to proceed with a pilot to develop a base funding model including participations from Northern DSSAB's and further, that the Ministry of Children and Youth Services allocate sufficient funding to DSSAB's that reflects a fair cost to provide childcare services as there are inconsistent practices across the North.

Also, aside from the actual conference itself, I attended the AMO outgoing Board Meetings on Saturday, Aug. 18 and Sunday, Aug. 19 and a FONOM Board Meeting on Sunday afternoon prior to the start of AMO's Opening Night.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend heartfelt thanks to fellow Councillors Susan Myers, Terry Sheehan, Steve Butland and Jamie Caicco for their valued support and assistance in my re-election bid to the AMO Board of Directors.

Next year's conference will be held in Ottawa once again from August 24 to August 27. For information about next year's conference, please visit the AMO website at www.amo.on.ca