

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

BY-LAW 2025-149

LOCAL BOARD: A by-law to establish a Public Library for the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

WHEREAS subsection 3(1) of the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44 provides council of a municipality may by by-law establish a public library to be under the management and control of a Board;

AND WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie, the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and Sport have been unable to locate a by-law establishing the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library;

AND WHEREAS in 1896 a motion was passed in which the Town of Sault Ste. Marie assumed management of the Public Library, making it a free library;

AND WHEREAS the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library has been a cornerstone of the community for 129 years, serving as a long-standing and cherished public institution dedicated to the promotion of literacy, education, and cultural enrichment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library is hereby officially established;
2. THAT the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library shall be under the management and control of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board as outlined in the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44;
3. THAT the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board shall be composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie;
4. THAT members of the said Board shall hold office for a term concurrent with the term of the appointing Council, or until a successor is appointed, and may be reappointed for one or more further terms;
5. THAT if a vacancy arises in the membership of the Board, Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy and to hold office for the unexpired term, except if the unexpired term is less than forty-five (45) days;

6. THAT in accordance with the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.14, as amended, the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer who will:

(i) plan, direct, organize and control the administration of the Library with the objective of providing efficient and effective library services in accordance with the policies and practices of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board; and

(ii) be accountable to the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board for the management of the Library;

7. THAT in accordance with the powers and duties defined in the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board shall, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, adopt appropriate governance processes and policies within which public library services will be delivered in The City of Sault Ste. Marie; and

8. THAT the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board shall submit to the appointing Council, annually on or before the date and in the form specified by the council, estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the Board.

9. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This by-law takes effect from the day of its final passing.

PASSED in open Council this 14th day of October 2025.

MAYOR – MATTHEW SHOEMAKER

CITY CLERK – RACHEL TYCZINSKI