

## MINUTES

### TWIN SAULTS – JOINT COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEETING

2008 02 27 – 2:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
99 FOSTER DRIVE  
SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO**

**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)  
Mayor T. Bosbous, Commissioners W. Munsell, R. Bauer, M. Burton, D. Gerrie, W. Lynn, J. Stefanski

**OFFICIALS:** J. Fratesi, D. Irving, S. Nebel, R. Troyer

#### 1. **Opening Comments**

*Mayor Tony Bosbous*

*Call to Order*

*Roll Call*

*Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Mayor John Rowswell*

*Introduction of City Council*

*Moved by*

*Councillor S. Myers*

*Seconded by*

*Councillor F. Fata*

*Resolved that City Council now proceed into the Committee of the Whole to consider the following matter referred to it for consideration – Twin Saults – Joint Council/Commission Meeting. CARRIED.*

*Spencer Nebel, City Manager, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan - Introduced senior staff in attendance*

*Joe Fratesi, Chief Administrative Officer, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario - Introduced senior staff in attendance*

#### 2. **Joint International Bridge Authority**

Phil Becker, General Manager, International Bridge Authority was in attendance and provided an update and review of the status of projects and initiatives planned or underway to address the financial challenges and infrastructure deficiencies facing the International Bridge Administration. A power point presentation was provided.

Phil Becker on behalf of the Joint International Bridge Authority presented a framed resolution of appreciation to the City of Sault Ste. Marie Ontario for providing the International Bridge Administration access to city digital aerial photography files and engineering control point survey data free of charge to assist the development plans for the bridge infrastructure improvement projects.

3. **U.S. Customs and Border Protection - Canada Border Services Agency - A Review of Current Travel Requirements**

Devin Chamberlain, Port Director U.S. Customs and Border Protection was in attendance and provided an update of the January 31, 2008 travel documentation required and options to prove identity and citizenship at the U. S. Border. A power point presentation was provided. Patricia DeVincenzo, Senior Officer Trade Compliance Canada Border Services Agency was in attendance and provided information concerning the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and necessary documentation when entering the U.S. A power point presentation was provided.

4. **Sault International Arts Festival**

Dr. Rodney Lowman, President, Lake Superior State University was in attendance and provided an update on the Sault Ste. Marie International Arts Festival being officially launched June 28, 2008. A power point presentation was provided.

5. **(a) New Wastewater Treatment Plant and  
(b) Future Efforts in Cleaning St. Mary's River**

(a) Don Elliott, Director of Engineering Services was in attendance and provided an overview of the East End Wastewater Treatment Plant operations. A power point presentation was provided.

(b) Jason Hamilton, St. Mary's River Remedial Action Plan Coordinator, Ministry of Environment was in attendance and provided an update of the St. Mary's River Ecosystem Remedial Action Plan. A power point presentation was provided.

6. **General Discussion Topics**

(a) **Sharing of Fire Services**

Lynn McCoy, Fire Chief Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and Ken Eagle, Fire Chief Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan were in attendance and provided an update of sharing of fire services and efforts to expedite border crossings for emergency fire purposes by fire department personnel.

(b) **Update on Super Lock Project**

Spencer Nebel, City Manager provided an update on the Super Lock Project and advised that construction could begin possibly as early as 2009.

(c) **Joint Initiatives in Building Relationships/Events**

Councillor Terry Sheehan raised the possibility of an international festival around July 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> annually which could include a joint fireworks display and suggested a committee be formed to discuss the feasibility. Councillor Susan Myers suggested that the former International Joint Relations Committee could be resurrected. Mayor John Rowswell appointed Councillors Sheehan and Myers, along with appropriate staff, to a Mayor's Advisory Committee to follow up on this initiative.

6. (d) **Invasive Species Research Institute**

Councillor James Caicco raised the topic of the ongoing efforts by Science Enterprise Algoma to establish an Invasive Species Research Institute in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and asked the Sault Ste. Marie Michigan City Commission to consider providing its support for the project.

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor S. Butland

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie City Council has expressed its strong support for the establishment of an Invasive Species Research Institute to be located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; and

Whereas the establishment of the institute will support regional, national and international efforts to defend against the threats posed by invasive pests of urban and commercial forest ecosystems;

Now therefore be it resolved that Sault Ste. Marie Michigan City Commission be requested to consider a presentation at a future Commission Meeting from Errol Caldwell, Executive Director, Science Enterprise Algoma concerning the establishment of the Institute and a request for support. CARRIED.

(e) **Multi-Modal Transportation initiative**

Bill Therriault, Chair/Coordinator, Multi-Modal Task Force was in attendance and provided an update on the Sault Ste. Marie Multi-Modal Initiative. A power point presentation was provided.

(f) **FONOM Conference - May 2008**

Mayor John Rowswell invited Mayor Tony Bosbous and the City Commission to register for the upcoming Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Conference being held in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario May 14 to 16, 2008 being held at the Great Northern Resort and Conference Centre.

7. **City Flag Exchange**

Mayor John Rowswell and Mayor Tony Bosbous exchanged flags of their respective cities.

*Moved by Councillor S. Myers*

*Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti*

*Resolved that the Committee of the Whole now rise and report on the matter referred to it by City Council - Twin Saults – Joint Council/Commission Meeting. CARRIED.*

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor F. Fata

Whereas the Mayors and members of Sault Ste. Marie Ontario City Council and Sault Ste. Marie Michigan City Commission concur that there are mutual benefits derived from the meeting of the Twin Saults Joint Council/Commission held on this date, February 27, 2008;

Be it resolved that an annual meeting of the Twin Saults - Joint Council/Commission to discuss issues of mutual interest be endorsed. CARRIED.

8. **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti

Resolved that this Twin Saults Joint Council/Commission meeting shall now adjourn.  
CARRIED.

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"John Rowswell"

**MAYOR**

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"Donna P. Irving"

**CLERK**