

ADDENDUM

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2009 01 26

4:30 P.M.

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) Further correspondence from AMO is attached for the information of Council.

(k) **Council Travel**

Mover - Councillor S. Butland
Seconded - Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that Mayor John Rowswell be authorized to travel to Austria as part of the Sault Ste. Marie delegation, a trade mission of Canadian economic development officials and business experts, concerning renewable energy and environmental technology (8 days in February) at an estimated cost to the City of \$3,500.00 be approved.

(dd) **Sault Ste. Marie Transportation Initiatives**

A report of the Chief Administrative Officer is attached for the consideration of Council.

Mover - Councillor S. Butland
Seconded - Councillor J. Caicco

Whereas improvement to transportation infrastructure has long been identified by City Council and the Sault Ste. Marie Global Gateway Transportation Committee as absolutely essential to the sustainability and growth of our region; and

Whereas representatives of both the City and the Committee have recently made presentations to the Federal and Provincial governments concerning "Transportation Opportunities in Sault Ste. Marie", given our obvious strategic location and potential; and

Whereas the opportunities to grow our region and Northern Ontario will depend heavily on the senior levels of government participating in the renewal and expansion of existing transportation infrastructure; and

5. (dd) Whereas our region's most immediate and critical need is the improvement and expansion of our local port/harbour facilities, which will allow for the growth of not only major industry in Sault Ste. Marie, including Essar Algoma Steel and Tenaris Algoma Tubes, but also initiatives throughout all of Northern Ontario; and

Whereas the development of a new deep water port/harbour in Sault Ste. Marie would fit nicely into the principles of current Federal initiatives and the Northern Growth Plan, currently being finalized, in that it would act as a major stimulant and facilitator for new and sustainable growth in the new economy of Northern Ontario;

Now therefore be it resolved that City Council supports and endorses private sector efforts to develop a new and expanded deep water port/harbour facility in Sault Ste. Marie to help grow the economy of all of Northern Ontario and further that City Council encourages both the Federal and Provincial governments, as part of their efforts to stimulate the economy, to look favourably at assisting with this initiative.

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ALERT

MEMBER COMMUNICATION

ALERT N°: 09/003

To the attention of the Clerk and Council
January 23, 2009

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Reminder

February 6, 2009 Deadline to Respond to Government's Initial Proposed AODA Information and Communications Standard

Issue:

AMO is urging its members to review and respond to the government's Initial Proposed AODA Information and Communications draft standard by the February 6, 2009 deadline. As currently drafted the standard will have far reaching fiscal impacts on municipal budgets.

Background:

On November 11, 2008, the Government released the draft Information and Communications Standard as part of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)*.

The draft Information and Communications standard proposes the scope by which the public and private sector must provide information and communications to the public through print, telephone, electronically (websites, email, communications etc.) and in person. If adopted, the Proposed Standard would require municipalities to comply by December 31, 2011.

AMO's key concerns are related to scope of the standards, the timing and the resulting high costs of compliance. Given the economic climate, the potential costs related to the scope and timing set out in the standard are not affordable and would have a significant impact on property taxes and the competitiveness of business in our communities.

The consultation material for the draft standard includes a costs analysis commissioned by the Government and undertaken by KPMG.

The KPMG report estimates the potential incremental cost of the standards for four public and private sector entities including a municipality in Southern Ontario with a population of 35,000 and an annual operating budget of \$140,000,000. It estimates that added costs for the sample municipality to be, "between 1% -- 3% of its annual operating costs." For the purpose of illustration a 1% -- 3% increase in the annual operating budgets of all municipalities in Ontario would be between \$300,000,000 and \$900,000,000 a year.

In addition to the above, AMO will address the following issues in its response to the draft standard:

- AMO's ongoing support for accessibility and concern regarding the lack of affordability and practicality regarding the implementation of the AODA generally and the proposed Information and Communications standard specifically;
- The unmanageable expectations associated with the scope of the standard specific to business enterprise system upgrades;
- The impact of staggered implementation and timing of the standard across sectors;
- The lack of clarity and potential for the degradation of services related to accessible formats and methods (because of unmanageable costs);
- The cost and human resource impacts associated with the ongoing training of staff through the implementation of all standards;
- The unreasonable expectation on those running for municipal council to have the same responsibility as sector organizations; and
- The cost impact on smaller municipalities related to accessible municipal elections.

Action:

AMO will provide feedback and recommendations to the Minister and the standard development committee, which developed the proposed standard.

AMO encourages municipalities to review and respond to the draft standard by the deadline of February 6, 2009.

This information is available in the Policy Issues section of the AMO website at www.amo.on.ca.



AMO is holding its second Urban Symposium. The theme of the 2009 Urban Symposium is DiverseCity, and will explore a wide range of ideas related to diversity and urban life in Ontario. Some of the ideas we will explore include:

- Progressive examples of what some municipalities are doing to meet the needs of an aging population.
- How to create a welcoming community for immigrant settlement
- Dealing with generational diversity in the workplace.
- Strategies for fostering greater equity representation in elected office.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear from keynote speaker:

Adam Gopnik



Adam's presentation on "Our City's Future" is a unique and creative look at what are the underpinnings of a progressive city and what makes a culture thrive. A well known commentator on modern life and culture, Adam is an award winning author and journalist and has written for *The New Yorker* since 1986, and has also been a CBC commentator. Adam has divided his urban living between Montreal, Paris and New York.

Last year's Urban Symposium in Windsor was a great success. Your participation in the 2009 Urban Symposium will make this event a success once again.

Don't miss this unique opportunity - register online or via the attached PDF registration form today.



For more information on the 2009 Urban Symposium please refer to the AMO website at www.amo.on.ca

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April 6 - 7, 2009
Courtyard Marriott
Brampton, Ontario

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Title or Function: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

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REGISTRATION FEES (does not include hotel accomodation*)

	Early Bird Until Mar. 10	Regular After Mar. 10	Amount
AMO Member	\$ 495.00	\$ 505.00	\$ _____
Provincial/Federal Government	\$ 505.00	\$ 515.00	\$ _____
Non-member	\$ 515.00	\$ 525.00	\$ _____
		5% GST	\$ _____
		TOTAL DUE	\$ _____

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Refund Policy: Cancellations must be made in writing and received by AMO no later than March 25, 2009.
An administration fee of \$ 75.00 + 5% GST (\$78.75) will apply. Cancellations received after March 25, 2009 will not be refunded.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO:

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*The official hotel for the Symposium is the Courtyard Marriott
Brampton, located at 90 Biscayne Crescent, Brampton.

Special room rates have been negotiated at the official hotel
and reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling
reservations at (905) 455-9000

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January 23, 2009

Dear Mayors and Members of Council:

RE: Blue Box Material Commodity Markets

Over the past few months, most Ontario municipalities have encountered problems marketing printed papers and packaging materials collected through residential Blue Box programs. Demand for both primary and secondary resources has declined dramatically, in reaction to the deterioration in global economic conditions. As global demand for finished products has declined, markets have purchased less material and reduced the prices offered for recyclable materials.

Some municipalities have contacted Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO), Stewardship Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) questioning whether stockpiling Blue Box materials might bring higher revenues in a few months. After considering the state of local, national, and international commodity markets and the general economic uncertainty, WDO, Stewardship Ontario and AMO have concluded that municipalities should:

- take every opportunity to market materials to recycling markets, even at reduced revenues;
- where marketing materials, even at reduced revenues, is not an available option, market materials to recycling markets that charge a tip fee, making every effort to minimize tip fees paid;
- for paper fibres, where it is not feasible to market materials even at reduced revenues or tip fees, direct materials to permitted composting facilities and, where the composting facilities are operated by municipalities, make every effort to market the resulting compost for revenue; and
- for non-paper materials, where it is not feasible to market materials even at reduced revenues or tip fees, hold materials pending increased market demand.

We appreciate that your net costs to collect, process and market Blue Box materials are increasing as a result of declining revenue. Under the Blue Box Program Plan, 50% of the net municipal Blue Box system cost is off-set by funding from Blue Box stewards. If you continue to divert Blue Box materials, higher costs incurred over the fall of 2008 will be reflected in the net cost calculation that WDO provides to Stewardship Ontario for the purposes of setting the 2010 stewards fees. Similarly, higher net costs in 2009 will be factored into setting the 2011 Blue Box stewards' fees so that the 50% steward cost sharing will be maintained.

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Under the Blue Box Program Plan, newspaper publishers meet their steward obligation through an in-kind contribution of lineage. If municipalities incur higher costs for managing newspaper, the higher steward contribution in future years may be in the form of lineage.

WDO, Stewardship Ontario and AMO continue to seek opportunities to support and strengthen Ontario's markets for secondary resources. While we all struggle through these difficult economic times, we encourage you to continue to direct your Blue Box materials to available markets.

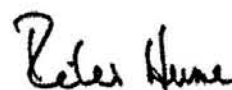
Sincerely,



Glenda Gies
Executive Director
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Gemma Zecchini
CEO
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Peter Hume
President
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From: Randy Tallon
Sent: January 23, 2009 3:12 PM
To: Donna Irving
Cc: Renee Wysynski; 'john@rowswellengineers.com'; Bruce Strapp; Mike Wozny
Subject: RE: Mayor travelling to Austria
Attachments: Program.pdf

Dates of travel are February 22- March 1, 2009 and the SSM Delegation is made up of following:

- >Mayor John Rowswell, M. Eng., P. Eng, P.E. City of Sault Ste. Marie,
- >Jay Zwierschke, President Elementa Group (formerly EnQuest Power Corporation)
- >Gordon Acton, President St. Mary's Paper Corp
- >Dr. Luc Duchesne President/Chief Executive Officer and Norman R. Jaehrling Vice President/Chief Operating Officer SITTM Technologies and FBinc (*Forest BioProducts Incorporated*)
- >Randy Tallon Director, International Relations\Global Logistics Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation

Dr. Luck Austrian Consult General Trade Commissioner, the Austrian Consulate General and the Canadian Embassy in Vienna are organizing a mission of Canadian economic development officials and business experts to Austria with regard to renewable energy and environmental technology from February 23rd -27th. Dr. Luck sent a personal invitation to Mayor John Rowswell and the SSMEDC to participate immediately following Austria trip to Sault Ste. Marie in November 2008.

Dr. Luck has a maximum number of 20 participant seats. Eleven experts from BC, Sudbury, North Bay, Sault St. Marie and Quebec have already confirmed their participation. Find more details in the attached program above.

If you require more details please let me know. Regards Randy Tallon

Incoming Mission Canada - Renewable Energy February 23rd – 27th, 2009



Program



Sunday, February 22

- Arrival in Vienna

Monday, February 23

Morning:

- Kick off Event at the HQ of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Vienna
(<http://wko.at/awo/chamberinfo.htm>)

- Presentations followed by Q&A:

Umbrella Organization Energy Climate Protection
(http://www.energieklima.at/ziele_0.html?&L=2)

Austrian Biomass Association and Vienna Energy (District Heating in the city of Vienna)

Afternoon:

- On site visit of biomass plant Simmering and District Heating Plant Spittelau, Vienna

Tuesday, 24 – Wednesday, 25

- Visit of District Heating and Cogeneration Plants fuelled with biomass in the provinces of Lower Austria, Upper Austria and Burgenland in smaller municipalities
- Binder Gmbh, Energy from Biomass, Bärnbach, Styria
(<http://www.binder-gmbh.at/Englisch/>)

Thursday, February 26

- VIP Visit World Sustainable Energy Days in Wels, Upper Austria (<http://www.wsed.at>)

Friday, February 27

- Visit Town of Guessing, Styria – first city in Europe which covered its entire energy supply from local renewable energy sources
(http://www.solarteuer.at/downloads/EEE_Modell_Güssing_engl.pdf)

Program ends at 4pm

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Trade Mission Initiatives	Reason	Target Date	Official Senior Municipal Representation Required
1. SSM to Austria Exploratory Outgoing Mission – Renewable Energy February 2009 (Town of Guessing and Vienna)	There will be networking opportunities, including discussions with high level businesses, government officials and politicians. Fact finding and determine feasibility of a future in-bound mission to SSM	Planning for February 21-28, 2009	Yes
2. SSM to India Out-bound Mission March/April 2009 (Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, Mumbai)	There will be business-to-business matches and networking opportunities, including discussions with high-level government officials and politicians	Planning for March 28 – April 5, 2009	Yes
3. SSM to Maia Portugal Out-bound Trade Mission June 2009	There will be business-to-business matches and networking opportunities, including discussions with high-level government officials and politicians. There will be a renewed Maia-Sault Ste. Marie Sister City Arrangement	Planning for June 1-10, 2009	Yes
4. Estonia to SSM In-bound Exploratory Mission	Fact finding and determine feasibility of full in-bound mission to SSM	TBD Fall 2009/Spring 2010	Yes Full City Council
5. SSM to Bergamo Italy Exploratory Out-bound Mission	There will be networking opportunities, including discussions with high level businesses, government officials and politicians. Fact finding and determine feasibility of in-bound mission to SSM	TBD for Fall 2009/Spring 2010	No
6. Finland to SSM In-bound Mission (Coincide with SSM Fin Fest 2010)	There will be business-to-business matches and networking opportunities, including discussions with high-level government officials and politicians. Support Fin Fest 2010	Planning for July 25- August 2, 2010	Yes Full City Council

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Mayor John Rowswell
and Members of City Council

RE: SAULT STE. MARIE TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

As Council is well aware, the City, alone and in partnership with others has long been involved in serious attempts to improve the transportation infrastructure in and around Sault Ste. Marie and region. This has involved significant reviews by transportation experts who have looked at the very real possibilities for growth in our region because of our strategic location.

Earlier reviews have concluded that Sault Ste. Marie's best chances for growth involve significant improvements in highway, rail, and deep water transportation infrastructure. As well, all have agreed that significant improvements need to occur at the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge, especially in regard to the Canadian Bridge Plaza.

Council has recently supported the formation of a committee, the Global Gateway Transportation Committee, to deal with the development of an overall strategy for the transportation needs of our community and region. Included on this Committee, which is chaired by Bill Therriault, are representatives of the City (myself and Jerry Dolcetti), local industry, Huron Central Railway, the International Bridge Authority, the Chamber of Commerce, EDC and CDC. This Committee also has as resource/advisory to it, representatives of the Federal and Provincial governments, who have been very helpful with their organizational assistance in making presentations.

The purpose of this Committee is to ensure that four target areas for improvement (International Bridge Initiative, Deep Water Port Initiative, Short Line Rail/Multi-Modal Initiative and Serviced Industrial Land Initiative), and all of those working on them, are complementary to each other and not working at cross-purposes.

Recently, representatives of the Committee (Bill Therriault, Jerry Dolcetti and Don Mitchell) have made presentations to both the Federal government in Ottawa and the Provincial government in Toronto. These presentations were made in anticipation of soon-to-be announced infrastructure improvement initiatives, which are intended to help kick-start the economy. These presentations provided an overview of Sault Ste. Marie and its inherent advantages for transportation. They also outlined the strategy, which has been developed by our community, including a well-reasoned discussion about infrastructure requirements. How these improvements could benefit not only Sault Ste. Marie's growth, but all of Northern Ontario was highlighted. Both levels of government were encouraged to provide guidance on how local industries might participate.

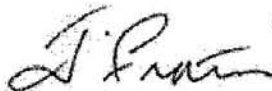
All three members of the Committee felt that the presentations were well received by both levels of government. Sault Ste. Marie was congratulated for having a strong vision and strategy in place to move forward with identified priorities. It was clear that there was solid community support for all of the initiatives that had been discussed but that all parties, notwithstanding their specific initiative, were most supportive of the deep water harbour/port development as the number one priority that needed to go forward for the benefit of not only our community but all of Northern Ontario. Representatives of both senior levels of government emphasized the importance of prioritizing our initiatives.

Because the initiatives involved growth in several economic sectors in the North and because they focused on new green environmental approaches, significant support appeared to be present. Also of note, was a commitment that these developments will be private sector led with private sector investment.

These presentations were timely, given the Throne Speech is being given today, followed by the Federal Budget tomorrow. As well, the Province of Ontario is in the final stages of developing a growth plan for Northern Ontario. The initiatives and the strategy that has been developed in Sault Ste. Marie fit nicely within the policies and priorities of the Provincial Northern Ontario Growth Plan.

Council will have heard recent comments from local industry about the critical importance of moving ahead with the new deep water harbour/port. The Global Gateway Transportation Committee quite agrees and therefore urges City Council to pass a resolution indicating its support, so that immediate steps can be taken to work with local industry and the senior levels of government towards achieving this goal. Such a resolution has been prepared and appears on your agenda this evening.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Administrative Officer

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Global Gateway Transportation Committee