

MINUTES

TWIN SAULTS – JOINT COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEETING

2009 02 11 – 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, L. Tridico, F. Fata, T. Sheehan, S. Butland, F. Manzo, P. Mick
Mayor T. Bosbous, Commissioners W. Munsell, M. Burton, R. Bauer, D. Gerrie, J. Stefanski, W. Lynn

ABSENT: Councillors S. Myers, O. Grandinetti

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

1. **Opening Remarks**

Mayor Tony Bosbous
Call to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Spencer Nebel, City Manager - Introduction of staff in attendance

Mayor John Rowswell
Introduction of City Council
Joe Fratesi, Chief Administrative Officer - Introduction of staff in attendance

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

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.

2. **Joint International Bridge Authority - Presentation**

Phil Becker, General Manager, International Bridge Authority was in attendance and provided an update on the Joint International Bridge Authority including 2008 accomplishments, 2009 goals, toll plaza redevelopment project and proposed toll schedule. A power point presentation was provided.

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

Devin Chamberlain, Port Director U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Leroy Frazier, Assistant Port Director and Public Affairs Liaison – Sault Ste. Marie Michigan; James Cameron, Chief of Operations Canada Border Services Agency and Anna-Lisa Walker, Senior Officer Trade Compliance Canada Border Services Agency – Sault Ste. Marie Ontario; and Ian McMillan, Executive Director Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Ontario were in attendance. Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Cameron each provided an update and comments on current cross border travel requirements, issues and concerns, and Mr. McMillan provided an update and comments concerning tourism-related border travel.

4. **International Family Fun Night – December 31st 2008 – A Post-Event Discussion and Plans for December 31st, 2009**

Councillor Terry Sheehan and Commissioner Jeff Stefanski on behalf of the International Family Fun Night Committee provided a post event report on the December 31, 2008 event that was held in Sault Ontario. Sault Ste. Marie City Commission passed the following motion:

That the Sault Ste. Marie Michigan City Commission and the Sault Ste. Marie Ontario City Council appropriate \$10,000.00 in each City's next fiscal year budget to continue International Family Fun Night on December 31, 2009 and authorize the International Family Fun Night Committee to plan the second annual Twin Sault event to celebrate the unique relationship that exists between our two communities.

Note: Sault Ste. Marie City Council will consider the matter of a \$10,000.00 financial contribution for the 2009 event during 2009 Budget deliberations.

5. **Transportation Initiatives**

Jerry Dolcetti, Commissioner of Engineering and Planning provided an update on Transportation Opportunities in Sault Ste. Marie. A power point presentation was provided.

6. **Community Issues**

Spencer Nebel, City Manager provided comments on issues in Sault Michigan including the Sault Super Lock Project, the SuperWalmart Project expected to be completed in July, a Smart Zone designation for the community, \$18M construction in 2008 and several medical offices under construction, downturn in economy expected for two years which will affect municipal revenue.

Joe Fratesi, Chief Administrative Officer provided comments on issues in Sault Ontario including recent major accomplishments – Essar Centre, Infrastructure Renewal – east end sewage treatment plant now operating well, MTO site recently renovated, Algoma University full university status, more than \$23M in recent local road works, green initiatives, working towards being the energy capital of Canada, important projects including deep water harbour and short line rail.

7. **Archival Documents Exchange – Shared History**

Liz Rossnagel, CEO and Director of Libraries, Sault Ste. Marie Ontario; and Kenneth B. Miller Jr, Director Bayliss Public Library, Sault Ste. Marie Michigan were in attendance for an exchange of archival documents (historical maps) which will now be displayed at each City's public library.

8. **U.S. Fire Department Presentation**

Fire Chief Ken Eagle made a presentation of a framed citation to retiring Fire Chief Lynn McCoy.

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor F. Fata

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.

Resolutions are for the consideration by the Mayor and City Commission of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and the Mayor and City Council of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; each in accordance with the respective rules and regulations which govern their actions.

Moved by Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes

Whereas Canada is probably one of only a few jurisdictions where its national passport has a five year expiry compared to most countries, including the United States, which has ten years; and

Whereas there is considerable cost and delay as well as inconvenience to Canadians who are now expected to acquire passports for foreign travel purposes;

Now therefore be it resolved that Sault Ste. Marie Ontario City Council, with the support of the Sault Ste. Marie Michigan City Commission, urges our Federal Government to consider extending to ten years the life of the Canadian passport document in line with other countries. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes

Resolved that on behalf of the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, City Council offers its congratulations to our American friends and to President Barack Obama on his recent inauguration as the 44th President of the United States of America and further that City Council expresses a sincere wish for the continued excellent relationships between our respective countries throughout the term of this new administration as is demonstrated by our Twin Cities ongoing excellent relationship. CARRIED.

8.

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 11, 2009;
Be it resolved that an annual meeting of the Twin Saults - Joint Council/Commission to discuss issues of mutual interest be endorsed. CARRIED.

9. **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that this Twin Saults Joint Council/Commission Meeting shall now adjourn;
and further that Council and Commission members re-assemble to jointly cheer for the Sault Greyhounds (Hounds vs. Sudbury) at 7:00 p.m. at the Essar Centre. CARRIED.

"Ozzie Grandinetti"

ACTING MAYOR

"Donna P. Irving"

CLERK