



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, October 1, 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 (by video), Councillor C. Gardi, Councillor M. Scott

Officials: T. Vair, R. Tyczinski, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, D. Perri, C. Rumiell, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, P. Tonazzo, V. McLeod, L. Girardi, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, K. Pulkkineni

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 9, 2024 and Special Council Meeting of September 18, 2024 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 M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the Agenda for October 1, 2024 City Council Meeting and Addenda as presented be approved with the exception of the removal of the closed session motion (Agenda item 14).

Carried

6. Presentations

Liam Brechin was in attendance to delegate to Council regarding Agenda item 7.1 Corporate Strategic Plan 2024--2027 and Agenda item 7.3 Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hub Funding Application

Julie Hryniewicz was in attendance to delegate to Council regarding Agenda item 7.3 Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hub Funding Application

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that all the items listed under date October 1, 2024 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda item 7.11 be approved as recommended.

Carried

7.1 Corporate Strategic Plan 2024 – 2027

The report of the CAO was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated October 1, 2024 concerning the Corporate Strategic Plan Feedback be received and that Council approve the Plan.

Carried

7.2 Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation – YMCA Contribution Agreement – Boiler Replacement

The report of the CAO was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2024-139 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.3 Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hub Funding Application

The report of the CAO was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the CAO dated October 1, 2024 concerning the HART Hub funding opportunity be received and that Council authorize a letter of support outlining the importance and critical need for establishing a HART Hub in Sault Ste. Marie and region;

Further that Council endorse and support the funding application from the Canadian Mental Health Association Algoma.

Carried

7.4 2024 City of Sault Ste Marie Credit Rating

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer dated October 1, 2024 concerning the 2024 City of Sault Ste Marie Credit Rating be received as information.

Carried

7.5 Tender for Line Painting Services – Traffic Division

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated October 1, 2024 concerning the provision of Line Painting services of City streets as required by Public Works and Engineering Services, Traffic Division be received and the services be awarded to McGuinness Coatings Ltd. for the 2025, 2026, and 2027 seasons and extension option at the tendered pricing HST extra.

Carried

7.6 Bay Street Active Living Centre Floor Replacement

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated October 1, 2024 concerning the Bay Street Active Living Centre Floor Replacement be received and that the \$23,500 from the Parks and Recreation Reserve be approved to support the project.

Carried

7.7 Arts and Culture Assistance Stream Program Guidelines Update

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated October 1, 2024 concerning Arts and Culture Assistance Stream Program Guidelines Update be received and that the recommendation of the Cultural Vitality Committee to split the funds equally between the two intake periods be approved.

Carried

7.8 Building Division Annual Fee Report 2023

The report of the Chief Building Official was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Chief Building Official dated October 1, 2024 regarding the Building Division Annual Fee Report 2023 be received as information.

Carried

7.9 By-Law Enforcement Appointments

The report of the Manager of Building and By-law Enforcement was received by Council.

The relevant By-Law 2024-140 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.10 Graffiti Committee

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated October 1, 2024 concerning a Graffiti Subcommittee of the Cultural Vitality Committee be received and that the terms of reference of the subcommittee be approved.

Carried

7.12 Traffic Calming During Capital Construction Projects

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Services and Design Engineer dated October 1, 2024 regarding Traffic Calming be received as information.

Carried

7.13 Additional Updates to Traffic By-law – 2024

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Services and Design Engineer dated October 1, 2024 concerning the Additional Traffic By-law Updates – 2024 be received and the recommended amendments be approved.

The relevant amendments to the Traffic By-Law will appear on a future Council Agenda.

Carried

7.14 Regional Fire Training Centre Memorandum of Understanding 2024

The report of the Fire Chief is attached for the consideration of Council.

The relevant By-Law 2024-136 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.15 Overtime and Staffing Update Report

The report of the Fire Chief was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Fire Chief dated October 1, 2024, concerning Overtime and Staffing Update be received as information.

Carried

7.16 Municipal Capital Facilities Exemption Request for Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation

The report of the City Solicitor was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2024-137 and 2024-138 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.17 Road Closure – Corey Avenue Between Manitou Drive and Wiber Street

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

The relevant By-law 2024-144 is listed under item at of the Minutes.

7.11 Traffic Signal Removal Study

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 October 1, 2024 concerning Traffic Signal Removal Study be received and that staff be directed to proceed with the removal of signals at the intersection of Albert Street and Dennis Street and the reinstatement of the traffic signals at the intersections of Albert Street and Elgin Street and Queen Street and Church Street. **Not Read**

7.11.1 Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Municipal Services and Design Engineer dated October 1, 2024 concerning Traffic Signal Removal Study be received and that staff be directed to proceed with the removal of signals at Albert Street and Dennis Street and the intersection of Queen Street and Church Street, and the reinstatement of the traffic signals at the intersection of Albert Street and Elgin Street;

Further that staff be directed to recommend pedestrian crossing improvements for area residents.

	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	6	5	0	0
				Carried

8. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees

8.1 Administration

8.1.1 Former Sault Area Hospital Site

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

By-law 2024-141 Document Registration Agreement

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2024-141, being a by-law to authorize the City Solicitor or her designate to execute the Document Registration Agreement between the City and Carlo Vincenzo Spadafora and the Solicitors representing the Private Mortgage Holders.

	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

By-law 2024-142 (Property Acquisition) 941 Queen Street East, 941 Queen Street East Water Lot, 995 Queen Street East (Leisure Meadows Community Living Inc.)

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2024-142 being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of property located at civic 941 Queen Street East, 941 Queen Street East Water Lot, and 995 Queen Street East (LEISURE MEADOWS COMMUNITY LIVING INC.) be passed in open Council this 1st day of October, 2024.

	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

By-law 2024-143 (Property Acquisition) 10 Lucy Terrace (1667271 Ontario Inc.)

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2024-143 being a by-law to authorize the acquisition of property located at civic 10 Lucy Terrace (1667271 Ontario Inc.) be passed in open Council this 1st day of October, 2024.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker	X			

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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
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Carried

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

8.8 Boards and Committees

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

9.1 Traffic Lights at Wallace Terrace and Goulais Avenue

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Whereas City Council recognizes the importance of efficient traffic management and safety at all intersections within the city; and

Whereas there have been ongoing discussions regarding the necessity and effectiveness of the traffic lights located at the intersection of Wallace Terrace and Goulais Avenue; and

Whereas safety concerns have been raised by local residents and businesses about the removal of the traffic lights at this intersection

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council directs the appropriate City department(s) to:

1. Temporarily cover the traffic lights at the intersection of Wallace Terrace and Goulais Avenue for a trial period of which the length is determined by similar trials.
2. Monitor and assess traffic flow, pedestrian safety, and overall intersection performance during the trial period.
3. Gather feedback from local residents, businesses, and other stakeholders regarding their experiences during the trial period.
4. Prepare a comprehensive report on the findings of the trial, including recommendations on whether the traffic lights should be permanently removed or reinstated.
5. Present the report to the City Council at the conclusion of the trial period for a final decision.

Further Be It Resolved that appropriate measures, such as signage or temporary stop signs, be implemented during the trial period to ensure the safety of all road users.

	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	3	0	0
				Carried

9.2 Community Safety Zones

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Whereas community safety zones are defined as segments of roadways where public safety is of special concern and may include roadways near parks/playgrounds, daycare centres, recreation areas, hospitals, senior centres/residences, and areas with a large concentration of pedestrian activity; and

Whereas Sault College enrollment has increased significantly in the last 10 years, increasing population and foot traffic in the area; and

Whereas a number of elementary schools have amalgamated, effectively creating super-schools and/or schools with higher enrollment in the area; and

Whereas speeding has been identified as a major issue around the city. This is documented to be well over the posted 40 km/hr in many school zones including St Paul School (posting 59.5 km as 85th percentile speed) and Boreal French Immersion (posting 64.94 km as 85th percentile speed); and

Whereas this area has connections to the Hub Trail, new development, buildings housing seniors and citizens with disabilities, as well as many families

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff report back to Council regarding designating Northern Avenue from Sackville Road to Pine Street a Community Safety Zone; and regarding designating Pine Street from Northern Avenue to McNabb Street a Community Safety Zone.

	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

9.3 Base Line and Carpin Beach Road Intersection

Moved by: Councillor M. Scott

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gardi

Whereas the intersection of Base Line and Carpin Beach Road is located in close proximity to R.M. Moore Public School, where a significant number of children and families regularly travel to and from the area; and

Whereas the safety of students, staff, and residents is of paramount importance to this Council; and

Whereas over the past three years there have been two major traffic incidents at this intersection, both of which resulted in direct damage to the playground where R.M. Moore students play, and where we have been incredibly fortunate that no injuries have occurred; and

Whereas increased traffic volumes and speeding vehicles at this intersection present an ongoing and unacceptable risk to the safety of pedestrians, particularly school children

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council request staff to report back regarding the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Base Line and Carpin Beach Road; and

Further Be It Resolved that staff be requested to explore additional traffic calming measures and enhanced signage to ensure the safety of children and all pedestrians in the vicinity of R.M. Moore Public School.

	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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that all By-laws under item 12 of the Agenda under date October 1, 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 2024-135 (Zoning) 2707728 Ontario Inc. – Mario Palumbo – Crimson Ridge Golf Course

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2024-135 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 418 Fourth Line West (2707728 Ontario Inc. – Mario Palumbo – Crimson Ridge Golf Course) be passed in open Council this 1st day of October, 2024.

Carried

12.1.2 By-law 2024-136 (Agreement) Fire Services Emergency Services Training and Development

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2024-136 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General operating through the Ontario Fire College (the "OFC") to conduct and host Fire Service training and development in our municipality be passed in open Council this 1st day of October, 2024.

Carried

12.1.3 By-law 2024-137 (Agreement) Municipal Capital Facility

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2024-137 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and the Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation (“The Airport”) for the provision of a Municipal Capital Facility at the Sault Ste. Marie Airport located at 475 Airport Road Unit 1, Sault Ste. Marie be passed in open Council this 1st day of October, 2024.

Carried

12.1.4 By-law 2024-138 (Taxation Exemption) Municipal Capital Facility Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2024-138 being a by-law to provide for the partial taxation exemption for the Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation (“the Airport”) as a Municipal Capital Facility be passed in open Council this 1st day of October, 2024.

Carried

12.1.5 By-law 2024-139 (Agreement) YMCA Boiler Replacement

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2024-139 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City and the Young Men’s Christian Association, of Sault Ste. Marie and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation to support costs related to the replacement of the boiler system at the YMCA be passed in open Council this 1st day of October, 2024.

Carried

12.1.6 By-law 2024-140 (By-law Enforcement Officers) – Building

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2024-140 being a by-law to appoint by-law enforcement officers to enforce The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie Property Standards By-law as Property Standard Officers and enforce various other by-laws of The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie as By-law Enforcement Officer be passed in open Council this 1st day of October, 2024.

Carried

12.1.7 By-law 2024-144 (Road Closure) Corey Avenue

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2024-144, being a by-law to permit the temporary closing of Corey Avenue between Manitou Drive and Wiber Street from October 7, 2024, to November 1, 2024 for a watermain rehabilitation project be passed in open Council this 1st day of October 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

14. Closed Session

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk