



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, February 6, 2017
4:30 pm
Council Chambers
Civic Centre

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

Officials: A. Horsman, M. White, N. Kenny, L. Girardi, T. Vair, M. Figliola, D. McConnell, P. Niro, D. Elliott, S. Hamilton Beach, F. Coccimiglio, J. Bruzas, V. McLeod, P. Tonazzo

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2017 01 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 R. Niro – Ministry of Labour Field Visit

Brother employed by Fire Services

4. APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Agenda and Addendum for the 2017 02 06 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

5. PROCLAMATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1 211 Day

Gary Vipond, CEO, United Way was in attendance.

5.2 Community Adjustment Committee

Gayle Broad, Chair – Community Adjustment Committee was in attendance.

5.3 Sault Ste. Marie Ratepayers Association

Lorna Rudolph and David Poluck were in attendance.

5.4 Civic Centre Recladding

Mark Luciuk, Morrison Hershfield and Geoff Miller, RDH Architects were in attendance concerning agenda item 7.3.1.

5.5 New Comprehensive Signs By-law

Rory Ring (Chamber of Commerce), Leslie Cook (portable sign operator), Mark Lepore (representing Leslie Cook), Kyle Batman (portable sign operator) Donna Hilsinger (Tourism Sault Ste. Marie) and Bill Hammond (portable sign operator) were in attendance concerning agenda item 7.6.1.

5.6 Steelton Seniors Centre Relocation to Northern Community Centre

Roxanne Rissanen, CEO / Director of Public Libraries and Jerry Pauquette, Steelton Seniors Centre Working Committee were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.8.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND ROUTINE REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES – CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2017 02 06 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda and the Addendum be approved as recommended.

Carried

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 Joint Meeting

Correspondence from Mayor Provenzano to Chief Dean Sayers and Chief Paul Syrette was received by Council.

6.1.2 Budget Submission from NOLUM

Correspondence from the Mayors of the Northern Ontario Large Urban Municipalities to the Minister of Finance was received by Council.

6.1.3 Ministry of Labour Field Visit

Correspondence to Council from the CAO was received.

6.1.4 Special Occasion Permit Notification

Correspondence notifying Council of a private property Special Occasion Permit event was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that City Council has no objection to the proposed extended licenced area as detailed in the written request for a liquor licence extension on private property for an outdoor event on the following dates and times:

Festival and Events Ontario - Bushplane Heritage Centre

- March 1, 2017 – Welcome Reception – 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Carried

6.1.5 Algoma Public Health

Correspondence from the Medical Officer of Health responding to a recent resolution of Council was received by Council.

6.2 2018 Municipal Election – Ranked Ballots

The report of the Deputy CAO/City Clerk – Corporate Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO/City Clerk – Corporate Services dated 2017 02 06 concerning 2018 Municipal Election – Ranked Ballots be received and the recommendation not to use a ranked ballot system for the 2018 Municipal Elections be approved.

Carried

6.3 Closed Captioning

The report of the Manager of Information Technologies was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Information Technology dated 2017 02 06 regarding Closed Captioning be received as information.

Carried

6.4 Ontario Regulation 284/09

The report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated 2017 02 06, concerning Ontario Regulation 284/09 be approved for the budget year 2017.

Carried

6.5 Property Tax Appeals

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the City Tax Collector dated 2017 02 06 concerning Property Tax Appeals be received and the recommendation that the tax records be amended pursuant to Section 357 of the Municipal Act be approved.

Carried

6.6 Black Road/Third Line EA – Addendum

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated 2017 02 06 concerning the Black Road/Third Line EA Addendum be received as information.

Carried

6.7 Innovation Centre Lease – Civic Centre

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

The relevant By-law 2017-32 is listed under item 11 on the Minutes.

6.8 Steelton Seniors Centre Relocation to the Northern Community Centre

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2017 02 06 concerning the Steelton Seniors Centre relocation plan be received and that Council approve the funding transfer in the amount of \$18,600 from the Steelton Roof and the Steelton Parking Lot projects to support the capital upgrades.

Carried

6.9 Traffic Operations Study – Second Line East

The report of the Director of Planning and Enterprise Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Report of the Director of Planning and Enterprise Services dated 2017 02 06 concerning the Traffic Operations Study for Second Line East be received, and that \$30,000 from the Engineering Equipment Reserve previously approved for official plan consultation be redirected to the Second Line traffic operations study.

Carried

6.10 Insurance Renewal

The report of the Assistant City Solicitor/Senior Litigation Counsel was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

That Council accepts the proposal of Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada Inc., along with an increase in the liability deductible from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00, auto deductible from

\$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00 and property deductible from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.000. Furthermore, that Council direct the Legal Department to bring forward the appropriate by-law to authorize the execution of the Acceptance of Municipal Insurance Program Proposal for the period of February 2017 to February 2018 at a later date.

Carried

6.11 Strathclair Park Lighting for Slo-pitch Field A – CIP 150 Funding Agreement

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

The relevant By-law 2017-34 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.12 Council Travel

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that Mayor Provenzano be authorized to travel to Toronto for 2 days in February to attend meetings at Queen's Park at an estimated cost to the City of \$686.

Carried

7. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

7.1 ADMINISTRATION

7.1.1 Changes to Municipal Legislation

The report of the Deputy CAO / City Clerk – Corporate Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO / City Clerk – Corporate Services dated 2017 01 23 concerning Changes to Municipal Legislation be received as information.

Carried

7.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

7.3 ENGINEERING

7.3.1 Civic Centre Recladding

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated 2017 02 06 concerning Civic Centre recladding be received, and the recommendation to proceed to design and tender of

Option C, Civic Centre, provision of new glazing and aluminum curtain wall system with aluminum composite panels, be approved.

Carried

7.4 FIRE

7.5 LEGAL

7.6 PLANNING

7.6.1 New Comprehensive Signs By-law

The report of the Senior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the Report of the Senior Planner dated 2017 02 06 concerning the new Comprehensive Signs By-law be received and that Council approve the proposed by-law in principle, and that Legal Department be directed to prepare the appropriate by-law(s) for Council's February 21, 2017 meeting.

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Mayor C. Provenzano	X		
Councillor S. Butland	X		
Councillor P. Christian	X		
Councillor S. Myers	X		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X		
Councillor J. Hupponen	X		
Councillor L. Turco		X	
Councillor M. Shoemaker	X		
Councillor R. Niro	X		
Councillor M. Bruni		X	
Councillor F. Fata		X	
Councillor J. Krmpotich		X	

Councillor R. Romano		X	
Results	8	5	0
Carried			

Moved by: Councillor R. Romano

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Whereas there still remains confusion and a number of unanswered questions surrounding the proposed sign by-law,

Resolved that agenda item 7.6.1 be postponed to answer said questions and return to Council within 90 days.

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Mayor C. Provenzano		X	
Councillor S. Butland		X	
Councillor P. Christian		X	
Councillor S. Myers		X	
Councillor S. Hollingsworth		X	
Councillor J. Hupponen		X	
Councillor L. Turco	X		
Councillor M. Shoemaker		X	
Councillor R. Niro		X	
Councillor M. Bruni		X	
Councillor F. Fata	X		
Councillor J. Krmpotich	X		
Councillor R. Romano	X		
Results	4	9	0
Defeated			

7.7 PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

7.8 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

8.1 National Flag Day

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Whereas February 15, 2017 is Canada's National Flag Day; and

Whereas 2017 is an especially important time in Canada's 150th year history to recognize and honour the Flag of Canada; and

Whereas the Mayor's Committee on Canada 150 does wish to take part in the Canadian government's "Share your Moment with the Flag Challenge" by posting a picture of Mayor Provenzano and the members of City Council with the Canadian flag; and

Whereas the Mayor's Committee on Canada 150 would like to ask every Saultite to also take part in the "Share your Moment with the Flag Challenge" by posting a picture or video of you with the flag and inspire others to do the same,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Mayor and Council now proceed to 'share our moment with the flag' as part of the Canada 150 "Sharing your Moment with the Canadian Flag" challenge.

Carried

8.2 Customer Service Training for all Front-Line Staff

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas many City staff are dealing with residents on a frequent, and often daily, basis; and

Whereas it is important that residents are receiving the proper information in a professional manner; and

Whereas customer service training can assist City staff in managing the variety of issues they face when dealing with residents,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the appropriate staff report back to Council on the feasibility and cost implications of providing customer service training to all City staff who are dealing with residents on a frequent basis, whether in person, on the phone, or by e-mail, to assist them in their daily interactions.

Carried

8.3 Change in Job Evaluation Committee for Senior Management

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas a Job Evaluation Committee sets the pay grade for any new hires or new job classification; and

Whereas the Job Evaluation Committee is made up of City Staff trained in the Job Evaluation system; and

Whereas it would be possible under the current system that members of the Job Evaluation Committee would be setting the pay grade for their superiors,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff report to Council on using an independent group, agency, or committee to evaluate the pay grade for any new hire or new job classification where such new hire or new job classification would be at a considered Senior Management position or higher.

Carried

8.4 Call Centre Training Pilot Program

Moved by: Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas the City's two main call centres (Agero and Sutherland) operate continuously without a full staff complement; and

Whereas both unemployment and social assistance number are at high levels,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City's Human Resources Department and other relevant staff co-ordinate a meeting with representatives from the following: EDC, DSSAB, Sault Community Career Centre, Adult Learning Centre, Agero, Sutherland, Soo College, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development to discuss potential to initiate a pilot training program (4 – 6 weeks) for prospective employment candidates for the Call Centres.

Carried

8.5 Notice of Motion – Energy Export

Moved by: Councillor S. Butland

NOTICE OF MOTION

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie produces twice the energy required to service the community and this excess is transmitted by the grid to the rest of Ontario with little positive consequence to the residents of Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is deficient in present and pending energy requirements and are presently considering options to address the issue; and

Whereas one option could be to transmit excess energy from Ontario to Michigan across the border which could be mutually beneficial to both jurisdictions;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council request the PUC to commission a study on the viability of erecting the required transmission lines with consideration of costing, environmental issues, international agreements, potential sales of this excess energy and willingness of Provincial state and Federal jurisdictions to co-operate in such an initiative.

8.6 Closed Captioning – Potential Funding

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Butland

Be it resolved that staff report back on whether closed captioning for Council meetings can be funded through our existing budget or through other outside funding.

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 S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda and Addendum under date 2017 02 06 be approved.

Carried

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

11.1.1 By-law 2017-32 (Agreement) Innovation Centre Lease (Civic Centre 6th Floor)

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2017-32 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre for the lease of the Civic Centre, 6th Floor located at 99 Foster Drive, Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2017.

Carried

11.1.2 By-law 2017-33 Heritage Designation 83 Huron Street

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2017-33 being a by-law to designate 83 Huron Street as being of architectural or historic value or interest be passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2017.

Carried

11.1.3 By-law 2017-34 (Agreement) Strathclair Park Lighting

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2017-34 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada ("Her Majesty") hereby represented by the Minister of Industry (the "Minister") for Community Infrastructure Program 150 funding for the Strathclair Lighting project be passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2017.

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that this Council proceed into closed session to discuss:

- two matters concerning acquisition/disposition of land (McNabb Street area; Peoples Road)
- one item concerning employee negotiations

(Municipal Act R.S.O. 2002 - Section 239 (2)(c) – a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; Labour relations and employee negotiations – section 239(2)(d)).

Further Be It Resolved that should the said closed session be adjourned, the Council may reconvene in closed session to continue to discuss the same matter(s) without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

Christian Provenzano

Mayor

Malcolm White

City Clerk