



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 13, 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 (by video until 8:40 p.m.), Councillor R. Zagordo, Councillor M. Bruni, Councillor S. Kinach, Councillor C. Gardi, Councillor M. Scott

Officials: T. Vair, R. Tyczinski, L. Girardi, S. Schell, P. Johnson, N. Ottolino, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, T. Anderson, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, P. Tonazzo, C. Rumiell, S. Zuppa, T. Reid, R. Van Staveren, V. McLeod, E. Cormier, G. Atkinson

14. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss:

- one item concerning labour relations or employee negotiations; and
- three items concerning confidential information which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere with contractual or other negotiations of an organization;

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 without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

Municipal Act R.S.O. 2002 – section 239 2 (b) labour relations or employee negotiations; (i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization

Carried

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 29, 2024 be approved.

Carried

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 – Planning Act Application A-7-24-Z.OP: 267 Cathcart Street and 159 John Street

Applicant is a client of law firm.

4.2 Mayor M. Shoemaker – Joint Venture

One of the parties is a client of law firm.

4.3 Councillor S. Spina – Downtown Security Foot Patrols

Partner in a security company.

4.4 Councillor C. Gardi – YMCA Presentation

Member of YMCA

4.5 Councillor C. Gardi – YMCA

Member of YMCA

5. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the Agenda and Addendum #1 for May 13, 2024 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

6. Presentations

6.1 First Nations Robinson-Huron Treaty Settlement

Chief Karen Bell, Garden River First Nation and Chief Mark McCoy, Batchewana First Nation were in attendance.

6.2 YMCA

Councillor C. Gardi declared a conflict on this item. (Member of YMCA)

Elise Schofield, Chair and Jake D'Agostini, Board Spokesperson were in attendance.

6.3 PUC Inc.

Robert Brewer, Ila Watson, Mark Faught and Katie Elliott were in attendance.

6.4 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Leandra Correale Ferguson, Associate, thinc design and Mary Catherine Mehak, Principal Planner, Mehak, Kelly & Associates Inc. attended electronically.

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that all the items listed under date May 13, 2024 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda item 7.10 be approved as recommended.

Carried

7.1 Housing Accelerator Fund

Correspondence from Mayor Shoemaker to The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities was received by Council.

7.2 Year End Financial Report – December 31, 2023

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated May 13, 2024 concerning Year End Financial Report – December 31, 2023 be received and that:

- the 2023 surplus be transferred to the Contingency Reserve for future direction of Council;
- the Port of Algoma Inc. accounts receivable in the amount of \$552,875 be written off; and
- 2023 year end transfers be approved.

Carried

7.3 Asbestos Abatement – James L. McIntyre Library

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

The relevant By-Law 2024-77 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.4 Professional Services – Rooftop Solar Panels

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

The relevant By-law 2024-84 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.5 Tender for Equipment Purchase – Public Works (Parks)

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated May 13, 2024 concerning Tender for Equipment Purchase – Public Works (Parks) be received and that the tender for the supply and delivery one split body gasoline trash compactor be awarded to Nexgen Municipal Inc. at their bid price, meeting specifications, of \$270,699.75 plus HST.

Carried

7.6 Tender for Equipment Purchase – Public Works

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated May 13, 2024 concerning Tender for Equipment Purchase – Public Works be received and that the tender for the supply and delivery of one 10-ton portable asphalt recycler be awarded to SNT Solutions Inc. at their low price, meeting specifications, of \$200,000 plus HST.

Carried

7.7 Tender for Equipment Purchase – Public Works

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated May 13, 2024 concerning Tender for Equipment Purchase – Public Works be received and that the tender for the supply and delivery of one vacuum body catch basin cleaner be awarded to FST Canada Inc. at their bid price, meeting specifications, of \$763,018.77 plus HST.

Carried

7.8 Tender for Equipment Purchase – Public Works

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated May 13, 2024 concerning Tender for Equipment Purchase – Public Works be received and that the tender for the supply and delivery of one motor grader be awarded to Brandt Tractor Inc. at their bid price, meeting specifications, of \$566,807 plus HST.

Carried

7.9 Beer Pouring Rights – GFL Event Centre

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

The relevant By-law 2024-75 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.11 Community Development Fund – Economic Development Stream: Wolowich Tool Repair

The report of the Manager of Business Development was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Business Development dated May 13, 2024, concerning Community Development Fund – Economic Development Stream: Wolowich Tool Repair be received and that \$15,000 from the Community Development Fund – Economic Development stream to support business expansion and investment at 690 Black Road be approved.

Carried

7.12 April 2024 Tourism Development Fund Applications

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism and Community Development dated May 13, 2024 concerning April 2024 Tourism Development Fund Applications be received and that the recommendation of the Tourism Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors to allocate \$18,375 as detailed below be approved:

- Fringe North International Theatre Festival (\$5,000);
- Ontario Junior Archery Challenge (\$3,000);
- Sault Ste. Kennel Club All Breed Conformation Show (\$3,000);
- Salty Marie Trails Festival (\$5,000); and
- Spring International Swim Meet (\$2,375).

Carried

7.13 Noise By-Law Exemption Summer Events 2024

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

The relevant By-law 2024-71 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.14 2023 Annual Report – Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site

The report of the Curator of the Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Curator of the Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site dated May 13, 2024 concerning 2023 Annual Report – Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site be received on behalf of the Historic Sites Board.

Carried

7.15 2024 Firearms and Noise By-law Exemptions – Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site

The report of the Curator of the Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2024-67 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.16 Nature Canada – Bird Friendly City Certification Program Update

The report of the Sustainability Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni
Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Sustainability Coordinator dated May 13, 2024 concerning Nature Canada – Bird Friendly City Certification Program Update be received as information.

Carried

7.17 Community Development Fund – Green Initiatives Stream Applications 2024 Q1 Intake

The report of the Sustainability Coordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni
Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Sustainability Coordinator dated May 13, 2024 concerning Community Development Fund – Green Initiatives Stream Applications 2024 Q1 Intake be received and that the recommendations of the Environmental Sustainability Committee to support the following six projects be approved:

1. Invasive Species Centre Himalayan Balsam Community Pull 2.0 Project – \$3,449.72;
2. Sault Climate Hub Little Forest – \$5,280.44;
3. Sault Search and Rescue E-Bike Project – \$8,786.25;
4. Sault Ste. Marie Museum LED Retrofit – \$1,971.71;
5. Algoma Fish and Game Club Invasive Species Sign Project – \$885.92; and
6. NORDIK Institutes Shoreline Clean-Up Project – \$7,500.

Carried

7.18 2024 Equipment List – Amendment

The report of the Director of Public Works was received by Council.

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

Resolved that the report of the Director of Public Works dated May 13, 2024 concerning 2024 Equipment List – Amendment be received and that the estimated budget for the Parks Deck Rider be redirected towards the purchase of a 2014 pickup from Police Services.

Carried

7.19 2024 Road Resurfacing Program

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

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

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated May 13, 2024 be received and that the 2024 Road Resurfacing Program be approved.

Carried

7.20 Highway 17 East Emergency Access

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

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

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated May 13, 2024 concerning Highway 17 East Emergency Access be received as information.

Carried

7.21 Contract 2024-2E Reconstruction of Lake Street

The report of the Municipal Services and Design Engineer was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2024-82 and 2024-83 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni
Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Services and Design Engineer dated May 13, 2024 concerning Reconstruction of Lake Street be received and that Contract 2024-2E be awarded to Trimount Construction Group Inc.;

Further that Council authorize a contribution of \$885,866 from prior years uncommitted capital transportation fund to support the completion of the project.

Carried

7.22 Traffic Calming Prioritization List

The report of the Municipal Services and Design Engineer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni
Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Services and Design Engineer dated May 13, 2024 concerning Traffic Calming Prioritization List 2024 be received as information.

Carried

7.23 Agreement to Grant Utility Easement and Permission for Immediate Entry – City, PUC and SSMRCA

The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2024-74 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.24 Property Acquisition – 254 Sydenham Road, 677 and 681 Brunswick Avenue

The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2024-78 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.25 Request for Deeming By-laws for 1000443285 Ontario Inc. and Glove Holdings Inc. – St. Thomas Street and Bay Street Properties

The report of the Assistant City Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2024-79 and 2024-80 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.26 Deeming By-law – Part Barton Street and Part Lot 169 Hamilton Subdivision (Frank Marrello)

The report of the Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2024-76 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.27 Delegated Authority – NOHFC Queen Street Funding

The report of the Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2024-81 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.10 Downtown Security Foot Patrols

Councillor S. Spina declared a conflict on this item (Partner in a security company).

The report of the Director of Community Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated May 13, 2024 concerning Downtown Security Foot Patrols be received and that Council approve the establishment of a pilot program to implement a downtown foot patrol.

	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	1	1
				Carried

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 YMCA

Councillor C. Gardi declared a conflict on this item (Member of YMCA).

The report of the Chief Administrative Officer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

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Resolved that the report of the CAO dated May 13, 2024 concerning an agreement with the YMCA be received and Council authorize City staff to finalize a ten-year lease agreement with both the Organization and the YMCA;

Further that Council authorize a contribution of up to \$505,000 from the contingency reserve to support capital refurbishments at the YMCA and maximize an NOHFC funding agreement;

Further that Council request staff determine a path forward to enable the YMCA building to continue to be exempt from municipal taxation if such exemption is lost as a result of this transaction.

	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	7	3	1	0
				Carried

Amendment:

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Resolved that the main motion be amended by removing the words "further that Council authorize a contribution of \$505,000 from the contingency reserve to support capital refurbishments at the YMCA and maximize an NOHFC funding agreement."

	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	4	6	1	0
				Defeated

8.3.2 Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2034

The report of the Director of Community Services was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated May 13, 2024 be received and that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2034 be approved.

	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	0	1
				Carried

8.4 Public Works and Engineering Services

8.5 Fire Services

8.6 Legal

8.7 Planning

8.7.1 A-5-24-OP Strategic Development Areas

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni
 Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated May 13, 2024 concerning A-5-24-OP Strategic Development Areas be received and that Council approve this application and amend the Official Plan by way of a map and text change as outlined in OPA 252 attached;

And that the Legal Department be requested to prepare the necessary by-law 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	0	1
				Carried

8.7.2 Planning Act Application A-7-24-Z.OP: 267 Cathcart Street and 159 John Street

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

Acting Mayor L. Vezeau-Allen assumed the chair.

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

The Applicant Claudia Daniels was in attendance.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated May 13, 2024 concerning *Planning Act* application A-7-24-Z.OP be received and that Council:

267 Cathcart Street

1. Approve Official Plan Amendment 253 in the following manner:
 - a. Re-designate the subject property on Land Use Schedule C of the Official Plan from Residential to Commercial; and
 - b. Amend the Official Plan by way of a notwithstanding clause to Commercial Policy 4 to permit major office space (650m²) outside of the downtown area.
2. Rezone the subject property from Low Density Residential Zone (R3.S365) with Special Exception No. 365 to Commercial Transitional Zone (CT2.S365) with the following amended special exception 365:
 - a. Repeal special exception provisions 1 and 2; and;
 - b. Reduce the required number of parking spaces from 35 to 22 spaces.

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

That Council deny the applicant's request to rezone 159 John Street for the purpose of permitting satellite parking

	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	1	1
				Carried

Mayor M. Shoemaker resumed the chair.

8.7.3 Draft Plan of Vacant Condominium – 57T-24-501 – 551 Korah Road and 0 Prentice Avenue

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

John McDonald was in attendance on behalf of the Applicant.

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated May 13, 2024 concerning Application 57T-24-501 – 551 Korah Road and 0 Prentice Avenue (Mark Lepore) be received and that Council

grant Draft Plan Approval for a 10 unit (lot) Vacant Land Condominium consisting of 30 multiple attached dwelling units, subject to the conditions of Draft Approval outlined in Appendix A;

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	0	1
				Carried

8.7.4 26 Queen Street East (PHG Renos c/o Mehdi Arfaei)

The report of the Planner was received by Council.

The Applicant Mehdi Arfaei was in attendance.

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Planner dated May 13, 2024 concerning Application A-6-24-Z 26 Queen Street East be received and that Council:

- Rezone 26 Queen Street East from Central Commercial Zone (C2) to Central Commercial Zone (C2.S) with a Special Exception to permit, in addition to the uses presently permitted in a C2 zone, a rooming house, subject to the following special provision:
- Allow residential dwellings and rooming units to be located on the ground floor of the existing building, but not directly fronting onto Queen Street East;

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	0	1
				Carried

8.8 Boards and Committees

8.8.1 Appointment to Fill Downtown Association Vacancy

Correspondence from the Downtown Business Improvement Area (Downtown Association) was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that Tamar Tucker be appointed to the Downtown Business Improvement Area (Downtown Association) Board from May 13, 2024 to December 31, 2026.

	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	0	1
				Carried

8.8.2 PUC Inc. Shareholder Meeting

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that City Council is now authorized to meet in open session as the sole shareholder of PUC Inc. and PUC Services Inc.; and

Further Be It Resolved that City Council appoints:

- Mayor Matthew Shoemaker as Council's proxy to vote on the Axiom Infrastructure Investment/Partnership resolution of the shareholder of PUC Inc. and PUC Services Inc.; and
- Councillor Lisa Vezeau-Allen as Acting Mayor Council's proxy to vote on the Joint Venture resolution of the shareholder of PUC Inc. and PUC Services Inc.

	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

8.8.2.1 Axiom Infrastructure Investment/Partnership

Whereas PUC Inc. is a wholly owned municipal corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie as the shareholder of PUC Inc. has established a shareholder declaration that requires PUC Inc. to seek and receive shareholder approval with respect to the borrowing of any money, the issuance of any debt, the giving of any security or the making or incurring of any single capital expenditure or acquisition in excess of \$5,000,000 or any capital expenditures which, in aggregate, are in excess of \$10,000,000 in any financial year of PUC Inc. and the Subsidiary Corporations on a consolidated basis; and

Whereas the electric industry in Ontario is undergoing significant transition; and

Whereas Algoma Steel Inc. is currently constructing an electric arc furnace that will require a new transmission connection; and

Whereas the Shareholder previously approved the creation of PUC Transmission LP Inc. and PUC Transmission GP Inc., (PUC Transmission); and

Whereas PUC Transmission has previously proposed the formation of a partnership with Axiom Infrastructure to enable the development and construction of a 230kV transmission line and transmission station to service the west end of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma Steel's electric arc furnace project; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Shareholder of PUC Inc. hereby:

Authorize and empower PUC Inc. to approve its subsidiary PUC Transmission to negotiate, finalize, execute and deliver any and all agreements, documents, certificates, or instruments necessary or appropriate to establish and operate the partnership, including, but not limited to, the partnership agreement, operating agreements, and any ancillary agreements or documents; and

Authorize PUC Inc. to invest in PUC Transmission its 20 percent contribution of the equity totalling \$16 million at project close, which is expected to occur in mid-late 2027.

8.8.2.2 Joint Venture

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

Acting Mayor L. Vezeau-Allen assumed the chair.

Whereas PUC Inc. is a wholly owned municipal corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie as the shareholder of PUC Inc. has established a shareholder declaration that requires PUC Inc. to seek and receive shareholder approval with respect to the borrowing of any money, the issuance of any debt, the giving of any security or the making or incurring of any single capital expenditure or acquisition in excess of \$5,000,000 or any capital expenditures which, in aggregate, are in excess of \$10,000,000 in any financial year of PUC Inc. and the subsidiary corporations on a consolidated basis, and

Whereas the electric industry in Ontario is undergoing significant transition, and

Whereas, PUC Inc. has successfully partnered with other utilities for the delivery of a number of utility-related services, including Conservation Demand Management (CDM) and utility vegetation control, and

Whereas PUC Inc. is proposing the establishment of a joint venture with three other utilities, Greater Sudbury Utilities, North Bay Hydro and NT Power, for the purpose of pursuing initiatives that will benefit both the utilities and the broader communities they serve.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Shareholder of PUC Inc. hereby:

Authorize and empower PUC Inc. to negotiate, finalize, execute and deliver any and all agreements, documents, certificates, or instruments necessary or appropriate to establish and operate the joint venture, including, but not limited to the joint venture agreement, operating agreements, and any ancillary agreements or documents; and

Authorizes PUC Inc. to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to setup the establishment of the joint venture, included but not limited to the appointment of officers, directors, or other personnel to manage the joint venture on behalf of the Company.

Mayor M. Shoemaker resumed the chair.

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

9.1 Physician Shortage

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor S. Spina

Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

Whereas the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario are expected to retire in the next five years; and

Whereas the Ontario Medical Association and the Province of Ontario were negotiating a funding agreement to improve access, reduce wait times, and to help encourage physicians to enter the areas of practice most in need; and

Whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77% in 2008 to 65% in 2022; and

Whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

Whereas the Government of Ontario recently submitted arguments to an arbitrator stating "there is no concern of a diminished supply of physicians", ignoring the real needs of communities across the province including Sault Ste. Marie and every Ontarian without access to a physician;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Sault Ste. Marie and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately, and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

	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			
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				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

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that all By-laws under item 12 of the Agenda under date May 13, 2024 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 2024-67 (Regulations) Noise and Firearms Exemption – Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-Law 2024-67 being a by-law to exempt the Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site 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 noise in the City of Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.2 By-law 2024-71 (Noise Exemption) Summer Events

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-law 2024-71 being a by-law to to exempt the various locations of the 2024 Summer Events on May 17-19, 2024, and July 18-20, 2024, from the Noise Control By-law 80-200.

Carried

12.1.3 By-law 2024-74 (Agreement) PUC Easement Connaught and Wright

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-Law 2024-74 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and The Public Utilities Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority to grant a utility easement and permission for immediate entry for the Wright Street to Connaught watermain be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.4 By-law 2024-75 (Agreement) GFL Memorial Gardens Pouring Rights

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-law 2024-75 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Molson Coors Beverage Company for the Pouring Rights of the GFL Memorial Gardens be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.5 By-law 2024-76 (Subdivision Control) Deeming Hamilton Subdivision (Frank Marrello)

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-law 2024-76 being a by-law to deem not registered for purposes of subdivision control certain lots in the Hamilton Subdivision, pursuant to section 50(4) of the *Planning Act* be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.6 By-law 2024-77 (Agreement) Library Asbestos Abatement

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-law 2024-77 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and Colin's Haulage Inc. for asbestos abatement at James L. McIntyre Centennial Library be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.7 By-law 2024-78 (Property Acquisition) 254 Sydenham Road, 677 and 681 Brunswick Avenue (Healey)

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-Law 2024-78 being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of property located at civic 254 Sydenham Road, 677 and 681 Brunswick Avenue (Healey) be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.8 By-law 2024-79 (Subdivision Control) Deeming Stonehouse Subdivision (1000443285 Ontario Inc.)

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-law 2024-79 being a by-law to deem not registered for purposes of subdivision control certain lots in the Stonehouse Subdivision, pursuant to section 50(4) of the *Planning Act* be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.9 By-law 2024-80 (Subdivision Control) Deeming O'Brien's and Stonehouse Subdivision (Glove Holdings Inc.)

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-law 2024-80 being a by-law to deem not registered for purposes of subdivision control certain lots in the O'Brien's Subdivision and Stonehouse Subdivision, pursuant to section 50(4) of the *Planning Act* be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.10 By-law 2024-81 (Delegation) NOHFC Queen Street Streetscape Funding

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-Law 2024-81 being a by-law to authorize the CAO, subject to the NOHFC funding application for the 2024 Queen Street Improvement being successful, to execute and bind the Corporation to any change work order for the road work contract between the City and Avery Construction Limited for the 2024 Queen Street Improvements up to the eligible amount of the NOHFC funding in order to avoid delays in construction approvals be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.11 By-law 2024-82 (Engineering) Contract 2024-2E Lake Street Reconstruction

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-law 2024-82 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Contract between the City and Trimount Construction Group Inc. for the reconstruction of Lake Street between Queen Street East and the entrance to Bellevue Park (Contract 2024-2E) be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.12 By-law 2024-83 (Temporary Street Closing) Lake Street Reconstruction

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-law 2024-83 being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Lake Street between Queen Street East and the entrance to Bellevue Park on May 14, 2024 to November 30, 2024 to facilitate the Lake Street Reconstruction be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.13 By-law 2024-84 (Agreement) Transit Garage Roof

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-law 2024-84 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and J.L. Richards & Associates Limited for the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) at the Transit Bus Depot garage roof located at 111 Huron Street be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 2024.

Carried

12.1.14 By-law 2024-85 (Street Assumption) Part of McNeice Street

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that By-Law 2024-86 being a by-law to assume for public use and establish as public street that portion of McNeice Street described as PIN 31497-0301 (LT) ADAM STREET PL H463 RANKIN LOCATION (AKA MCNEICE ST); PT 2 & 3 1R4035; SAULT STE. MARIE be passed in open Council this 13th day of May, 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

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

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk