



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, July 14, 2025

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 M. Bruni, Councillor S. Kinach (by video), Councillor C. Gardi (by video), Councillor M. Scott

Absent: Councillor A. Caputo, Councillor R. Zagordo

Officials: T. Vair, R. Tyczinski, S. Hamilton Beach, B. Lamming, S. Schell, P. Johnson, C. Rumiell, P. Tonazzo, N. Ottolino, J. King, D. Perri, N. Maoine, T. Vecchio, M. Zuppa, E. Cormier, J. Kircal

14. Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that this Council move into closed session to discuss:

- one item concerning a potential disposition of land;
- one item subject to solicitor-client privilege;
- one item explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by the Province;
- one item concerning information which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position of an organization; and

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.2001 – s. 239.2 (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land; (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them; (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 L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 23, 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 Mayor M. Shoemaker – Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre – Extension Agreement

Law firm represents Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation on this matter.

4.2 Mayor M. Shoemaker – By-law 2025-116 (Agreement) Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Senior's Drop In Centre Extension 619 and 615 Bay Street

Law firm represents Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation on this matter.

4.3 Councillor L. Dufour – Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre – Extension Agreement

Employed by the Sault Ste. Marie District Social Services Administration Board

4.4 Councillor L. Dufour – By-law 2025-116 (Agreement) Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation Senior's Drop In Centre Extension 619 and 615 Bay Street

Employed by the Sault Ste. Marie District Social Services Administration Board

5. Approve Agenda as Presented

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Agenda for July 14, 2025 City Council Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

6. Presentations

6.1 PUC Group of Companies

Andy McPhee, Chair and Robert Brewer, President and CEO were in attendance.

6.2 Transit Roadmap to Electrification Study

Jonathan Chai, Transportation Lead; and Tina Lin, Transportation Data Analyst, HDR Inc. were in attendance by video.

6.3 Proposed Wind Farm Project

This matter was postponed at the request of the proponent.

6.4 Active Transportation Master Plan

Adam Rosenfield, Senior Transportation Engineer, WSP was in attendance by video.

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that all the items listed under date July 14, 2025 – Agenda item 7 – Consent Agenda save and except Agenda item 7.13 be approved as recommended.

Carried

7.1 O.P.P. Costing Request

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the CAO dated July 14, 2025 concerning O.P.P. costing be received as information.

Carried

7.2 Design Study – Home Energy Improvement Loan Program

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated July 14, 2025 concerning services to provide a Design Study for Home Energy Improvement Loan Program as required by Community Development and Enterprise Services be received and that the proposal submitted by Dunsy Energy be awarded in the amount of \$129,888.00 plus HST.

Carried

7.3 Factory Repair Snow Removal Equipment

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Purchasing dated July 14, 2025 concerning the factory repair of two loader mounted snow blowers as required by Public Works and Engineering be received and that the work be awarded to J.A. Larue Inc. as sole source in the amount of \$149,277.06 plus HST.

Carried

7.4 Independent Electricity System Operator Long-Term 2 – Procurement and Role of the Municipality

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated July 14, 2025 concerning the Independent Electricity System Operator Long-Term 2 Procurement Process and Role of the Municipality be received as information.

Carried

7.5 Pedal Pub Pilot

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services dated July 14, 2025 concerning a two-year pilot permitting a Pedal Pub pilot in the

downtown core with the option to extend upon mutual agreement be approved and that a by-law be returned at a subsequent Council meeting.

Carried

7.6 Lease Amendment – Jayteq Pro Shop Vending Machine

A report of the Director of Community Services is attached for the consideration of Council. The relevant By-law 2025-112 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.7 Lease Amendment and Extension – Icebreakers Sport Bar and Grill

A report of the Director of Community Services is attached for the consideration of Council. The relevant By-law 2025-111 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.8 Public Art Funding – Soo Market Mural

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated July 14, 2025 concerning Public Art Project – Soo Market Mural in the amount of \$6,000 to support the mural be approved.

Carried

7.9 2025 Connecting Link Funding Agreement

A report of the Director of Engineering is attached for the consideration of Council.

The relevant By-law 2025-113 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

7.10 Five-Year Capital Transportation Program (2026-2030)

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated July 14, 2025 concerning 2026–2030 Five-Year Capital Transportation Program be received and that:

- Council approve the 2026–2030 programs in principle;
- That staff procure consulting engineering services for the Elgin Street Reconstruction/Rehabilitation; and

- That the resurfacing of Great Northern Road between 500m north of Wigle Street to the north city limit be the designated project for the City's application to the 2026 Connecting Link Program.

Carried

7.11 Peoples Road Reconstruction – Railway Warning Protection System

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated July 14, 2025, concerning the railway warning protection systems for Peoples Road Reconstruction be approved and that CDL Electric Canada be authorized as sole source to proceed with final design and installation of the warning protection systems.

Carried

7.12 Asset Management Plan – Lifecycle Management and Financial Strategy

The report of the Manager of Development and Environmental Engineering was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Development and Environmental Engineering dated July 14, 2025 be received and that the asset management plan reports be approved.

Carried

7.13 Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre – Extension Agreement

Mayor M. Shoemaker declared a conflict on this item. (Law firm represents Sault Ste. Marie Housing Corporation on this matter.)

Councillor L. Dufour declared a conflict on this item. (Employed by the Sault Ste. Marie District Social Services Administration Board)

A report of the Assistant City Solicitor/Senior Litigation Counsel is attached for the consideration of Council.

The relevant By-law 2025-116 is listed under item 12 of the Minutes.

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 Sault Ste. Marie Transit – Roadmap to Electrification Study

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the report of the Director of Community Services dated July 14, 2025, concerning the Zero Emission Electrification Study be received and that staff:

1. Be directed to submit modification requests to ICIP for a change of scope on applicable electrification projects to allow for the purchase of rolling fleet assets to include either hybrid or diesel/gasoline;
2. Be directed to engage with Metrolinx on the purchase of one hybrid bus, pending approval of the modification request;
3. Report back to Council on the outcome of the HYGN pilot project and put forward a budget request for 2026 that further outlines financial requirements; and
4. Be directed to revisit transit electrification technology options and cost estimates every two years, to ensure the City remains aligned with its net-zero emissions goals and is prepared to act as technologies mature and become more cost-effective.

Carried

8.3.2 Proposed Wind Farm Project

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

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Business Attraction, Economic Development dated July 14, 2025 concerning the proposed wind farm project be received and that Council approve the municipal support resolution as outlined below:

Whereas the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) expects to issue the Long-Term 2 Request for Proposal (LT2 RFP) to competitively procure 1,500 MW of non-emitting energy-producing resources; and

Whereas the LT2 RFP requires proponents to show evidence of having obtained support in the form of a municipal support resolution from each local municipality in whose jurisdiction the Long-Term energy-producing project is proposed to be located; and

Whereas one or more of these energy-producing systems may be constructed and operated within City of Sault Ste Marie municipal boundaries by EDF Power Solutions Development Inc.

or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries formed for the purposes of this LT2 RFP, as applicable (the “Proponent”); and

Whereas new non-emitting supply is expected to be cost competitive, clean and renewable such as wind and solar generation.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:

1. The Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the EDF submission of a Proposal for the Long-Term Energy Project located on the Municipal Project Lands;
2. This resolution’s sole purpose is to satisfy the mandatory requirements of Section 4.2(b)(iii) of the LT2(e-1) RFP and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of approval in relation to the Proposal or Long-Term Energy Project or for any other purpose;
3. That this municipal support resolution does not supersede any applicable permits or approvals under applicable laws and regulations that may be required for a Project;
4. That the Proponent must engage with relevant City of Sault Ste. Marie staff to meet all *Planning Act* approvals, permits, and requirements; and
5. Relevant City of Sault Ste. Marie staff be directed to work with the Proponent to complete and execute any additional resolution(s) required by the IESO under the LT2 RFP to evidence support from the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the Project and necessary work/forms required by the IESO or Hydro One for the submission of the Project.

Postponed.

8.3.2.1 Postponement

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Business Attraction, Economic Development dated July 14, 2025 concerning the proposed wind farm project be received and that the matter be postponed at the request of the proponent.

| | 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 | | | |

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| 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 | 0 | 2 |
| | | | | | Carried |

8.4 Public Works and Engineering Services

8.5 Fire Services

8.6 Legal

8.7 Planning

8.7.1 A-6-25-Z 99 Melville Road

The report of the Junior Planner was received by Council.

The Applicant, Mangesh Shende, was in attendance.

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Junior Planner dated June 2, 2025, concerning Application A-6-25-Z be received and that Council approve the application in the following manner:

Rezone the subject property from Gentle Density Residential (R2) Zone to Gentle Density Residential (R2.S) Zone with a special exception subject to the following provisions:

1. Permit a Rooming House with a maximum of 12 units, in addition to those uses already permitted in an R2 Zone;
2. Require a minimum of 12 parking spaces in association with the Rooming House;
3. That a continuous hedgerow consisting of evergreen trees, bushes, or shrubs be planted along both side lot lines, but not required within the first 7.5 metres from the front lot line. The hedgerow shall reach a minimum height of 1.8 metres above established grade at maturity;

Further, that Council deem the properties subject to Site Plan Control.

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

| | For | Against | Conflict | Absent |
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| 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 | 0 | 3 |
| | | | | Carried |

8.7.2 Active Transportation Master Plan

A report of the Intermediate Planner was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Intermediate Planner dated July 14, 2025 concerning Active Transportation Master Plan be received and that Council adopt the Plan as a strategic, guiding policy document to inform active transportation investment decisions.

| | 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 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
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8.8 Boards and Committees

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour
 Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

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 resolutions 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 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | | | Carried |

8.8.1 PUC Shareholders Resolutions

Whereas PUC Inc. is a wholly owned municipal corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie; and
Whereas The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie as the shareholder of PUC Inc. has established a shareholder declaration that requires PUC Inc. 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 PUC Distribution Inc. is proposing to refinance its internal \$26.5 million Note Payable to PUC Inc. through new third-party financing, and establish a credit facility for critical capital infrastructure investments; and

Whereas the financing strategy includes entering into new credit facilities with RBC, consisting of a \$26.5 million term loan, a \$25 million revolving credit facility, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the shareholder of PUC Inc. hereby, on the recommendation of the PUC Inc. Board of Directors and the PUC Distribution Inc. Board of Directors, approve the refinancing of PUC Distribution Inc. as presented.

8.8.1.1 PowerShare Inc.

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 for equity investments and capital expenditures in excess of established thresholds; and

Whereas the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has forecasted that Ontario will require up to 75% more electricity by 2050 to meet growing demand driven by electrification and economic development, creating significant opportunities in the sector; and

Whereas PUC Distribution Inc. is a founding member of PowerShare Inc., a strategic alliance of leading Ontario local distribution companies (LDCs) formed to advance Distribution System Operator (DSO) capabilities, enable local energy markets, and integrate distributed energy resources (DERs) such as battery storage and small-scale generation into the electricity grid; and

Whereas the creation of PowerShare Inc. aligns with PUC's leadership in smart grid innovation and supports the broader transformation of Ontario's energy system to be more decentralized, digital, and customer-focused; and

Whereas an initial equity investment of \$50,000 is required to formalize PUC Distribution's participation in PowerShare Inc. and secure access to intellectual property and shared tools developed by the alliance

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

- Authorize and approve PUC Inc. to support its subsidiary, PUC Distribution Inc., in joining the PowerShare Inc. alliance and participating as a founding member;
- Approve an equity investment of \$50,000 by PUC Distribution Inc. into PowerShare Inc. to secure participation rights and access to shared intellectual property; and
- Authorize PUC Inc. to execute and deliver any and all necessary agreements, instruments, or documents required to formalize PUC Distribution Inc.'s membership in PowerShare Inc. and to support the continued advancement of DSO capabilities.

8.8.1.2 Axiom Infrastructure Inc./PUC Inc. Partnership

Whereas the Shareholder Declaration requires PUC Inc. to seek and receive shareholder approval for the creation of new corporate structures or partnerships and any capital investment in excess of \$5,000,000 individually or \$10,000,000 in aggregate; and

Whereas the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has forecasted that Ontario will require up to 75% more electricity by 2050 to meet growing demand driven by electrification and economic development, creating significant opportunities in the sector; and

Whereas PUC Inc. is proposing the formation of a new joint development entity, PAX, in partnership with Axiom Infrastructure Inc., to manage development-related costs and deliver long-term investment opportunities; and

Whereas Axiom Infrastructure Inc. is a Canadian-owned, independent portfolio management firm that specializes in long-term investments in core infrastructure assets across the energy, transportation, and social sectors, and has been a strategic partner to PUC in advancing infrastructure initiatives

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

- Approve the formation of the PAX partnership entity with Axiom Infrastructure Inc., including the negotiation, execution, and delivery of any partnership, operating, and ancillary agreements necessary to establish and operate the entity; and
- Authorize PUC Inc. to invest development capital into PAX and its associated projects in alignment with the Shareholder Declaration.

8.8.1.3 PUC Distribution Inc.

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

Whereas The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie as the shareholder of PUC Inc. has established a shareholder declaration that requires PUC Inc. 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 PUC Distribution Inc. is proposing to refinance its internal \$26.5 million Note Payable to PUC Inc. through new third-party financing, and establish a credit facility for critical capital infrastructure investments; and

Whereas the financing strategy includes entering into new credit facilities with RBC, consisting of a \$26.5 million term loan, a \$25 million revolving credit facility, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the shareholder of PUC Inc. hereby, on the recommendation of the PUC Inc. Board of Directors and the PUC Distribution Inc. Board of Directors, approve the refinancing of PUC Distribution Inc. as presented.

8.8.2 Public Utilities Commission – Water – Terms of Reference

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the City Clerk dated July 14, 2025 concerning Public Utilities Commission – Water – Terms of Reference be received and that the terms of reference 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 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | | | Carried |

8.8.3 Sault Ste. Marie Police Service 2024 Annual Report

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor S. Kinach

Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service Annual Report 2024 be received as information.

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

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

9.1 Roadside Attraction

Moved by: Councillor S. Kinach

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie is a community deeply rooted in winter culture and proud of its industrial heritage, particularly its longstanding contributions to the steel industry; and

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie embraces its “Naturally Gifted” identity and is continually seeking creative ways to enhance tourism, promote civic pride, and celebrate its unique local character; and

Whereas roadside attractions are known to generate increased visitor traffic, create photo-worthy landmarks, and contribute to a sense of place and identity; and

Whereas a giant snowflake sculpture, crafted from locally produced steel, would serve as a meaningful and visually striking symbol of both our natural climate and our local industry, reinforcing the city’s connection to winter and its manufacturing heritage; and

Whereas such a sculpture would not only contribute to beautification and placemaking but could also support local artists, fabricators, and businesses through its design, construction, and installation;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City staff be requested to consult with local community and industry partners and report back to Council regarding potential project scope, design, location, and community engagement opportunities, including other symbols that might be recommended;

Further Be It Resolved that the report identify costs and funding sources, including Municipal Accommodation Tax revenue, City public art funding (Cultural Vitality Committee), donations, sponsorship, grants, and funding from other levels of government.

| | 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 |

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 L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that all By-laws under item 12 of the Agenda under date July 14, 2025 save and except By-laws 2025-115 and 2025-116 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 2025-110 (Traffic) Amend Definitions and Interpretation, Schedule "A" and Schedule "VV" to By-law 77-200

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2025-110 being a by-law to amend "Definitions and Interpretation", Schedule "A" and add Schedule "VV" to Traffic By-law 77-200 be passed in open Council this 14th day of July, 2025.

Carried

12.1.2 By-law 2025-111 (Agreement) Ice Breakers Sports Bar John Rhodes Community Centre (Jody Wilson) Operate a Restaurant/Lounge

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-Law 2025-111 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Amending Agreement between the City and 1848626 Ontario Inc. operating as Icebreakers Sports Bar and Grill for the lease of space at the John Rhodes Community Centre to operate a restaurant/lounge be passed in open Council this 14th day of July, 2025.

Carried

12.1.3 By-law 2025-112 (Agreement) Jayteq Pro Shop John Rhodes Community Centre (Jay Thomas) Amendment Vending Machine John Rhodes

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2025-12 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Amending Agreement between the City and Jayteq Pro Shop (Jay Thomas), to add the operation of a hockey accessories vending machine within the John Rhodes Community Centre to the original lease, be passed in open Council this 14th day of July, 2025.

Carried

12.1.4 By-law 2025-113 (Engineering) Connecting Links Program Funding Great Northern Road Resurfacing

Moved by: Councillor L. Dufour

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that By-law 2025-113 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 Transportation for the Connecting Links Program to provide funding for the resurfacing of Great Northern Road from Third Line East to Wigle Street be passed in open Council this 14th day of July, 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

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

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

Carried

Mayor

City Clerk