



## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 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: M. White, R. Tyczinski, L. Girardi, T. Vair, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, T. Anderson, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, P. Tonazzo, C. Rumiel, N. Ottolino, S. Facey, J. King, E. Cormier

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### 14. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss one item concerning labour relations or employee negotiations;

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 without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

*Municipal Act R.S.O. 2002 – section 239 2 (d) labour relations or employee negotiations*

**Carried.**

**1. Land Acknowledgement**

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 18, 2023 be approved.

**Carried**

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

**4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**5. Approve Agenda as Presented**

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the Agenda for January 8, 2024 City Council Meeting and Addendum #1 as presented be approved.

**Carried**

**6. Presentations**

**6.1 Sault Ste. Marie Community Charging Infrastructure Plan**

Emily Cormier, Sustainability Coordinator was in attendance.

Liam Brechin was in attendance to make comments.

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that all the items listed under date January 8, 2024 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda items 7.1 and 7.4 be approved as recommended.

**Carried**

**7.2 Sault Ste. Marie Community Charging Infrastructure Plan**

The report of the Sustainability Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Sustainability Coordinator dated January 8, 2024 concerning Sault Ste. Marie Community Charging Infrastructure Plan be received and that Council approve the adoption of the Sault Ste. Marie Community Charging Infrastructure Plan;

Further that staff be directed to work to achieve the goals and actions outlined in the Plan, with any municipal monetary requests referred to future budgets.

**Carried**

### **7.3 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers**

The report of the Manager of Transit and Parking was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2024-3 is listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

### **7.1 Living Wage Certification**

The report of the Director of Human Resources was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Director of Human Resources dated January 8, 2024 concerning Living Wage Certification be received and that staff be directed to propose amendments to the current part-time and summer student wage grid for Council's consideration.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
				<b>Carried</b>

**7.4 Rental Housing Incentive Program 21 – 617 Queen Street East (Windsor Place Retirement Residence)**

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated January 8, 2024 concerning Rental Housing Incentive Program 21 be received and that Council authorize a four-year incremental tax grant (75% in year one and two, 50% in year three, and 25% in year four) for the 49-unit retirement facility at 617 Queen Street East, subject to the following:

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1. That the municipal tax grant applies only to the increase in assessment resulting from new construction, and
2. After the grant program is completed full municipal taxes will apply.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
				<b>Carried</b>

**8. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees**

**8.1 Administration**

**8.1.1 CAO Selection Committee – Appointment of the CAO**

The relevant By-law 2024-9 is listed under Agenda item 12.

**8.2 Corporate Services**

**8.3 Community Development and Enterprise Services**

**8.4 Public Works and Engineering Services**

**8.5 Fire Services**

**8.6 Legal**

**8.7 Planning**

**8.7.1 A-12-23-OP Affordable Housing Policies – Correction Update**

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that the report of the Director of Planning, dated 2024 01 08 concerning A-12-23-OP Affordable Housing Policies – Correction Update be received as information.

The relevant By-law 2024-4 is listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
				<b>Carried</b>

**8.8 Boards and Committees**

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

**9.1 New Year's Eve Ball Drop**

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

Whereas implementing a New Year's Eve ball drop would align with Sault Ste Marie's strategic pillar of quality of life, engaging the key focus of creating vibrant downtown areas by providing citizens with new and exciting activities, opportunities to further enjoy our downtown and give locals an event to look forward to in the winter season; and

Whereas a New Year's Eve ball drop would align with Sault Ste Marie's strategic pillar of community development, creating social and economic activity in the downtown and throughout the City. This could be achieved by providing opportunity for businesses to thrive by driving more tourist visits to engage in Sault Ste Marie's holiday festivities and potentially creating a hallmark event for Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas this event would be inclusive to all residents of Sault Ste Marie; and

Whereas many neighbouring cities have implemented New Year's Eve ball drops and have seen economic benefits to tourism as well as to the local economy in doing so;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to report back to Council on creating a free Sault Ste Marie New Year's Eve ball drop, including costs and plans and the option of a family-friendly ball drop earlier in the evening, as well as a midnight ball drop;

Further Be It Resolved that the Downtown Plaza be considered as the primary location of the event, as it provides ample space, skating rink, food and drink vendors, and was built with the intention of holding such community events;

Further Be It Resolved that the potential for street closure and Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario licensing of the street be included in the report.



	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
				<b>Carried</b>

**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**

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that all By-laws under item 12 of the Agenda under date January 8, 2024 save and except By-law 2024-9 be approved.

**Carried**

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

**12.1.1 By-law 2024-1 (Traffic) Amend By-law 77-200**

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2024-1 being a by-law to consolidate amendments to Traffic By-law 77-200 be passed in open Council this 8th day of January, 2024.

**Carried**

**12.1.2 By-law 2024-2 (Taxes) Interim Tax Levies**

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-Law 2024-2 being a by-law to provide for Interim Tax Levies be passed in open Council this 8th day of January, 2024.

**Carried**

**12.1.3 By-law 2024-3 (Parking) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers**

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-Law 2024-3 being a by-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to enforce the by-laws on various private properties and to amend Schedule "A" to By-law 90-305 be passed in open Council this 8th day of January, 2024.

**Carried**

**12.1.4 By-law 2024-4 (Zoning) A-12-23-OP Official Plan Affordable Housing Policies**

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2024-4 being a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 248 to the Official Plan for the City of Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 8th day of January, 2024.

**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**

**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**

**12.1.5 By-law 2024-9 Appointment of CAO**

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Resolved that By-law 2024-9 being a by-law to appoint Tom Vair as Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 8th day of January, 2024.

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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			
<b>Results</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
				<b>Carried</b>

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

**15. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Scott

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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City Clerk