

# Mayor Shoemaker sworn in; sets three top goals

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City of Sault Ste. Marie's new mayor Matthew Shoemaker was sworn in officially tonight, reading his address to the city in Italian, French and English and setting three top goals for his time on council.

"Now it is up to us to get to that, more glorious future," Shoemaker said in his address to the city tonight.



Shoemaker talked of family and community and listed in this order, his goals for his time as mayor; to build a safe-consumption site for people living with addiction, to move the police station or parts of it downtown and to expand the hub trail west.

Shoemaker believes that one way to combat drug addiction is to have a safe consumption site.

He also said the needs of the police station; to be accessible to all citizens including those with mobility issues and the age of the current police station warrant changes.

And lastly he believes that the citizens of the west end including those in Bayview and Buckley should be able to experience the hub trail like the rest of the city and expanding it to include these neighbourhoods is needed.

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Mayor Shoemaker gets presented with chain of office. Photo by C.Shoust

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