



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, May 12, 2025

5:00 pm

Council Chambers and Video Conference

Present: Mayor M. Shoemaker, Councillor S. Hollingsworth, Councillor S. Spina, Councillor L. Dufour (via video), Councillor A. Caputo, Councillor R. Zagordo, Councillor M. Bruni, Councillor S. Kinach (via video), Councillor C. Gardi

Absent: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen, Councillor M. Scott

Officials: T. Vair, R. Tyczinski, K. Fields, S. Schell, P. Johnson, S. Hamilton Beach, C. Rumiell, N. Ottolino, B. Lamming, T. Anderson, F. Coccimiglio, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, P. Tonazzo, S. Facey, D. Perri, N. Maione, N. Thibault, M. McAuley, E. Cormier, K. Pulkkinen

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, 2025 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 Councillor M. Bruni – OPP Costing

Son is employed by O.P.P.

5. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the Agenda for May 12, 2025 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

6. Presentations

6.1 Fire – Community Risk Assessment

Suzanne Charbonneau-Dent, Owner/Principal, Tayport Limited was in attendance by video.

6.2 Hope Air Day

Marnie Stone and Tim Murphy were in attendance.

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that all the items listed under date May 12, 2025 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda item 7.8 be approved as recommended.

Carried

7.1 Korah Collegiate and Vocational School Relay for Life

Correspondence from Korah Collegiate and Vocational School requesting an exemption from the noise by-law was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2025-82 is listed under Agenda item 12 and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

7.2 First Quarter Financial Report – March 31, 2025

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Finance dated May 12, 2025 concerning First Quarter Financial Report to March 31, 2025 be received as information.

Carried

7.3 Tender for Seasonal Lease of Four Loaders – Public Works

The report of the Manager of Purchasing is attached for the consideration of Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated May 12, 2025 concerning five-year seasonal lease of four Articulated Front-End Wheel Loaders as required by Public Works and Engineering Services be received and that the lease be awarded to Toromont CAT for 2025 model at the tendered price including maintenance agreement and extended warranty of \$7,541 plus HST per unit for each periodic payment.

A By-law authorizing signature of the contract for this project will appear on a future Council Agenda.

Carried

7.4 Anti-Hate Advisory Committee

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Director of Tourism dated May 12, 2025 concerning Anti-Hate Advisory Committee be received and that the committee become a Mayor's Advisory Council instead of a committee of Council.

Carried

7.4.1 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Correspondence

7.5 Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site Operations 2024 Annual Report

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Curator of the Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site dated May 12, 2025 concerning Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site 2024 Annual Report be received and that the 2024 Annual Report be approved.

Carried

7.6 2023–2024 Sustainability Report and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Update

The report of the Sustainability Coordinator was received by Council.

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

Resolved that the report of the Sustainability Coordinator dated May 12, 2025 concerning 2023–2024 Sustainability Report and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Updates be received as information.

Carried

7.7 Housing Enabling Core Services Fund – Transfer Payment Agreement

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

The relevant By-law 2025-83 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.9 West End Treatment Plant Phase 1 – Engineering Fee Addendum

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 12, 2025 concerning West End Treatment Plant Phase 1 – Engineering Fee Addendum be received and that \$290,000 be added to the City’s engineering agreement with AECOM.

Carried

7.10 Contract for Fourth Line Culvert Replacement

The report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2025-80 authorizing execution of Contract 2025-4E and 2025-81 authorizing the road closure of Fourth Line from Great Northern Road to Old Goulais Bay Road from May 13, 2025 to October 17, 2025 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

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

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated May 12, 2025 concerning Fourth Line Culvert Replacement be received and that contract 2025-4E be awarded to Trimount Construction Inc.

Carried

7.11 Traffic Calming Prioritization List 2025

A report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni
Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated May 12, 2025 concerning Traffic Calming Prioritization List 2025 be received as information.

Carried

7.12 Building Inspector Appointment

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

The relevant By-law 2025-76 appears under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.13 Update – Performance Bonds and Letters of Credit

The report of the Solicitor was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni
Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Solicitor dated May 12, 2025 concerning Update –Performance Bonds and Letters of Credit be received as information.

Carried

7.8 Contract for Reconstruction of Peoples Road

The report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering was received by Council.

The relevant By-laws 2025-78 authorizing execution of Contract 2025-2E and 2025-79 authorizing the road closure of Peoples Road from Second Line to Penno Road including intersections from May 13, 2025 to November 28, 2025 are listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

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

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated May 12, 2025 concerning the reconstruction of Peoples Road be received and that contract 2025-2E be awarded to Avery Construction Limited.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			
Councillor S. Spina	X			
Councillor L. Dufour	X			

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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	1	0		2
					Carried

Amendment

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
 Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the motion be amended by adding the words "and that Council directs the reconstruction be completed with the existing 4-lane configuration, not a 3-lane configuration as proposed in the staff report."

	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	1	0	2
				Carried

Motion as Amended

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated May 12, 2025 concerning the reconstruction of Peoples Road be received and that contract 2025-2E be awarded to Avery Construction Limited and that Council directs the reconstruction be completed with the existing 4-lane configuration, not a 3-lane configuration as proposed in the staff report.

Carried.

8. Reports of City Departments, Boards and Committees

8.1 Administration

8.2 Corporate Services

8.2.1 Year End Financial Report – December 31, 2024

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

Police Services Board Chair John Bruno and Interim Chief Brent Duguay were in attendance.

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated May 12, 2025 concerning the Year End Financial Report – December 31, 2024 be received and that 2024 year-end transfers 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	8	1	0	2
				Carried

8.2.2 Police Financials

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
 Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Whereas the *Community Safety and Policing Act* sets out the respective roles, responsibilities and authority of the Police Services Board and the City in establishing the budget for police services; and

Whereas the Police Services Board is required to submit budget estimates to Council in the form, for the period, and on a timetable determined by Council; and

Whereas Council’s authority to establish an overall budget, but not approve or disapprove of specific budget items, does not limit Council’s ability to comment on specific proposed expenditures and cost reduction measures, or express views in support of any measure to reduce costs; and

Whereas the Police Services Board has a statutory obligation to see that policing needs are met and the City has a legal duty to see that the necessary resources are made available,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council requests that the Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board submit quarterly financial reports to Council; and

Further that City Council requests that the Sault Ste. Marie Police Services work with the City’s Chief Financial Officer regarding future budgets by providing:

- Budget requests by revenue and cost category with supporting details of variances to the prior year budget;
- Trends of prior year budgets and actuals / current year estimated surplus; and
- Budget challenges, reduction strategies and efficiencies

and provide greater clarity surrounding financials.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Mayor M. Shoemaker	X			
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X			

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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

8.3 Community Development and Enterprise Services

8.4 Public Works and Engineering Services

8.4.1 2025 Road Resurfacing Program

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated May 12, 2025 concerning 2025 Road Resurfacing Program be received and that the 2025 Road Resurfacing Program 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	9	0	0	2
				Carried

8.4.2 Capital Road Maintenance

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas investments in our roads are critical because they are our lifeline; and

Whereas good roads are crucial for economic development, social access, and safety; and

Whereas municipal roads facilitate the movement of goods and people, connecting neighbourhoods and enabling access to essential services like healthcare, education, and employment; and

Whereas well-maintained roads contribute to safer driving conditions, reduce vehicle maintenance costs, and enhance overall quality of life; and

Whereas the increasing costs to maintain capital assets like roads can't be addressed through property tax alone and it is recognized that city staff continuously seek grants to cover the cost of repairing roads; and

Whereas it is important that the City of Sault Ste. Marie continue to carry out its responsibility to invest in core infrastructure such as roads,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that staff be requested to report back at the August 11, 2025 Council meeting regarding the following;

- Summarizing how much funding Council has allocated to the capital transportation budget for the last five years broken down between grants and non-grant funds;
- Specifying grants with amounts the City has received over the last years;
- Stating the percentage of roads considered to be high, medium and low risk of needing repair;
- Capacity of contractors for construction;
- Approximating how much of a dollar increase that would be per kilometre; and

- Outlining the best financial practices Council could consider at budget time to finance the goal of fixing a high portion of roads by a set year (i.e. issuing municipal bonds, incurring debt, etc.)

	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

8.5 Fire Services

8.5.1 Community Risk Assessment Update 2025

The report of the Fire Chief was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Fire Chief dated May 12, 2025 concerning Community Risk Assessment Update 2025 be received as information;

Further that Council directs the Fire Chief (with the consultant) to return in the coming months to present the update to the Fire Master Plan.

	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	9	0	0	2	Carried

8.6 Legal

8.7 Planning

8.7.1 A-5-25-Z 33 Nichol Avenue

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated May 12, 2025 concerning Application A-5-25-Z 33 Nichol Avenue be received and that Council approve this application in the following manner:

Rezone the subject property from Gentle Density Residential Zone with Special Exception 378 (R2.S378) to Gentle Density Residential Zone with amended Special Exception 378 (R2.378 Amended) to permit, in addition to those uses permitted in the R2.S378 Zone, an indoor archery range, subject to the following provisions:

1. Require a minimum of nine parking spaces in association with the archery range only;
2. Permit one parking space to be located within a required front yard setback; and
3. Permit the use of crushed stone or other similar hard dustless surface for the provision of required parking spaces for the archery range only.

Be it further resolved that provision #3 of existing Special Exception 378, which reads “to reduce the required R2 lot area upon the southern 32 metres of the subject property from 550 to 517 square metres”, be repealed;

Rezone 21 Nichol Avenue from Gentle Density Residential Zone with Special Exception 378 (R2.S378) to Gentle Density Residential Zone with a new Special Exception (R2.S) to reduce the lot area from 550 to 517 square metres;

Rezone 25 Nichol Avenue from Gentle Density Residential Zone with Special Exception 378 (R2.S378) to Gentle Density Residential Zone with a new Special Exception (R2.S) to reduce the lot area from 550 to 517 square metres; and

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	8	0	0	3
				Carried

8.7.2 A-4-25-CIP Housing Community Improvement Plan Amendments

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni
 Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated May 12, 2025 concerning A-4-25-CIP Housing Community Improvement Plan Amendments be received and that Council:

1. Approve the amended Housing Community Improvement Plan (Appendix A);
2. Delete Schedule “A” to By-law 2024-133 named “Appendix A: City of Sault Ste. Marie Housing Community Improvement Plan (Draft) August 2024” and replace it with Schedule “A” City of Sault Ste. Marie Housing Community Improvement Plan May 2025; and
3. Allocate \$3,345,000 of Housing Accelerator Fund – Round 2 funding to the Housing Community Improvement Plan, and authorize the Plan Administrator to reallocate funds among the associated grant programs as needed, based on demand.

The relevant By-law 2025-75 is listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

	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

8.8 Boards and Committees

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

9.1 Portrait of King Charles III

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach
 Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas Canada is a Commonwealth member under the monarchy with His Majesty King Charles III as the Sovereign and Head of State; and

Whereas the Crown is a foundational element of Canada’s independent constitutional framework, representing the enduring principle of responsible government and the rule of law; and

Whereas the presence of the Monarch’s official portrait in public institutions such as municipal council chambers serves as a symbol of Canada’s constitutional order, heritage, civic responsibility, and sovereignty; and

Whereas King Charles III is scheduled to deliver the speech from the throne to open the 45th Parliament of Canada on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, which marks the first time since 1977 that a reigning monarch will personally deliver the speech in Canada; and

Whereas it is customary and appropriate to display the official portrait of the reigning monarch in government offices and institutions across Canada, including at the municipal level,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Sault Ste Marie restore the portrait of the King to the Council Chambers before His Majesty King Charles III’s arrival in Canada Monday, May 26, 2025 for the throne speech on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

	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	5	0	2
				Defeated

9.2 OPP Costing

Councillor M. Bruni declared a conflict on this item. (Son is employed by O.P.P.)

Moved by: Councillor S. Spina

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Whereas a safe community free of crime and social disorder is beneficial for all residents of and visitors to the City of Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service was founded as a municipal police service for the City of Sault Ste. Marie in 1871; and

Whereas year-over-year, the cost of policing in the City of Sault Ste. Marie has risen at a rate higher than the rate of inflation; and

Whereas the rising costs of police services must be paid by taxpayers; and

Whereas the rising cost of policing in the city of Sault Ste. Marie is not sustainable; and

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.) provide policing service across the province along with the ability to provide additional resources; and

Whereas a priority of Council and City staff is to ensure that tax dollars are spent in a fiscally responsible way while exploring all options to provide services that will enhance the safety of our community,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the CAO be directed to send a letter to Ontario’s Solicitor General, the Honourable Michael Kerzner to request pricing for O.P.P. services for the City of Sault Ste. Marie; and further that, copies of the letter be sent to the Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board, the Interim Sault Ste. Marie Police Chief and Police Association and Senior Officers Association.

	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	1	1		2
					Carried

9.3 Cost of Policing in the North

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas Northern Ontario municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets, including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings, including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets; and

Whereas Northern Ontario municipalities' operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources; and

Whereas Northern Ontario municipalities are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone; and

Whereas in 2015 the Provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract O.P.P. locations; and

Whereas the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract municipalities is approximately \$428 million; and

Whereas before a one-time Provincial support transfer, municipalities across Northern Ontario in 2024 received notices from the OPP with an average annual increase of 17.8%, representing 7.7% of the municipal tax levy; and

Whereas the estimated annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for municipalities in the Northeast is \$43 million; and

Whereas the police levy in 2025 to the four large cities in Northeastern Ontario is \$174 million after grants,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie requests that the Ontario Government commit to phasing in a \$100 million policing grant over the next three years for the 157 northern communities. After the third year, the fund to increase by the minimum of the annual Consumer Price so that each community would receive a base amount of \$60,000, with

the remaining funds allocated based on population.(If the sum of the base amount and the population-based allocation exceeds the amounts received in 2024 notifications from the OPP, plus the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI), the funding for that community to be capped to avoid surplus situations.);

Further that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, the Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, the membership of FONOM and Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Officially Read and Not Dealt With

9.4 Addition to Ministry of Transportation

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas the topography and climate of Ontario, north and west of the Canadian Shield, is uniquely different from that of the balance of the Province; and

Whereas due to that topography, it is more costly to construct or maintain 100 kilometres of Highway in Northern Ontario than the balance of the Province; and

Whereas the highway network in Northern Ontario is vital to connecting citizens to health care, employment, groceries, and recreation; and

Whereas Highway 11, Highway 17, and Highway 69 are the 400 systems of Northern Ontario; and

Whereas the municipal share of Connecting Link funding has become prohibitive for all communities; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has made, and continues to make, a significant investment in the Ontario Northland and bring back the Northlander train service; and

Whereas every senior politician in Ontario and the balance of Canada noted the raw earth elements deposits in the Ring of Fire; and

Whereas the transportation of these raw earth elements will travel through Northern Ontario; and

Whereas the Nuclear Waste Management Organization has selected the community of Ignace for the location of Canada's deep geological repository for spent nuclear fuel, and the fuel will be transported through Northern Ontario; and

Whereas on November 10, 2022, the Province announced, 'Ontario Moving Ahead with First-Ever 2+1 Highway in North America'; and on July 14, 2023 the Ministry of Transportation announced, 'Ontario Starting Work on 2+1 Highway', and during the recent Provincial election

campaign, Premier Ford announced his government would 'extend the 2+1 highway another 220 kilometres from Temiskaming Shores to Cochrane'; and

Whereas as of May 2025, the Minister has not announced a start date for construction of the initial 2+1 highway; and

Whereas the annual Ontario Road Safety Annual Report Selected Statistics does not provide a breakdown by region; and

Whereas the 2023 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report Selected Statistics reported that there were 1,504 large truck accidents in Ontario with 107 fatalities; and

Whereas large truck accidents occur daily in Northern Ontario, often resulting in death; and

Whereas accidents in Northern Ontario are the cause of many lengthy highway closures or detours using municipal infrastructure not designed for highway traffic; and

Whereas many Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities members have commented that there is a lack of response to their concerns or inquiries from the Ministry of Transportation and/or regional staff; and

Whereas Northern Ontario will be the economic engine that drives Ontario and Canada for the next 100 years; and

Whereas the Province needs a dedicated team focused on improving today's network while planning for and acting on future requirements,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Sault Ste. Marie request that the Premier either appoint a Deputy Minister of Transportation for Northern Ontario or create an Associate Minister responsible for Northern Ontario Transportation;

Further Be It Resolved that this resolution be sent to Premier Ford, the Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the membership of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

	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			

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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

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 May 12, 2025 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 2025-75 (Planning) Sault Ste Marie Housing Community Improvement Plan May 2025

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2025-75 being a by-law to approve the proposed Sault Ste Marie Housing Community Improvement Plan May 2025 be passed in open Council this 12th day of May, 2025.

Carried

12.1.2 By-law 2025-76 (Appointment) Building Inspector

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2025-76 being a by-law to appoint Jason Cleminson as Building Inspector be passed in open Council this 12th day of May, 2025.

Carried

12.1.3 By-law 2025-78 (Engineering) Contract – Avery Construction Limited

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2025-78 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Contract between the City and Avery Construction Limited for the reconstruction of Peoples Road (Contract 2025-2E) be passed in open Council on this 12th day of May, 2025.

Carried

12.1.4 By-law 2025-79 (Temporary Street Closing) Peoples Road

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2025-79 being a by-law to authorize the temporary closing of Peoples Road between Second Line and Penno Road to facilitate the reconstruction of Peoples Road from May 13, 2025 to November 28, 2025 be passed in open Council this 12th day of May, 2025

Carried

12.1.5 By-law 2025-80 (Engineering) Fourth Line Culvert Replacement Contract 2025-4E

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2025-80 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Contract between the City and Trimount Construction Group Inc. for the Fourth Line Culvert Replacement (Contract 2025-4E) be passed in open Council this 12th day of May, 2025.

Carried

12.1.6 By-law 2025-81 (Temporary Street Closing) Fourth Line East

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2025-81 being a by-law to authorize the temporary closing of Fourth Line East from Great Northern Road to Old Goulais Bay Road from May 13, 2025 to October 17, 2025 to facilitate the Fourth Line Culvert Replacement be passed in open Council this 12th day of May, 2025.

Carried

12.1.7 By-law 2025-82 (Noise Exemption) Korah Relay for Life Fundraiser

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2025-82 being a by-law to authorize the Relay for Life Fundraiser to not be in violation of Noise Control By-law 80-200 be passed in open Council on this 12th day of May, 2025.

Carried

12.1.8 By-law 2025-83 (Agreement) Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program - Housing-Enabling Core Servicing Stream Extension of Sackville Road

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2025-83 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 Minister of Infrastructure for the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) - Housing-Enabling Core Servicing Stream (HECS) for the extension of Sackville Road from Mary Avenue to Third Line East be passed in open Council this 12th day of May, 2025.

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

12.3.1 By-law 2024-160 (Local Improvement) East Street

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2024-160 being a by-law to authorize the construction of Class "A" pavement on East Street from Bay Street to Wellington Street East under Section 3 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Ontario Regulation 586/06 be read a THIRD time in open Council and passed this 12th day of May, 2025.

Carried

12.3.2 By-law 2025-3 (Street Closing and Conveyance) Cameron Lane

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor A. Caputo

Resolved that By-law 2025-3 being a by-law to stop up, close and authorize the conveyance of Cameron Lane in the Cameron Subdivision, Plan 310 be read a THIRD time in open Council and passed this 12th day of May, 2025.

Carried

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 M. Bruni

Seconded by: Councillor R. Zagordo

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk