

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2010 01 25

4:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor J. Rowswell (left meeting at 6:30 p.m.), Acting Mayor B. Hayes, Councillors J. Caicco, L. Turco, D. Celetti, O. Grandinetti, L. Tridico, F. Fata, T. Sheehan, S. Butland, F. Manzo, P. Mick

ABSENT: Councillor S. Myers (hospitalized)

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, D. Irving, L. Bottos, N. Apostle, J. Elliott, L. Girardi, B. Freiburger, J. Dolcetti, M. Zuppa, D. McConnell, I. McMillan, S. Hollingshead

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by - Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by - Councillor F. Manzo

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2010 01 11 be approved. CARRIED.

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

3. **APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Moved by - Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by - Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the Agenda for the 2010 01 25 City Council Meeting as presented be approved. CARRIED.

Mover - Councillor S. Butland

Seconder - Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the Addendum for the 2010 01 25 City Council meeting as presented be approved. CARRIED.

4. **DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- (a) Robin McDonald, President Bon Soo Winter Carnival was in attendance concerning Proclamation – Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo Time.

4. (b) Peter Gorrie, an environmental journalist was in attendance at the Green Committee's request to address Council concerning alternative vehicles.
- (c) James Rennison was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(6)(a).
- (d) Lisa Vezeau-Allen Executive Director, Sault Youth Association was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(a).

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 2010 01 25 - Part One - Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED.

- (a) Correspondence from AMO, OGRA and FONOM was received by Council.
- (b) Correspondence from Ontario Lottery and Gaming advising that the quarterly payment of the 5% allocation from October 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 is \$338,643 was received by Council.
- (c) A letter from the Minister of Northern Development Mines and Forestry concerning Sault Ste. Marie, an International American Tourism Gateway to Northern Ontario was received by Council.
- (d) Correspondence from Councillor S. Butland concerning hybrid vehicles was received by Council.

(e) **Staff Travel Requests**

The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was received 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 2010 01 25 be approved as requested. CARRIED.

(f) **Council Travel Request**

Moved by - Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by - Councillor O. Grandinetti

5. (f) Resolved that Councillor Lou Turco be authorized to travel to an AMO Board of Directors meeting being held in Toronto, Ontario (2 days in January) at a cost of \$300.00 to the City. CARRIED.

(g) **Property Tax Appeals**

The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council.

Moved by - Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by - Councillor F. Manzo

Resolved that Pursuant to Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001, the adjustments to the tax account as outlined in the City Tax Collector's report of 2010 01 25 be approved and the tax roll be amended accordingly. CARRIED.

(h) **Cultural Policy for the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie - Revisions**

The report of the Manager Recreation and Culture was accepted by Council.

Moved by - Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by - Councillor F. Manzo

Resolved that the report of the Manager Recreation and Culture on behalf of the Cultural Advisory Board dated 2010 01 25 concerning Cultural Policy for the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie – Revisions be accepted and the recommended revisions to the Cultural Policy as endorsed by the Cultural Advisory Board, be approved. CARRIED.

(i) **Property Standards Process and Jurisdiction**

The report of the Commissioner Engineering and Planning was received by Council.

Moved by - Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by - Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner Engineering and Planning dated 2010 01 25 concerning Property Standards Process and Jurisdiction be received as information. CARRIED.

(j) **Request for Proposals for City Insurance Coverage Commencing June 1, 2010**

The report of the City Solicitor was accepted by Council.

Moved by - Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by - Councillor F. Manzo

5. (j) Resolved that the report of the City Solicitor dated 2010 01 25 concerning Request for Proposals for City Insurance Coverage Commencing June 1, 2010 be accepted and the recommendation that the Legal Department be authorized to issue a request for proposals for the City's vehicle, liability and other insurance along with a risk management programme for the period starting June 1, 2010 be approved. CARRIED.

(k) **Annual Report – Downtown Development Initiative**

The report of the Planning Division was received by Council.

Moved by - Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by - Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2010 01 25 concerning Annual Report – Downtown Development Initiative be received as information and further that Council expresses its sincere appreciation to FedNor for its continuing support of this important project. CARRIED.

Councillor L. Tridico declared a pecuniary interest – family member is an applicant for Downtown Development Initiative funding.

(l) **Application A-3-10-Z City of Sault Ste. Marie - Minor Amendments to Zoning By-law 2005-150 and Special Exceptions By-law 2005-151 – Notice of Public Hearing – March 8, 2010.**

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 2010 01 25 concerning Application No. A-3-10-Z – City of Sault Ste. Marie Planning Division – Minor amendments to Zoning By-law 2005-150 and Special Exceptions By-law 2005-151 be accepted and the Planning Director's recommendation that City Council accept this report as information and authorize staff to give public notice for Council's consideration of these matters on the March 8, 2010, agenda be endorsed. CARRIED.

(m) **Process a Constituent Should Follow in the Event of a Sewer Backup**

The report of the Deputy Commissioner Public Works and Transportation was received by Council.

Moved by - Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by - Councillor F. Manzo

Resolved that the report of the Deputy Commissioner Public Works and Transportation dated 2010 01 25 concerning Process a Constituent Should Follow in the Event of a Sewer Backup be received as information. CARRIED.

5. (n) **Sault Ste. Marie City Council and Local Boards Code of Conduct**

The report of the Chair, Code of Conduct Committee was received by Council.

Moved by - Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by - Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the Chair, Code of Conduct Committee dated 2010 01 25 concerning Sault Ste. Marie City Council and Local Boards Code of Conduct be received as information. CARRIED.

(o) **2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup - Update**

The report of the Executive Director Tourism Sault Ste. Marie was accepted by Council.

Moved by - Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by - Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the Executive Director Tourism Sault Ste. Marie dated 2010 01 25 concerning 2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup Update be accepted and the recommendation that Council authorize the agreement with CARHA for the 2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup; and
Further resolved that Council authorize the immediate payment of \$100,000 to CARHA (Council resolution dated 2009 01 26) with funds to come from the Economic Development Fund, be approved. CARRIED.

The relevant By-law 2010-23 is listed under item 10 of the minutes.

(p) The News Release from the Chief of Police concerning Project Action for Building a Community that is Drug Free (ABCD) was received by Council.

(q) **Hearing Date – Appeal of Boxing Day Question 2010 Municipal Election**

The report of the City Clerk was received by Council.

Moved by - Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by - Councillor O. Grandinetti

Resolved that the report of the City Clerk dated 2010 01 25 concerning Hearing Date – Appeal of Boxing Day Question – 2010 Municipal Election be received as information. CARRIED.

(r) **Comments on the Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario**

The report of the Planning Division was accepted by Council.

Moved by - Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by - Councillor F. Manzo

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2010 01 25 concerning Comments on the Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario be accepted and the Planning Director's recommendation that City Council endorse the Joint Submission by the Large Urban Municipalities, the Sault Ste. Marie Economic

5. (r) Development Corporation's response, and the draft responses from the other four large urban municipalities in Northern Ontario be endorsed. CARRIED.

6. (6) **PLANNING**

- (a) **Application No. A-2-10-Z.OP – James Rennison – 506 Town Line Road – Requesting a Rezoning and Official Plan Amendment to Permit Extension of Well Drillers Contractor's Yard and the Sale/Rental of Freight Containers**

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 2010 01 25 concerning Application No. A-2-10-Z.OP – James Rennison – 506 Town Line Road be accepted and the Planning Director's recommendation that City Council approve the application and rezone the subject property from "RA" (Rural Area) zone, to "RA.S" (Rural Area) zone with an amended Special Exception 257, subject to the 3 conditions contained in the report, to be applied to the subject property, or more specifically the rear 150m of 506 Town Line Road be endorsed. CARRIED.

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

- (a) **Sault Youth Association – Youth Strategy Policy**

The report of the Executive Director, Sault Youth Association was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor J. Caicco

Whereas the Sault Youth Association was named the City's advocate for Youth by Council resolution dated May 25, 2009; and

Whereas the Sault Youth Association has been developing and investing in youth concerns and needs since 2004; and;

Whereas the Sault Youth Association's goals include ensuring that young people gain responsibility and self-esteem, increase their employability and thrive to become mature independent adults contributing positively to society;

Now Therefore be it resolved that City Council adopts the Youth Strategy Policy Statement as presented and endorses the Sault Youth Association as the recognized lead organization on youth issues; and

Whereas City Council supported the Sault Youth Association in 2009 with funds from the Community Initiatives Fund; and

Whereas without this financial support, the work of the Sault Youth Association will not have continuity and momentum will be lost;

6. (8)(a) Now Therefore be it resolved that Council authorizes \$20,000 (to be added to the \$7,500 2010 allocation) for the Sault Youth Association with funds to come from the 2010 Community Development Fund, be approved. CARRIED.

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

7. (a) Moved by Councillor D. Celetti
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Whereas the lack of shopping and business in the downtown core of the City, very few businesses operating, good quality stores no longer in operation, mainly due to paid parking plus the intrusion of the City Parking Authority on shoppers and clients who have to pay to park and are ticketed at the exact time meters expire; and
Whereas this discourages patrons and shoppers from shopping downtown and forcing them to malls where they do not have to nurse a parking meter nor have to worry about getting a parking ticket at any time;
Now Therefore be it resolved that City staff study and report back to Council on the possibility of removing all parking meters in the downtown and disband the Parking Authority, which will encourage businesses to open and shoppers to return to the downtown and open for business. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH – withdrawn by mover/seconder.
- (b) Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Whereas on January 12, 2010 an earthquake struck the impoverished country of Haiti resulting in perhaps the worst natural disaster in history; and
Whereas the Canadian Government has pledged to match all personal donations to a relief fund up to \$50,000,000; and
Whereas Sault Ste. Marie has previously responded positively to such disasters, with donations by its citizens and its municipal level of government; and
Whereas City Council authorized a donation of \$7,500 in 2005 for the Asian Tsunami and a further donation of \$7,500 in the same year for the victims of Hurricane Katrina in the southern United States; and
Whereas City Council has provided financial assistance in other instances including the Italian earthquakes, and flooding in Southern Ontario; and
Whereas it has been made clear that donations of cash are the preferred way of providing assistance at this time,
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council endorse a \$7,500 contribution (from the 2010 Unforeseen Account) to the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross (who have already established a fund for this purpose) and encourages citizens of our community to assist as much as possible and to keep the people of Haiti in our thoughts and prayers. CARRIED.

7. (c) Moved by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo
Whereas there have been a number of complaints of people parking on the side of Base Line near the West Davignon extension (creek) to access the waterway; Now therefore be it resolved that City staff be requested to report back to Council on the feasibility to install temporary no parking signs (from December to April) on Base Line from the Superior Slag entrance to the Flakeboard Company entrance for people to park while fishing. CARRIED.

A letter from the Health & Safety Coordinator, Flakeboard Company Limited, outlining the safety concerns was received by Council.

- (d) Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor S. Butland
Whereas Louise Paquette has recently announced her departure as the Director General of FedNor; and
Whereas Sault Ste. Marie has been the home to the Headquarters and Director General in the past; and
Whereas City Council has been in support of increasing the number of public sector jobs;
Now Therefore be it resolved that the Federal government be requested to post Sault Ste. Marie as an option for the Director General job to be located. 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 J. Caicco
Seconded by Councillor F. Manzo
Resolved that all the by-laws listed under Item 10 of the Agenda under date 2010 01 25 be approved. CARRIED.

- (a) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2010-21 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-Laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 regarding lands located at 1659 Second Line West (Quintinho) be PASSED in open Council with 25th day of January, 2010. CARRIED.

Councillor L. Tridico declared a pecuniary interest – family owns property in subject area.

10. (b) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2010-23 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and the Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation and The Canadian Adult Recreational Hockey Association (CARHA) for the purpose of hosting the 2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup from March 4-11, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie be PASSED in open Council with 25th day of January, 2010. CARRIED.
- (c) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2010-25 being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 169 to the Official Plan (Mageran) be PASSED in open Council this 25th day of January, 2010. CARRIED.
- (d) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that By-law 2010-26 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and the Archaeological Services Inc. for services in connection with the Sault Ste. Marie Archaeological Site Potential Assessment project be PASSED in open Council this 25th day of January, 2010. CARRIED.

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

- (a) Moved by Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by Councillor O. Grandinetti
Resolved that Council shall now go into Caucus to:
1. discuss one matter concerning potential litigation for outstanding taxes; and
 2. proposed acquisition of property on Black Road; and
 3. proposed disposition of property on Bay Street; and
 4. proposed acquisition of property on Fourth Line East; and
- Further be it resolved that should the said Caucus meeting be adjourned, Council may reconvene in Caucus to continue to discuss the same matters without the need for a further authorizing resolution. CARRIED.

Councillors L. Tridico and J. Caicco declared a pecuniary interest concerning one matter at the 2010 01 25 Council Caucus meeting.

13.

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