



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, August 12, 2024

5:00 pm

Council Chambers and Video Conference

Present: Mayor M. Shoemaker, Councillor S. Hollingsworth, Councillor S. Spina, Councillor L. Dufour, Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen, Councillor A. Caputo, Councillor R. Zagordo, Councillor M. Bruni, Councillor S. Kinach, Councillor C. Gardi, Councillor M. Scott

Officials: T. Vair, R. Tyczinski, L. Girardi, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, M. McAuley, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, P. Tonazzo, C. Rumiel, S. Zuppa, E. Cormier, K. Pulkkinen

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 15, 2024 be approved.

3. Questions and Information Arising Out of the Minutes and not Otherwise on the Agenda

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4.1 Mayor M. Shoemaker – A-8-24-HP – 10 Huron Street, 0 Huron Street, 29 Bay Street – Removal of Holding Provision – Gateway Site

Applicant is a client of law firm.

5. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the Agenda for August 12, 2024 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried.

6. Presentations

7. Communications and Routine Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees – Consent Agenda

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that all the items listed under date August 12, 2024 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda item 7.7 be approved as recommended.

Carried

7.1 Integrity Commissioner Report

The report of the Acting Integrity Commissioner dated July 26, 2024 was received by Council.
John Hart, Acting Integrity Commissioner, was in attendance electronically.

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Acting Integrity Commissioner dated July 26, 2024 be received as information.

Carried

7.2 Outstanding Resolutions

7.3 Second Quarter Financial Report – June 30, 2024

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

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo
Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Finance dated August 12, 2024 concerning Second Quarter Financial Report – June 30, 2024 be received as information.

Carried

7.4 Sackville Road Extension – Engineering Services

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

The relevant By-law 2024-122 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes

7.5 Tender for Screened Street Sand

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

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated August 12, 2024 concerning Tender for Screened Street Sand – Public Works be received and the supply be awarded to Pioneer Construction Ltd. at the tendered pricing, HST extra.

Carried

7.6 Computer Aided Dispatch System – Fire Services

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated August 12, 2024 concerning NG911 Compliant Computer Aided Dispatch System as required by Fire Services be received and that the proposal submitted by CriSys Ltd. for initial purchase at \$207,711 plus HST with estimated transition costs of \$300,000 plus HST be approved.

Carried

7.8 Transit Route Optimization Study

The report of the Deputy CAO of Community Development and Enterprise Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated August 12, 2024 concerning Transit Route Optimization Study be received and that the following be approved:

1. Reallocate \$200,000 from approved \$825,000 2024 capital project Transit Electrical Upgrades to cover the cost of the Route Optimization Study;
2. Results of the study be brought back to Council with recommendations on:
 - Route modifications to better serve the needs of transit users;

- o Location support to remain at Dennis Street or relocate to Huron Street.

Carried

7.9 Twin Pad Arena Project Under Budget

The report of the Deputy CAO of Community Development and Enterprise Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated August 12, 2024 concerning Twin Pad Arena – Under Budget be received and that the contingency funding in the total amount of \$100,000 be approved to utilize for the following:

1. Solid surfacing installation using millings for the access area north-east of the facility;
2. Infrastructure for venting and hooding on the second level bar preparation area and additional food and beverage equipment for the facility.

Carried

7.10 Community Development Fund – Green Initiatives Program Applications 2024 Q2 Intake

The report of the Sustainability Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Sustainability Coordinator dated August 12, 2024 concerning Community Development Fund – Green Initiatives Program Applications 2024 Q2 Intake be received and that the recommendation of the Environmental Sustainability Committee to allocate \$1,274 to the Roberta Bondar Park Electric Lawn Maintenance Equipment Project be approved.

Carried

7.11 Bellevue Kayak Dock Accessibility Updates

The report of the Accessibility Coordinator of Community Development and Enterprise Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Accessibility Coordinator dated August 12, 2024 concerning Bellevue Kayak Dock Accessibility Updates be received and that the amendment to the 2024 Capital Budget for the Bellevue kayak dock accessibility upgrade in the amount of \$20,025 with associated funding of:

- \$5,499 from the Barrier Removal Reserves for the Bellevue Kayak Dock accessibility updates;
- \$7,543 for in-kind services from Public Work; and
- \$6,983 grant from Trans Canada Trail

be approved.

Carried

7.12 Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 Update

The report of the Planner of Community Development and Enterprise Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Planner dated August 12, 2024 concerning Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024* be received as information.

Carried

7.7 Memorial Tower

The report of the Deputy CAO of Community Development and Enterprise Services was received by Council

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO Community Development and Enterprise Services dated August 12, 2024 concerning the Memorial Tower be received and that proceeds in the amount of \$1,510,000 be utilized from the Asset Management Reserve to make the required repairs.

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	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour				X
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo				X
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	9	0	0	2
				Carried

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Resolved that the motion be amended to remove the words "proceeds in the amount of \$1,510,000 be utilized from the Contingency Reserve to make the required repairs" and add the words "staff be requested to consult with the Royal Canadian Legion, and report back to Council with other alternatives, including de-commissioning of the Memorial Tower (and funding options), as well as options concerning the service life of outdoor concrete."

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker		X		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth		X		
Councillor S. Spina		X		
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo		X		
Councillor M. Bruni		X		
Councillor S. Kinach		X		
Councillor C. Gardi		X		
Councillor M. Scott		X		
Results	3	8	0	0
				Defeated

8. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees

8.1 Administration

8.2 Corporate Services

8.3 Community Development and Enterprise Services

8.3.1 Paid Parking at the Ronald A. Irwin Civic Centre

The report of the Deputy CAO of Community Development and Enterprise Services was received by Council.

Marco Niro, President of CUPE Local 3; Janelle Martin, President of CUPE Local 67 were in attendance.

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Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO of Community Development and Enterprise Services dated August 12, 2024 concerning Paid Employee and Visitor Parking at the Ronald A. Irwin Civic Centre be received as information.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour				X
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo				X
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott				X
Results	8	0	0	3
				Carried

Motion

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that Council direct staff to implement paid parking for the North and South Civic Centre lots effective January 1, 2025;

Further Be It Resolved that staff report back to Council in September 2025 about expanding paid parking to other City parking lots as of January 1, 2026;

Further Be It Resolved that the North and South Civic Centre parking lots and the 619 Bay Street parking lot be turned into “two-hour free” parking lots similar to other municipal parking lots in the downtown core;

- Permits be sold to employees as with other downtown parking lots;
- The cost of permits be set at the same rate as other downtown parking lots in which permits are sold;
- Visitors, part-time employees and students be exempt from the paid-parking system;
- Mayor and Council be given the option of purchasing a permit or paying per use;
- Staff be directed to determine any outstanding issues such as enforcement, whether parking will be first-come, first-served and how to treat any tenants in the Civic Centre as well as any other remaining issues that arise.

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	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina		X		
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen		X		
Councillor A. Caputo		X		
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni		X		
Councillor S. Kinach		X		
Councillor C. Gardi		X		
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	5	6	0	0
				Defeated

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the motion be postponed pending consultation by the CFO regarding parking as a taxable benefit.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker		X		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour		X		
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen		X		
Councillor A. Caputo		X		
Councillor R. Zagordo		X		
Councillor M. Bruni		X		
Councillor S. Kinach		X		
Councillor C. Gardi		X		
Councillor M. Scott		X		
Results	2	9	0	0
				Defeated

8.4 Public Works and Engineering Services

8.5 Fire Services

8.6 Legal

8.7 Planning

8.7.1 A-10-24-CIP Housing Community Improvement Plan

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated August 12, 2024 concerning A-10-24-CIP Housing Community Improvement Plan be received and that Council:

1. Approve the proposed Housing Community Improvement Plan;
2. Approve the proposed Community Improvement Project Area;
3. Designate the Director of Planning or their designate as the Plan Administrator;
4. Delegate approval authority of the financial incentives to the Plan Administrator or their designate; and
5. Authorize a contribution of \$300,000 from the uncommitted capital fund to support completion of the project

And that the Legal Department be requested to prepare the necessary by-laws to effect the same.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0

Carried

8.7.2 A-8-24-HP – 10 Huron Street, 0 Huron Street, 29 Bay Street – Removal of Holding Provision – Gateway Site

Mayor M. Shoemaker declared a conflict on this item. (Applicant is a client of law firm.)

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

Orlando Rosa, Counsel for the applicant, was in attendance.

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Director of Planning dated August 12, 2024 concerning application A-8-24-HP be received and that Council approve the application and remove the

holding provision from the portion of the property shown on the attached maps as ‘area to be rezoned’.

And that the Legal Department be requested to prepare the necessary by-law(s) to effect the same.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker			X	
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	10	0	1	0
				Carried

8.8 Boards and Committees

8.8.1 YMCA Board Appointment

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
 Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that the Manager of Recreation and Culture be appointed to the YMCA Board of Directors.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

9. Unfinished Business, Notice of Motions and Resolutions Placed on Agenda by Members of Council

9.1 Sensory Playground

Moved by: Councillor C. Gardi
 Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Whereas in July 2016 the City of Sault Ste. Marie opened its first sensory playground in Bellevue Park in the east end of the community; and

Whereas since its opening, the sensory playground has been heavily used and thoroughly enjoyed by children and families; and

Whereas a sensory playground provides enhanced accessible play options and eliminates barriers to play, and provides sensory stimulation along with the promotion of family bonding; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie should aim to provide equitable access to amenities and services in different parts of the community, especially as they relate to families and children; and

Whereas, as a community, with the establishment of the new splash pad in the west end there has been a revitalization of Manzo Park; and

Whereas many communities of Sault Ste. Marie’s size have more than one sensory playground; Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City staff be requested to explore options for the establishment of a sensory playground at Manzo Park or at any other City park in the west end of Sault Ste. Marie, and report back to City Council with options for such a playground.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0

9.2 Highway 17 Speed Increase

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas the Ministry Transportation Ontario recently increased the maximum speed limit to 110km/hr on many newly updated sections of the Trans Canada highway on July 12, 2024; and

Whereas most of Ontario's highways were originally designed to safely accommodate speed limits of 110km/hr; and

Whereas most new model vehicles have advanced safety features such as adaptive cruise control and lane monitoring technology; and

Whereas Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan have a maximum speed limit of 110km/hr and British Columbia maximum speed limit is 120km/hr; and

Whereas as the Transportation Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria stated data collected from 2022 shows evidence based speed increases are a common sense change to make life more convenient for Ontario drivers while bringing our highway speed limit in line with other Canadian Province

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Mayor Shoemaker be requested to write a letter to Ontario Transportation Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria for consideration of Highway 17 Sault Ste Marie to Thessalon for a maximum speed limit increase along the sections on two-lane divided highway from the current 90km/hr.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker		X		
Councillor S. Hollingsworth		X		
Councillor S. Spina		X		
Councillor L. Dufour		X		
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen		X		
Councillor A. Caputo		X		
Councillor R. Zagordo		X		
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi		X		
Councillor M. Scott		X		
Results	2	9	0	0
				Defeated

9.3 "Solve the Crisis"

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour
 Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Be It Resolved That the City of Sault Ste. Marie endorses and supports the Ontario Big City Mayors in the recommended actions to “Solve the Crisis” of rising levels of homelessness, mental health issues and addiction in Ontario cities, from which Sault Ste. Marie is not exempt, which actions include:

- Appointing a single minister provincially to bring cross-ministry focus to this issue and fund that ministry appropriately;

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- Have the new provincial minister strike a task force to advise and make recommendations on solutions to these issues with a cross-section of stakeholders and commit to funding the recommendations
- Provide the municipality with resources to transition homeless and underhoused individuals to appropriate housing with the necessary supports
- Fund a 24/7 crisis response service across the province to relieve the pressure on hospital emergency centres and first responders.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen	X			
Councillor A. Caputo	X			
Councillor R. Zagordo	X			
Councillor M. Bruni	X			
Councillor S. Kinach	X			
Councillor C. Gardi	X			
Councillor M. Scott	X			
Results	11	0	0	0
				Carried

10. Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Such Matters as are Referred to it by the Council by Resolution

11. Adoption of Report of the Committee of the Whole

12. Consideration and Passing of By-laws

12.1 By-laws before Council to be passed which do not require more than a simple majority

12.1.1 By-law 2024-122 (Agreement) Kresin Engineering Sackville Road Extension Consulting Services

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Resolved that By-law 2024-122 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Kresin Engineering Corporation for engineering services for the design and contract administration for the extension of Sackville Road to Third Line.

Carried

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

12.3 By-laws before Council for THIRD reading which do not require more than a simple majority

13. Questions By, New Business From, or Addresses by Members of Council Concerning Matters Not Otherwise on the Agenda

14. Closed Session

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk