

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2011 02 07

4:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Mayor D. Amaroso, Councillors L. Turco, S. Butland, M. Bruni, J. Krmpotich, B. Watkins, R. Niro, P. Christian, F. Fata, T. Sheehan, F. Manzo, P. Mick,

Absent: Councillor S. Myers (vacation)

Officials: J. Fratesi, M. White, N. Kelly, B. Freiburger, J. Elliott, J. Dolcetti, Don Elliott, Don Scott

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2011 01 24 be approved. CARRIED

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

3. APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Agenda for the 2011 02 07 City Council meeting as presented be approved. CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Kimberly LeClair, VPR Coordinator – Innovation Centre was in attendance concerning the Vulnerable Persons Registry.

Moved by: Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that City Council express its enthusiasm and support for the Vulnerable Persons Registry Project and encourages all community partners and agencies to work with the Innovation Centre and Community Geomatics to develop this project to its full potential. CARRIED

- b) Elaine Pitcher, Chair and Ron Gagnon, President and C.E.O. – Sault Area Hospital were in attendance to update Council on the upcoming move to the new hospital site.
- c) Judy McGonigal, Chair – Historic Sites Board was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(a).
- d) Departmental Presentations – Engineering and Planning, Public Works and Transportation.
- e) Dave Murphy, Acting CEO, SSM Economic Development Corporation was in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(b).

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND ROUTINE REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2011 02 07 - Part One - Consent Agenda and Addendum 1 be approved as recommended. CARRIED

- a) Correspondence from AMO was received by Council.
- b) Correspondence from the Town of East Gwillimbury (concerning infrastructure funding), the City of Windsor (concerning HST exemption for electricity and heating) was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor P. Mick

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Whereas residents have identified escalating electricity and heating rates as a major concern; and

Whereas electricity and heating, like municipal water, are not luxury items but a basic necessity;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council petition our Provincial and Federal partners, to request that like the current Municipal Water category, electricity and heating be exempt from Harmonized Sales Tax (HST); and
Further Be It Resolved that this motion Be Forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) requesting support from their respective members.
CARRIED

- c) The resolution forwarded by the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas the Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review (PMFSDR) final report was released on October 31, 2008; and

Whereas the PMFSDR Infrastructure Table concluded that the Infrastructure investment gap per household for Northern Ontario municipalities is generally higher than other regions in Ontario; and

Whereas the PMFSDR Fiscal Health table concluded that the fiscal health of Northern municipalities is poorer than other regions of Ontario; and

Whereas Northern Ontario Municipalities are more reliant on funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) than other regions of Ontario; and

Whereas many municipalities in Northern Ontario have seen a reduction in their OMPF equal to their upload benefits resulting in very little net upload benefit for several years; and

Whereas the net upload benefits per household for the Northern Ontario region are and further forecasted to be well below the net upload benefits per household for all other regions of the Province; and

Whereas many municipalities in Northern Ontario have had to raise taxes and use reserves to address their Infrastructure Deficit:

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Province of Ontario increase the Northern Communities Grant, on the OMPF by \$75.00 per-Household, to ensure all Municipalities in the North will receive the necessary "Required Support"; and

Further Be It Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Minister of Finance, Dwight Duncan, to FONOM and to the Leaders of the Opposition. CARRIED

- d) Correspondence from Ontario Lottery and Gaming advising that the quarterly payment of the 5% allocation from October 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 is \$347,449 was received by Council.
- e) Correspondence from the Regional Director – Katimavik was received by Council.

- f) The letter from the Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation requesting an exemption to the Noise By-law for events at Runway Park on February 19 and 26 and March 5, 6 and 19, 2011 was received by Council.
The relevant By-law 2011-26 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- g) The letter of request for a temporary street closing was received by Council.
1) on Lake Street (lower) from Queen Street to Bellevue Park in conjunction with Ontario Winter Bon Soo Carnival from February 4, 5, and 6, and 11 and 12, 2011.
The relevant By-law 2011-27 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- h) Information regarding discussions between Councillor Butland and officials from Lancaster, California and background information was received by Council.
- i) **Staff Travel**
The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata
Resolved that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2011 02 07 concerning Staff Travel Requests be approved as requested. CARRIED
- j) **Tender for Processing and Off-Site Removal of Wood Waste – Municipal Landfill Site**
The report of the Manager of Purchasing was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni
Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2011 02 07 be endorsed and that the tender for Processing & Offsite Removal of Wood Waste at the Municipal Landfill Site for a period of three (3) years, required by the Public Works & Transportation Department, be awarded as recommended. CARRIED
- k) **Agreement with Canadian Red Cross for Emergency Social Services**
The report of the Commissioner of Social Services was received by Council.
The relevant By-law 2011-24 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.
- l) **Special Council Meeting – Saturday, February 12, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.**
The report of the City Clerk was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the City Clerk dated 2011 02 07 concerning Special Council Meeting – Saturday, February 12, 2011 be received as information. CARRIED

m) **Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie – User Fees – By-law 2011-13**

The report of the Manager of Budgets and Revenue was received by Council

The relevant By-law 2011-13 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

n) **Sault Ste. Marie Wastewater Advisory Services – AECOM Engineering Agreement**

The report of the Land Development and Environmental Engineer was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2011-25 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

o) **2011 Firefighter Recruitment Campaign**

The report of the Fire Chief was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Fire Chief dated 2011 02 07 concerning 2011 Firefighter Recruitment Campaign be accepted as information. CARRIED.

p) **Request for Purchase of 561 Second Line West**

The report of the Corporate Counsel was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Corporate Counsel dated 2011 02 07 concerning Request for Purchase of 561 Second Line West be accepted and the recommendation to declare this property surplus to the City's needs be approved. CARRIED

q) **PUC Inc. – 2010 Fourth Quarter Shareholder Report**

The report of the President and C.E.O., PUC Inc. was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the President and C.E.O., PUC Inc. dated 2011 01 25 concerning PUC Inc. 2010 Fourth Quarter Shareholder Report be received as information. CARRIED

r) **Council Travel**

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that Councillor Lou Turco be authorized to travel to a FONOM meeting being held in Sudbury, Ontario (1 day in February) at no cost to the City. CARRIED

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

6. **REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

(3) **ENGINEERING**

(a) **Contract 2011-2E – Pine Street Extension- Northern Avenue to Second Line**

The report of the Design and Construction Engineer was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2011-28 and 2011-29 are listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

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

(a) **Ermatinger•Clerque National Historic Site Heritage Discovery Centre Update**

The report of the Chair, Historic Sites Board was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Chair – Historic Sites Board dated 2011 02 07 concerning Heritage Discovery Centre Update be accepted and the recommendation that the Commissioner of Community Services and a representative of the Finance Department be assigned to assist the Historic Sites Board Working Committee for this project be approved. CARRIED

(b) **EDF Request – Sault Ste. Marie Delegation Visit to India**

The request of Acting CEO, SSM Economic Development Corporation was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Acting CEO, SSM Economic Development Corporation dated 2011 02 02 concerning EDF Request – Sault Ste. Marie Delegation Visit to India be accepted and the recommendation to approve the travel of a 6 person delegation from Sault Ste. Marie to visit Essar's

headquarters in India at a cost of approximately \$50,000 to be funded from the 2010 Economic Diversification Fund surplus; and
Further that the delegation consists of Mayor Debbie Amaroso, CAO Joe Fratesi, Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer Bill Freiburger, Commissioner of Engineering and Planning Jerry Dolcetti, a member of the SSMEDC Board of Directors and the SSMEDC Director of International Relations and Global Logistics Randy Tallon. CARRIED

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

- a) Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Whereas the internet has created great opportunity for all people of Canada and has had the effect of shortening distances between communities situated throughout our vast land; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie has a number of innovative and creative businesses that use the internet as a tool for their successful enterprises; and

Whereas the internet is also used for many other applications in Canadian communities included but not limited to Health Care and Education:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council encourage its citizens to log on to the Stop the Meter campaign (www.stoptheter.ca) and sign the petition which calls on Canadian decision makers to stop big telecom companies from forcing usage-based internet billing on Canadians and to stand up for consumer choice and competition in the internet service market; and

Further that this resolution be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and our local M.P. and M.P.P. CARRIED

- b) Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Whereas public consultation and input is a vital part of a healthy democratic society.

Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council request that the Finance Committee meet to discuss how the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie can engage the public in the budget process; and

Further that the Finance Committee be asked to report back to City Council. CARRIED

c) Moved by: Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian
Whereas water towers across North America are very often prominent landmarks and at the very least identify the village, town or city in which they are located; and
Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council request of Tourism Sault Ste. Marie to formally pursue discussions with the owner of the water tower as to how to more effectively utilize the tower to everyone's advantage - considerations to include possible partnerships, a light show to make it a 24 hour edifice, commercial sponsorships and seeking external financial assistance through our Regional Tourism Organization # 13B. CARRIED

d) Moved by: Councillor S. Butland
Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco
Whereas snowbanks in the downtown area remain a constant irritant to shoppers wishing to access parking meters and adjacent business establishments;
Therefore Be It Resolved that Public Works and Transportation staff meet with the Downtown Association to discuss how better to address this chronic issue. CARRIED

e) Moved by: Councillor P. Christian
Seconded by: Councillor S. Butland
Whereas there are two athletes from Sault Ste. Marie, Jordan Smith and Matt Caria, competing in the World University Winter Games being held currently in Erzurum, Turkey; and
Whereas Jordan Smith has been selected as the flag bearer for the Canadian Team for the opening ceremonies at this event;
Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council offer its congratulations to Jordan Smith and Matt Caria in recognition of their significant accomplishment in competing at this level and to Jordan Smith in recognition of his selection as flag bearer for the Canadian Team. 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 T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata
Resolved that all by-laws listed under item 10 of the Agenda and Addendum under date 2011 02 07 be approved. CARRIED

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata
Resolved that By-law 2011-13 being a by-law to establish user fees and service charges be passed in Open Council this 7th day of February, 2011.
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata
Resolved that By-law 2011-23 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-law 2005-150 concerning lands located at 1191 Base Line (Jason Rioux) and to repeal By-law 76-274 be passed in Open Council this 7th day of February, 2011. CARRIED

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata
Resolved that By-law 2011-24 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the City and The Canadian Red Cross in order to provide services on behalf of the City under the Emergency Management Act be passed in Open Council this 7th day of February, 2011. CARRIED

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata
Resolved that By-law 2011-25 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the City and AECOM Canada Ltd. for waste water advisory service be passed in Open Council this 7th day of February, 2011.
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata
Resolved that By-law 2011-26 being a by-law to amend By-law 80-200 and By-law 4100 dealing with the exemption from the noise control by-laws for various events to be held at the Airport Fairgrounds be passed in Open Council this 7th day of February, 2011. CARRIED

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata
Resolved that By-law 2011-27 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of lower Lake Street from Queen Street and Shore Drive to facilitate various Bon Soo Events be passed in Open Council this 7th day of February, 2011. CARRIED

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor F. Fata
Resolved that By-law 2011-28 being a by-law to authorize a contract between the City and Avery Construction Ltd. For the first phase of the extension of Pine Street from Northern Avenue to Second Line (Contract

2011-2E) be passed in Open Council this 7th day of February, 2011.
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2011-29 being a by-law to permit the temporary periodic closing of Northern Avenue at the Pine Street intersection from May 1, 2011 until October 31, 2011 be passed in Open Council this 7th day of February, 2011. CARRIED

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

a) Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that Council shall now go into Caucus to:

1. Discuss one matter concerning labour relations; and

2. Proposed acquisition of property on Third Line, 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

12. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK