



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 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, S. Schell, T. Vair, D. Elliott, M. Figliola, D. McConnell, S. Hamilton Beach, R. Tyczinski, F. Coccimiglio, C. Barrett

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2017 02 21 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 – Property Tax Appeals

Daughter employed by the YMCA.

4. APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the Agenda and Addendum for 2017 03 06 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

5. PROCLAMATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1 International Women's Day

Monica Dale, Past President, Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce was in attendance.

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2017 03 06 – Agenda item 6 – Consent Agenda and Addendum be approved as recommended, save and except item 6.4.

Carried

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 City Welcome Signage

Correspondence from Bill and Joan Rumley was received by Council.

6.1.2 Council Travel Report

Correspondence from Mayor Provenzano was received by Council.

6.2 Street Closure Requests

Letters of request for temporary street closures were received by Council.

Queen Street Cruise

- March Street from Queen Street East to Albert Street – June 16, 2017 – 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and June 17, 2017 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Queen Street East from East Street to Bruce Street – June 17, 2017 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Poker Run Boat Parade

- Foster Drive from St. Mary's River Drive to Brock Street – August 4, 2017 – 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The relevant By-laws 2017-42, 2017-43 and 2017-41 are listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.3 Property Tax Appeals

Councillor R. Niro declared a conflict on this item. (Daughter employed by the YMCA.)

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

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the City Tax Collector dated 2017 03 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

6.5 Traffic Box Wrap Competition Update

The report of the Environmental Initiatives Co-ordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Environmental Initiatives Co-ordinator dated 2017 03 06 concerning Traffic Box Wrap Competition Update be received as information.

Carried

6.6 Engineering Agreement – 711-719 Bay Street Seawall Replacement

The report of the Design and Construction Engineer is attached for the consideration of Council.

The relevant By-law 2017-46 is listed under item 11 of the Minutes.

6.4 Vacancy Rebate Provincial Changes

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

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated 2017 03 06 concerning Vacancy Rebate Provincial Changes be received and that staff be directed to begin local business consultation regarding the elimination of the vacancy rebate and redirection of funds to the Economic Development Fund Reserve.

Officially Read and Not Dealt With

6.4.1 Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated 2017 03 06 concerning Vacancy Rebate Provincial Changes be received and that staff be directed to begin consultation with local business regarding the potential elimination of the vacancy rebate and report back to Council thereafter on the outcome of said consultation and a recommendation on the next steps.

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

7.8 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

7.8.1 Council Review Committee

The report of Mayor Provenzano as Chair of the Council Review Committee was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of Mayor Provenzano as Chair of the Council Review Committee dated 2017 03 06 be received and that Council approve in principle a change in Council composition from a twelve member, six ward system to a ten member, five ward system effective the 2018–2022 term of Council;

Further that appropriate staff be directed to make the necessary adjustments to the ward boundaries in accordance with the governing legislation and report back to Council on said adjustments.

Recorded	For	Against	Absent
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	7	6	0
Carried			

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

8.1 Millennium Fountain

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas the water-based Millennium Fountain in Clergue Park was installed in 2001 in celebration of the new millennium 2000; and

Whereas the fountain was strategically located on the St. Marys River for the enjoyment of all the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie and visitors to the waterfront; and

Whereas the establishment of the fountain was funded by Canadian Tire, the Province of Ontario, PUC Inc., and the City of Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas the cost of \$24,700 to keep operating the water-based fountain was cut from the 2017 budget; and

Whereas public response has indicated a strong desire to see a fountain on the City's waterfront;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that appropriate staff be requested to report back within two months providing:

1. A detailed breakdown of the annual cost to keep the current water-based fountain with a view to seeking possible sponsorship of various aspects of the cost;
2. Suggestions for a longer term approach to have a fountain in the area of Clergue and John Rowswell Parks either water-based or on land including one-time costs and ongoing annual costs including time lines associated with any change from the current water-based fountain to creating a new land-based fountain.

Carried

8.2 Connecting Links

8.2.1 Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor J. Krmpotich

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas almost two decades ago, the provincial government downloaded onto the City of Sault Ste. Marie responsibility for the portion of provincial highways lying within its municipal boundaries; and

Whereas municipalities are obliged under the *Municipal Act* to fund infrastructure mainly through property taxes, which do not grow with the economy and are not levied based on ability to pay; and

Whereas municipalities cannot make long-term capital repair plans based on uncertain and inconsistent approvals of provincial funding applications;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie City Council asks the provincial government to re-assume all costs of maintaining and repairing provincial highways located within the City's boundaries that were once a provincial responsibility.

Carried

8.3 Electronic Voting on Agenda Items

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie has recently stopped producing hard-copy Council Agendas, providing cost savings and efficiencies in the delivery of information to Councillors; and

Whereas all Councillors receive Council Agendas electronically via an iPad app; and

Whereas electronic voting on Agenda items is an available feature on the iPad app containing the Council Agendas; and

Whereas electronic voting on Agenda items could also provide greater transparency as to the voting records of councillors;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Clerk be requested to prepare a report on the cost, impact, efficiencies to be gained and advantages of implementing electronic voting on Agenda items at City Council meetings.

Recorded	For	Against	Absent
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	13	0	0
Carried			

8.4 Additional By-law Enforcement Position

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas there has been concern expressed by Council for a number of years over the limited availability of the requisite by-law enforcement officers in Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas many of the issues dealt with on a daily basis by the City and by Council are by-law enforcement issues;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff report to Council on possible options for creating another by-law enforcement officer position for the City of Sault Ste. Marie without increasing the municipal full-time-equivalent staff contingent.

Carried

8.5 Finance Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Whereas the City is responsible to ensure that the fundamentals of effective financial management are practiced and upheld to safeguard the City's finances; and

Whereas many residents care as to how City Council sets, evaluates, controls and thinks strategically about budgets throughout the fiscal year; and

Whereas the City is committed to being open and transparent with taxpayers – reporting approved quarterly updated financial reports to Council outlining actual expenditures and revenues conforming to budget; and

Whereas it is the responsibility of City Council to implement prudent financial decisions – not for the short but for the long term – ensuring a healthy financial future; and

Whereas it is imperative that matters relating to the finances of the municipality, including, without limitation, the development and implementation of the City's long-term strategic

financial plan, internal and external audits, budget policy, budget monitoring, tax policies and policy direction and prioritization relating to financial matters and budgets be thoroughly examined; and

Whereas it may be prudent to eliminate financial policies that may constrict or cause limitations to the City's short and/or long term financial planning;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff review and report back regarding revising the terms of reference for the Finance Committee that may take into consideration the following:

- develop and implement the City's long-term strategic financial plan
- set budget policy
- budget monitoring
- set tax policies
- review revenue and expenditures, comparing figures to budget projections
- establish and approve the City's budget or make recommendations to Council on the final budget
- report quarterly updates to Council

Carried

8.6 W.J. McMeeken Centre Evacuation

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor J. Krmpotich

Whereas on February 28, 2017 an apparent carbon monoxide leak at the W.J. McMeeken Centre caused several users of the arena to become ill; and

Whereas City Council must be assured that any threat to public safety is investigated;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff report to Council at the next City Council meeting as to how carbon monoxide is monitored at all city-owned buildings, and if the cause of the February 28, 2017 W.J. McMeeken Centre carbon monoxide leak has been determined and rectified.

Carried

8.7 EMS Metrics

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that City Council invite District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board Chief Administrative Officer Mike Nadeau to the March 20, 2017 meeting of Council to present current ambulance delivery performance metrics.

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 J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that all By-laws under item 11 of the Agenda under date 2017 03 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 2017-41 (Street Closing) Poker Run Boat Parade Foster Drive**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2017-41 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Foster Drive from St. Mary's River Drive to Brock Street on August 4, 2017 to facilitate the Poker Run Boat Parade event be passed in open Council this 6th day of March, 2017.

Carried

- 11.1.2 **By-law 2017-42 (Street Closing) Queen Street Cruise Event (June 17th)**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2017-42 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Queen Street East from East Street to Bruce Street on June 17, 2017 to facilitate the Queen Street Cruise event be passed in open Council this 6th day of March, 2017.

Carried

- 11.1.3 **By-law 2017-43 (Street Closing) Queen Street Cruise Event (June 16th and 17th)**

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2017-43 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of March Street from Queen Street to Albert Street on June 16, 2017 and June 17, 2017 to facilitate the Queen Street Cruise event be passed in open Council this 6th day of March, 2017.

Carried

11.1.4 By-law 2017-44 (Regulations) Firearms Exemption 49th (SSM) Field Regiment

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2017-44 being a by-law to exempt the 49th (SSM) Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery, while using the Hub Trail between the Roberta Bondar Pavilion and the Delta Hotel, from By-law 2008-168 being a firearms by-law to prohibit the discharge of firearms in the municipality and from By-law 80-200 being a by-law respecting noises in the City of Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 6th day of March, 2017.

Carried

11.1.5 By-law 2017-46 (Agreement) 711-719 Bay Street Seawall Replacement

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that By-law 2017-46 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and WSP Canada Inc. for the 711-719 Bay Street Seawall Replacement be passed in open Council this 6th day of March, 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 J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that this Council proceed into closed session to discuss an engineering Request for Proposal.

Municipal Act R.S.O. 2002 – section 239(2)(e) – potential litigation

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 M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

Christian Provenzano

Mayor

Malcolm White

City Clerk