



## **REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Monday, March 9, 2015

4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

**Present:** Mayor C. Provenzano, Councillor S. Butland, Councillor P. Christian, Councillor S. Myers, Councillor T. Sheehan, Councillor J. Hupponen, Councillor M. Shoemaker, Councillor L. Turco, Councillor R. Niro, Councillor M. Bruni, Councillor F. Fata, Councillor J. Krmpotich, Councillor R. Romano

**Officials:** N. Apostle, J. Dolcetti, B. Freiburger, L. Girardi, N. Kenny, P. Niro, M. White, D. McConnell, F. Coccimiglio, R. Toth-Rissanen, T. Dodds, M. Figliola, A. Starzomski, D. Elliott, R. Nenonen

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### **1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2015 02 23 be approved.

**Carried**

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

### **3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

#### **3.1. Councillor L. Turco – By-law 2015-44 (Appointments) Inspectors**

Spouse employed by the Police Service.

**3.2. Councillor R. Romano – Cultural Financial Assistance Grants**

Member of the Rotary Club.

**3.3. Councillor J. Krmpotich – Port of Algoma – Letter of Engagement with Master Consultant**

Employed by Essar Steel.

**3.4. Councillor J. Krmpotich – Port of Algoma**

Employed by Essar Steel.

**3.5. Councillor J. Krmpotich – By-law 2015-43 (Agreement) Engineering Letter of Engagement Master Consultant Services for Port of Algoma**

Employed by Essar Steel.

**3.6. Councillor R. Niro – Streetscape Consulting Services: Queen Street Streetscape Project**

Employer located within the boundaries of the Downtown Community Improvement Plan.

**3.7. Councillor T. Sheehan – Animating the John Rowsell Hub Trail**

Employed by the Ministry of Colleges, Education and Training, to whom the NORDIK Institute has applied for funding.

**3.8. Mayor C. Provenzano – Streetscape Consulting Services: Queen Street Streetscape Project**

Owns property within the bounds of the streetscape project.

**4. APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the Agenda for 2015 03 09 City Council Meeting and Addendum #1 as presented be approved.

**5. PROCLAMATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

**5.1. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

Danny Krmpotich, Program Co-ordinator – Local Immigration Program was in attendance.

**5.2. Red Cross Month**

Taylor Doss, Volunteer and Diane Lajambe, District Branch Manager – Canadian Red Cross Society, Sault Ste. Marie Branch were in attendance.

**5.3. Departmental Presentations**

Roxanne Rissanen, Head of Public Services, Public Library and Michal Figliola, Fire Chief, Fire Services were in attendance.

**5.4. Flashing Light – Base Line and Airport Road**

Kim Carter was in attendance concerning Agenda item 7.7.1.

**5.5. Animating the John Rowswell Hub Trail**

Councillor T. Sheehan declared a conflict on this item. (Employed by the Ministry of Colleges, Education and Training to whom the NORDIK Institute has applied for funding.)

Dr. Gayle Broad, Research Director and Jude Ortiz, Research Co-ordinator, NORDIK Institute were attendance concerning Agenda item 7.8.2.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS AND ROUTINE REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2015 03 09 – Part One – Consent Agenda save and except items 6.3 and 6.14 be approved as recommended.

**6.1. Travel Request**

The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor J. Krmpotich

Resolved that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2015 03 09 concerning Staff Travel be approved as requested.

**Carried**

**6.2. Appointment of Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer**

The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2015-51 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.4. Tender for Microsoft Enterprise Licensing Agreement**

The report of the Manager of Purchasing was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated 2015 03 09 concerning Tender for Microsoft Enterprise Licensing Agreement be received and that the tender submitted by CDW Canada for three (3) years of Microsoft Enterprise Licensing to be invoiced yearly in the amount of \$144,018 plus H.S.T., subject to adjustment for the number of licenses required, for a total tendered amount of \$432,054 plus H.S.T. be approved.

**Carried**

**6.5. Cultural Financial Assistance Grants**

Councillor R. Romano declared a conflict on this item. (Member of the Rotary Club.)

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

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2015 03 09 concerning the 2015 Cultural Financial Assistance Grants be received and the recommendation of the Cultural Advisory Board of the recipients for grants under 2015 Cultural Financial Assistance Program be approved subject to available funding in the 2015 budget.

**Carried**

**6.6. Reconstruction Huron Street – Purchase of Property**

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

The relevant By-law 2015-48 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.7. Second Line Widening – Phase III – Bottom of Hill to Black Road – OCIF Contribution Agreement**

The report of the Director of Engineering was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2015-47 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.8. Agreement with Electrical Safety Authority – Continuous Safety Services Program**

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2015-46 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.9. New Comprehensive Signs By-law – Discussion Paper and Online Survey Results**

The report of the Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Planner, supported by the Signs By-law Task Force, dated 2015 03 09 concerning the New Comprehensive Signs By-law Discussion Paper and Survey Results be accepted as information, and that Council authorize staff to provide notice for additional public consultation to occur in April 2015.

**Carried**

**6.10. Streetscape Consulting Services: Queen Street Streetscape Project**

Councillor R. Niro declared a conflict on this item. (Employer located within the boundaries of the Downtown Community Improvement Plan.)

Mayor C. Provenzano declared a conflict on this item. (Owns property within the bounds of the streetscape project.)

The report of the Planning Division is attached for the consideration was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2015 03 09 concerning Streetscape Consulting Services – Queen Street Streetscape Project be received that Council authorize an agreement with The Planning Partnership to develop detailed design plans for a Queen Street streetscape project, and to develop conceptual design plans for the remainder of the Queen Street, subject to FedNor's agreement to reallocate the approved streetscape funding to the projects listed in this report.

**Carried**

**6.11. Rental Housing Incentive Program**

The report of the Planning Director was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Planning Director dated 2015 03 09 concerning Rental Housing Incentive Program be received as information and Council authorize an incremental tax rebate program for the two properties identified in this report subject to the following:

1. That the municipal rebate apply only to the increase in assessment resulting from new construction; and
2. After the rebate program is completed, these properties will pay the full municipal tax amount.

**Carried**

**6.12. Port of Algoma – Letter of Engagement with Master Consultant**

Councillor J. Krmpotich declared a conflict on this item. (Employed by Essar Steel.)

The report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Planning was received by Council. The relevant By-law 2015-43 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

**6.13. Evolution of Community Development**

The report of the Planning Director was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that report of the Planning Director dated 2015 03 09 concerning a new approach to community development be received as information and that the Destiny Sault Ste. Marie members undertake the actions identified in the report to determine the viability of the True Growth proposal with a follow-up report to City Council in May 2015.

**Carried**

**6.15. Mausoleum Phase XIV**

The report of the Manager of Cemeteries was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of Manager of Cemeteries dated 2015 03 09 concerning Mausoleum Phase XIV be received and the following recommendations be approved:

1. Council approve Phase XIV of the Mausoleum Master Plan; and
2. Staff be authorized to engage the services of EPOH Inc. for the planning, registration and tendering of the construction of Phase XIV of the Municipal Mausoleum

with funding for the proposed project to come from the Cemetery Reserve.

**Carried**

**6.16. CAO Selection Committee**

Minutes of the February 5, 2015 Committee meeting were received by Council.

**(6.3) Finance Committee Meeting – 2015 03 03**

The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2015 03 09 concerning the Finance Committee Terms of Reference be approved; and

Further Be It Resolved that the Finance Committee Terms of Reference dated 2004 01 26 be amended to authorize the Finance Committee to review and prioritize supplementary items referred to the budget by City Council; and

Further Be It Resolved that the Finance Committee recommend a prioritized supplementary items list to City Council prior to budget deliberations be approved.

**Defeated**

**(6.14) Reallocation of Capital from Current Funds**

The report of the Manager of Traffic and Communications was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Traffic and Communications dated 2015 03 09 concerning the Reallocation of Capital from Current funds – surplus funds from Public Works and Transportation's communication project to a new digital radio system be approved.

**Carried**

**7. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**7.1. ADMINISTRATION**

**7.2. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**7.3. ENGINEERING**

**7.4. FIRE**

**7.5. LEGAL**

**7.6. PLANNING**

**7.7. PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**7.7.1. Flashing Light – Base Line and Airport Road**

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

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Deputy Commissioner dated 2015 03 09 concerning the flashing light at Airport Road and Baseline Road be received as information, and that the recommendations of the CIMA report be approved with the exception of the recommendation not to install flashing lights on Airport Road; and that Council confirm its direction to install yellow flashing lights on Airport Road.

**Carried**

## **7.8. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

### **7.8.1. Port of Algoma**

Councillor J. Krmpotich declared a conflict on this item. (Employed by Essar Steel.)

The report of the Chief Executive Officer, Economic Development Corporation was received by Council.

### **7.8.2. Animating the John Rowswell Hub Trail**

Councillor T. Sheehan declared a conflict on this item. (Employed by the Ministry of Colleges, Education and Training, to whom the NORDIK Institute has applied for funding.)

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the application of the NORDIK Institute for Economic Diversification Fund funding in the amount of \$28,325 to undertake the animation of the John Rowswell Hub Trail be approved.

**Carried**

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Absent/Pecuniary
Mayor C. Provenzano	X		
Councillor S. Butland	X		
Councillor F. Fata		X	
Councillor S. Myers	X		
Councillor J. Krmpotich	X		
Councillor R. Niro	X		
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X		
Councillor R. Romano	X		
Councillor J. Hupponen	X		
Councillor P. Christian	X		
Councillor M. Bruni	X		
Councillor T. Sheehan			X
Councillor L. Turco	X		



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

**8.1. Flashing Lights at Intersections**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Romano

Whereas the Transportation Master Plan included public responses to a survey completed by nearly 1,100 residents; and

Whereas the public response to those surveys indicated a desire from residents to have flashing red and amber lights at intersections; and

Whereas there is less traffic on the City streets between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. relative to peak travel times; and

Whereas it would be impractical to commence using red flashing lights at a large number of controlled intersections within the City without determining the feasibility of using red flashing lights in a more limited area; and

Whereas to determine if red flashing lights at a large number of controlled intersections within the City is a feasible option, the City traffic division can commence a pilot project in a limited area of town, and report back to City Council on the results of said pilot project in 24 months;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Traffic Division of the Public Works and Transportation Department be requested to advise City Council of:

1. The cost associated with implementing red and amber flashing lights, commencing at 11 p.m. and ending at 6 a.m., at the intersections of: Wellington Street West and Lyons Avenue, Lyons Avenue and Patrick Street, Korah Road and Wallace Terrace and Wallace Terrace and Goulais Avenue with the amber flashing light being given to east and westbound traffic on Wallace Terrace/Lyons Avenue/Wellington Street West, and the red flashing light being given to all intersecting streets; and
2. Whether the traffic volume of the said intersections, between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., is below the threshold mandated by the Province of Ontario to allow for red-flashing lights, that being, 200 vehicles per hour; and
3. What the level of pedestrian traffic is at the said intersections between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.; and
4. What other considerations Council should examine in determining whether to implement such a pilot project; and
5. What accident levels have been at these intersections in the past 24 months.

**Carried**

**8.2. 2015 Budget**

Moved by: Councillor F. Fata

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Whereas the 2015 City budget will be a very challenging one; and

Whereas 4.6% increase in property taxes is unacceptable; and

Whereas the City has many homeowners who are on low and fixed incomes; and

Whereas City Council is going to have to take responsibility and find ways to bring down the tax increase; and

Whereas every group must be prepared to tighten their belts and contribute to a reduced tax increase; and

Whereas prudent financial management has to be the responsibility of every group that receives funding from the taxpayers of Sault Ste. Marie;

Therefore Be It Resolved that staff compile a list of all external funded agencies with the corresponding grant each receives from the City and report back to Council at the March 23 Council meeting.

**Carried**

**9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUCH MATTERS AS ARE REFERRED TO IT BY THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION**

**10. ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**11. CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY- LAWS**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda and Addendum under date 2015 03 09, save and except 2015-43 and 44 be approved.

**Carried**

**11.1. By-laws before Council TO BE PASSED which do not require more than a simple majority**

**11.1.3 By-law 2015-45 (Agreement) The Planning Partnership Limited**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2015-45 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the City and The Planning Partnership Limited to develop detailed plans for a proposed streetscape implementation strategy for the block of Queen Street between Dennis Street and Bruce Street and to develop a series of conceptual plans showing how a streetscape strategy can be implemented on the remaining blocks be passed in open Council this 9th day of March, 2015.

**Carried**

**11.1.4 By-law 2015-46 (Agreement) Electrical Safety Authority**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2015-46 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the City and the Electrical Safety Authority for the period from April 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2016 be passed in open Council this 9th day of March, 2015.

**Carried**

**11.1.5 By-law 2015-47 (Agreement) Engineering OCIF Fund Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (Second Line Widening)**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2015-47 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (Application-Based Component) be passed in open Council this 9th day of March, 2015.

**Carried**

**11.1.6 By-law 2015-48 (Property Acquisition) Part of 304 Cathcart Street**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2015-48 being a by-law to authorize the City's purchase of a sliver of property located at the corner of Huron Street and Cathcart Street to improve the geometry of this intersection be passed in open Council this 9th day of March, 2015.

**Carried**

**11.1.7 By-law 2015-49 (Agreement) PWT Minister of Transportation**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2015-49 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario (Ministry) to allow the City to enter upon Ministry lands described as Lot 10, RCP H-745, designated as Part 1 on Plan 1R10310 for the purposes of constructing, monitoring and maintaining a ditch and berm be passed in open Council this 9th day of March, 2015.

**Carried**

**11.1.8 By-law 2015-50 (Agreement) Physician Recruitment Funding**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2015-50 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the City, Group Health Association, Sault Area Hospital and Algoma West Academy of Medicine for Physician Recruitment Funding be passed in open Council this 9th day of March, 2015.

**Carried**

**11.1.9 By-law 2015-51 (Appointments) Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2015-51 being a by-law to appoint Shelley Schell as Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer and to repeal By-law 94-124 be passed in open Council this 9th day of March, 2015.

**Carried**

**(11.1.1) By-law 2015-43 (Agreement) Engineering Letter of Engagement Master Consultant Services for Port of Algoma**

Councillor J. Krmpotich declared a conflict on this item. (Employed by Essar Steel.)

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2015-43 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Letter of Engagement with Master Consultant between the City and KPMG LLP and AECOM Canada Ltd. for the Port of Algoma be passed in open Council this 9th day of March, 2015.

**(11.1.2) By-law 2015-44 (Appointments) Inspectors**

Councillor L. Turco declared a conflict on this item. (Spouse employed by the Police Service.)

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that By-law 2015-44 being a by-law to appoint Inspectors under the *Building Code Act*, 1992 and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers under the *Police Services Act* be passed in open Council this 9th day of March, 2015.

**Carried**

**11.2. By-laws before Council for FIRST and SECOND reading which do not require more than a simple majority**

- 11.3. **By-laws before Council for THIRD reading which do not require more than a simple majority**
- 12. **QUESTIONS BY, NEW BUSINESS FROM, OR ADDRESSES BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL CONCERNING MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**
- 13. **CLOSED SESSION**
- 14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen  
Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco  
Resolved that this Council now adjourn.  
**Carried**

"Christian Provenzano"

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Mayor

"Malcolm White"

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City Clerk