

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2012 02 21

4:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mover: Councillor S. Myers

Seconder: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2011 02 06 be approved.

2. QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES AND NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

3. APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Mover: Councillor S. Myers

Seconder: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Agenda for 2012 02 21 City Council meeting as presented be approved.

4. DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Sandra Houston, Arts Council of Sault Ste. Marie will be in attendance concerning Proclamation – Youth Arts Week.
- b) Dr. Robert Ewing will be in attendance to receive the 2011 Heritage Community Recognition Award for Lifetime Achievement.
- c) Kelly Marshall, Chair, Municipal Heritage Committee will be in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(a) – 2011 Heritage Award to be presented to the Fiser family – Algonquin Hotel.

- d) Emily Hillstrom will be in attendance to update Council on her activities as Miss Sault Ste. Marie and the Miss North Ontario Regional Canada Pageant.

Mover: Councillor S. Myers

Seconder: Councillor T. Sheehan

Whereas Emily Hillstrom is Miss Sault Ste. Marie for 2012 and a candidate for the Miss North Ontario Regional Canada Pageant 2012; and

Whereas the pageant has a focus related to the promotion of tourism within Northern Ontario municipalities; and

Whereas the role offers an opportunity to be an ambassador for Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie is celebrating a special 100th anniversary year in 2012 and invites everyone to visit Sault Ste. Marie;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council and Tourism Sault Ste. Marie extend best wishes and good will support to Emily in her efforts.

- e) Nick Parker, Parker Venture Management and Tom Vair, Executive Director, Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre will be present concerning agenda item 6.8)(b).

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND ROUTINE REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Mover: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconder: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2012 02 21 – Part One – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

- a) Correspondence from AMO is attached for the information of Council.
- b) Correspondence from the Town of Halton Hills (concerning paving highway shoulders) is attached for the information of Council.
- c) Correspondence from Mayor Debbie Amaroso addressed to Premier Dalton McGuinty concerning recommendations contained in the Drummond Report is attached for the information of Council.
- d) Correspondence from the Historic Sites Board regarding the proposed Heritage Discovery Centre is attached for the information of Council.
- e) A letter requesting permission for a private property liquor license extension is attached for the consideration of Council.

Mover: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconder: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that City Council has no objection to the proposed extended licensed area as detailed in the written request for a liquor license extension on private property for an outdoor event on the following stated date and times:

Docks Riverfront Grill, 89 Foster Drive

Canada Day – July 1, 2012 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 a.m. (July 2)

Independence Day – July 4, 2012 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 a.m. (July 5)

- f) A letter of request for temporary street closings is attached for the consideration of Council.

Bay St.	from Tancred St. to Spring St.
Queen St. E.	from Dennis St. to Elgin St.
Dennis St.	from Bay St. to Queen St. E.
Bruce St.	from Bay St. to Queen St. E.
Elgin St.	from Bay St. to Queen St. E.
St. Mary's River Dr.	from Foster Dr. to Bay St.
Foster Dr.	from St. Mary's River Dr. to Spring St.;

Sunday, March 4, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to facilitate opening ceremonies parade for the CARHA Hockey World Cup 2012.

The relevant By-law 2012-38 is listed under Item 10 of the Agenda and will be read with all other by-laws listed under that item.

- g) A letter of request for temporary street closings is attached for the consideration of Council.

Foster Dr. from Spring St. to Elgin St.;

June 29 and 30, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight for the purpose of Ride for Sight fundraiser.

The relevant By-law 2012-40 is listed under Item 10 of the Agenda and will be read with all other by-laws listed under that item.

- h) **Staff Travel**

A report of the Chief Administrative Officer is attached for the consideration of Council.

Mover: Councillor S. Myers

Seconder: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2012 02 21 concerning Staff Travel requests be approved as requested.

- i) **Drummond Report**

A report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer is attached for the consideration of Council.

Mover: Councillor S. Myers

Seconder: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2012 02 21 concerning the Drummond Report be received as information.

j) **Memorandum of Settlement 2012–2015 CUPE Local 67 Civic Centre Group**

A report of the Commissioner of Human Resources is attached for the consideration of Council.

The relevant By-law 2012-39 is listed under Item 10 of the Agenda and will be read with all other by-laws listed under that item.

k) **Use of Roberta Bondar Pavilion for 2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup**

A report of the Commissioner of Community Services is attached for the consideration of Council.

Mover: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconder: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the following requests to hold Special Occasion Permit events at a municipal facility on the stated dates and times be endorsed by City Council:

Roberta Bondar Pavilion

2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup

March 4 to March 9, 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

l) **2012 Cultural Financial Assistance Grants**

A report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture is attached for the consideration on Council.

Mover: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconder: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2012 02 21 concerning 2012 Cultural Financial Assistance Grants be accepted and that Council approve the recommended grants outlined in the report subject to Council confirming the 2012 core budget request of \$53,400.

m) **Request for Financial Assistance for National/International Sports Competitions – Richard MacLennan – Speed Skating**

A report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture is attached for the consideration on Council.

Mover: Councillor S. Myers

Seconder: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated 2012 02 21 concerning Request for Financial Assistance for National/International Sports Competitions be accepted and the recommendation to provide a \$200

grant to Richard MacLennan (ISU World Cup Speed Skating Championships) be approved.

n) **Smoking By-law 2003-7**

A report of the Assistant City Solicitor is attached for the consideration of Council.

The relevant By-law 2012-37 is listed under Item 10 of the Agenda and will be read with all other by-laws listed under that item.

o) **PUC Inc. – 2011 Fourth Quarter Shareholder Report**

A report of the President and C.E.O., PUC Inc. is attached for the consideration of Council.

Mover: Councillor S. Myers

Seconder: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the President and C.E.O., PUC Inc. dated 2012 01 31 concerning 2011 Fourth Quarter Shareholder Report be accepted as information.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

6. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

(1) ADMINISTRATION

(2) COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- a) A report of the Commissioner of Community Services is attached for the consideration of Council.

Mover: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconder: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Community Services dated 2012 02 21 concerning Historic/Religious Grotto Development on Prince Island in Bellevue Park be received as information.

Mover: Councillor S. Butland

Seconder: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that Council not approve the proposed Grotto development at Bellevue Park.

- (3) **ENGINEERING**
- (4) **FIRE**
- (5) **LEGAL**
- (6) **PLANNING**
- (7) **PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION**
- (8) **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

a) **Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee – Heritage Award 2011**

A report of the Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee is attached for the consideration of Council.

Mover: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconder: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee dated 2012 02 21 concerning Heritage Award 2011 be accepted and further that City Council expresses its sincere congratulations to the Fiser Family (Algonquin Hotel) in being selected as the recipient of the 2011 Heritage Award.

b) **Sault Ste. Marie's Smart Energy Strategy**

A report of the consultant is attached for the consideration of Council.

Mover: Councillor S. Butland

Seconder: Councillor T. Sheehan

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie has declared itself to be the Alternative Energy Capital of North America; and

Whereas the City in collaboration with the Innovation Centre has commissioned a study to develop a "Smart (Alternative) Energy Strategy"; and

Whereas the recommendations presented by Parker Venture Management will require consideration and reaction by various parties including appropriate City staff as to specific City involvement;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council accepts the study's recommendations as information with approval in principle to proceed with the planning of the implementation of these recommendations.

*It is anticipated that an application to the Economic Diversification Fund will be forwarded to the Economic Development Corporation Board and subsequently to Council for their approval.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
PLACED ON AGENDA BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**
8. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUCH MATTERS AS
ARE REFERRED TO IT BY THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION**
9. **ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

10. **CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS**

By-laws before Council TO BE PASSED which do not require more than a simple majority.

AGREEMENTS

a) **2012-39**

A by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Local 67 Canadian Union of Public Employees for the term commencing February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2015.

A report from the Commissioner of Human Resources is on the agenda.

b) **REGULATIONS**

2012-37

A by-law to amend By-law 2003-7 (a by-law to regulate smoking in public places).

A report from the Assistant City Solicitor is on the agenda.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSINGS

c) **2012-38**

A by-law to permit the temporary closing of various streets to facilitate the opening ceremonies of the CARHA Hockey World Cup 2012 Parade of Athletes on Sunday March 4th, 2012.

d) **2012-40**

A by-law to permit the temporary closing of Foster Drive from Spring Street to Elgin Street to facilitate "Ride for Sight" on June 29th and 30th, 2012.

ZONING

2012-36

- e) A by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 390 Sydenham Road (Merlino).

11. QUESTIONS BY, NEW BUSINESS FROM, OR ADDRESSES BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL CONCERNING MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

12. ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mover: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconder: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that this Council now adjourn.

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2012 02 06

4:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Mayor D. Amaroso, Councillors L. Turco, S. Butland, S. Myers, M. Bruni, J. Krmpotich, R. Niro, F. Fata, T. Sheehan, F. Manzo, P. Mick

Absent: Councillor B. Watkins (vacation), P. Christian (ill)

Officials: M. White, N. Kenny, L. Girardi, N. Apostle, B. Freiburger, J. Dolcetti, D. McConnell, P. Milosevich,

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 2012 01 23 be approved. CARRIED

2. QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES AND NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

3. APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Agenda for 2012 02 06 City Council meeting as presented be approved. CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Patricia Niblett, Kiara Hamilton and Marayna Guzzo – Kiwedin Public School

were in attendance concerning Anti-Bullying Day in Canada.

- b) Trevor Wood, Co-ordinator – Transportation Infrastructure Committee, were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(a).
- c) Christine Pagnucco, Manager – Sault Ste. Marie Physician Recruitment and Retention and Dr. Alan McLean were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(b).
- d) Paul Merlino and Gerald Smith, were in attendance concerning agenda item 6.(8)(a).
- e) Peter Vaudry was in attendance concerning agenda item 7.(c).

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND ROUTINE REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that all the items listed under date 2012 02 06 – Part One – Consent Agenda be approved as recommended. CARRIED

- a) Correspondence from AMO, OGRA was received by Council.
- b) Correspondence from the City of Kingston (concerning a Canadian-European Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement), Municipality of Arran-Elderslie (concerning wind turbines) and East Ferris Municipality (concerning proposed change to Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code) was received by Council.
- c) A letter from the Township of St. Joseph concerning the withdrawal of MNR counter services in Sault Ste. Marie was received by Council.
- d) Correspondence from Ontario Lottery and Gaming advising that the quarterly payment of the 5% allocation from October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 is \$343,070 was received by Council.
- e) **Staff Travel**

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

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated 2012 02 06 concerning Staff Travel requests be approved as requested. CARRIED

f) **Appointment – Municipal Heritage Committee**

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that citizen Chris Tossell be appointed to the Municipal Heritage Committee from February 6, 2012 to December 31, 2012. CARRIED

g) **Property Tax Appeals**

The report of the City Tax Collector was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that Pursuant to Section 357 of the Municipal Act, 2001, the adjustments for the tax accounts outlined on the City Tax Collector's report of 2012 02 06 be approved and that the tax records be amended accordingly. CARRIED

h) **2012 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Grant**

The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer concerning 2012 grant allocation under the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) from the Province of Ontario be received as information. CARRIED

i) **20-Minute Sault Ste. Marie Makeover**

The report of the Environmental Initiatives Co-ordinator was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Resolved that the report of the Environmental Initiatives Co-ordinator dated 2012 02 06 concerning 20 Minute Sault Ste. Marie Makeover be accepted and the recommendation that Council encourage community participation in this event be approved. CARRIED

j) **Millennium Court Storm Water Retention Pond Repair**

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

The relevant By-law 2012-29 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

k) **Open Air Burning – Follow Up Report**

The report of the Assistant Chief, Fire Prevention and Public Education was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Assistant Fire Chief – Fire Prevention and Public Education dated 2012 02 06 concerning Open Air Burning be accepted and the recommendations outlined in the report be approved. CARRIED

l) Designated Fire Routes – 80 Weldon Avenue and 750 North Street

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

The relevant By-law 2012-33 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

6. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

(1) ADMINISTRATION

(2) COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

(3) ENGINEERING

(4) FIRE

(5) LEGAL

(6) PLANNING

a) Application No. A-7-12-Z – Fiorenzo Merlino – 390 Sydenham Road

The report of the Planning Division was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2012 02 06 concerning Application No.A-7-12-Z – filed by Fiorenzo Merlino – 390 Sydenham Road be received and that City Council accepts this report and approves the request to rezone the property to “R3” (Low Density Residential) to permit a maximum of two units. CARRIED

Recorded Vote:

For: Mayor D. Amaroso, Councillors S. Butland, S. Myers, M. Bruni, J. Krmpotich, R. Niro, F. Fata, T. Sheehan, P. Mick

Against: Councillors L. Turco, F. Manzo

Absent: Councillor B. Watkins, P. Christian

b) Renewable Energy Project Approvals

The report of the Planning Director was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Planning Division dated 2012 02 06 concerning Renewable Energy Project Approvals be accepted and the recommendations to adopt the outlined approach to municipal consultation, institute a \$1,200 fee to complete the required Municipal Consultation Form and direct staff to remove all references to renewable energy uses in the City's Zoning By-law be approved. CARRIED

(7) PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

(8) BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a) Regional Harbour Initiative

The report of the Co-ordinator, Transportation Infrastructure Committee was received by Council.

The relevant By-law 2012-34 is listed under Item 10 of the Minutes.

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Whereas City Council has recently reconfirmed the establishment of a Regional Harbour as its highest infrastructure priority and entrusted the leadership of this project to the Transportation Infrastructure Committee; and
Whereas at the meeting of 2011 02 22 Council approved that the initiatives and activities of the Transportation Infrastructure Committee are to be funded from the Huron Central Railway strategy surplus account of approximately \$200,000; and

Whereas the first step in advancing the project was to approach Senior Levels of government for funding of a Sault Ste. Marie Regional Harbour Market Assessment and Feasibility Study for a total of \$175,000 with contributions of \$25,000 by Essar Steel Algoma, \$50,000 by the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the balance of funding to be an application for a grant to FedNor; and

Whereas Industry Canada FedNor, through Minister Clement announced approval of the \$100,000 of funding towards the cost of a Market Assessment and Feasibility Study on January 17, 2012; and

Whereas the City, following a request for proposals, has selected the firm of KPMG to complete a Market Assessment and Feasibility Study;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council authorizes the engagement of KPMG by way of contract to complete the Market Assessment and Feasibility Study for a Regional Harbour and confirms a \$50,000 contribution towards the cost of the Market Assessment and Feasibility Study. CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas on January 12, 2012, Minister Clement announced funding approval for \$100,000 from Industry Canada FedNor towards the cost of a Market Assessment and Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Regional Harbour; and

Whereas this project is identified as the City's highest infrastructure priority;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council extends their thanks to Minister Clement for funding that will help move the harbour initiative forward.
CARRIED

b) Sault Ste. Marie Physician Recruitment and Retention

The report of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Office dated February 2012 was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the report of the Sault Ste. Marie Physician Recruitment and Retention Office dated February 2012 concerning the Sault Ste. Marie Physician Recruitment and Retention Activity Report and Proposed 2012/2013 Budget request to the City in the amount of \$464,850 for the period of April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 to be funded from the Hospital Development Fund be approved. CARRIED

c) Sault Ste. Marie's Smart Energy Strategy

The report of the consultant was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that item 6.(8)(c) be postponed until the February 21, 2012 Council meeting. CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor S. Butland

Seconded by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie has declared itself to be the Alternative Energy Capital of North America; and

Whereas the City in collaboration with the Innovation Centre has commissioned a study to develop a "Smart (Alternative) Energy Strategy"; and

Whereas the recommendations presented by Parker Venture Management will require consideration and reaction by various parties including appropriate City staff as to specific City involvement;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council accepts the study's recommendations as information with approval in principle to proceed with the planning of the implementation of these recommendations. DEFERRED

*It is anticipated that an application to the Economic Diversification Fund will be forwarded to the Economic Development Corporation Board and subsequently to Council for their approval.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
PLACED ON AGENDA BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

- a) Moved by: Councillor R. Niro
Seconded by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Whereas a group of local businessmen approached the City in late summer 2010 regarding the possibility of receiving approval for "the development of an historic religious grotto dedicated to St. Mary on Prince Island in Bellevue Park"; and
Whereas the proposal was presented and considered by City Council at its meeting of September 13, 2010; and

Whereas the past City Council approved the request subject to the matter returning for review of the terms of appropriate use and maintenance agreement; and

Whereas the current City Council called for a public meeting held on June 16, 2011 to allow an appropriate forum for discussion on the proposal; and

Whereas on June 27, 2011, City Council asked for a review and update of all Master Plans for City parks including Bellevue Park; and

Whereas in addition to the review, City Council deferred any new non-traditional uses of public recreational lands in Sault Ste. Marie, including the use and maintenance agreement for the proposed grotto; and

Whereas on November 7, 2011 City staff reported to City Council that such a review and update of Master Plans for all City parks would require close to 24 months for completion; and

Whereas also on November 7, 2011 City Council received, from the City's Corporate Counsel, an opinion regarding the implications of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms on the grotto if it was going to be located in Bellevue Park; and

Whereas it is not the intention of City Council to wait anywhere from 12 to 24 months to arrive at a final decision on the proposed grotto;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council ask staff to consolidate all the information to date on the proposed grotto and prepare the required report to be presented at the Council meeting of February 21, 2012. CARRIED

- b) Moved by: Councillor P. Mick
Seconded by: Councillor S. Myers

Whereas council dealt with a complaint from one neighbour of 1425 Old Garden River Road in 2008; and

Whereas over two dozen of the neighbours attended a council meeting in support of the residents at 1425 Old Garden River Road; and

Whereas about 50 neighbours in the vicinity signed a petition in support of the residents at 1425 Old Garden River Road; and

Whereas Mayor Rowsell suggested at that meeting that a fence would be unnecessary, and that a vegetative barrier (i.e. vines) would be appropriate, and council agreed; and

Whereas the 2 subsequent owners of the original complainant's property have submitted letters of support for the residents at 1425 Old Garden River Road; and

Whereas Tyler Bertrand found the property in compliance (mostly recently in July, 2011); and

Whereas the single complaint has resurfaced yet again as the leaves on the vine died in winter months;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that council requests staff to defer prosecution until The report has been made explaining to present council members what has transpired on these properties. CARRIED

c) Moved by: Councillor R. Niro

Seconded by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Whereas the community of Sault Ste. Marie has an aging population with 35% of our population being over 60 years of age in 2018 and 41% by 2028 according to Census data; and

Whereas it is important for the community to come together and develop a plan to make Sault Ste. Marie an Age Friendly Community to ensure continued quality of life for all of its citizens; and

Whereas an Age Friendly City focuses on Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Transportation, Housing, Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment, Communication and Information plus Community and Health Services; and

Whereas the WHO (World Health Organization) provides a guide of community assessments to support planning, policies and program decisions to ensure age friendly features in the above noted core areas; Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council support the Mayor's initiative to obtain designation as an Age Friendly City with the formation of a working committee comprised of various community partners, City staff as required and co-chaired by community champion Peter Vaudry. CARRIED

d) Moved by: Councillor F. Fata

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Whereas City Council has another difficult budget coming up for 2012; and

Whereas there are many seniors on fixed incomes and many other property owners who already pay very high property taxes; and

Whereas there must be accountability for how our tax dollars are being spent; and

Whereas City Council has asked for and received a report from the Commissioner of Social Services in the past; and

Whereas a quarterly report indicating the performance and results of 6 employment officers whose duties are to find employment for claimants with the intent to get them off social assistance;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Commissioner of Social Services reports to City Council quarterly with the first report to come to Council March 19th, followed by June 25th, September 24th and December 3rd, 2012. The key piece of information on the spreadsheet is the number of able bodied claimants that have been taken off social assistance and the amount of tax dollars saved during this period. DEFEATED

8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUCH MATTERS AS ARE REFERRED TO IT BY THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION

9. ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10. CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that all by-laws listed under Item 10 of the Agenda under date February 6, 2012 be approved. CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2012-26 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-law 2005-150 concerning lands located at 15 Alpine Street be Passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2012. CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2012-27 being a by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-law 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 103 Asquith Street be Passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2012. CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2012-28 being a by-law appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to enforce the by-laws on various private properties and to amend Schedule "A" to By-law 90-305 be Passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2012. CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2012-29 being a by-law to authorize a contract between the City and Avery Construction Limited for the Millennium Court Storm Water

Management ("SWM") Pond be Passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2012. CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2012-30 being a by-law to amend Committee of Adjustment By-law 2010-87 be Passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2012. CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2012-31 being a by-law to amend By-law 2003-140 regarding fees for certain waste management services be Passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2012. CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2012-32 being a by-law to amend Streets By-law 2008-131 be Passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2012. CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2012-33 being a Fire Route by-law to amend By-law 81-404 be Passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2012. CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that By-law 2012-34 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and KPMG dated February 6, 2012 be Passed in open Council this 6th day of February, 2012. CARRIED

11. QUESTIONS BY, NEW BUSINESS FROM, OR ADDRESSES BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL CONCERNING MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

12. ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that this Council now adjourn. CARRIED

Malcolm White

From: communicate@amo.on.ca
Sent: February 03, 2012 6:17 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: AMO report to members on January 2012 Board meeting

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

February 3, 2012

**AMO Report to Members
on January 2012 Board Meeting**

To keep members informed, AMO provides updates on important issues considered at regular AMO Board of Directors' meetings. Highlights on the January 27, 2012 Board meeting follow:

AMO Board of Directors Training on AODA Customer Service Standard

The Board was briefed on the Customer Service Standard obligation as required for all public and private organizations under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*. As volunteers representing AMO's interests, the Board is required to complete mandatory training in accordance with AMO's Accessible Customer Service Policy.

Contact: Petra Wolfbeiss, Senior Policy Advisor, email: pwolfbeiss@amo.on.ca, phone: 416.971.9856 ext. 329.

Mowat Centre Employment Insurance Task Force Recommendations

Matthew Mendelsohn, Director of the Mowat Centre, presented an overview of the recommendations in the Centre's report *Making it Work: Final Recommendations of the Mowat Centre Employment Insurance Task Force*, on Canada's Employment Insurance program.

Electricity Distributors' Association Sector Review

Jim Keech, Chair of the Electricity Distributors' Association (EDA), presented an overview of the EDA's Road Map for Delivering Ontario's Electric Future entitled *Electricity is the Answer*. The presentation was a synopsis of the EDA's larger paper that represents the EDA's vision, which the organization is hoping will spark others to seize the opportunity to make meaningful change in the electricity sector.

AMO Pre-Budget Submission

Matthew Wilson reviewed key elements in AMO's Provincial Pre-Budget Submission. President McNamara will be presenting the submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs when they are convened.

Contact: Matthew Wilson, Senior Policy Advisor, email: mwilson@amo.on.ca, phone: 416.971.9856 ext. 323.

Provincial Offences Act Task Force Recommendations

Matthew Wilson presented to the Board recommendations for AMO's advocacy efforts related to improving the collection of unpaid fines under the *Provincial Offences Act*.

Contact: Matthew Wilson, Senior Policy Advisor, email: mwilson@amo.on.ca, phone: 416.971.9856 ext. 323.

Infrastructure Issues

The Board was updated on AMO's strategic approach to various infrastructure initiatives including the Provincial Municipal Infrastructure Investment Strategy and federal Long-Term Infrastructure planning. Discussion of these issues included their alignment with the Premier's commitment at the 2011 AMO Conference to create a "permanent, predictable municipal roads and bridges fund" in response to AMO's key Asks. AMO staff will continue to provide updates on these initiatives as they move forward.

Contact: Craig Reid, Senior Policy Advisor, email: creid@amo.on.ca, phone: 416.971.9856 ext. 334.

Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste (MHSW) Update

The Board received an update on two current MHSW developments: the newly negotiated Phase 1 contract, and current issues with the Phase 1 incentive program. AMO staff will continue working on these items and will keep members informed.

Contact: Monika Turner, Director of Policy, email: mturner@amo.on.ca, phone: 416.971.9856 ext. 318.

AMO's Quarterly Resolution Report

The Board received AMO's Quarterly Resolution Report for quarter four (October 1-December 31) of 2011. The report highlights volume, trending topics, and the issues of resolutions that were received by AMO during this time.

Contact: Sumeeta Kapur, Policy Advisor, email: skapur@amo.on.ca, phone: 416.971.9856, ext. 353; and, Nicholas Ruder, Policy Advisor, email: nruder@amo.on.ca, phone: 416.971.9856 ext. 411.

Legislative Update

Monika Turner provided an update on the current government and private member bills introduced in the Ontario Legislature that may be of municipal interest. A list of the private members bill will be available on our website.

Contact: Monika Turner, Director of Policy, email: mturner@amo.on.ca, phone: 416.971.9856 ext. 318.

This information is available in the Policy Issues section of the AMO website at www.amo.on.ca.

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TOWN OF
HALTON HILLS
Working Together Working for You!

VIA EMAIL

February 9, 2012

Mr. Ted Amott, M.P.P.
Wellington-Halton Hills
181 St. Andrew Street East
2nd Floor
Fergus, ON N1M 1P9

Dear Mr. Amott,

**Re: Council Resolution regarding Provincial Regulations Regarding
Commercial Fill Operations.**

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, February 6, 2012, adopted the following:

Resolution No. 2012-0046

WHEREAS municipalities are faced with requests from Commercial Fill Operators to place fill in, for example, either previously undisturbed areas or expired gravel extraction pits;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have limited resources and ability to regulate this type of operation other than through zoning restrictions and agreements associated predominantly with operational protocol;

AND WHEREAS the issue of soil quality of fill imported to a receiving site potentially has a significant cross jurisdictional environmental impact that should be elevated to the Provincial level through the Ministry of the Environment;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment has established criteria for quality of fill for Brownfield redevelopment but not for the importation and placement of fill within, as an example, undisturbed areas or expired gravel extraction pits;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

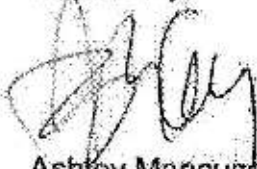
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THAT the Town of Halton Hills requests that the Province, through the Ministry of the Environment, establish guidelines, regulations and a Provincially regulated approval process to govern the quality of fill imported to a receiving site other than for the purpose of Brownfield redevelopment;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk forward copies of this resolution to Mr. Ted Amott, MPP for Wellington-Halton Hills, Mr. Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment, AMO, and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration.

Yours truly,



Ashley Mancuso
Council and Committee Services Coordinator

- c The Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

DEBBIE AMAROSO
MAYOR



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CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

February 16, 2012

Dalton McGuinty, Premier
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier McGuinty,

We have just completed our preliminary review of the Drummond Report and recommendations. We acknowledge that it is imperative that our Provincial government review and consider these recommendations as it puts into place a fiscally sustainable plan for Ontario. We can only urge you and your government, Mr. Premier, to move forward and to balance the need to effectively deal with Ontario's current deficit with the absolute need to ensure that communities who are already struggling are not further significantly disadvantaged.

We accept that everyone and every institution in the Province needs to fairly and proportionately share in the burden that may need to come with changes. We accept that all levels of government need to do whatever is necessary to achieve better value for taxpayers with improvements in services and/or controlled costs. We accept that duplication in service delivery needs to be reduced wherever possible.

This brings me to the point of my letter to you today. Mr. Dummond in his report (Recommendation 17-3) suggests the improvement of "the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation's efficiency though at a minimum, the following measure:

- Close one of the two head offices ..."

Quite frankly, we in Sault Ste. Marie, have never heard the reference to two "head offices", though we do acknowledge that there has been a significant growth in the number of corporate jobs that have been established in or transferred to the Southern Ontario location since the days when the corporation was headed up by Ron Barbaro, who was appointed as both Board Chair and CEO. Up until that point in time, Sault Ste. Marie was the only corporate head office and the CEO resided in Sault Ste. Marie and worked at the head office.

Over the years, City Council has had many discussions about jobs being transferred from Sault Ste. Marie to the Toronto area. Resolutions expressing our concern about these job transfers and resolutions inviting newly appointed CEOs to take up residence in Sault Ste. Marie "at OLGC's head office" were passed and sent along to appropriate corporate and government officials over the years.

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It should be remembered why the head office was established in Sault Ste. Marie in the early 90's by the then Peterson government in the first place. It was part of a package for Northern Ontario to assist with a most difficult economy, brought on by downturns in the forestry, mining and steel sectors. While most other northern cities received significant new Provincial government jobs and offices as part of a decentralization initiative (Northern Relocation Program), Sault Ste. Marie was announced to be the home and head office for what was then OLC. Quite frankly, we knew very little about the work of this Crown Corporation but were encouraged by the assurances from the Premier that Sault Ste. Marie would significantly benefit by head office presence and its potential growth into other endeavours.

Indeed, the establishment of the head office in Sault Ste. Marie provided exactly the "shot in the arm" that our struggling community needed. A beautiful Provincial office complex was built on our waterfront and good jobs followed. New hope for a stable future spawned in our community and young people started to think about returning home because of these new opportunities.

OLGC has "anchored" our community for the last 20 years in many ways. This corporation has been an excellent corporate citizen, very much involved in every way in community events. It provides many excellent job opportunities for our young (and even not so young) people. It also provides a great sense of prestige to our community's profile by its presence and its involvement. It is now difficult to imagine Sault Ste. Marie without the OLGC head office.

Suffice to say at this point, the loss of the OLGC head office in Sault Ste. Marie would be devastating to Sault Ste. Marie and to Northern Ontario.

While the closure of the Toronto area office would no doubt have some impact on that community, it would be nowhere near the devastation that would come to Sault Ste. Marie and its economy and future. We would expect that your government would do an impact study/analysis before this recommendation would even be considered.

As the Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie, I am asking you early in the process to dismiss any suggestion that the OLGC head office in Sault Ste. Marie would close. All of the reasons that existed at the time of Premier Peterson's announcement of the establishment of the head office in our community need to be revisited. The loss of the OLGC head office would devastate Sault Ste. Marie and wipe out all of the wonderful gains that the City and Province have made here over the last two decades. It would indeed be a huge backward step for all of us.

While there are other parts of the Drummond Commission report and recommendations that we will make comment on in the future, given the significance of the potential impact on Sault Ste. Marie and its future, we felt the need to immediately react to recommendation 17-3 and the reference to the OLGC head office.

Thank you,



Debbie Amaroso
MAYOR

cc: David Oraziotti, MPP
Rod Phillips, OLGC
City Council
Joe Fratesi, CAO
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Historic Sites Board

Mayor Amaroso
and Members of City Council

Further to our presentation to City Council on January, 11, 2012, regarding the proposed Heritage Discovery Centre, the members of the Historic Sites Board wish to reiterate, that the Board is diligently working on capital fundraising through applications for grants at the Federal and Provincial levels of government, sourcing foundations, and other corporate entities.

As well, we are currently preparing a package which we are confident will bring the local business community to support this exciting project.

The Historic Sites Board trust fund, which contributes through funds raised at the Site, through historic culinary events, school program fees, special events and festivals, as well as the 4Cultural market share, and monies from our unique gift shop, all help to slowly but surely back this campaign.

Our new Executive, Kathy McAuley Yukich, Chairperson; Nancy Aronson, Vice-Chairperson; and Kathryn Fisher, Curator and Administrator, want to assure you that our intent is to secure the funding necessary for the Heritage Discovery Centre without placing a financial burden on Council.

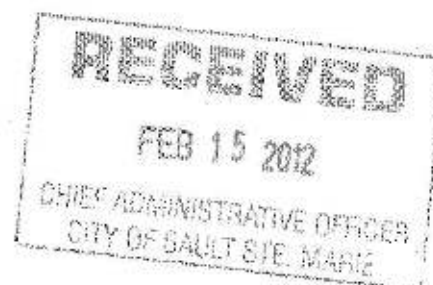
As a tender-ready project, we are anxious to go forward with what we feel is a project that will benefit the City economically, will further anchor the City's downtown core, and continue to draw tourists.

We look forward to a cooperative and congenial relationship with the City and City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McAuley Yukich, Chair
Historic Sites Board

photocopy of letter received



Docks Riverfront Grill
89 Foster Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, On
P6A 5x6



FEB 7, 2012

To Mayor Debbie Amaroso and members of city council,

In accordance with the requirements of the Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario we at Docks have applied for a temporary extension of our LCBO license. The extension is for four special events during the summer months. In order for us to get required approval we are notifying you in advance and are hoping for your favorable consideration, as you have done for the last 11 years.

The events are: July 1, Canada Day... 12 noon till 2 am
: July 4, Independence Day... 12 noon till 2 am

Your assistance is greatly appreciated to make these events a success. I'm asking if you could please send us a letter of non- objection.

Thanking you in advance,

Paul Smith
Owner/Operator

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE - APPLICATION

RE: CARHA HOCKEY WORLD CUP 2012
PARADE OF ATHLETES

As you may be aware the City of Sault Ste. Marie is Hosting the CARHA Hockey World Cup 2012 with opening ceremonies commencing Sunday, March 4, 2012.

Community Services Recreation & Culture Division has requested the undersigned's assistance with the Parade of Athletes. The plan is to have approximately 1800 to 2400 participants march from the Essar Centre to the Roberta Bondar Tent for continued opening ceremonies.

The parade is commence at 1945 hours

Participants will line up on Queen Street in front of the Essar Centre facing easterly with the front of the parade starting at Bruce Street. The parade will consist of police vehicles, sponsor vehicle, dignitaries marching and the participants/athletes followed by police and parade officials.

The parade will march easterly on Queen Street to Elgin and then south on Elgin to St. Mary's River Drive. South St. Mary's River Drive to easterly on Foster Drive and disband at Roberta Bondar Tent.

To facilitate this parade we are requesting closure of the following streets from 1900 hours until 2030 hours on Sunday, March 4, 2012:

Bay Street at Gore Street or Tancred easterly to Spring Street

Queen Street East from Dennis Street easterly to Elgin Street

Dennis Street from Bay Street to Queen Street East

Bruce Street from Bay Street to Queen Street East

Elgin Street from Bay Street to Queen Street East

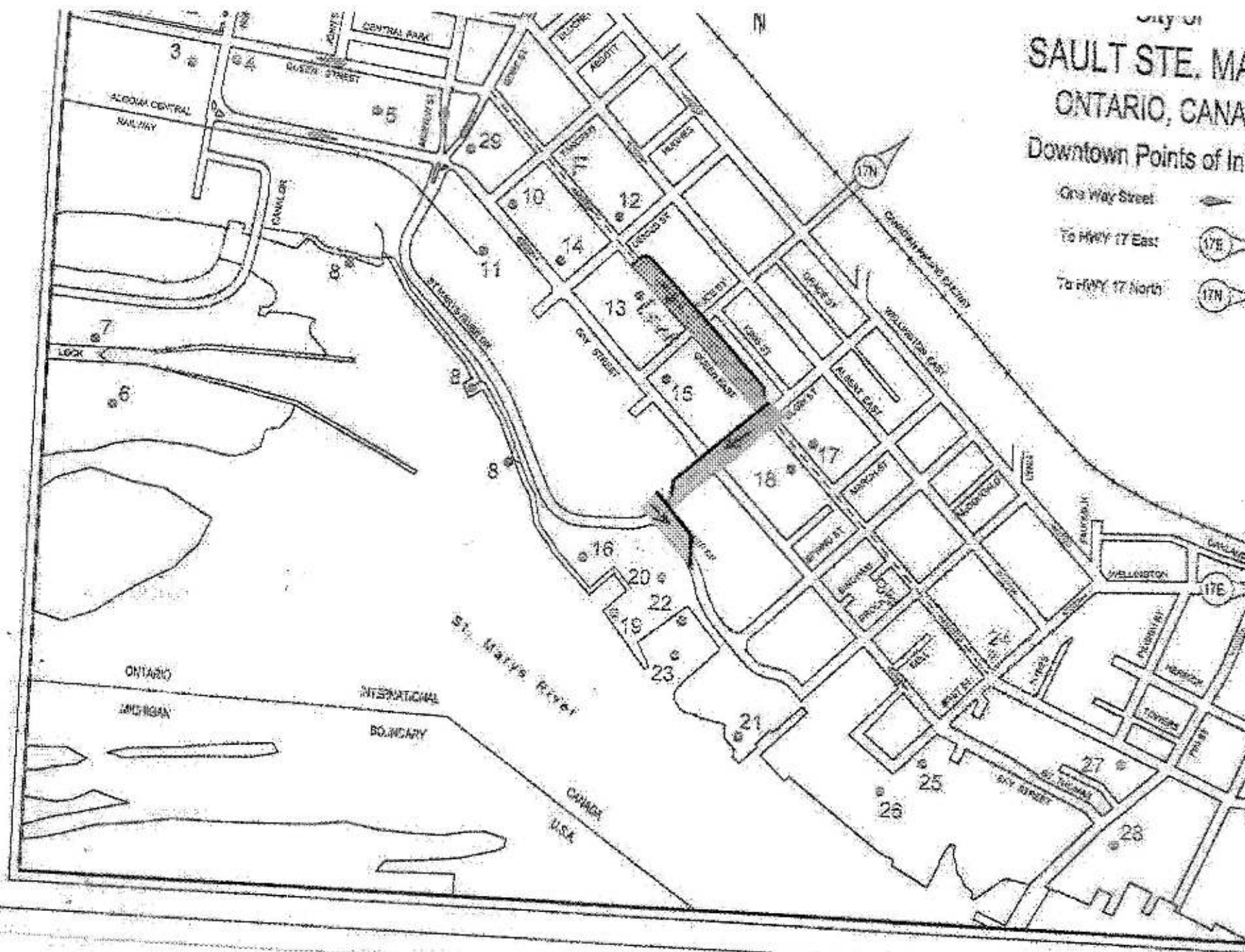
St. Mary's River Drive from Foster to Bay Street

Foster from St. Mary's River Drive to Spring Street

We enclose a map of the route. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

City of
SAULT STE. MARIE
ONTARIO, CANADA
Downtown Points of Interest

- One Way Street 
To HWY 17 East 
To HWY 17 North 





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TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE - APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT NAME: Virginia McLeod / JANA MARSHALL (TELEPHONE: 705-942-1300
705-759-5311)
ADDRESS: 99 Foster POSTAL CODE: _____

The above person hereby makes application for the closing of

St. Andrew
(Name of street to be closed)

from _____ to _____
(reference points - street numbers, cross streets, etc.)

on the 4 day of MARCH, 2012 from 1900 am/pm to 2030 am/pm
for the purpose of CARROLL LYNN CLIP 2012

APPROVALS SECTION:

1. Police Services, Traffic Dept.
Telephone 949-6300 ext 348
Fax 759-7820
580 Second Line East

2. Fire Services/Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
Telephone 949-3335/949-3387
Fax 949-2341
72 Tancred Street

Sgt. H. Magnan # 209 FEB 10 2012
Signature of Official

Signature of Official

3. Public Works & Transportation Dept.
Telephone 541-7000
Fax 541-7010
128 Sackville Road

4. Transit/Parking
Telephone 759-5320
Fax 759-5834
111 Huron Street

Signature of Official

Signature of Official

5. Central Ambulance Communication
Centre (C.A.C.C.)
Telephone 946-1227
Fax 945-6883
65 Old Garden River Road

6. Downtown Association
Telephone 942-2819
Fax 942-6368
496 Queen Street East
(QUEEN STREET CLOSINGS ONLY)

Signature of Official

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TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE - APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT NAME: Virginia McLeod / Anna McLeod TELEPHONE: 705-942-1300
705-759-531

ADDRESS: 99 Foster POSTAL CODE: _____

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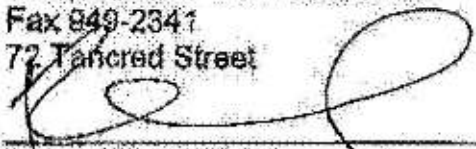
on the 4 day of MARCH, 20 12 from 1900 am/pm to 2030 am/pm
for the purpose of CARNA WORLD CUP 2012

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705-759-5311ADDRESS: 99 Foster POSTAL CODE: _____

The above person hereby makes application for the closing of

St. Ann's
(Name of street to be closed)from _____ to _____
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705-759-5311ADDRESS: 99 Foster POSTAL CODE: _____

The above person hereby makes application for the closing of

5th Avenue
(Name of street to be closed)from _____ to _____
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705-759-5311ADDRESS: 99 Foster POSTAL CODE: _____

The above person hereby makes application for the closing of

St. Atanasi
(Name of street to be closed)from _____ to _____
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TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE - APPLICATION FORMCONTACT NAME: PAUL A. TAILLEFER TELEPHONE: 705 946 0841ADDRESS: 521 CHARLES ST POSTAL CODE: R1C 3L7SAULT STE MARIE, ONT

The above person hereby makes application for the closing of

FOSTER DR.

(Name of street to be closed)

from SPRING ST. to ELGIN ST.

(reference points - street numbers, cross streets, etc.)

on the 29 & 30 day(s) of JUNE, 20 12 from 7:00 (am/pm) to 12:00 (am/pm) MIDNIGHT
for the purpose of HOSTING FUNDRAISER "RIDE FOR SIGHT"**APPROVALS SECTION:**

1. Police Services, Traffic Dept.
Telephone 949-6300 ext 348
Fax 759-7820
580 Second Line East

Signature of Official
Sgt. R. Magnan # 209 **FEB 13 2012**

3. Public Works & Transportation Dept.
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Joseph M. Fratesi, B.A., J.D. (LL.B.)
Chief Administrative Officer



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2012 02 21

Mayor Debbie Amaroso and
Members of City Council
Civic Centre

RE: STAFF TRAVEL REQUESTS

Dear Council:

The following staff travel requests are presented to you for approval:

1. **Matthew Wiesel - Engineering & Planning – Building Division**
OBOA Training – (4 courses)
March, 2012
Woodbridge, Ontario
Estimated total cost to the City - \$ 6,082.75
Estimated net cost to the City - \$ 6,082.75
2. **Nick Apostle – Community Services Department**
Parks & Recreation Ontario – Education Forum
March, 2012
Niagara Falls, Ontario
Estimated total cost to the City - \$ 1,773.00
Estimated net cost to the City - \$ 1,773.00
3. **Carla Fairbrother – Social Services – Child Care Division**
Best Start Network Meeting
March, 2012
Thunder Bay, Ontario
Estimated total cost to the City - \$ 1,237.14
Estimated net cost to the City - \$ 1,237.14
4. **Francois Couture – Engineering & Planning – Building Division**
Part 10/11 Renovation & Change of Use 2006
April, 2012
Woodbridge, Ontario
Estimated total cost to the City - \$ 1,731.70
Estimated net cost to the City - \$ 1,731.70

5. **Don Scott - Public Works & Transportation -- Transit Division**
Ontario Transportation Conference
April, 2012
Toronto, Ontario
Estimated total cost to the City - \$ 1,552.32
Estimated net cost to the City - \$ 1,552.32

6. **Brad Miller - Public Works & Transportation -- Transit Division**
Ontario Transportation Conference
April, 2012
Toronto, Ontario
Estimated total cost to the City - \$ 1,552.32
Estimated net cost to the City - \$ 1,552.32

7. **Don Maki -- Engineering & Planning -- Building Division**
2012 LMCBO Workshop
May, 2012
Prince Edward County, Ontario
Estimated total cost to the City - \$ 1,009.50
Estimated net cost to the City - \$ 1,009.50

Yours truly,



JMF:bb

Joseph M. Fratesi
Chief Administrative Officer

William Freiburger, CMA
Commissioner of Finance
and Treasurer



Finance Department

2012 02 21

Mayor Debbie Amaroso and
Members of City Council

RE: DRUMMOND REPORT

PURPOSE

This report is to highlight some recommendations from the Drummond Report that was released on 2012 02 15.

BACKGROUND

The Province of Ontario commissioned a review to determine a plan to balance the provincial budget earlier than the 2017-18 fiscal year.

ANALYSIS

The Drummond Report has 362 recommendations across a wide range of areas where the Commission believes the government has an opportunity to address the provincial deficit.

The Province of Ontario will decide which recommendations will be implemented through the upcoming and future provincial budgets.

Based on an initial review of the Drummond Report, the following recommendations are highlighted that most directly impact the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Recommendation 17-3: Improve the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation's efficiency through, at a minimum, the following measures:

- Close one of the two head offices.

Recommendation 20-8: Ensure that, beginning in 2013, the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) declines to the planned \$500 million by 2016. A reasonable assumption would be a \$25 million decrease in each of the next four years beginning in 2013, resulting in a \$500 million OMPF envelope in 2016.

Currently, the OMPF program provides \$583 million of grants to municipalities.

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Recommendation 8-5: The Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario should examine system design options that deliver a more efficient and higher-quality service to social assistance recipients. This examination should consider combining Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program, and having the combined program delivered at the local level. It should also address the further integration of employment services available through Employment Ontario.

Recommendation 5-80: Consider fully uploading public health to the provincial level to ensure better integration with the health care system and avoid existing funding pressures.

In 2012 the City will contribute \$2.1 million to Algoma Public Health.

Also attached is a summary provided by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

IMPACT

City staff and the EDC will review the recommendations and report at a later date.

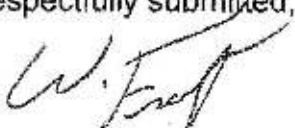
STRATEGIC PLAN

No strategic plan implications at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer concerning the Drummond Report be received as information.

Respectfully submitted,


W. Freiburger, CMA
Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer

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attachments

Bill Freiburger

From: communicate@amo.on.ca
Sent: February 15, 2012 8:35 PM
To: Bill Freiburger
Subject: Drummond Recommendations

Drummond Recommendations

The much anticipated Drummond Report was released today. The report spans over 500 pages with 362 recommendations across a range of areas where the Commission believes the government has an opportunity to address the deficit. The Commission has put forth key recommendations based on limiting provincial spending growth to 0.8% annually through to 2017-18.

There are many recommendations throughout the report that relate to municipal governments. Some of the recommendations reflect work that AMO and its membership have been promoting – matters such as POA fine collection enhancements, changes to the labour negotiation/arbitration process, long range infrastructure planning/asset management, and making sense of the land use planning system. The Commission is also recommending altering the upload agreement and the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund. The Commission is clear that when it speaks about consolidation of programs, the efficiency in administration is the goal and that accountability is not about excessive rules and reports, but about outcomes.

At this point, what the government may or may not do with the recommendations is not known. But the Finance Minister has asked for reaction and input and AMO will do just that. Our analysis of all of the recommendations is underway in order to have the necessary discussions with the government before the provincial budget is completed.

Key Elements of the Commission's Report***Infrastructure***

The Commission made several recommendations related to municipal infrastructure management and funding. These are: better use of detailed long term asset management practices in broader public sector organizations to better manage assets; a strategic asset management plan targeted at the municipal sector that looks at funding options, and private sector involvement. The report also asks whether stable and predictable funding from the province for infrastructure will contribute to more effective and efficient infrastructure management. The Commission also commented positively on the use of alternative financing and procurement methods and recommends full cost recovery for municipal water and wastewater services be implemented.

Transportation

The Commission recommends better coordination and rationalization of public transit networks in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Areas to better integrate Go Transit/Metrolinx services with municipal transit. The objective is to reduce overlap and duplication through rationalized routes, coordinated fares and common purchasing. The report seeks "honest discussions" regarding revenue solutions such as tolling or congestion charges. Increasing efficient delivery of transportation in the area serviced by the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission was also discussed. Finally, the Commission also recommended that the Ontario Government work

with the Federal Government to pursue a national transit strategy.

Environment

The Commission reviewed the organizations involved in environmental protection and planning in Ontario and recommended that: the roles of planning agencies such as municipalities, Conservation Authorities, provincial ministries and the federal government be reviewed and rationalized. It also noted that streamlining the Environmental Assessment process between the federal and provincial governments should be pursued. It further states that full cost recovery for water taking charges be used to ensure adequate funding for environmental protection is maintained. The Commission also recommended that Ontario Clean Water Agency be reviewed with a view to transforming it into a for-profit government entity to improve its competitiveness and ability to attract qualified personnel.

Law enforcement and the administration of justice

The Commission calls for the review of core responsibilities of police to eliminate their use for non-core duties including an examination of alternative models of police service delivery and calls for improvements to the collection of unpaid *Provincial Offences Act* fines.

Labour Relations

As a principle the report stated that "the labour relations system in Ontario should be balanced, effective and transparent". A number of the report's recommendations propose changes to the current interest arbitration system include: the establishment of an independent tribunal or commission to create, maintain and manage a roster or panel of arbitrators; establish time limits on the process; and develop specific and well-defined objective criteria that arbitrators would be required to account for in formulating their awards/decisions.

The report further recommended that the government facilitate a voluntary movement to centralized bargaining for municipalities- particularly in relation to police and firefighting bargaining. It was noted that, *"The benefit of this voluntary approach of centralization for municipal bargaining is that municipalities might not be completely "centralized," but rather become "more centralized" in bargaining. The larger municipalities, or some groups of them, will tend to bargain together, and, likewise, the smaller municipalities will bargain together but separate from the larger ones."*

Finance - the upload and OMPF

Of note in particular from the Commission's report is the following two paragraphs describing provincial-municipal fiscal relations:

"Between 2010 and 2018, provincial support is projected to grow by 5.2 per cent per year. Such a rate of growth is simply unaffordable. It significantly exceeds the 0.8 per cent annual growth target for total program spending identified in this report. A portion of the projected growth comes from the remaining \$500 million of uploading. Excluding that, support would grow by 3.5 per cent per year — a rate of growth that is still far in excess of our 0.8 per cent annual growth target. The projected 3.5 per cent annual growth in the absence of the remaining uploads can be attributed mainly to increased costs associated with uploads that have already been completed — the uploads of ODB and ODSP. As a result of factors such as increased caseloads, the costs to the province (and by extension, the effective savings to municipalities) of these already completed uploads continue to increase.

The Commission supports the general notion of the upload — these matters are better financed by the broader, more diverse provincial revenue base. And we realize that any change in the

upload simply shifts the fiscal problem in the province from one jurisdiction to another; it does not solve it. Most of the province's municipalities are also struggling with their budgets."

The Commission recommends extending the period of the final \$500 million of upload by another two years, so it is not complete until 2020.

The report recommends that, "beginning in 2013, the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) declines to the planned \$500 million by 2016". The Commission suggests a \$25 million decrease occur in each of the next four years beginning in 2013. AMO is concerned with this recommendation as OMPF is more than just a social programs grant. Equalization to rural and northern communities is an essential component of this Fund. Further analysis of the numbers used by Mr. Drummond is needed to get a better understanding of this recommendation.

The report also notes the province and municipalities must work together to establish an accountability framework that would track how municipalities are investing the "benefits" realized as a result of the uploads.

Relations with the Federal Government on Housing

Diminishing federal funding and the challenges posed by funding for short term programs in the area of social and affordable housing as a key pressure and risk. It is recommended that Ontario negotiate with the federal government to commit to a housing framework for Canada that includes long-term federal funding and encourages its housing partners, including municipal governments, to work with the federal government to secure this commitment.

Health

The Commission outlines numerous recommendations that focus on the key objectives of "achieving efficiencies" while "enhancing care". This includes a 20 year plan to transform the current system moving towards a focus on health promotion and a transfer of health care management to a regional authority, most notably, the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs).

The transformation begins with a 2.5% cap on health care spending through to 2017 -2018. This translates in to a cost reduction per person on health care by a total of 5.7% or 0.8% through to 2017-18. In total 105 recommendations on health care were put forward by the Commission. Many of the recommendations touch on the complex interfaces between municipalities and the health care system. For municipalities there are a number of potential implications related to funding and governance.

Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs)

The Commission recommends an expanded role and function for the LHINs at the same time as contemplating the need to reduce the number of LHINs and to better align boundaries. The recommendations as stated, would see the LHINs having greater authority and mechanisms to ensure efficiencies through consolidation, integration and alignment of health services within regions. Included, is a vision of representative bodies of specific health services, for example, long term care, being established to interface with the LHINs. The Commission also recommends that public health come under the LHIN umbrella and that all public health costs (the municipal 25%) be uploaded.

The Commission, does not speak to addressing governance or funding issues in relation to the expanded role and authority of the LHINs. In the event of the recommendations being implemented, this would be of great interest to municipalities and to ensure that a direct

interface with municipal governments continue as long as they are funding and service delivery partners.

Long Term Care

A number of recommendations related to the growing costs and pressures on long term care homes. It recommends a move to a focus on primary care and expanded home care services in an effort to divert funding away from more costly interventions that do not always provide the best health outcomes. The Commission also, however recommends to "resist the natural temptation to build many more long-term care facilities for an aging population until the government can assess what can be done by emphasizing to a greater extent the use of home-based care that is supported by community services." While focused on the future, the recommendations do not contemplate current and near term pressures on long term care and how to address these.

Other areas of interest related to health. On the heels of the recently released report by Commissioners Francis Lankin and Munir Sheikh on reforming Ontario's social assistance system, the report recommends moving away from targeting the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) to seniors and others in receipt of assistance towards a benefit available based on income. This would likely mean providing ODB to Ontario's low income earners based on a certain income level.

The Commission also recommends not letting concerns about successor rights stop (health care and service) amalgamations that make sense and are critical to successful reform. Recognizing the challenges with transforming a system that includes union agreements, the Commission argues this should not be a stumbling block in achieving the proposed transformation of health in the province.

Full Day Kindergarten

The Commission recommends, foremost, the cancellation of the Full Day Kindergarten Program, given the cost to implement the program in its entirety. If full day kindergarten is cancelled, it is recommended that existing school space appropriately be used for child care. In the absence of the government accepting this recommendation, the Commission recommends reducing costs through changing the staffing model and delaying implementation out to 2017-18 rather than 2014-15.

Addressing school closures and capital asset pressures, the Commission recommends the government amend the Education Act to give power to the minister to order the sale of closed schools or other unused properties, recognizing unmet need for space across the broader public sector.

Social Programs

Over the past ten years, spending on social programs has grown on average 6.0 per cent per year. This includes both Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program (which has been growing by 5% per annually over the same period). In an effort to slow expenditure growth, the Commission provides numerous recommendations that focus on consolidating and streamlining service delivery across governments that will lead to efficiencies and reducing barriers to exiting social assistance—a concern that is referred to as the "welfare wall". Many of the recommendations are not new in discussions on social policy, though implementation considerations will be of interest to municipalities. It should be noted the recommendations do not exactly reflect recent recommendations put forth in the second report on the social assistance review by Commissioners Lankin and Sheikh.

The Commission recommends moving aggressively towards a fully integrated benefits system that simplifies client access, improves client outcomes and improves fiscal sustainability through greater program effectiveness and reduced administrative costs. What this includes is a contemplation of a single benefit, a range of case management from automation to intense

client focused, and streamlining and coordinating the number of employment services available to clients with Employment Ontario as lead. The Commission supports the recently released Mowat Report of Employment Insurance.

The Commission advocates for the federal government to establish a national income support program for people with disabilities.

The recommendations point to a potential shift in the municipal role on several fronts, such as the provision and oversight of employment supports, and areas of administration like provision of benefits. The recommendations offer a complex disentanglement of provincial and municipal responsibilities including moving to provincial administration in several areas including issuing of benefits. The Commission also recommends that any savings realized through a more streamlined and efficient approach be reinvested by increasing asset limits and raising basic needs and shelter amounts.

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John R. Luszka,
Commissioner



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HUMAN RESOURCES
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Mayor Debbie Amaroso and
Members of City Council

**RE: MEMORANDUM OF SETTLEMENT 2012 – 2015
CUPE LOCAL 67 CIVIC CENTRE GROUP**

Attached is the above noted recently negotiated Memorandum of Settlement with CUPE Local 67 Civic Centre Group for ratification by City Council. The Memorandum was ratified by the Union on February 6, 2012.

The Agreement is within the parameters established by City Council.

It is a three (3) year collective agreement providing for a two percent (2%) increase in wages in each year of the contract. There are some benefit improvements along with improvements in contract language with respect to Union leave, grievance/arbitration procedures, job posting, temporary employment and vacation scheduling.

The City's Bargaining Committee unanimously recommends ratifications of this Memorandum by City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

John Luszka
Commissioner

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Attached

c.c.: J. Fratesi

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Joseph M. Fratesi
Chief Administrative Officer

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MEMORANDUM OF SETTLEMENT

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE
&
C.U.P.E. LOCAL 67 CIVIC CENTRE**

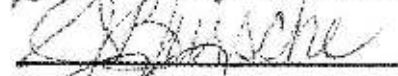
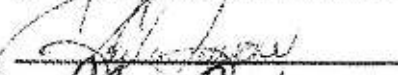
1. The parties herein agree to the terms of the memorandum as constituting full and final settlement of all matters in dispute.
2. The undersigned representatives of the parties do hereby to recommend complete acceptance of all the terms of this memorandum to their respective principals.
3. The parties herein agree that the term of the collective agreement shall be from February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2015.
4. The parties herein agree that the said collective agreement shall include the terms of the previous collective agreement which expired on January 31, 2012 provided, however, that the following amendments are incorporated:

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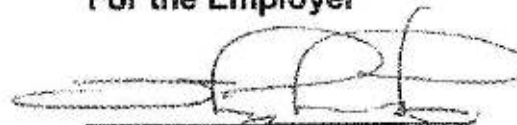
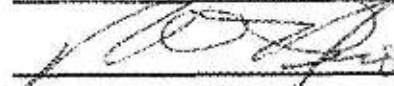
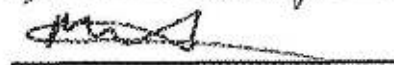
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Signed this 25th of January, 2012.

For the Union


For the Employer


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COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE
&
CUPE LOCAL 67 CIVIC CENTRE GROUP

Appendix 1

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UNION LANGUAGE PROPOSALS

ARTICLE 3:00 UNION SECURITY

3:03 Proposal regarding providing member names, home addresses and home telephone numbers.

Agreed

The City is in agreement with the Union original proposal with the understanding it will be those names, addresses and telephone numbers the City has on file. Employees remain responsible to keep the City informed of their current information and any changes thereto.

ARTICLE 8 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

8:01 Proposal regarding copying the Union Grievance Committee Chair on grievance responses.

Agreed

The City agrees with the Union original proposal.

Step IV Referral to Arbitration

See City amended language proposal under 9:01.

ARTICLE 11 SENIORITY

11:02 Agreed

The City agrees to the Union original proposal to replace the word 'ability' with the word 'qualifications'.

ARTICLE 12 JOB POSTINGS

12:05 The City agrees with the Union original proposal to change 'probationary' period to 'trial' period.

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ARTICLE 14:00 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

14:04 Union proposal re maintaining member's pay on Union Leave.

The City proposes that the agreement for the City to continue an employee's pay for the period on Leave for Union Business be in the form of a Letter of Understanding. Such Letter of Understanding will provide for a trial period for this process until December 31st, 2013 at which time such agreement shall be null and void unless renewed by mutual agreement of the parties.

The Union has confirmed that it will provide WSIB coverage for members on Leave for Union Business. The Union shall provide to the City initially and at any time upon request thereafter its WSIB Clearance Certificate to verify it has such valid coverage. The Union shall also provide to the City its WSIB account number. It is the responsibility of the Union to maintain such coverage. Failure of the Union to maintain such coverage shall make this agreement null and void. The City will not be responsible for WSIB coverage when an employee is on such leave.

The parties agree to meet during the term of the collective agreement prior to December 31, 2013 to discuss how the agreement is progressing and address any problems or concerns that may have arisen.

The agreement shall state that the Union will promptly reimburse the City within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice for the amounts owing for such leaves.

The City will issue such invoices on a frequency of no greater than once per month.

For each employee granted such leave, it will appear as a separate code (Paid Approved Union Leave – P.A.U.L.) on the employee's pay stub and the City shall invoice for reimbursement from the respective Union the amount of wages, Employer Health Tax, City OMERS share, City share of CPP and City share of EI.

For approved leaves of twenty (20) working days or more, the Union shall also reimburse the City the monthly benefit premiums for Extended Health Care, Dental Plan, Life & ADD, and LTD. Also, the City will invoice for the applicable vacation entitlement percentage (2% per week of vacation entitlement) for the period of absence plus a Sick Leave reimbursement amount of 1.5 day's pay for each twenty (20) working days absence.

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In addition to the previously noted amounts, the City shall bill the Union on each invoice the amount of one-half (1/2) hour at the CUPE 67 Civic JC 10 Level 4 rate for the preparation of such invoice.

The City shall send the invoice for such reimbursement to the address designated by the Union. The Union has confirmed that invoices for all CUPE Locals will be sent to the one (1) identified address.

Requests for Leave for Union Business shall be on a form provided by the City for approval by the respective Department Head and distributed to Accounting Division with a copy to the Human Resources Department.

The commencement date of this process shall be on the first of a month as soon as practicable following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties.

ARTICLE 16:00 VACATIONS WITH PAY

16:11 Agreed: See amended City proposal under this clause.

CITY LANGUAGE PROPOSALS

ARTICLE 8 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Step IV The Union agrees to the City original proposal to delete this clause.

8:03 The Union agrees to the City original proposal to amend this clause to read as follows:

The time limits set out in the Grievance procedure shall be strictly observed by the parties to this Agreement but may be extended by mutual consent.

ARTICLE 9 ARBITRATION

9:01 The Union @1200 h agreed to the City amended original proposal.

Amend clause to read as follows:

9:01 If the Union considers that a satisfactory settlement was not reached in Step III of the Grievance Procedure, it may within **ten (10)** working days of receipt of the Step III reply, invoke the Arbitration provisions of the Agreement by providing written notice to the City of its referral of the grievance to arbitration. Furthermore, **within twenty (20) working days following** such notice, the Union shall propose a sole arbitrator or Nominee to a Board of Arbitration to hear the grievance. The parties agree to cooperate to establish a mutually satisfactory date as soon as practicable for the hearing of the grievance before a sole arbitrator/Arbitration Board.

A sole arbitrator/Arbitration Board shall not alter, modify or amend any part of this Agreement or make any decision inconsistent with its provisions.

The time limits set out in this Arbitration procedure shall be strictly observed by the parties to this Agreement but may be extended by mutual consent.

ARTICLE 11 SENIORITY

11:03 Probationary Period : The City withdraws its original proposal.

11:08 The Union agreed to the City original proposal. Amended clause to read as follows:

A temporary vacancy is defined as a vacancy scheduled to be **up to eight (8)** months in duration.

ARTICLE 12 JOB POSTINGS

12:05 The City re-submits its original proposal.

See Appendix 2

15:00 REGULAR HOURS OF WORK AND WORKING CONDITIONS

15:04 Amended : The City is prepared to re-number the existing clause to 15:04 (a) and add the following as 15:04 (b) to this clause:

Lieu Time Bank

Effective commencing February 1, 2014, employees selecting time off in lieu of overtime payment shall be permitted to accumulate a maximum bank of 40 lieu time hours at any given time.

Requests for lieu time off will continue to be considered pursuant to the provisions of 15:04 (a).

16:00 VACATIONS WITH PAY

Agreed : City amended original proposal.

Amend existing clause to read as follows:

16:11 Applications for vacation during the year must be submitted in writing to the head of the Department **before November 1st of the year preceding the vacation request with approval on or before December 1st in each year.**

Employees shall be given the opportunity of stating their preference for their vacation period according to length of service.

ARTICLE 19 SICK LEAVE

General Discussion

Discussion on this topic was concluded by the parties.

APPENDIX "B" (List of jobs covered by this collective agreement)

Housekeeping Item: Update list of classifications. The parties agree to meet to review, and where agreed, to update the list of classifications.

LETTERS

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| #1 Subsidized Work Programs | The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement. |
| #2 Article 19:08 | The City withdraws its proposal. |
| #3 Job Evaluation Manual | The parties agree to discuss potential changes to the JE Plan with the |

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assistance of the CUPE JE Specialist Mr. Tom Baker. **Further, the parties agree to meet before December 31, 2013 to discuss this matter.**

#4 Joint Consultation Committee

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement.

#5 Application of 11:02

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement with the amendment of the word "ability" to "qualifications" where it appears in this letter.

#6 Absenteeism

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement.

#7 Temporary Transfer Opportunities

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement.

#8 Welfare Benefits

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement.

#9 Disability Accommodation

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement.

**#10 Social Housing Standby &
Callout**

Monetary Item

#11 Job Evaluation System Review

Re-submit –

Renew for term of Agreement with a statement indicating the parties agree to meet to discuss this matter before December 31, 2013.

MONETARY PACKAGE

Article 14 Leave of Absence

Amend clause to read as follows:

14:02 When death occurs to a member of an employee's immediate family, the employee will be granted leave of absence on compassionate grounds and will be granted time off with pay up to a maximum of four (4) working days for any days which are normally straight time working days and fall within the period from the day of the death up to and

including the day **following** the funeral. If the funeral is more than two hundred kilometres (200 km) from Sault Ste. Marie, the four (4) working days shall be any days which are normally straight time working days and fall within the period from the day of the death up to and including the day following the funeral.

Immediate.... (balance of clause to remain unchanged)

16:00 VACATIONS WITH PAY

Amend clause to read as follows:

16:02 All employees who have completed one (1) calendar year of service but less than five (5) years of service shall receive two (2) weeks **plus one (1) additional day per calendar year worked** annual vacation at their regular rate of pay.

Note: To appear in Memorandum of Settlement Only

For example, after one (1) full calendar year of service, the employee is entitled to 11 days of vacation, after two (2) full calendar years of service the employee is entitled to 12 days of vacation & so on.

Article 18 Welfare Plan

18:01 Extended Health Care Plan

Vision Care

Effective the 1st of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties, **increase Vision Care amount to \$325. (Note: Confirming that this amount can be used for laser eye surgery)**

Effective February 1, 2014, increase Vision Care amount to \$350.

Prescription Drug Benefit

Effective the February 1, 2013, increase Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Cap to \$11.00.

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Paramedical Benefits

Effective the 1st of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the Parties, **increase Paramedical Benefit to \$1,000.**

Dental Plan

Amend effective the 1st of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties, coverage as follows:

Dental Plan #9, with Rider #3, (Orthodontic, **Two (2)** thousand five (5) hundred (\$2,500 limit), at current ODA rates minus one (1) year.

NEW – 12 Month Pregnancy/Parental Replacement Temporary Employees – Limited Benefit Coverage

Prescription Drug Benefit Plan at 90%/10% Co-Insurance
(Plan subject to elimination of OTC's and \$8 Dispensing Fee Cap)

Amend dispensing fee cap to \$10 effective February 1, 2014.

Effective the 1st of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties, increase Vision Care to \$125 per 24 months

- **Active Employees Over Age 65**

Effective the 1st of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties:

- **Increase drug plan cap to \$1,100 per annum and to \$1,200 per annum effective February 1, 2014.**
- **Increase Dispensing fee cap to \$10.**
- **Paramedical maximum to \$750**
- **Vision Care to \$250/24months**

Article 19 Sick Leave

19:07

Amend existing clause to read as follows:

No member shall draw during their active service with the City, accumulated sick leave benefits if their absence from work is not due to illness as attested by the Certificate of a medical practitioner, if required by the Department Head.

The City shall **effective the first of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties**, pay up to **forty** dollars (\$40) for the completion of a **City medical form** when requested by the **City**. The employee shall be required to submit to their supervisor a receipt of payment in order to qualify for reimbursement.

Effective February 1, 2014, increase reimbursement of a City requested medical form to forty-five (\$45).

Article 22:00 Car Allowance

22:03

Increase car allowance effective the first of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties by \$0.01 to \$0.51.

Increase car allowance effective Feb. 1, 2013 to \$0.52.

Increase car allowance effective Feb. 1, 2014 to \$0.53.

Add the following statement to this clause:

It is agreed and understood that the Car Allowance shall not increase if it would result in exceeding the Canada Revenue Agency amount that would result in a taxable benefit.

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Article 23 Wages

23:02 Standard Wage Scale

- Increase Standard Wage Scale as follows:

Effective February 1, 2012 + 2.0 %

Effective February 1, 2013 + 2.0 %

Effective February 1, 2014 + 2.0%

Percent increases also applicable to Schedule of Professional Rates? Handyperson Caretaker.

Retroactivity to active employees and any employees who retired between February 1, 2012 and the date of ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties.

Article 26:00 Term of Agreement

26:01

Amend clause to read as follows:

- 26:01 This agreement shall be effective from February 1, 2012 and shall remain in effect until January 31st, 2015 and unless either party gives to the other party a written notice of termination or of a desire to amend this agreement, then it shall continue in effect for a further year without change and so on from year to year thereafter.

Appendix C Student Wage Scale

Increase Student Wage Scale by the same percentages as proposed in the Standard Wage Scale - 23:02 above.

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MEMORANDUM OF SETTLEMENT
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE
&
C.U.P.E. LOCAL 67 CIVIC CENTRE

APPENDIX 2

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Contract Negotiations

Between:

CUPE Local 67 (Civic Centre)

And

The Corporation of the City of SSM

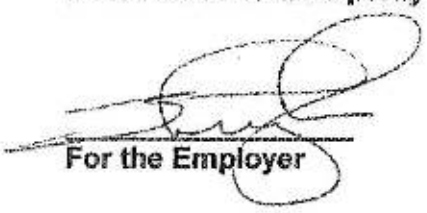
Without Prejudice

PROPOSAL

ARTICLE 3 – UNION SECURITY

3:03 The City agrees to deduct from the earnings of each employee the regular Union dues and to transmit by cheque regularly each month to the Financial Secretary of the Union the full amount of dues so collected, accompanied by a list that includes the names, home addresses and home phone numbers of all employees from whose wages the deductions have been made.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 5th day of Jan 2012.



For the Employer



For the Union

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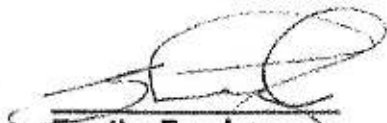
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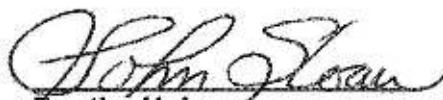
ARTICLE 8 – Grievance Procedure

8:01 Grievances shall be dealt with in the following manner provided such Grievances are filed in writing within fifteen working days of the occurrence of the incident which gave rise to the matter in dispute. Requests for grievance hearings and replies following such hearings shall be in writing at all steps. Grievances shall specify the clause or clauses in the Agreement which it is believed the City has violated and shall include a statement of facts outlining in what manner the City's interpretation of a clause is disputed. A copy of the grievance will be submitted at each step of the grievance procedure. The City will arrange a hearing at the first step within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of the grievance.

Responses to all steps of the grievance procedure will be copied to the Union Grievance Committee Chair.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 5th day of Jan 2012.


For the Employer


For the Union

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8:00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Existing Clause

STEP IV If the Union considers that a satisfactory settlement was not reached in Step III, it may within 5 working days of receipt of the Step III reply invoke the Arbitration provisions of the Agreement.

City Proposal=

Delete clause.

For the Union

John Starn
S. B. SCHUL
Paula Taylor

Date: Jan 5/12

For the City

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Date: Jan 5/12

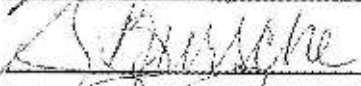
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8:00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Amend existing clause to read:

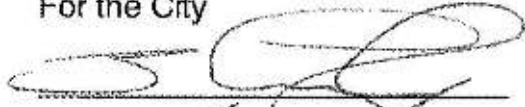
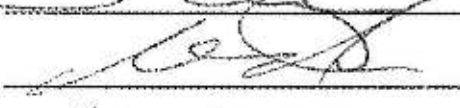
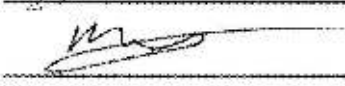
8:03 The time limits set out in the Grievance procedure shall be strictly observed by the parties to this Agreement but may be extended by mutual consent.

For the Union


Date: Jan 5/12

For the City

Date: Jan 5/12

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ARTICLE 9 ARBITRATION

Amend clause to read as follows:

9:01 If the Union considers that a satisfactory settlement was not reached in Step III of the Grievance Procedure, it may within **ten (10)** working days of receipt of the Step III reply, invoke the Arbitration provisions of the Agreement by providing written notice to the City of its referral of the grievance to arbitration. Furthermore, **within twenty (20) working days following** such notice, the Union shall propose a sole arbitrator or Nominee to a Board of Arbitration to hear the grievance. The parties agree to cooperate to establish a mutually satisfactory date as soon as practicable for the hearing of the grievance before a sole arbitrator/Arbitration Board.

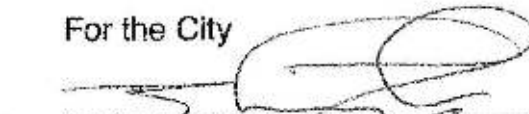
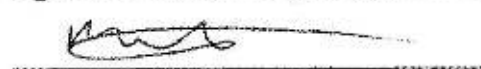
A sole arbitrator/Arbitration Board shall not alter, modify or amend any part of this Agreement or make any decision inconsistent with its provisions.

The time limits set out in this Arbitration procedure shall be strictly observed by the parties to this Agreement but may be extended by mutual consent.

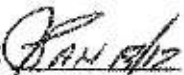
For the Union

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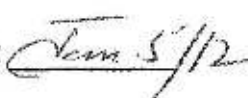
For the City

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Date:

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Date:

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ARTICLE 11 SENIORITY

Amend clause to read as follows:

11:06 A temporary vacancy is defined as a vacancy scheduled to be up to eight (8) months in duration.

For the Union

John Slavin
N. Bursche
Paul D. Jones

Date: Jan 5/12

For the City

[Signature]
[Signature]
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Date: Jan 5/12

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Contract Negotiations

Between:

CUPE Local 67 (Civic Centre)

And

The Corporation of the City of SSM

Without Prejudice

PROPOSAL

ARTICLE - 11:00 SENIORITY

11:02 However it is understood and agreed that in all cases of promotion to a higher job class, decreases in forces and recall after layoffs the following factors shall be considered:

- (1) **Qualifications** Ability to perform the work
- (2) **Seniority**

Where **qualifications** ability to perform the work is considered to be equal, seniority shall be the determining factor.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 5th day of Jan 2012.


For the Employer


For the Union

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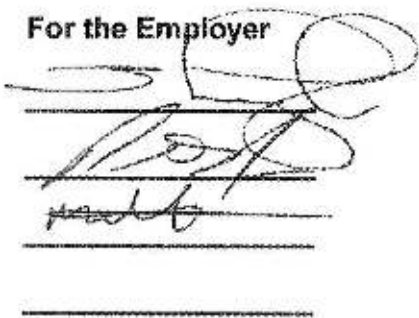
PROPOSAL

ARTICLE – 12 Job Posting

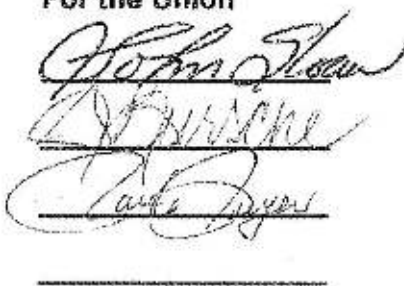
12:05 When an employee, as a result of a permanent job posting, is promoted to a higher job class or laterally transferred to another position in the same job class, the employee will be on probation a **trial period** for a period of three (3) months. **Employees shall have the right to only one (1) lateral transfer per year.** If performance is not satisfactory during this period the City shall have the right to revert the employee back to their former position and salary. The employee also during such probationary trial period shall have the right to revert to his/her former position and salary.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 25th day of Jan 2012.

For the Employer



For the Union



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PROPOSAL

ARTICLE 12.05 - JOB POSTING

12:05 When an employee, as a result of a permanent job posting, is promoted to a higher job class or laterally transferred to another position in the same job class, ~~the employee will be on probation for~~ **there will be a trial** period of three (3) months. If performance is not satisfactory during this period the City shall have the right to revert the employee back to their former position and salary. The employee also during such probationary-trial period shall have the right to revert to his/her former position and salary.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 5th day of Jan 2012.


For the Employer


For the Union

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ARTICLE 14:00 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

14:04 Union proposal re maintaining member's pay on Union Leave.

The parties agree to include the following as a new Letter of Understanding#12 – Paid Approved Union Leave.

The City agrees to maintain the wages of an employee on Paid Approved Union Leave subject to the following conditions:

This Letter of Understanding will provide for a trial period for this process until December 31st, 2013 at which time such agreement shall be null and void unless renewed by mutual agreement of the parties.

The Union has confirmed that it will provide WSIB coverage for members on Leave for Union Business. The Union shall provide to the City initially and at any time upon request thereafter its WSIB Clearance Certificate to verify it has such valid coverage. The Union shall also provide to the City its WSIB account number. It is the responsibility of the Union to maintain such coverage. Failure of the Union to maintain such coverage shall make this agreement null and void. The City will not be responsible for WSIB coverage when an employee is on such leave.

The parties agree to meet during the term of the collective agreement prior to December 31, 2013 to discuss how the agreement is progressing and address any problems or concerns that may have arisen.

The agreement shall state that the Union will promptly reimburse the City within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice for the amounts owing for such leaves.

The City will issue such invoices on a frequency of no greater than once per month.

For each employee granted such leave, it will appear as a separate code (Paid Approved Union Leave – P.A.U.L.) on the employee's pay stub and the City shall invoice for reimbursement from the respective Union the amount of wages, Employer Health Tax, City OMERS share, City share of CPP and City share of EI.

For approved leaves of twenty (20) working days or more, the Union shall also reimburse the City the monthly benefit premiums for Extended Health Care, Dental Plan, Life & ADD, and LTD. Also, the City will invoice for the applicable vacation entitlement percentage (2% per week of vacation entitlement) for the period of absence plus a Sick Leave reimbursement amount of 1.5 day's pay for each twenty (20) working days absence.

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In addition to the previously noted amounts, the City shall bill the Union on each invoice the amount of one-half (1/2) hour at the CUPE 67 Civic JC 10 Level 4 rate for the preparation of such invoice.

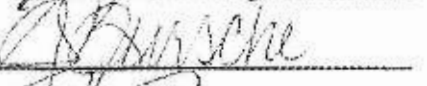
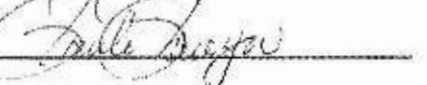
The City shall send the invoice for such reimbursement to the address designated by the Union. The Union has confirmed that invoices for all CUPE Locals will be sent to the one (1) identified address.

Requests for Leave for Union Business shall be on a form provided by the City for approval by the respective Department Head and distributed to Accounting Division with a copy to the Human Resources Department.

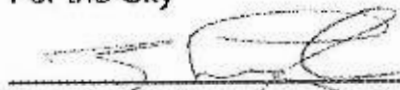
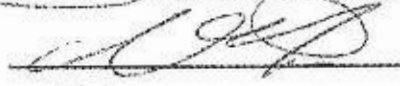
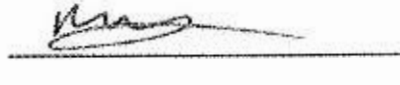
The commencement date of this process shall be on the first of a month as soon as practicable following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties.

Signed this 25th day of January 2012

For the Union

For the City

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Without Prejudice

PROPOSAL

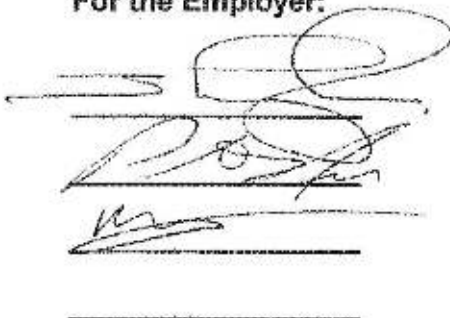
ARTICLE 16.00 – VACATIONS WITH PAY

16.11 Applications for vacation during the year must be submitted in writing to the head of the Department on or before November 1st of the year preceding the vacation request with approval on or before December 1st in each year.

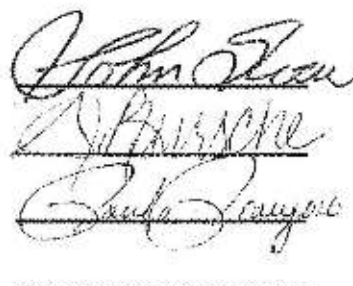
Employees shall be given the opportunity of stating their preference for their vacation period according to length of service.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 5th day of Jan 2012.

For the Employer:



For the Union:



APPENDIX "B" (List of jobs covered by this collective agreement)

- Update list of classifications.

The parties agree to meet to review and where agreed, to update the list of Classifications.

For the Union

John Sloan

For the City

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Date:

Jan 5/12

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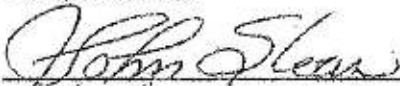
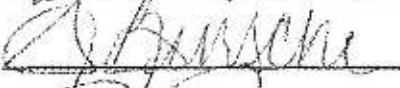
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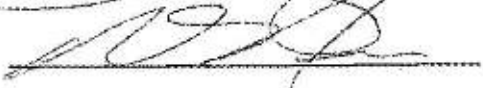
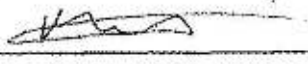
Letter #1 Subsidized Work Programs	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #4 Joint Consultation Committee	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #5 Application of 11:02 -- Layoffs	Renew for term of agreement. with the amendment of the word "ability" to "qualifications" where it appears in this letter.
Letter #6 Absenteeism	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #7 Temporary Transfer Opportunities	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #8 Welfare Benefits	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #9 Disability Accommodation	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #11 Job Evaluation System Review	Renew for term of agreement.

For the Union


Date: 

For the City

Date: 

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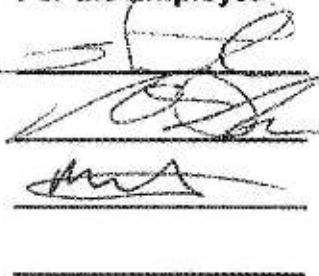
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Letter of Understand # 3 -- Job Evaluation Manual

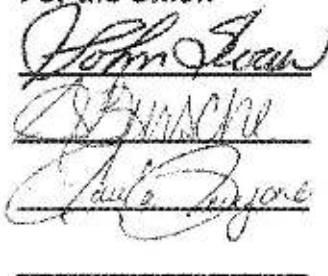
The parties agree to discuss potential changes to the JE Plan with the assistance of the CUPE Job Evaluation/Pay Equity Representative. Further the parties agree to meet before December 31, 2013 to discuss this matter.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 25th day of Jan 2012.

For the Employer



For the Union



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Letter of Understand # 11- Job Evaluation System Review

Renew for term of the Agreement, the parties agree to meet to discuss this matter before December 31, 2012.

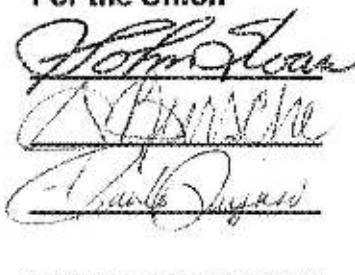
Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 25th day of Jan 2012.

For the Employer



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For the Union



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February 21, 2012

Mayor Debbie Amaroso
and Members of City Council

USE OF ROBERTA BONDAR PAVILION FOR 2012 CARHA HOCKEY WORLD CUP

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to request permission for the following at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion:

1. A fireworks display at the Opening Ceremonies on Sunday March 4, 2012.
2. The serving of alcohol from Sunday, March 4 through to and including Friday March 9, 2012.

BACKGROUND

The Opening Ceremonies for the 2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup is being held at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion. The participants will parade from the Essar Centre to the Pavilion (the parade requests are elsewhere on your agenda). The Mayor and other dignitaries will be speaking at the Ceremonies. At the conclusion of speeches, there will be a brief fireworks display. The fireworks display will be controlled by a licensed Ontario company.

The Roberta Bondar Pavilion will be the host area for the public and participants during the week of the tournament. In addition to the skating rink that is now open, the Budweiser Big Rig will be located at the Pavilion all week, and Pepsi will be hosting a sampling tent, along with give-aways, on two evenings during the week. There will also be nightly entertainment from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Alcohol will be available and served according to the Municipal Alcohol Management Policy. Police Services, Fire Services, and Algoma Public Health have all been notified and have signed the "approval" form which is attached.

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IMPACT

The 2012 CARHA World Cup is a tremendous event for the community. The financial benefits are estimated to be in the \$10 million range. The events at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion will augment the many other activities that are being coordinated for the participants and citizens.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This matter is not specifically part of the Corporate Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the report of the Commissioner Community Services regarding fireworks at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion and the sale of alcohol at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion during the week of the 2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup be approved.

Respectfully submitted,



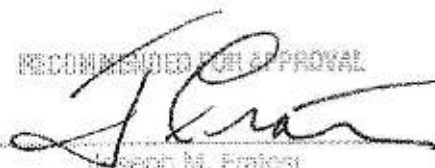
Nicholas J. Apostie
Commissioner Community Services

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cc: M. Provenzano, Fire Chief
R. Davies, Chief of Police
Dr. A. Northan, APH

attachment

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL



Joseph M. Prato
Chief Administrative Officer



CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE
INFORMATION SECTION FOR PERMITS WHERE ALCOHOL WILL BE SERVED

APPROVALS

NOTE: All signatures of approval must be provided on one original form.

Name of Group/Organization: Community Services Department

Contact Person: Tony DiSabatino Telephone No. 705-759-5252

Name of Event: CARHA World Cup - Party Central

Date(s) of Event: March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9th Site: Roberta Bondar Park

Times of Event: 11am to 11pm Location: _____

Times of Beer Garden: 11am to 11pm - MA

Name of Permit/Licence Holder: Essar Center / Norm Fera Name of Identified Designate: Tony DiSabatino

Signature of Permit/Licence Holder: _____ Signature of Identified Designate: _____

Address of Permit/Licence Holder: 269 Queen St E Address of Identified Designate/Telephone: 705-759-5251

Telephone/E-Mail: _____ Telephone/E-Mail: aedisabatino@cityssm.on.ca

1. Sault Ste. Marie Police Service

[Signature]
Signature of Official INSP. C.D.
FEB 13/12

2. Sault Ste. Marie Fire Services
Fire Prevention Office

[Signature]
Signature of Official

3. Algoma Public Health
Environmental Health

[Signature]
Signature of Official

4. Community Services Department
Recreation and Culture Division or
Community Centres

[Signature]
Signature of Official

TO BE POSTED AT EVENT.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

City Council Approval Received on _____

Date

C.S.D. Staff Representative _____

Signature



2012 02 21

Mayor Debbie Amaroso
and Members of City Council

2012 CULTURAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

PURPOSE

This report provides recommendations to City Council from the Cultural Advisory Board for the distribution of the Cultural Financial Assistance Grants for 2012.

BACKGROUND

Each year City Council allots \$53,900.00 for financial assistance grants to the cultural community. The Cultural Advisory Board on behalf of City Council evaluates the applications against the criteria in the City's Cultural Policy and makes a recommendation to City Council for the distribution of the grant funds.

ANALYSIS

There were 18 applications submitted with requests totaling \$110,631.93. The members of the Cultural Advisory Board met on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 and reviewed the applications for the Cultural Financial Assistance Grants for the year 2012. The following resolution was passed:

Moved by: R. Wark
Seconded by: E. Belair

"Resolved that the Members of the Cultural Advisory Board endorse the list of recommended recipients of the Cultural Financial Assistance Grants for 2012 and that a report be sent to City Council for their approval subject to the finalizing of the 2012 budget."

CARRIED

Requests for Cultural Financial Assistance 2012

Organization	2012 Request	2012 Recommended
Arts Council of SSM & District	20,000	16,100
Algoma Arts Festival Assoc.	10,000	3,000
Algoma Conservatory of Music	12,000	5,000
Sault Symphony Association	6,000	3,000
Echoes of the World International Drum Festival	2,800	2,800
Algoma Festival Choir	5,317.93	2,500
Sault Theatre Workshop	5,000	1,500
Shadows of the Mind Film Festival	5,000	5,000
Rotary Club	3,000	3,000
Musical Comedy Guild	1,500	1,500
Algoma Multicultural Centre	4,000	1,000
Societa Guglielmo Marconi Di SSM	3,000	1,000
Linda Savory Gordon Group of Seven Train Event	4,000	1,000
Sault Youth Association	7,355	2,500
Oral History of SSM Project	15,000	5,000
Michelle Loubert	2,659	0
Algoma Art Society	3,000	0
St. Mary's Marine Heritage Centre	2,000	0
Total	110,631.93	53,900

IMPACT

An amount of \$53,900 is included in the City's core budget for the purpose of financial assistance as per the City's Cultural Policy.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This is not part of the City's Corporate Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

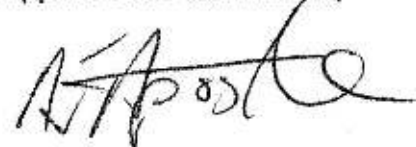
It is therefore requested that City Council approve the recommendation of the Cultural Advisory Board for the 2012 Cultural Financial Assistance Grants in this report.

Respectfully submitted for City Council approval,



Joseph J. Cain
Manager Recreation and Culture
on behalf of the Cultural Advisory Board

Approved for submission,



Nicholas J. Apostle
Commissioner Community Services

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cc: W. Freiburger
S. McLellan
Members Cultural Advisory Board

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JOSEPH J. CAIN
MANAGER RECREATION & CULTURE DIVISION



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
RECREATION & CULTURE DIVISION
Bellevue & Bondar Marinas
Cultural
Historic Sites
Leisure Services/Leadership
Recreational Lock
Roberta Bondar Tent Pavilion
Seniors' Services
Sports/Events/Development

2012 02 21

Mayor Debbie Amaroso
and Members of City Council

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS – RICHARD MacLENNAN – SPEED SKATING

PURPOSE

This report is to seek City Council's approval of an application under the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's Financial Assistance Program for National/ International Sporting Competitions.

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's Financial Assistance Program for National/ International Sporting Competitions is a program endorsed by City Council to support local athletes including teams and individuals who excel at their given sport on the national or international level. The program has a set of criteria by which applications are accessed and specific levels of financial assistance are governed. City Council gives final approval of all applications.

ANALYSIS

The attached application was received from Richard MacLennan for a financial assistance grant to attend the ISU World Cup of Speed Skating in Hamar, Norway from February 11 - 12, 2012. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee reviewed the application from Richard MacLennan at their meeting on February 7, 2012 and found that it meets the criteria of the Financial Assistance Policy. The following resolution was passed:

Moved by: M. Kontulainen
Seconded by: R. Carricato

"Resolved that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee endorse the application by Richard MacLennan for financial assistance for the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Championships in Hamar, Norway from February 11 - 12, 2012 in the amount of \$200.00 and that a report be sent to City Council for their approval."

CARRIED

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IMPACT

Core funding for various financial assistance programs is provided in the City's budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This is not part of the City's Corporate Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore requested that City Council approve a \$200.00 grant for Richard MacLennan for his participation in the ISU World Cup Speed Skating Championships in Hamar, Norway from February 11 - 12, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph J. Cain
Manager Recreation and Culture

Recommended for approval,



Nicholas J. Apostle
Commissioner Community Services

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attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Joseph M. Phipps
Chief Administrative Officer

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REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR
NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS
APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Name and Address of Applicant:

Correspondence will be directed to this name and address.

Name: Richard MacLennan

Address: [REDACTED]

Sault Ste. Marie Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] (W) Fax: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Name and Address of Athlete(s): (if different from applicant)

Attach team list to application form if applicable. (athletes only)

Name: (Same as above)

Address: [REDACTED]

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of Team or Club (if applicable):

Name of National or International Sporting Competition:

ISU World Cup

Date(s) of Competition:

February 11 & 12, 2012

Location of Competition:

Hamar, Norway

Name of Sports Governing Body:

Speed Skating Canada, International Skating Union (ISU)

Please append correspondence (email or letter) that confirms individual or team eligibility as a Northern Ontario, Ontario or Canadian representative from the applicable sport governing body. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED OR APPROVED WITHOUT PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY.

Total Amount of Assistance Requested:
(See Policy for application limits)

\$ 200.00

Please specify, as accurately as possible, how the financial assistance will be used if approved.

Transportation, meals, and incidentals

Have you previously requested financial assistance from the City?

No _____ Yes ✓ Amount \$ 200.00

If yes, please indicate the year(s):

2009, 2010 and 2011

If this application for funding is approved, the payment cheque should be payable to:

Richard MacLennan

- For recipients under the age of 18, payment will generally be provided to a parent or guardian, as circumstances dictate.
- Funding for sports teams will be payable to the coordinating group, sport association or financial representative.

I CERTIFY that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in the Request for Financial Assistance for National/International Sports Competitions Application Form is accurate and complete and is endorsed by the individual or the not-for-profit sports team I represent.

DATE 2012 01 21
Year Month Day

Richard MacLennan [Signature]
Name Title Signature
(Applicant) (If applicable)

[Redacted]
Phone Number

[Signature] [Signature]
Name Title Signature
(Club Official)

[Redacted]
Phone Number

- Two signatures are required.
- Applications submitted with only one signature will not be accepted.
- Applications received after the date of the competition will not be accepted.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN PERSON OR BY MAIL TO:

Recreation and Culture Division
Community Services Department
Civic Centre,
99 Foster Drive,
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
P6A 5X6

For additional information:

Please call 759-5310 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The information requested above is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Act and in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information collected will be strictly used to determine eligibility for a financial assistance grant to attend a national or international sporting competition as defined in the Financial Assistance Policy. For more information or if you have any questions regarding its collection and use please contact the Recreation and Culture Division of the Community Services Department at 759-5310.

Joe Cain

From: BaSchouten@aol.com
Sent: January 31, 2012 2:37 PM
To: Joe Cain
Cc: dmaclennan@ssmic.com
Subject: Richard MacLennan

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be advised that Richard MacLennan has qualified to represent Canada in the 1500 metre distance at the upcoming ISU sanctioned World Cup in Hamar, Norway, February 11 - 12, 2012.

Please note that this is not an open competition. Entry is restricted to skaters who have qualified through National Championships.

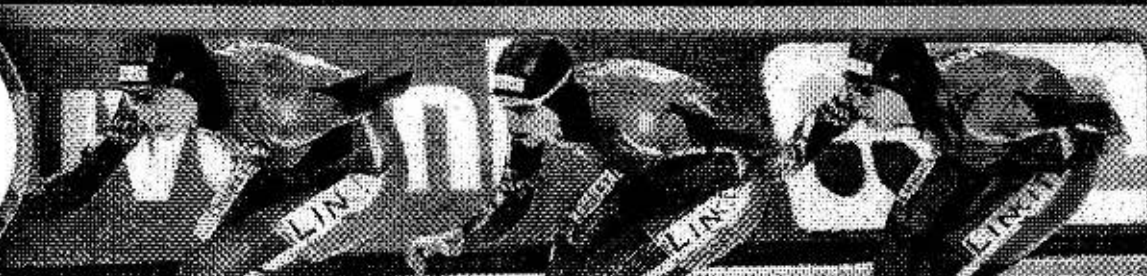
Additional information is available on the ISU website.

If you have any questions please call me at 403 921 1576.

*Regards
Bart Schouten*

**National Team coach
Speed Skating Canada**

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Long Track Team Members

Athlete Biography: Richard MacLennan

Hometown:	Sault Ste. Marie, ON
Date of Birth:	03/11/1991
Current Residence:	Sault Ste. Marie
Coaches:	Michael Crowe, Bart Schouten,
Club:	Sault Ste. Marie Skating
Training Centre:	Olympic Oval (Calgary)
Years on Development Team:	2 years
Occupation:	Student (National Sport School)



Personal Bests - Long Track

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1000m	
1500m	
3000m	
5000m	

Highlights

- Won two silver medals at the 2010 World Junior Championships, in the 500m and 1000m, also finished 10th in the 1500m
- Raced in his first World Cup event in Berlin, Germany, in November 2009, while still a junior aged skater. His best result was a 17th place in the 1000m
- Won six medals, including five gold, on the Junior World Cup Circuit in 09-10
- Lowered all of his personal best times during the 09-10 season
- Named Overall Canadian Junior Champion in 2009, winning 2 gold and 2 silver medals
- His first international competition was the 2009 World Junior Championships, where he won silver in the 500m and finished 5th in the 1000m

Quick Facts

- Started speed skating at age 11 and his favorite distance is the 500m
- Hobbies include skiing, basketball, track and field

Results

2010-11

World Cup #1 / Coupe du monde #1	
500m (1) - 5 (B)	500m (2) - 18 (B)
1000m - 20	
World Cup #2 / Coupe du monde #2	
500m (1) - 17 (B)	
World Cup #4 / Coupe du monde #4	
1000m (1) - 3 (B)	1000m (2) - 3 (B)
World Cup #5 / Coupe du monde #5	
1000m (1) - 20	1000m (2) - 18
Fall World Cup Selections / Sélections Coupes du monde d'automne	
500m - 6	1000m - 5
1500m - 4	

NUALA KENNY
CITY SOLICITOR

MELANIE BOROWICZ-SIBENIK
ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR



LEGAL
DEPARTMENT

File No. R.1.2.1.

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Mayor Debbie Amaroso and
Members of City Council

RE: SMOKING BY-LAW 2003-7

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council updating the Smoking By-law 2003-7.

BACKGROUND

The Legal Department has received a request from Nick Apostle, Commissioner of Community Services for the City of Sault Ste. Marie to update Smoking By-law 2003-7 to include the West End Community Centre (WECC).

ANALYSIS

Presently, section 1.2(a) of By-law 2003-7 defines "**City entranceway**" as an area within an eight metre radius surrounding public entrances to the John Rhodes Centre and the McMeeken Centre Arena. Smoking will be prohibited inside the WECC pursuant to section 2.1 of By-law 2003-7. However, an amendment to the definition of "**City entranceway**" is required to permit the enforcement of the smoking prohibition at the entranceway to the WECC. For proper enforcement purposes, we put forth By-law 2012-37 which amends By-law 2003-7 to add the WECC site to the definition of "**City entranceway**".

IMPACT

Not applicable.

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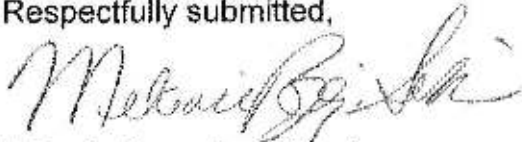
STRATEGIC PLAN

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

By-law 2012-37 appears elsewhere on the agenda and is recommended for approval.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie Borowicz-Sibenik
Assistant City Solicitor

Recommended for approval,

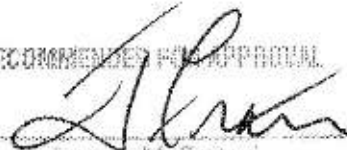


Nuala Kenny
City Solicitor

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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL



Joseph M. Fordell
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE
MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

FROM: H. J. BRIAN CURRAN, PRESIDENT & C.E.O.
PUC INC.

DATE: January 31, 2011

SUBJECT: 2011 FOURTH QUARTER SHAREHOLDER REPORT

Attached is the fourth quarter Shareholder Report for the period October 1 to December 31, 2011 and unaudited financial statements for the month of December.

I will be available to answer any questions on the report at the February 6, 2012 council meeting.

If you have any questions prior to the council meeting, please do not hesitate to call me at 759-6538.



H. J. Brian Curran, President & C.E.O.

c.c. City of Sault Ste. Marie, C.A.O.

Attachments: 1. 2011 Fourth Quarter Report
2. Summary of Operations ending December 31, 2011

PUC INC. & PUC SERVICES INC. 2011 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

PUC SERVICES

We experienced a minor injury in November that resulted in several days of lost time. At the end of December we were at 57 days without a lost time injury.

The two city wastewater treatment plants remained in compliance with provincial requirements during the past quarter.

A total of 540 solar panels, each with an output of 300 watts, were installed on the south facing roof of the George Leach Centre on the Algoma University campus. The solar panels were sourced from Heliene, a local manufacturer. A 20 year contract for the electrical output has been secured with the Ontario Power Authority (OPA). The plant went into commercial production November 14, 2011. The University receives 10% of the revenue from the contract with the OPA.

PUC DISTRIBUTION

Electricity consumption in the fourth quarter was down 0.8% from the same period in 2011. For the 12 month period, consumption was up 4.5% over last year. Most of the increase was due to colder weather at the start of the year. Peak demand in the fourth quarter was 128.4 MW. Peak demand during the fourth quarter of 2010 was 141.4 MW.

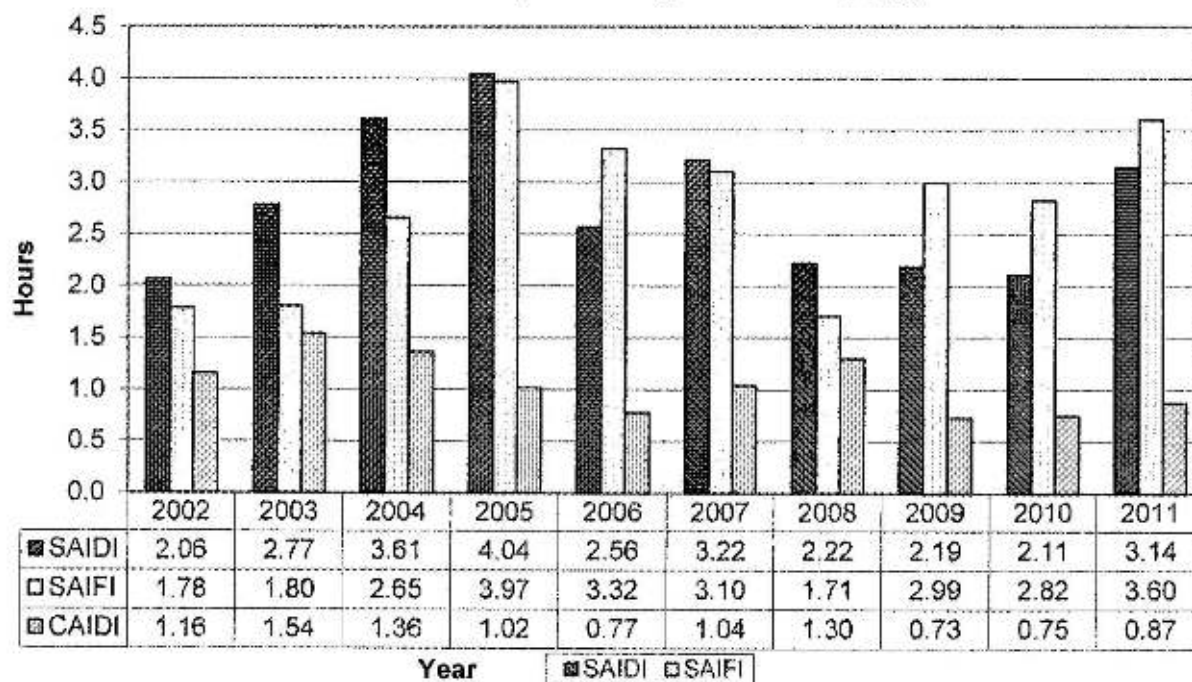
Residential customers began receiving their first time-of-use (TOU) invoices in early December 2011. Most residential customers will have received a TOU invoice by January 2012. General Service customers will begin receiving their first TOU billing statements in early January 2012. As of December 31, 2011 a total of 28,526 PUC residential and 2,042 General Service customers were being billed based on TOU rates.

The last 10 MW of solar power constructed by Starwood was connected in early December bringing the total power generation capability from the Starwood solar farms to 60 MW. In addition, we have 41 distributed generation units, both solar and non-solar, for a total of 1,295 kW connected to our grid.

We continued to ramp up our efforts in conservation demand management (CDM). The Ontario Energy Board has given us targets to reduce energy consumption by 30.83 GWh and peak demand by 5.58 MW by the end of 2014. To the end of 2011 we estimate that we have achieved energy reductions of 3.36 GWh and 0.513 MW in peak demand.

Both outage frequency and duration statistics for the year ended significantly higher than in previous years. Outages that occurred during the summer when upgrades to our protection and control system at the TSI station were being completed are mainly responsible for the high annual outage statistics.

**Reliability Indices - January 1 to December 31
(excluding Loss of Supply)**



During the last quarter two large outages occurred. One affected 6,172 customers in the westerly area of the city on October 16th for various durations of between 8 minutes and 1 hour 23 minutes due to a failed high voltage insulator. The other outage affected 5,556 customers in the central and easterly areas of the city on Dec 11th for between 22 minutes and 1 hour 45 minutes due to the failure of a 35 kV insulator.

Basement walls for the office portion of the new corporate building have been completed as well as portions of the walls for the operations area. The weather for the most part has not been a problem for the contractor and substantial completion of the building is still forecasted for the end of 2012. A financing agreement for \$21.18 million was completed with Infrastructure Ontario.

WATER SYSTEM

Metered water consumption in Sault Ste. Marie was down 7.1% in the quarter compared to the same period in 2010. On an annual basis 2011 consumption is down 4.9% from 2010. Water production from the water treatment plant and the wells, however, was up 0.9% over 2010. Production increased due to the fact that we had 105 watermain breaks in 2011 compared to 78 in 2010. Extensive watermain flushing was also required in late October and early November during conversion from chloramine to free chlorine disinfection.

The conversion to free chlorine disinfection occurred at the end of October. At the outset, high chlorine concentration levels were required to ensure adequate disinfection throughout the

distribution system. This resulted in a high number of complaints about the taste and odour of the water. Disinfection levels, however, have been reduced by almost half since then. Water aesthetics will be monitored over 2012. At all times the water has been and remains safe to drink.

Peak daily demand for the fourth quarter was 39,306 cubic meters which occurred in October when the watermains were being flushed. Peak daily demand in the fourth quarter of 2010 was 36,600 cubic meters.

PUC TELECOM

The sale of PUC Telecom assets to Ontera was concluded October 31, 2011. Proceeds from the sale, which included certain adjustments, were \$3,506,462. Deficiencies in the telecom network were identified by Ontera during their due diligence and an undertaking was given by PUC Telecom to correct the deficiencies by December 31, 2013.

FINANCIAL STATUS

PUC Distribution's net income for the fourth quarter was \$576,430 on revenues of \$3,288,213 compared to a net income of \$24,896 and revenues of \$3,806,213 in the fourth quarter of 2010. Expenses in the quarter were \$423,656 more than in the previous year's fourth quarter. Income and revenues for the year were \$2,298,908 and \$15,488,461 respectively, compared to \$1,155,386 and \$15,274,567 in 2010. The increase in net income was primarily due to the allocation of internal labour to capital works associated with connecting the large solar farms, thereby decreasing OM&A expenses. CDM funds were received from the OPA to deliver provincial conservation programmes locally. The funds are in advance of related expenditures. An adjustment will be made in the final audited financial statements deferring CDM revenues until there are related expenses to deliver the CDM programmes. Higher revenues also contributed to the increase in net income.

PUC Telecom revenues for the year were \$2,673,711 compared to \$777,241 in 2010. Income for the period was \$1,606,355 compared to \$130,868 in 2010. The difference is due to the sale of Telecom assets to Ontera.

PUC Services revenues of \$13,143,552 were \$33,006 under budget and \$1,315,445 more than in 2010. Expenses were \$278,181 over budget due to unallocated overhead and higher general and administrative costs. PUC Services had net income of \$219,802 compared to \$119,353 for the same period in 2010.

Unconsolidated PUC Inc. revenue was \$2,301,025, which was received in the form of related party interest payments. Expenses of \$2,098,498 were primarily interest payable to a related party. Net income was \$202,527.

The water utility had a net operating margin of \$2,249,756 on revenues of \$13,327,938 compared to \$2,577,724 and revenues of \$13,688,768 in the budget. Revenues in 2010 were \$12,491,159 and the net operating margin was \$2,193,007.

PUC
QUARTERLY FINANCIAL SUMMARIES
December 31 2011



PUC Distribution Inc.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

For the Quarter Ending December 31 2011



	YTD Actual 2011	YTD Budget 2011	YTD Variance 2011	Annual Budget 2011
Revenue				
Distribution Revenue	14,426,139	15,070,470	-644,331	15,070,470
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,062,322	894,524	167,798	894,524
Total Revenue	15,488,461	15,964,994	476,533	15,964,994
Cost of Power				
Cost of Power Revenue	57,638,560	53,186,717	4,451,843	53,186,717
Cost of Power Expense	57,638,560	53,186,717	4,451,843	53,186,717
Net Cost of Power	0	0	0	0
Operating Expenses	5,157,831	6,075,672	-917,841	6,075,672
General and Administrative Expenses	3,098,946	3,156,100	-57,155	3,156,100
Depreciation	3,300,000	3,300,000	0	3,300,000
Interest Expense	1,697,676	1,765,091	-67,415	1,765,091
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	455,580	600,000	-144,420	600,000
Total Expenses	13,710,032	14,896,863	-1,186,831	14,896,863
CDM Program				
CDM Revenue	785,917	103,598	682,319	103,598
CDM Expenses	265,437	224,156	41,281	224,156
Total CDM Program	520,480	-120,558	641,038	-120,558
Income (Loss)	2,298,908	947,572	1,351,336	947,572

PUC Telecom Inc.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

For the Quarter Ending December 31 2011



	YTD Actual 2011	YTD Budget 2011	YTD Variance 2011	Annual Budget 2011
Revenue				
Service Revenue	622,346	655,195	-32,849	655,195
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,051,365	108,045	1,943,320	108,045
Total Revenue	2,673,711	763,240	1,910,471	763,240
Operating Expenses	93,236	98,788	-5,552	98,788
General and Administrative Expenses	278,722	247,655	31,067	247,655
Depreciation	172,446	206,935	-34,490	206,935
Interest Expense	144,018	144,018	0	144,018
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	378,936	14,000	364,936	14,000
Total Expenses	1,067,356	711,396	355,960	711,396
Income (Loss)	1,606,355	51,844	1,554,511	51,844

PUC Services Inc.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

For the Quarter Ending December 31 2011



	YTD Actual 2011	YTD Budget 2011	YTD Variance 2011	Annual Budget 2011
Revenue				
Contract Revenue	5,439,094	5,398,282	40,812	5,398,282
Management Fee Revenue	7,473,792	7,610,835	-137,043	7,610,835
Miscellaneous Revenue	230,666	167,442	63,224	167,442
Total Revenue	13,143,552	13,176,558	-33,006	13,176,558
Operating Expenses	4,622,401	4,717,038	-94,637	4,717,038
General and Administrative Expenses	6,261,603	6,888,786	-372,818	6,888,786
Depreciation	1,502,500	1,502,500	0	1,502,500
Interest Expense	532,638	532,638	0	532,638
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	79,782	24,000	55,782	24,000
Total Expenses	12,998,925	12,664,962	333,963	12,664,962
CDM Program				
CDM Revenue	78,400	0	78,400	0
CDM Expenses	3,225	0	3,225	0
Total CDM Program	75,175	0	75,175	0
Income (Loss)	219,802	511,596	-291,794	511,596

PUC Inc.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

For the Quarter Ending December 31 2011



	YTD Actual 2011	YTD Budget 2011	YTD Variance 2011	Annual Budget 2011
Revenue				
Interest - Related Party	2,295,232	2,295,232	0	2,295,232
Miscellaneous Interest	5,793	10,000	-4,207	10,000
Total Revenue	2,301,025	2,305,232	-4,207	2,305,232
General and Administrative Expenses	163,578	391,222	-227,643	391,222
Interest Related Party	1,934,920	1,934,920	-0	1,934,920
Total Expenses	2,098,498	2,326,142	-227,643	2,326,142
Income (Loss)	202,527	-20,910	223,437	-20,910

Public Utilities Commission of Sault Ste. Marie
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For the Quarter Ending December 31 2011



	YTD Actual 2011	YTD Budget 2011	YTD Variance 2011	Annual Budget 2011
Operating Revenue				
Water Sales	\$12,828,835	\$13,142,477	(\$313,642)	\$13,142,477
Miscellaneous	\$499,104	\$546,291	(\$47,188)	\$546,291
Total Operating Revenue	\$13,327,938	\$13,688,768	(\$360,830)	\$13,688,768
Total Operating Expenses	\$6,874,529	\$6,755,159	\$119,370	\$6,755,159
Total General and Administrative Expenses	\$2,274,218	\$2,270,885	\$3,333	\$2,270,885
Depreciation	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$1,800,000
Interest Expense	\$129,435	\$285,000	(\$155,565)	\$285,000
Total Expenses	\$11,078,183	\$11,111,044	(\$32,862)	\$11,111,044
Net Operating Margin	\$2,249,755	\$2,577,724	(\$327,968)	\$2,577,724

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February 21, 2012

Mayor Debbie Amaroso
and Members of City Council

HISTORIC/RELIGIOUS GROTTO DEVELOPMENT ON PRINCE ISLAND IN BELLEVUE PARK

PURPOSE

This report is in response to the Council resolution dated February 6, 2012:

"Whereas a group of local businessmen approached the City in late summer 2010 regarding the possibility of receiving approval for "the development of an historic religious grotto dedicated to St. Mary on Prince Island in Bellevue Park"; and

Whereas the proposal was presented and considered by City Council at it's meeting of September 13, 2010; and

Whereas the past City Council approved the request subject to the matter returning for review of the terms of appropriate use and maintenance agreement; and

Whereas the current City Council called for a public meeting held on June 16, 2011 to allow an appropriate forum for discussion on the proposal; and

Whereas on June 27, 2011, City Council asked for a review and update of all Master Plans for City parks including Bellevue Park; and

Whereas in addition to the review, City Council deferred any new non-traditional uses of public recreational lands in Sault Ste. Marie, including the use and maintenance agreement for the proposed grotto; and

Whereas on November 7, 2011 City staff reported to City Council that such a review and update of Master Plans for all City parks would require close to 24 months for completion; and

Whereas also on November 7, 2011 City Council received, from the City's Corporate Counsel, an opinion regarding the implications of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms on the grotto if it was going to located in Bellevue Park; and

Whereas also on November 7, 2011 City Council received, from the City's Corporate Counsel, an opinion regarding the implications of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms on the grotto if it was going to located in Bellevue Park; and

Whereas it is not the intention of City Council to wait anywhere from 12 to 24 months to arrive at a final decision on the proposed grotto

Now therefore be it resolved that City Council ask staff to consolidate all the information to date on the proposed grotto and prepare the required to be presented at the Council Meeting of February 21, 2012."

BACKGROUND

- September 13, 2010 - Planning Division report to Council recommending City Council approval of the proposed Grotto subject to an appropriate use and maintenance agreement. Council approved the report and the recommendation. *(Report and Resolution are attached – Appendix I)*
- Draft Objects and Activities of the Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie (prepared October 5, 2010). *(Appendix II)*
- Attached *(Appendix III)* is a copy of the incorporation papers for The Grotto At Sault Ste. Marie.
- March 30, 2011 - The proposed use and maintenance agreement and covering letter to Mr. Sarlo from Lorie Bottos. *(Appendix IV)*
- April 18, 2011 - City Council resolution requesting that a public meeting be held on the Grotto Project in June 2011. *(Appendix V)*
- June 9, 2011 – Notice of Public Meeting on the Grotto Project which was held June 16, 2011, Council Chambers, Civic Centre. *(Appendix VI)*
- June 16, 2011 – City staff's summary notes from the Public Meeting. *(Appendix VII)*
- Letter dated June 16, 2011 from Ian McMillan to Frank Sarlo concerning estimated number of tourist visits to the grotto. *(Appendix VIII)*
- June 27, 2011 - City Council passed a lengthy resolution for staff to provide to Council a report setting out the specific steps and timeframes, as well as costs, for a review a review of certain related policies that were noted in the resolution and in addition that the final approval for any new non-traditional uses of public recreational lands in Sault Ste. Marie, including the use and maintenance agreement for the grotto, be deferred until such a review has been concluded. *(Appendix IX)*
- October 24, 2011 - Letter from Lorie Bottos to Nick Apostle concerning the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as it relates to the proposed Grotto project at Bellevue Park. *(Appendix X)*
- November 7, 2011 - Report to Council addressing the June 27, 2011 Council resolution; and subsequent resolution of November 7th. *(Appendix XI)*
- December 12, 2011 - Letter and attachment from Lorie Bottos concerning the ownership of Prince Island. *(Appendix XII)*
- Grotto Update – The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie – A place of Peace, Hope and Love for all Peoples by Frank Sarlo *(Appendix XIII)*
- September 2011 - Request to the Municipal Heritage Committee concerning designation of Prince Island as a heritage site – response attached. *(Appendix XIV)*
- Powerpoint presentation (printed) entitled "Our Lady at the Rapids" by James Colizza. *(Appendix XV)*
- Grotto Debate: The Architects' View by James Colizza. *(Appendix XVI)*

- February 15, 2012 – Letter to Mayor and City Councillors from Mr. Frank Sarlo (*Appendix XVII*)
- Attached are copies of the recent correspondence from citizens and groups concerning the grotto development project. Previous letters of support and opposition that were provided to Council at the time of the Public Meeting are not being attached at this time; however, a summary of those is being circulated to Council under separate cover. The original copies of these letters are available for viewing in the Clerk's Department.
- Staff contacted 13 Ontario municipalities including 4 Northern Ontario municipalities with the following question:
"Does your municipality have a policy or procedure in place that addresses how the municipality deals with requests for the use of Park land or City land to build or construct a religious component such as statue, monument, or grotto?"
Of the 13 municipalities contacted, none had a policy or procedure in place to deal with such requests; however, numerous municipalities have processes to follow when requests that are not covered by established policies are received.

ANALYSIS

Once the issue of the grotto development is decided upon, Council may wish, at some future point, to re-examine the need for a comprehensive review and update of the Parks Master Strategy, Bellevue Park Master Plan and Strathclair Park Master Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Historic/Religious Grotto Development on Prince Island in Bellevue Park is not specifically addressed in the Corporate Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Commissioner Community Services dated February 21, 2012 concerning the Historic/Religious Grotto Development on Prince Island in Bellevue Park is provided for information as requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas J. Apostle
Commissioner Community Services

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appendixes



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REPORT OF THE ENGINEERING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT**PLANNING DIVISION****TO:**Acting Mayor Lorena Tridico
and Members of City Council**SUBJECT:**

Proposed St. Mary's Grotto in Bellevue Park

This evening, City Council will hear a presentation from Frank Sarlo on behalf of a group of local residents. Mr. Sarlo will be asking for City Council's agreement to proceed with plans to construct a grotto dedicated to Mary, Mother of Christ, in Bellevue Park.

The proposed location is Prince Island, the area connected to the park by two small bridges near the duck pond. This area was named after Colonel Prince, Algoma's first judge, who is buried on the island. The proposed grotto will not interfere with Colonel Prince's grave.

The grotto is being proposed with three objectives:

- To recognize the local historic religious associations with Mary. Our river, rapids and municipality were named after St. Mary by Father Marquette in the mid 1600's. The proposed location on the river represents an ideal setting for this type of use.
- To create a place of peace, hope and serenity in a park-like setting for both local residents and visitors.
- To create a historic religious tourism attraction. This component is further described in the attached report from Tourism Sault Ste. Marie.

The grotto will be constructed of local materials and include a statue of St. Mary, with areas for candles, petitions, stain glass windows, dedication plaques, other statues and seating. The area will be enclosed by a wrought iron fence which will be locked when the grotto is closed.

There will be no cost to the City for either the construction or the operation of the grotto which will be built and maintained by a charitable organization to be incorporated.

The City's Bellevue Park Master Strategy was last updated in April 1999. The attached memo from Nick Apostle confirms that the proposed grotto fits well with the Master Strategy which encourages "creating seating areas and meeting places along the waterfront."

At present, there is a gravel walking path around the perimeter of Prince Island. The proposed grotto will be set back far enough to allow for future improvements to bring this path up to the Hub Trail standard.

City staff is recommending that City Council approve the request to construct a historic religious grotto dedicated to St. Mary on Prince Island in Bellevue Park at no cost to the City. City staff will work with the local group to finalize the design and prepare an appropriate use and maintenance agreement for City Council approval.

Planning Director's Recommendation

That City Council approve the development of a historic religious grotto dedicated to St. Mary on Prince Island in Bellevue Park for residents and tourists at no cost to the City subject to an appropriate use and maintenance agreement.

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CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: September 13, 2010

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Appendix I

Agenda Item

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MOVED BY
SECONDED BY

Councillor
Councillor

P. Mick

L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Planning Director dated 2010 09 13 concerning the proposed St. Mary's Grotto in Bellevue Park be accepted and the Planning Director's recommendation that City Council approve the development of a historic religious grotto dedicated to St. Mary on Prince Island in Bellevue Park for residents and tourists at no cost to the City, subject to an appropriate use and maintenance agreement, be endorsed.

copies to:

J. Cairn
Council Res. file

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- ☐ Comm. Human Resources

- ☐ Comm. Community Services
- ☒ Comm. P.W. & Transportation
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- ☐ Fire Chief
- ☐ Police Chief

- ☐ Mayor
- ☐ Dir. Libraries
- ☐ E.D.C.
- ☐ Cons. Authority
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The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie

Mission Statement

The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie is a non-profit, charitable organization (pending) dedicated to furthering the historical and religious significance of Sault Ste. Marie and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Context

Grottos dedicated to the 'Blessed Virgin' have become extremely popular in many places in the world, a large part because of her appearance to St. Bernadette in 1858 at the Grotto at Lourdes, France. The grotto at Notre Dame University was dedicated to 'Our Lady of Lourdes' in 1878. In 1916-17, the famous apparitions of 'Our Lady of Fatima' appeared to the three children in Fatima, Portugal. Popular movies were made of these appearances in Lourdes and Fatima. Pope John Paul II visited both Lourdes and Fatima. The grotto at Lourdes has a spring whose waters, many believe, have healing powers. Over sixty reported spontaneous healings at the Lourdes Spring have been classified as 'inexplicable' by physicians of the Lourdes Bureau, a medical centre set up by the church to assess possible miracles. There are nine approved apparitions and many more that have not been approved by the Church.

The closest grottos are in Sudbury and Detroit. In Sudbury, the 20 foot grotto with a nine foot magnificent statue of Mary completed in 1907 is 'Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto'. In Detroit, a grotto resembling the one in Lourdes was built in 1876 at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church Complex after its pastor's religious experience of his visit to Lourdes.

Grottos dedicated to the Blessed Virgin are still being built in many places and used to comfort people in their time of need. Why should Sault Ste. Marie have a grotto dedicated to the Blessed Virgin? Historically, Sault Ste. Marie (St. Mary's Rapids) name was changed from 'Sault du Gaston' in the mid-1600s by the Jesuit, Father Marquette in dedication to the Blessed Virgin. Prior to that, the river had been named 'St. Mary's River' and so many other local institutions have been named after 'St. Mary'. Our French culture and our other European cultures have looked to St. Mary for comfort. In Bristol, England John Cabot in mid-1500 laid flowers at the feet of a statue of St. Mary

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at the St. Mary Radcliffe Cathedral before sailing to explore Canada. Locally, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, one of the first Italian parishes in Canada (first in Montreal and second in Toronto) will close in October after celebrating its 100th anniversary. Ironically, the apparition in Fatima was in the form of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and her last appearance in Lourdes on July 16th, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the day the Church commemorates her apparition to Saint Simon Stock in the 1200s.

Throughout the ages, the Queen of Carmel has always kept a faithful watch over the destinies of her cherished children on earth. In 1998, the Sault Ste. Marie General Hospital celebrated their continuing presence in Sault Ste. Marie since 1898 when the Grey Sisters of the Cross answered the community's call to establish a hospital. In 1908, the hospital opened the St. Mary's School of Nursing. Over 500 nurses graduated from the school by the time of its close in 1971. The Grey sisters of the Immaculate Conception, a newly-formed English speaking community of Grey Sisters from Pembroke assumed ownership of the hospital in 1926 until recently when it transferred its assets to the new Sault Area Hospital.

Based on the history and the thought that people should have a serene environment where petitions for assistance can be made in times of need, Sault Ste. Marie should have a grotto dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. The grotto should be designed in a form similar to the grotto at Notre Dame in a park-like setting. It should be something special so that people will feel comfortable but yet want to make a special visit to be near it. It should hold a magnificent statue of the Blessed Virgin possibly decorated as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. There should be a section within the grotto for candles. Outside the grotto should be benches, a wall for petitions, stained glass windows, a number of dedication plaques and other statues. It is a place for meditation. Thought should be given to protection from the weather as an outdoor structure. St. Mary's Parish in Belfast dedicated a Grotto and Rose Garden in 1954 to Our Lady of Lourdes. Today the grotto is a memorial of all the apparitions of our Lady of Lourdes, Knock and Fatima, and these events are beautifully displayed in stained glass windows at the grotto, which are illuminated each evening.

As a matter of interest, Sault Ste. Marie's first name was 'Bawating'. It was also the name for Lake Superior. Fran Heath in her book sets out: "Ojibway mythology accorded Bawating a sacred significance and the annual gatherings on the shores of the River bore strong religious significance. Several religious groups existed within the confines of the native community". One group was based on myth, ritual and traditional, another was predominately women.

The Cross in the Woods in Indian River, Michigan has been designated a National Shrine and has attracted millions of visitors. To make an attraction that people are drawn to, it has to be spectacular.

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Elements

The main elements of the grotto that should be remembered are as follows:

1. Park-like setting open to all peoples: the park-like setting should be maintained with views to the river and saving as many of the trees as possible. The water element is very important: the healing waters of the St. Mary's River;
2. Historical religious development: the site should be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin (Fr. Marquette - 1600s) with recognition of the hundred year history of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and the recognition of the work of the Sisters at the General Hospital.
3. Statues, Plaques and Stained Glass: There will be a large statue of the Blessed Virgin as a center piece. A bronze statue of Fr. Marquette and a bronze statue representing the Ojibway traditions, possibly Chief Shingwauk. To raise funds for the park, we will require up to 12 other statues which will include mainly statues of the Blessed Virgin, The Holy Family, etc. There may include statues of The Children of Fatima and St. Bernadette. One of the statues may be of bronze to be dedicated to the Black Madonna. The others are intended to be made of Carrera marble.

Objects and Activities

The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie's objects and activities are:

Object 1

To establish, maintain and support a Grotto in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Province of Ontario, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary as a historical, religious site with historical and religious artifacts, including but not limited to: stained glass windows; dedication plaques; and, statues.

Activities in Support of Object 1

To create a historic religious tourism attraction for the benefit to the public (the citizens of and visitors to Sault Ste. Marie) based on the need to:

- provide a place of peace, hope and serenity in a park-like setting for both local residents and visitors.
- provide and maintain an area/site that recognizes the historical/religious significance of Sault Ste. Marie and its location on the shores of the St Mary's River
- provide a spiritual area for all peoples/denominations

Object 3

To establish, maintain and support historical and religious projects and programming related to the advancement of The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Activities in Support of Object 3

To undertake ceremonies, concerts and other projects and programs of a historical and religious nature to attract the general public and visitors to the site, communicate the religious historical significance of Sault Ste. Marie and the Blessed Virgin Mary and to further research and share information and knowledge related to Sault Ste. Marie and its history.

Activities would include:

- Seasonal employment for program managers and students
- Opportunities for musicians, artists and actors to perform
- Opportunities for historians to research and share information and knowledge as part of an affiliation with our post secondary institutions (e.g. Sault College, Algoma University) or other institutions and researchers in the province, Canada or internationally

Object 4

To operate an internet-based and on-site retail outlet where educational publications, maps, mementos and other items related to The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie are available.

Activities in Support of Object 4

Purchase and sale of publications, maps and products with any profits used to support the maintenance and upkeep of the Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie.

Object 5

To generate funds through donations, bequests and other gifts, as well as through special events and activities for The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie.

Activities in Support of Object 5

Receive donations, bequests and other gifts, as well as through special events and activities including but not limited to:

- Donations for statues
- Donations of stained glass from churches that are closing in the area
- Donations from Cultural/Religious Associations with links to the Site or of Religious/Historical significance (e.g. Portuguese and Fatima, French and St Bernadette, Aboriginal - Chief Shingwauk, etc.)
- Other??

Object 6

To ensure that The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie's natural and historical legacy will remain for future generations.

Activities in Support of Object 6

Organize Board, Committees and volunteers to ensure ongoing maintenance, terms and conditions of site shared use agreements are met and revenue generating and fundraising activities are developed and managed to ensure long term success.

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Ontario Corporation Number
Numéro de la société en Ontario

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Ministère des
Services gouvernementaux

Ontario

LETTERS PATENT

This application constitutes the charter
of the corporation which is issued by
these Letters Patent dated this

LETTRES PATENTES

La présente demande forme la charte de la
société constituée en personne morale
par lettres patentes datée le

NOVEMBER 18 NOVEMBRE, 2010

Minister of
Government Services

K. [Signature]
Director / Directrice

Le ministre des Services
gouvernementaux

per/par

APPROVED AS A CHARITY - PGT
OEUVRE DE BIENFAISANCE APPROUVÉE - TCP

Form 2
Corporations
Act

Formule 2
Loi sur les
personnes
morales

**APPLICATION FOR INCORPORATION OF A CORPORATION WITHOUT SHARE CAPITAL
REQUÊTE EN CONSTITUTION D'UNE PERSONNE MORALE SANS CAPITAL-ACTIONS**

1. The name of the corporation is: (Set out in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS)

Dénomination sociale de la société : (Écrire en LETTRES MAJUSCULES SEULEMENT)

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2. The address of the head office of the corporation is:

Adresse du siège social:

46 Centennial Avenue

(Street & Number or R.R. Number & if Multi-Office Building give Room No.)

(Rue et numéro ou numéro de la R.R. et, s'il s'agit d'un édifice à bureaux, numéro du bureau)

Sault Ste. Marie

Ontario P 6 A 5 B 3

(Name of Municipality or Post Office)

(Postal Code)

(Nom de la municipalité ou du bureau de poste)

(Code postal)

3. The applicants who are to be the first directors of the corporation are:

Requérants appelés à devenir les premiers administrateurs de la personne morale :

First name, middle names and
surname
Prénom, autres Prénoms et nom
de famille

Address for service, giving Street & No. or R.R. No., Municipality,
Province, Country and Postal Code
Domicile élu, y compris la rue et le numéro, le numéro de la R.R. ou le
nom de la municipalité, la province, le pays et le code postal

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Orlando Rosa

81 Pointe Des Chenes
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Frank S. Sarlo

46 Centennial Avenue
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, CANADA P6A 5B3

4. The objects for which the corporation is incorporated are:
Objets pour lesquels la personne morale est constituée:

To advance the public awareness, education and understanding of the historical and religious significance of Sault Ste. Marie and its relationship to the Blessed Virgin Mary by the establishment, maintenance and support of a Grotto in the City of Sault Ste. Marie at Bellevue Park.

To establish, maintain and support historical and religious projects and programming related to the advancement of The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

5. The special provisions are:
Dispositions particulières:

The corporation shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other accretions to the corporation shall be used in promoting its objects.

La personne morale doit exercer ses activités sans rechercher de gain pécuniaire pour ses membres, et tout bénéfice ou tout accroissement de l'actif de la personne morale doit être utilisé pour promouvoir ses objets.

- a. The corporation shall be subject to the *Charities Accounting Act* and the *Charitable Gifts Act*.
- b. The directors shall serve as such without remuneration and no director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from their positions as such, provided that directors may be paid reasonable expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.
- c. The borrowing power of the corporation pursuant to any by-law passed and confirmed in accordance with section 59 of the *Corporations Act* shall be limited to borrowing money for current operating expenses, provided that the borrowing power of the corporation shall not be so limited if it borrows on the security of real or personal property.
- d. If it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the Minister, upon report of the Public Guardian and Trustee, that the corporation has failed to comply with any of the provisions of the *Charities Accounting Act* or the *Charitable Gifts Act*, the Minister may authorize an inquiry for the purpose of determining whether or not there is sufficient cause for the Lieutenant Governor to make an order under subsection 317(1) of the *Corporations Act* to cancel the letters patent of the corporation and declare them to be dissolved.
- e. Upon the dissolution of the corporation and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed or disposed of to charities registered under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), in Canada.
- f. To invest the funds of the corporation in such manner as determined by the directors, and in making such investments the directors shall not be subject to the *Trustee Act*, but provided that such investments are reasonable, prudent and sagacious under the circumstances and do not constitute, either directly or indirectly a conflict of interest.
- g. For the above objects, and as incidental and ancillary thereto, to exercise any of the powers as prescribed by the *Corporations Act*, or by any other statutes or laws from time to time applicable, except where such power is limited by these letters patent or the statute or common law relating to charities, and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
 - i) Power to Accumulate: To accumulate from time to time part of the fund or funds of the corporation and income therefrom subject to any statutes or laws from time to time applicable;
 - ii) Power to Solicit Donations and Grants: To generate funds through soliciting and receiving donations, bequests, legacies, grants and other gifts, as well as through special events and activities for The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie and to enter into agreements, contracts and undertakings incidental thereto;
 - iii) Power to Receive Personal Property: To acquire by purchase, contract, donation, legacy, gift, grant, bequest or otherwise, any personal property and to enter into and carry out any agreements, contracts or undertakings incidental thereto, and to sell, dispose of and convey the same, or any part thereof, as may be considered advisable;
 - iv) Power to Hold and Dispose of Real Property: To acquire by purchase, lease, devise, gift or otherwise, real property, and to hold such real property or interest therein

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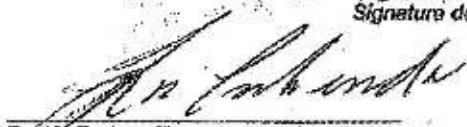
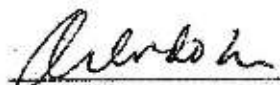
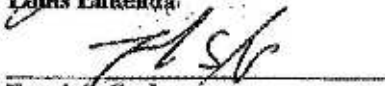
necessary for the actual use and occupation of the corporation or for carrying on its charitable undertaking, and, when no longer so necessary, to sell, dispose of and convey the same or any part thereof;

- v) Power to Operate Retail Outlet: To operate an internet-based and on-site retail outlet where educational publications, maps, mementos and other items related to The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie are available;
- vi) Power to Hire: To employ and pay such assistants, clerks, agents, representatives and employees, and to procure, equip and maintain such offices and other facilities and to incur such reasonable expenses, as may be necessary, provided that the corporation shall not pay any remuneration to a Director in any capacity whatsoever; and provided that all of the foregoing is subject to sections 23 and 61 of the Trustee Act and any order of the court;
- vii) Power to Cooperate with any Other Charitable Organizations: To cooperate, liaise, and contract with other charitable organizations, institutions or agencies which carry on similar objects to that of the corporation;
- viii) Power to Participate in the Reorganization of a Company: To take up proportions of any increased capital of a company or corporation in which the corporation may at any time hold shares or obligations; to purchase any additional shares or obligations in such company or corporation; to join in any plan for the reconstruction or reorganization or for the sale of assets of any company or corporation, or part thereof; to enter into any pooling or other agreement in connection with the shares or obligations of a company or corporation held by the corporation; and to give consent to the creation of any mortgage, lien or indebtedness of any company or corporation whose shares or obligations are held by the corporation; provided, however, that all of the foregoing is subject to the provisions of the Charitable Gifts Act;
- ix) Power to Sue and Compromise Claims: To demand and compel payment of all sums of money and claims to any real or personal property in which the corporation may have an interest and to compromise any such claims, and generally to sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- x) Power to Issue Cheques: To draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue cheques and other negotiable or transferable instruments;
- xi) Power to Pay Costs of Incorporation: To pay all costs and expenses of, or incidental to, the incorporation.
- xii) Restriction on Powers: Provided that it shall not be lawful for the corporation directly or indirectly to transact or undertake any business within the meaning of the *Loan and Trust Corporations Act*.

6. The names and address for service of the applicants:
Nom et prénoms et domicile élu des requérants:

First name, middle names and surname <i>Prénom, autres Prénoms et nom de famille</i>	Address for service, giving Street & No. or R.R. No., Municipality, Province, Country and Postal Code <i>Domicile élu, y compris la rue et le numéro, le numéro de la R.R. ou le nom de la municipalité, la province, le pays et le code postal</i>
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This application is executed in duplicate.
La présente requête est faite en double exemplaire.

Signatures of applicants <i>Signature des requérants</i>	
 Louis Lukenda	 Orlando Rosa
 Frank S. Sarlo	

Appendix IV

2011 03 30

BY EMAIL TO: sarlo.frank@gmail.com (2 pages)

Mr. Frank Sarlo
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Dear Frank:

**RE: GROTTA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GROTTA AT
SAULT STE. MARIE**

After being called to the meeting that you and Joe Fratesi were having in his office on March 17th I redrafted the agreement. The agreement as originally drafted was a licence agreement authorizing Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie to occupy the premises at Prince Island in Bellevue Park.

During that March 17th meeting you indicated that the intention of Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie is to donate the Grotto to the City once constructed. That certainly was not my understanding from the presentation to Council on September 13th. I spoke to Jim Elliott, Nick Apostle and Don McConnell who were also at the September 13th Council meeting and none of them had the impression that this Grotto would become the City's. In any event the agreement has been redrafted.

One issue that will come up and which I will have to point out to Council is the lack of any guarantee for money for the repairs when they become necessary. The earlier version of the agreement had a provision for a letter of credit to be provided. That is a concern of City staff and I suspect it will be a concern of City Council. Where does the money come from for repairs off into the future? I know your feeling is that enough money will come from the sale artifacts that the money will be available but what happens if that is not the case?

Another issue that arose is who organizes the repairs when they become necessary? Since Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie will not have any employees, who does the City contact when repairs or maintenance are needed?

During the meeting we had in Joe's office you mentioned getting the water supply from the St. Mary's River. I think you should look into what the Ministry of the Environment requirements are for of water taking permit and whether there will be any impact on the fountain if river water is used. With respect to the electricity the current power supply is about a ½ kilometre away from the proposed site for the Grotto. The cost of extending that power supply will be the Grotto's.

We also discussed briefly the archaeological assessment that needs to be done. I know you feel that it is not necessary but I suspect that will come up in the discussion since the Historic Sites Board has passed a resolution asking that such an assessment be done.

Also in paragraph 19 could you provide to me an address for the Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie.

The target is still to have this agreement on the April 18th agenda. As I mentioned when we spoke last week I mentioned to you that there are concerns being raised in the community about the Grotto being located on public property. City Clerk Malcolm White has been contacted by some individuals who want to be in attendance when this matter is back before Council.

Yours truly,

Lorie A. Bottos
Corporate Counsel

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Enclosure

c.c. Nick Apostle, Commissioner, CSD
c.c. Jim Elliott, Commissioner, PWT
c.c. Don McConnell, Director of Planning
c.c. Joe Cain, Manager of Recreation & Culture
c.c. Travis Reid, Operations Supervisor, Parks
c.c. Malcolm White, City Clerk
c.c. Joe Fratesi, Chief Administrative Officer

AN AGREEMENT made this day of April, 2011.

Appendix IV

B E T W E E N:

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE
Hereinafter called the "City"

-and-

THE GROTTO AT SAULT STE. MARIE
Hereinafter called the "Grotto"

WHEREAS the City is the owner of the lands and premises known as Bellevue Park,

AND WHEREAS the Grotto wishes to use a certain portion of Bellevue Park being a public park in Sault Ste. Marie specifically Prince Island to construct a grotto and then turn ownership of the grotto to the City upon the following terms;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do hereby covenant, promise and agree the one with the other as follows:

1. GRANT OF APPROVAL TO LOCATE GROTTA

The City hereby grants to the Grotto approval to locate a Grotto at Bellevue Park, specifically Prince Island in the City of Sault Ste. Marie as shown on the plan attached marked Schedule "A" to this agreement, hereinafter referred to as the designated premises.

The Grotto agrees it shall not assign or transfer any rights conferred upon it under the terms of the Agreement.

2. USE OF PREMISES

The Grotto hereby covenants with the City to use the designated premises only for the purpose of constructing a historic religious structure known as a Grotto.

This agreement shall in no way abridge or limit the rights of the City, owner of the designated premises to regulate completely the use of any part of Bellevue Park, including the designated premises.

In case of any dispute as to the use of the designated premises or any structures thereon, or as to any term of this agreement, the decision of City Council shall be final, binding and conclusive.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS

The Grotto shall construct and fund all improvements to the designated premises in accordance with the site plan attached as Schedule "B" to this agreement and in accordance with all plans and specifications for the work to be filed by the Grotto with the City.

The Grotto agrees that no construction shall commence until the Grotto is successful in raising all the money needed to build the Grotto in accordance with the site plan attached as Schedule "B".

The Grotto agrees that it shall be the contract administrator during construction of the grotto. Further the Grotto agrees that it will remove any liens filed against the designated premises.

The Grotto shall be built in accordance with the design approved by City Council as Schedule "B" to this agreement. The Commissioner of Community Services may approve minor variations from the approved plans.

The Grotto acknowledges that the City has adopted the Facilities Accessible Design Standards (FADS) for all buildings and structures located on City property. The Grotto agrees that the grotto shall be built in accordance with the FADS.

4. FOUNTAIN

If the Grotto's plans include constructing a water fountain on the designated premises all costs associated with the maintenance (including decommissioning in winter), repair and upkeep of the water fountain shall be the responsibility of the Grotto.

5. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The Grotto shall be responsible for any repairs required to any portion of the Grotto structure. Any repairs required shall be carried out by Grotto in a timely fashion and in any event within 15 days of the damage to the Grotto occurring. The cost of the repairs shall be the sole cost of the Grotto.

The City Parks Division of Public Works and Transportation will provide maintenance to the designated premises at the same level of maintenance provided to the remainder of Bellevue Park. For greater certainty that level of maintenance shall consist of grass cutting, tree trimming, leaf litter removal and litter and garbage removal.

Any level of maintenance above the regular level of maintenance provided by the City to the balance of Bellevue Park will be the responsibility of the Grotto. If the Grotto requests the City to carry out the extra maintenance and the City is willing to do so, the cost of that extra maintenance shall be paid by the Grotto to the City within 30 days of receipt of the invoice from the City.

The City shall not be responsible for any repairs required to the Grotto structure nor for the removal of any graffiti on the Grotto, cleaning and maintenance for any stained glass, statues or similar works on the Grotto.

The Grotto shall be responsible for an annual inspection of the Grotto to ensure that the Grotto and any fixtures are safe and in good condition.

6. ALTERATIONS

The Grotto shall not make any alterations or improvements on the designated premises without prior written approval of the City relating to the specific work(s).

7. OWNERSHIP OF IMPROVEMENTS UPON TERMINATION

Upon completion of construction the grotto shall be the property of the City. Despite ownership being with the City, the maintenance and repairs of the grotto shall be the responsibility of the Grotto as set out in this agreement. If the Grotto fails to maintain the grotto the City may in its sole discretion decide to remove the grotto.

8. REQUIREMENTS OF LAW

The Grotto at its sole expense shall comply with all laws, orders and regulations of federal, provincial and municipal authorities, and with any direction of public offices with respect to the designated premises or use or occupation thereof.

9. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GROTTA

The Grotto shall have the right to impose rules and regulations concerning the use, occupation or control of the designated premises provided such rules do not conflict with any rules the City has for Bellevue Park. Any rules imposed by the Grotto shall be subject to approval by the City.

10. INSURANCE

The Grotto shall, at its own expense, provide and maintain general liability insurance with an approved insurance company during the construction of the Grotto in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 with a deductible amount to be satisfactory to the City, against claims arising out of any one or more accidents resulting in injury or death to any person or persons or damage to property. The City will in no way be required to insure the Grotto as part of the City's insurance during construction.

11. INDEMNITY

The Grotto hereby covenants with the City to indemnify the City from and against all liability, claims, damages, or expenses due to or arising out of any act or neglect by the Grotto, its servants, employees, agents, invitees or licencees in or about the designated premises or out of:

- (i) any damage to persons or to property including property of the Grotto and all persons claiming through or under the Grotto howsoever occasioned, except where caused by the negligence of the City, its agents, servants or employees;
- (ii) any injury to any person or persons occurring on the designated premises except where such injury has been caused by the negligence of the City, its agents, servants or employees.

12. UTILITY CHARGES AND ACCESS TO UTILITIES

The Grotto agrees to pay promptly as they fall due, all charges or costs for heat, water, electricity and other utilities of any nature, or kind or all similar costs hereafter supplied to the designated premises. Such utility costs shall be billed separately to the Grotto by the appropriate utility company.

Any costs incurred for the extension of utilities, such as but not limited to water and electricity, to the site shall be the responsibility of the Grotto. The Grotto shall be responsible to restore any area of Bellevue Park over which such services are extended. The City shall approve the location of any services extended to the Grotto.

13. CONSTRUCTION UNIONS

The Grotto acknowledges that the City is under a contractual relationship with the Labourers' International Union of North America Local 1036 and United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 2486. Any work on site carried out by the Grotto must be in compliance with the City's obligations under those contracts. Work on the grotto cannot commence until the City is satisfied that its contractual obligations with the International Union of North America Local 1036 and United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 2486 have been met.

14. BREACH OF CONDITIONS

Any breach of the terms and conditions of this licence agreement by the Grotto will constitute an automatic cancellation of this agreement unless the Grotto within thirty (30) days of being notified in writing by the City of the breach, rectifies the breach to the satisfaction of the City, which rectification or cancellation will then be confirmed in writing by the City. This clause is included for the benefit of the City and may be waived at its discretion. Unless a waiver is given in writing by the City to the Grotto, the City will not be deemed to have waived any breach by the Grotto of any of the terms of conditions of this agreement and a waiver relates only to the specific breach to which it

refers and in no way affects or limits the rights of the City with respect to any breach to which it does not refer.

15. RESERVATION

The City hereby reserves the right to enter onto the designated premises and to use any part of the designated premises for the construction of any service(s) or utility, and to grant easements to other persons or corporations for such purposes, provided that any disturbance to the designated premises shall be corrected and provided the designated premises shall be restored to their former improved condition at no cost to the Grotto.

16. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

The Grotto shall not use any substance or thing which may be deemed to be unsafe or hazardous to human health or to the environment, during the construction of the improvements to the designated premises or at any time during the term of this licence.

17. ACCESS

(1) The Grotto shall also have a right of access to the designated premises over an access route through Bellevue Park, to be designated by the City from time to time.

(2) The site where the Grotto is constructed shall be constructed so as to be locked each night for security purposes. Security personnel, if and when retained by the City, shall have as one of their duties the locking of the access gates to the Grotto area. Any additional cost incurred by the City shall be paid by the Grotto.

(3) There will be no access to the Grotto site between November 1st of one year and March 31st of the next year.

(4) The hours of operation of Bellevue Park are from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. each day subject to any change by Council.

18. SCHEDULING OF EVENTS AT THE GROTTA

The Grotto acknowledges that Bellevue Park is a very popular spot for various events. The Grotto further acknowledges that with the construction of the grotto it may become a popular location for some of those events, such as photographic locations for weddings. Such events may conflict with other visits to the grotto. The City will not be responsible for scheduling events in and around the grotto area.

19. NOTICES

All notices pursuant to this licence shall be sufficiently given if mailed, prepaid and registered, in the case of the City, addressed to:

Legal Department
Civic Centre, 99 Foster Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 5N1

and, in the case of the Grotto, addressed to:

The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie
c/o Mr. Frank Sarlo

Sault Ste. Marie ON

unless either party gives notice to the other of a change of address by registered mail. The date of receipt of any such notice shall be deemed to be 48 hours after such mailing.

If the Grotto's contact person is no longer to be Mr. Frank Sarlo, The Grotto shall advise the City of its new contact person and any subsequent contact persons.

20. BINDING EFFECT

The terms and provisions of this licence shall extend to, be binding upon and endure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their successors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto affixed their hands and seals this day of April, 2011.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

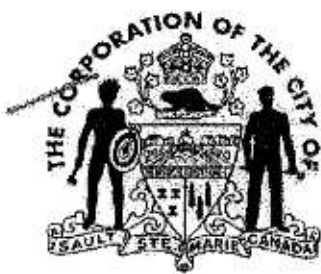
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THE GROTTO AT SAULT STE. MARIE

DR. LOU LUKENDA

FRANK SARLO



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Date: April 18, 2011

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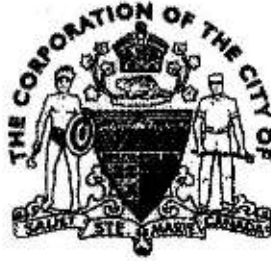
L. Turco
P. Mick

Resolved that the correspondence from Frank Sarlo concerning the proposed Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie be accepted and that a public meeting be held some time in June to present the plans for the grotto to the public for comments; and
Further Be It Resolved that this meeting be coordinated by the following staff members; Director of Planning, Commissioner of Community Services and the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation.

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Appendix VI

NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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CITY HOSTS PUBLIC MEETING TO UPDATE RESIDENTS ON THE GROTTO PROJECT

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON) A public information meeting to report on the progress of The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie project will be held on **Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Civic Centre Council Chambers at 99 Foster Drive.**

In September 2010, City Council approved the use of a portion of Prince Island at Bellevue Park as a site to construct a historic-religious grotto, subject to appropriate agreements.

The June 16 meeting, to be chaired by Councillor Steve Butland, will include a presentation by Frank Sarlo, on behalf of The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie charitable corporation.

The general public is encouraged to attend.

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For additional information contact:

Don McConnell, Planning Director
Engineering and Planning Department
Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Phone: (705) 759-5375
E-mail: d.mcconnell@cityssm.on.ca

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PROPOSED GROTTO IN BELLEVUE PARK

PUBLIC FORUM

June 16, 2011

Summary of Key Issues

Councillor Steve Butland welcomed those present and introduced Frank Sarlo as the spokesman for the proposed Grotto Project.

Mr. Sarlo reviewed the events leading to the current proposal including the creation of a charitable corporation, the history and local significance of the name "St. Mary's" and the benefits of the proposed project.

Councillor Butland invited questions from the public which are summarized below along with the responses.

Q. Should we place historical items in public parks?

A. Mr. Sarlo stated that we do that now using Col. Prince's gravesite and the Old Stone House as examples.

Q. Is the proposed project representative of a significant part of our history and would approval create a precedent?

A. Mr. Sarlo presented the architectural drawings (see attachment) and outlined the significance of the proposed structure.

Several residents indicated that they were in favour of the Grotto Project, just not at this location.

Q. Has this project already been approved and can City Council rescind their approval?

A. Lorie Bottos indicated that the project was approved subject to a use and maintenance agreement. Without City Council's approval of this agreement, the project can not proceed.

Q. Can City Council guarantee that no taxpayer funding will be used for this project either now or in the future?

A. Councillor Butland indicated that there are no absolute guarantees with regard to future costs. Mr. Sarlo indicated that the Grotto in Sudbury is now 107 years old and is maintained by the "Friends of the Grotto." No municipal funding is involved.

- Q. Why will the proponents of this project not consider other sites?
- A. Mr. Sarlo replied that the Grotto was designed specifically for this site.
- Q. What is the legal use of public parkland?
- A. Mr. Sarlo replied that Bellevue Park would still be public parkland.
- Q. Is the Grotto a donation to the City and what are the municipal liabilities?
- A. Mr. Sarlo replied that the project is a donation to the City.
- Q. What is the procedure required to place this question as a referendum on the next municipal ballot?
- A. Mr. Bottos answered that the detailed wording of the question has to be approved six months prior to the election date.
- Q. Given the importance of migration and making newcomers feel welcome, one resident expressed concern that non-Catholics and people of other religions may not feel comfortable in Bellevue Park. She was also concerned that the national media may paint Sault Ste. Marie as being bigots and racists.
- A. Mr. Sarlo stated that great works of art are found in different countries around the world and appreciated by people of all religions. He also noted that the proposed grotto would occupy only a small part of Bellevue Park.
- Q. The local online sites have 63 percent opposed to this project 27% in favour and 10% undecided. Has City Council gauged public opinion on the Grotto?
- A. Councillor Butland replied that the purpose of this public meeting is to receive public comment.
- Q. Does approval of this project create a difficult legal precedent for placing other structures in public parks under the Charter of Rights under Sections 2A and 15?
- A. Mr. Bottos indicated that that is an issue.
- Q. How many signatures of persons opposed to this project are necessary to stop it?
- A. Councillor Butland indicated that there is no answer to that question.
- Q. Would this project meet Federal or Provincial requirements for funding?

A. Mr. Sarlo indicated that the Provincial Government has approved the Corporation as a charity and that the Federal Government will allow tax receipts for donations to the project.

Q. Would this project have any impact on the Prince grave site?

A. Mr. Sarlo replied that the gravesite is 100 feet away.

Q. Will the site be fenced?

A. Mr. Sarlo replied that the design was created to avoid vandalism as much as possible. They will be a wrought iron fence surrounding the site that can be locked.

Q. Is it appropriate to allow a charity to have the value of this land?

A. Mr. Sarlo replied that the property will still be owned by the City. It is up to City Council to decide if this is an appropriate use.

Q. Will the City tender this project?

A. Mr. Sarlo responded no as the charitable corporation will take responsibility for construction. The completed project will then be given to the City.

Several persons noted that Prince Island is a place of quiet meditation and that they believe this project will change that character. It was suggested that rebuilding the gazebo that used to be on the island is a better use of the property,

Q. Who are the individuals that comprise the charitable group?

A. Mr. Sarlo stated that the directors are Dr. Lou Lukenda, Orlando Rosa and himself.

Q. One resident questioned how this project will achieve the suggested increase in tourism?

A. Mr. Sarlo replied that the tourism numbers are from Ian McMillan at Tourism Sault Ste. Marie.

Q. Will approval of this project set a precedent?

A. Councillor Butland indicated that is for City Council to decide.

Q. Have other sites been considered?

A. Mr. Sarlo replied that this project works in Bellevue Park and will increase park usage.

Q. Can the Grotto be placed at our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church or another Catholic site?

A. Mr. Sarlo replied that the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel site has been sold.

Q. One resident asked if Mr. Sarlo had any written support and how did this compare with the numbers in opposition?

A. Mr. Sarlo replied that he had 427 letters of support so far. He repeated that City Council will have to make a decision while recognizing that many others are opposed.

Q. Mr. Sarlo was asked if it is their intent to construct a religious monument?

A. Mr. Sarlo replied that their intent is to recognize a significant aspect of local history, similar to other Grotto's throughout the world. It is not their intent to build a Church.

Q. Are fees charged at other grottos? Are other grottos located in public parks?

A. Mr. Sarlo replied that other grottos do not charge fees, but do except donations. He did not in all its other grottos are also located in public parks.

It was suggested that the project proponents consider only one statue of Mary and replace the other statues with figures of local historical significance.

Q. How would parking work? It would appear that the existing parking lots near Queen Street or at the marina would be too far for seniors to walk.

A. Mr. Sarlo replied that the walking distance from these lots is no farther than at other sites.

Q. Is there a master plan for recognizing a comprehensive view of history in Sault Ste. Marie? This would include recognizing aboriginals, religious figures and others in parks.

A. Jim Elliott responded that there is no municipal plan that considers these issues.

Q. By what definition is Bellevue Park underutilized?

A. Jim Elliott replied that the Park has the capacity to handle more visitors, especially since the animal pens were removed.

Q. One gentleman asked if Mary had ever visited Sault Ste. Marie?

A. Mr. Sarlo replied that a Jesuit priest had a vision of Mary which is why the City's name was changed to Sault Ste. Marie.

A number of residents spoke in general opposition to the project. Some suggested that while the Grotto is an interesting project, it is religious in nature and should not be constructed in a public park. Other suggestions included asking the Catholic Church to donate a suitable site or constructing the Grotto as the first step in revitalizing Gore Street.

More than 200 residents were in attendance.

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Appendix VIII

June 16, 2011

Frank Sarlo

Re: Grotto

Frank, in light of mounting concern about building the proposed Grotto at the Bellevue Park location, I just wanted to alleviate some of the concerns that residents might have about our downtown park being "over run" by tourists as a result of this development.

While it is true, as outlined in the information I originally provided your group, that Faith Based Tourism is on the rise and has in fact proven to be quite successful in many cities around the world, there has to be a clear understanding of how the proposed Grotto would impact tourist visitation in our city.

To put it in perspective, the Agawa Canyon Tour Train attracted 29,000 visitors to our city last summer/fall. In its peak years, it attracted 80,000 visitors. This is considered Northern Ontario's number one attraction in terms of actually generating visitors to a destination.

Realistically, the main tourist segment that a development such as the Grotto would have is in the area of group tours. Motor Coach companies offer a number of options to their customers that involve Faith Based tourist attractions. In the case of Sault Ste. Marie, the main reason for group tours to travel here are once again the Agawa Canyon Tour train. Groups make up about 25 percent of the train's overall passengers. This means that last year about 7,250 people visited our city on a motor coach.

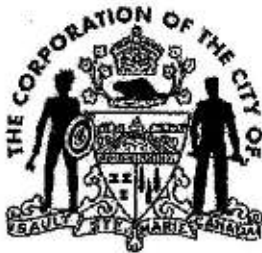
So even if every tour group that came last year visited the Grotto, it would only mean 7,250 people visiting the site over a 5 month period (less 50 people per day). Obviously that would not have an overly adverse effect on Bellevue Park and the regular users from the community.

Now it is true that the tourism industry is hoping to attract larger numbers of people to the community because of the newly upgraded tour train, but even if those numbers got back to the 80,000 mark of several years ago, the increased visitation to the Grotto site would again have minimal impact on Bellevue Park and its surroundings.

I trust this might help in clarifying the traffic volume to Bellevue Park that the development of the proposed Grotto might have.

Regards

Ian McMillan
Executive Director
Tourism Sault Ste. Marie



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Date: June 27, 2011

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Whereas a group of local businessmen approached the City in late summer 2010 regarding the possibility of receiving approval for "the development of a historic religious grotto dedicated to Saint Mary on Prince Island in Bellevue Park for residents and tourists at no cost to the City, subject to an appropriate use and maintenance agreement"; and

Whereas the request was received by City staff which determined that the location would not interfere with the burial site of Colonel John Prince and also that the proposal was consistent with the City's Bellevue Park's Master Strategy, last updated in 1999; and

Whereas the proposal was presented and considered by City Council at its meeting of September 13, 2010, where it received support from the Economic Development Corporation and Tourism Sault Ste. Marie, given its potential as a destination attraction in a growing religious travel market; and

Whereas the past City Council approved the request, subject to the matter returning for further review of the terms of an appropriate use and maintenance agreement; and

Whereas since this preliminary approval, the current Council, which includes six new members, has received considerable negative feedback about the appropriateness of the location for the proposed grotto, resulting in a public meeting being held on June 16, 2011 to allow an appropriate forum for the discussion of such concerns; and

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Whereas such a review should include an update of the City's Bellevue and Strathclair Park Master Plans, as well as master plans for neighbourhood parks in light of the consolidation of schools and disposition of school properties which have provided recreational opportunities throughout our community; and

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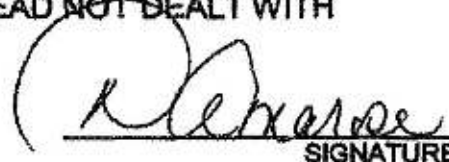
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Nick Apostle
Commissioner of Community Services Department

Dear Nick:

**RE: THE CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS AND THE
GROTTO**

At our meeting last Thursday you reminded me that the Legal Department was to prepare an opinion regarding the implications of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms on the Grotto if it was to be located in Bellevue Park. The question is whether locating the Grotto in Bellevue Park would violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Regardless of arguments to the contrary, the Grotto is first and foremost a religious structure. Although Mr. Sarlo mentioned the historical aspect of the Grotto, most people, when shown the drawings of the structure, would identify it as a religious structure first and historic structure second.

The Legal Department's summer student did some research into this question. The case that comes closest to our situation is a case by the name of Congrégation des témoins de Jéhovah de St-Jérôme-Lafontaine v. Lafontaine (Village) [2004] 2 SCR 650. In that case, the Supreme Court of Canada said that a municipality is required to be neutral in matters of religion. Its by-laws must be structured in a way as to avoid placing unnecessary obstacles in the way of religious freedom. Further on in the decision the courts stated that it is no longer the state's place to give active support to any one particular religion. The court also stated that the state must refrain from implementing measures that could favour one religion over another.

The conclusion from those statements is that if the City of Sault Ste. Marie allows the Grotto, which as indicated above would most likely be seen as a

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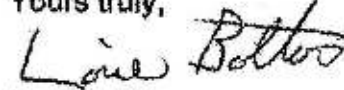
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religious structure (and a religious structure based on the Christian faith), other religions would have to be afforded the same opportunity to locate structures of significance to their religion in the park.

Yours truly,



Lorie A. Bottos
Corporate Counsel

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c.c. Don McConnell, Director of Planning



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Date: November 7, 2011

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S. Myers
P. Christian

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Community Services dated 2011 11 07 concerning Parks and Recreation Master Strategy be accepted as information and that the matter be referred to appropriate staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for consultation with other municipalities of similar size and report back to Council.

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November 7, 2011

Mayor Debbie Amaroso and
Members of City Council

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER STRATEGY

PURPOSE

This report is in response to the Council resolution dated June 27, 2011:

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BACKGROUND

An initial meeting was held with City staff members, Corporate Counsel, Commissioner Public Works & Transportation, the Planning Director, and myself to determine a process to provide the information that was outlined in the June 27, 2011 resolution. It was determined that a consultant, that has expertise in Parks and Recreation Master Strategies, should be contacted to add input to the process. The Community Services Department took the lead on this matter. Research was done and it became apparent that the majority of municipal Parks and Recreation Master Strategies were performed by Montieth Brown Planning Consultants. This consulting company has previously done work for the City; most recently they were involved in the Feasibility Plan for the Indoor Turf Facility.

Contact was made with Mr. Steve Langlois of Montieth Brown and it was determined that, for a modest fee, they could provide a report on the issues outlined in the June 27th resolution. Monteith Brown Planning Consultants was then engaged to provide the information. A draft report was submitted by Mr. Langlois and City staff reviewed and commented on it. A final report was then submitted.

During discussion on this matter at the June 27th Council meeting, the Legal Department was asked to provide an opinion regarding the implications of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms on the proposed Grotto project at Bellevue Park; specifically, whether locating the Grotto in Bellevue Park would violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. A response from L. Bottos, Corporate Counsel, is attached.

ANALYSIS

The report from Mr. Steve Langlois of Montieth Brown Planning Consultants is attached. The report addresses the steps, timing, and costs for:

- updating the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including a strategy for neighbourhood parks relative to surplus school properties; estimated cost - \$120,000 to \$140,000; timing – 12 months
- updating the Bellevue Park Master Plan; \$45,000 to \$50,000; timing – 4 – 6 months
- updating the Strathclair Park Master Plan; \$45,000 to \$50,000; timing – 4 – 6 months
- review of policies and processes for the naming of public lands, including (but not limited to) parks; estimated cost \$15,000; timing – 4 months.

IMPACT

There is approximately \$286,000 in the 5% Subdividers Reserve Account. This account consists of funds from developments in lieu of providing neighbourhood parks and is used for the maintenance, development, or improvement of regional parks or facilities. Examples of what this fund has been used for are: The Hub Trail Study, Strathclair Field Irrigation System, Skatepark Construction, Indoor Soccer Study, and the Essar Centre Stair Enclosures.

The Finance Department has confirmed that the use of funds from this reserve account for any or all of the items listed above is appropriate.

There will be approximately \$30,000 to \$45,000 remaining in the reserve for future projects if all of the items included in the review are undertaken, and as noted above, this reserve generates funds through construction developments in the City.

The senior levels of government may have funding programs that all, or some, of these studies may qualify for.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This report is directly linked to the 2011 – 2014 Corporate Strategic Plan. Specifically, "Strategic Direction 3: Enhancing Quality of Life – Objective 3B - Planning for the Future" identifies this activity.

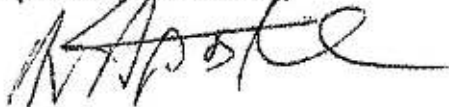
RECOMMENDATION

The report of November 7, 2011 concerning the time lines and costs for:

1. the development of updating the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including a strategy for neighbourhood parks relative to surplus school properties (estimated cost - \$120,000 to \$140,000; timing - 12 months);
2. updating the Bellevue Park Master Plan (estimated cost of \$45,000 to \$50,000; timing - 4 - 6 months);
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4. reviewing policies and processes for the naming of public lands, including (but not limited to) parks (estimated cost \$15,000; timing - 4 months);

is provided for Council's information and direction.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas J. Apostle
Commissioner Community Services

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Nick Apostle
Commissioner of Community Services

Don McConnell
Planning Director

Larry Girardi
Commissioner of Public Works & Transportation

Re: Grotto -- Ownership of Prince Island

During the discussions this past summer on the Grotto, one question that was raised was whether the City even owned Prince Island. The question that was raised was whether parts of the property where the Grotto was proposed to be located were still in the name of the Crown.

On December 7th, I met with Ted Wall of D.S. Urso Surveying Ltd. Ted has done an amazing amount of research into the ownership of Prince Island and the history of Bellevue Park in general. I am enclosing a two page summary dated Dec. 07 that Ted left with me. The bottom line is that it is his opinion that Prince Island and the area around it are owned by the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Basically there is a deed from the then Province of Canada to Charles and Septimus Prince in May of 1864. Conveyance is for lots Four, Five, Six, and Seven in the First Concession along with 5 islands in front of the said Lot Five.

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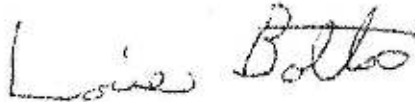
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It is his conclusion that the Land Registry Office's PIN (Property Identifier Number) map is incorrect in identifying this area of Prince Island as "UP" (Unpatented). He has submitted a request to the local Land Registry Office for a correction of the PIN map.

In case this issue comes up in the future, there is also a By-law passed by the Town of Sault Ste. Marie in November of 1911 which authorizes the spending of money to acquire Bellevue Park as described in the By-law. That By-law number is 668.

That is all I have to report at this time. If Ted is successful in having the Land Registry office correct the PIN map, future maps will no longer show Prince Island and the areas around it as being unpatented. They will show as being City owned.

Yours truly,



Lorie Bottos
Corporate Counsel

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Enclosure

SURVEY REPORT of TITLE RESEARCH

For

"PRINCE ISLAND" at BELLEVUE PARK

In response to a request from Mr. Lorie Bottos, Solicitor for the City of Sault Ste Marie, we commenced research into the ownership of Prince Island at Bellevue Park.

The question of "Title" to what is commonly known as Prince Island, arose when it was noted that the Islands in front of Lots 5 & 6 Concession 1, Township of St. Mary's, were designated as "UP" or unpatented on Registry Office P.I.N. Map 31541 - Sheet 1.

The services of Allan Day at Survey Research Services were retained to locate the original field notes for the shore of the St. Mary's River, in front of the above mentioned lots. The survey of the Township of St. Mary's was executed in 1846 by Alexander Vidal, P.L.S.

Unfortunately, the original field notes for the shore were not located at of the M.N.R. Land Survey Records Office in Peterborough by Mr. Day.

Further research of Land Registry Office records revealed a Water Lot was granted to the City of Sault Ste Marie in 1913 by Patent A-2920. This Patent and Water Lot Plan exclude the Islands in front of Lots 5 & 6 Concession 1, and corresponds the positioning of the Islands on the Registry Office P.I.N. Map.

In light of this, additional information was requisitioned from M.N.R. Survey Records. With the exception of the reference to another Patent (NS 3808) in the area nothing of value was recovered.

We requisitioned the Crown Land Registry and received a copy of this Patent approximately three weeks later.

This document was a conveyance to Charles Prince and Septimus R. Prince dated May 1861 and included Lots 4, 5, 6 & 7 Concession 1 and Five Islands in front of Lot 5 and adjoining Lots 4, 6 & 7.

Abstract index 1-1 at the Land Registry Office includes the five Islands in conveyances from Prince et al and subsequent owners. It appears the five Islands were included with the title to the Uplands Parcels (Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7).

On December 5, 2011 we presented our findings to the Land Registry Office staff and formally requested a P.I.N correction.

We are of the opinion that the five Islands patented to Prince in 1861 comprise the islands excluded on the 1913 Water Lot Patent and the aforementioned P.I. N. map.

We trust the Land Registry Office personnel will determine if the chain of title to the islands remains vested in private hands, or if they have reverted to the Crown under other legislation.

Date DEC 7 / 2011
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.


F. E. Wall, O.L.S.

Frank's Letter

The Grotto proposed to be constructed at Bellevue Park is intended to provide a park setting at water's edge for all people of Sault Ste. Marie: an intimate, reflective and serene outdoor experience. The small piece of Bellevue Park on Prince Island provides the appropriate venue. The Grotto is designed to cover only a portion of cleared property (the interior portion of the Grotto (approximately 80 feet by 26 feet on a 75 acre site) which has been previously built upon. It does not interfere with the grave of Colonel Prince, the travelled trail circling the site and will not disturb the trees present on the site. There will be no sales of articles at the site or other commercial development associated with the Grotto. The historic-religious use and the faith-based tourism potential conform to the master plan for the park. Around the world, public parks have been used to display local history and create opportunities for reflection. A Charitable Corporation has been incorporated to raise funds through donations to construct and maintain the Grotto.

The proposed Grotto has been designed by award winning architect, James Colizza. He has expertise in park development. His design is true to the location and our history. It is designed to celebrate the history of Sault Ste. Marie, both religious and not. We have always celebrated our history on public lands. Colonel Prince's grave at Bellevue Park is designated an historic site.

The proposed Grotto will remember and celebrate the fact that Father Marquette in the mid-1600's changed the name of our city to Sault Ste. Marie and dedicated the settlement to the Blessed Virgin. Many of our institutions and businesses have been named 'St. Mary's'. The proposed Grotto will remember and celebrate the work of the Sisters at the General Hospital whose doors were opened to all people since 1898; St. Mary's Nursing School which graduated 500 nurses; the hundred year proud history of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church which was the third oldest Canadian-Italian parish in Canada; and much more including our Aboriginal beginnings, our building period and our industrial development.

It is important that our significant history be celebrated on public lands. Approximately 90 per cent of our population has Christian roots. The religious history of all our people is an important part of our history and should not be banned from public lands just because such history is religious. We are more tolerant than that. Our history is important.

Frank S. Sarlo Q.C.

THE GROTTO AT SAULT STE. MARIE
A PLACE OF PEACE, HOPE AND LOVE
FOR ALL PEOPLE

Grotto Update

Since City council approved the use of Prince Island at Bellevue Park, the following has been continuing to prepare for a project that will reflect a portion of our history:

- A charitable corporation has been incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario;
- A survey has been completed to insure that the grave of Col. Prince is not disturbed and the placement of Grotto would be on a site previously built on and not be detrimental to the trees present on the site (each tree was plotted on the survey);
- A design true to this location and true to our history has been prepared at great expense by two architect firms (Jim Colizza and Gord Mezzomo);
- Ruscio Masonry will construct the project;
- An appropriate use and maintenance agreement has been discussed with staff;
- An application has been made to NOHFC and, if approved, will provide assistance in promoting faith based tourism in Northern Ontario (an increasing tourism sector);
- Historic research is ongoing;
- A website is being professionally constructed;
- A team is being organized;
- Close to \$500,000 has been raised for construction.

Charitable Corporation

A charitable corporation was incorporated in Ontario on November 19, 2010 with the name "THE GROTTO AT SAULT STE. MARIE". There is no affiliation with any church or religious group. The objects of the corporation are as follows:

"To advance the public awareness, education and understanding of the historic and religious significance of Sault Ste. Marie and its relationship to the Blessed Virgin Mary by the establishment, maintenance and support of a Grotto in Sault Ste. Marie at Bellvue Park.

To establish, maintain and support historical and religious projects and programming related to the advancement of 'THE GROTTO AT SAULT STE. MARIE' dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary".

The corporation has applied to Revenue Canada for the ability to issue tax receipts for donations received.

The Park Setting at Bellevue Park

A park setting at water's edge will provide all people of Sault Ste. Marie an intimate, reflective and serene outdoor experience. The small piece of Bellevue Park on Prince Island provides the appropriate venue. The Grotto is designed to cover only a portion of cleared property which has been previously built upon. It does not interfere with the grave of Colonel Prince, the travelled trail circling the site and will not disturb the trees present on the site. The historic-religious use and the faith-based tourism potential conform to the master plan for the park. Around the world, public parks have been used to display local history and create opportunities for reflection..

The Benefits

The Grotto, once established, will provide various benefits to all people of Sault Ste. Marie:

- As a historically based site, the Grotto will provide an educational experience with respect to the importance of our history, development and location from aboriginal times to the present which may provide a catalyst for greater interest in our history especially for our young people;
- As a place of peace, hope and love for all people in a park setting, the Grotto will provide a spiritual place for reflection and contemplation in joy or, as people worldwide have looked to, for consolation in their time of need and, for some, a place of prayer;
- As a beautifully sculpted site, the Grotto will provide a cultural experience and a recognition of various traditions through the use of different images of the Blessed Virgin from different parts of the world;
- As a historic-religious site, the Grotto will attract faith-based tourism, one of the strongest tourism markets in Canada, the United States and around the world thereby creating jobs, not only during construction, but directly and indirectly jobs from the operation of the Grotto especially for our young people and seniors;

- As a historic- religious site with a design that incorporates our history, Ojibway mythology and images and traditions from different parts of the world, the Grotto will provide a unique opportunity for successful commercial ventures; and
- As a new development, the Grotto will provide additional infrastructure to keep tour groups in the city for an additional day as an add-on to those presently available such as the Agawa Tour Train assisting and may provide a catalyst for the development of additional faith-based tourism surrounding our rich history

Why a Grotto?

Grottos have symbolized 'peace, hope and love' around the world. It is natural that our people have a place of peace, hope and love available to all people in a park setting which will provide a spiritual place for reflection and contemplation in a time of joy or, as people worldwide have looked to, for consolation in their time of need and, for some a place of prayer.

Grottos dedicated to the 'Blessed Virgin' (also known as 'St. Mary') have become extremely popular in many places in the world, a large part because of her appearance to St. Bernadette in 1858 at the Grotto at Lourdes, France. The grotto at Notre Dame University was dedicated to 'Our Lady of Lourdes' in 1878. In 1916-17, the famous apparitions of 'Our Lady of Fatima' appeared to the three children in Fatima, Portugal. Popular movies were made of these appearances in Lourdes and Fatima. Pope John Paul II visited both Lourdes and Fatima. My research of the major religions confirmed that they all have respect for Mary as the mother of Christ.

Faith-based Tourism

According to Tourism Sault Ste. Marie, the historic-religious nature of "The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie" will create an add-on to the Agawa Train Tour to keep tour groups in the city for an additional day. Faith-based tourism is a strong market. Three hundred to three hundred and thirty million tourists travel to faith-based sites each year. Outbound U.S. residents traveling for spiritual and pilgrimage experiences increased thirty per cent between 2002 and 2005. The 'Cross in Woods' ninety miles from here attracts between three hundred and fifty and four hundred and fifty thousand people per year. This site may also act as a catalyst for other historic faith-based sites such as the 'Lighted Cross', Precious Blood Cathedral, St. Luke's Cathedral, St. Andrews and Central United. Besides creating jobs during the construction, successful tourism associated with the grotto will provide jobs both directly and indirectly as well as an opportunity for commercial opportunities generated because of such success.

Our History

Sault Ste. Marie's was originally named 'Bawating' by the Ojibway Nation. It was also their name for Lake Superior. Fran Heath in her book on the history of Sault Ste. Marie sets out:

"Ojibway mythology accorded Bawating a sacred significance and the annual gatherings on the shores of the River bore strong religious significance. Several religious groups existed within the confines of the native community".

Historically, Sault Ste. Marie's (French translation of 'St. Mary's Rapids') name was changed from 'Sault du Gaston' in the mid-1600s by the Jesuit, Father Marquette in dedication to the Blessed Virgin. A book on Aboriginal history was written in 1904 by the Rector of St. Luke's Anglican Pro-cathedral in SSM. In it he writes:

"It was at this time (1666-67) that Sault Ste. Marie took its final name. Til then it had been known as Sault du Gaston....Tradition, fondly held by some of the old people, tells how, overcome with weariness, vexation and disappointment, the fathers (Jesuits), soon after their arrival, faltered in their work, but night brought to one of the little community a vision of the Blessed Virgin who gave assurance of protection and bade all to take heart. After such an event, it was only right that something should be done by way of commemoration and so the name was changed from Sault du Gaston to Sault Sainte Marie."

Our river has been named 'St. Mary's River' and so many other local institutions have been named after 'St. Mary'. Our French culture and our other European cultures have looked to St. Mary for comfort. In Bristol, England John Cabot in mid-1500 laid flowers at the feet of a statue of St. Mary at the St. Mary Radcliffe Cathedral before sailing to explore Canada. Locally, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, the third Italian parish in Canada (first in Montreal and second in Toronto) closed on October 31, 2010 after celebrating its 100th anniversary. Ironically, the last apparition in Fatima was in the form of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and her last appearance in Lourdes on July 16th, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the day the Church commemorates her apparition to Saint Simon Stock in the 1200s. Throughout the ages, the Queen of Carmel has always kept a faithful watch over the destinies of her cherished children on earth. In 1998, the Sault Ste. Marie General Hospital celebrated their continuing presence in Sault Ste. Marie since 1898 when the Grey Sisters of the Cross answered the community's call to establish a hospital. In 1908, the hospital opened the St. Mary's School of Nursing. Over 500 nurses graduated from the school by the time of its close in 1971. The Grey sisters of the Immaculate Conception from Pembroke assumed ownership of the hospital in 1926 until recently when it transferred its assets to the new Sault Area Hospital.

OUR HISTORY IS IMPORTANT!**Our Design**

Architects James A. Colizza and Gordon Mezzomo were commissioned to create a design for an historic-religious grotto in a park-like setting, dedicated to the 'Blessed Virgin' (as Father Marquette had done), that would be true to the history of Sault Ste. Marie and be true to its geography at Bellevue Park. The resulting design has exceeded our original expectations. A design has been created that provides a 'today' concept of a grotto which is true to our history and our geographic location on the St. Mary's River at Bellevue Park.

The Grotto recognizes the aboriginal history through the 'wall of trees' and the incorporation of the circle design. One third of the circle will be the Grotto and two-thirds will make up an activity area. The Grotto will be an enclosed site with gate which will be locked when closed providing security and protection against vandalism. Bellevue Park is closed at night. The Grotto is designed as a large sculpture. It's maintenance will be minimal and easily paid through donations and the sale of candles and souvenirs.

James Colizza describes his design concept for the Grotto: "It is essential that the Grotto be true to Sault Ste. Marie. It should not be parachuted in from another place and time -- this would not be very truthful.

THE GROTTO SHOULD BE A TESTAMENT TO THE HISTORY OF SSM AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Our design challenge was to take a diverse set of requirements i.e., many different pieces and somehow weave them together, so collectively they tell a story about this place called SSM. In my mind, the Grotto should be a defined space within the park; sufficiently "enclosed" so people experience a sense of intimacy and serenity and "open" enough so one still has a sense of being in the park by the water's edge. This notion of some degree of enclosure is not unlike the original grottoes which were caves hewn out of rock.

The number three resonates and comes to the surface when thinking of a design approach. Geographically, SSM is at the intersection of three of the Great Lakes. We know triangulation gives strength and stability. We have a goal of peace, hope and love for all people...

This concept for the Grotto begins with three intersecting walls, a partial roof/canopy and 'Our Lady at the Rapids' standing in moving water. The walls would have varying degrees of "porosity" to achieve the delicate balance between enclosure and openness. On the practical side the walls/roof would deal with the weather protection (wind, rain, sun, snow) and security issues. The walls should be thought of as fences and the

partial roof as a canopy. Each of the three walls would represent a period in the history of SSM. 'Our Lady at the Rapids' will be in a pond at the terminus of the 3 sided Grotto space.

One wall would be formed by a double row of one species of indigenous trees, 150 feet long running from the water side of the site (south) and into the site (north). Access to the Grotto would be through a (gated) break in this wall of trees. This "wall of nature" would represent the earliest period in the history of SSM.

A second wall of concrete and sandstone, about 100 feet long, would curve from the wall of trees and lead to Our Lady at the Rapids. This wall will vary between eight and ten feet high and will accommodate 12 individual statues. Because the stone wall is curved the statues would be "revealed" as one approaches Our Lady at the Rapids. The end portion of the curved stone wall will increase to twelve feet in height and form the backdrop to the pond (15 feet by 20 feet) in which Our Lady at the Rapids is positioned with water flowing down the face of the concrete and sandstone wall into the pond. This will not be unlike the earliest grottoes. The concrete and stone wall speaks of permanence and represents another period, that of building, in the history of SSM.

The third wall closest to the water will be made of steel, perhaps I-beams stacked on one another. There would be a series of different sized horizontal "slit" openings to "frame" views of the river. Some of these openings would be glazed with clear and/or coloured glass and etched on the glass would be the names of donors/organizations and recognition of the Grey Nuns. This could be a "living wall", in that, glazing could be added to the openings over time, etched with additional names. The steel wall would make a gesture to the ships travelling St. Mary's River as well as the contribution industry, especially Essar Algoma, has made to the evolution of SSM – another period in the history of the city.

A flat horizontal roof (implying rest and peacefulness) would cover part of the Grotto space formed by the 3 walls described above. In a practical sense, this roof would offer weather protection and help to achieve a sense of intimacy. But more importantly, the rising out of and above the roof plane would be a "rectangular cupola" formed by about 8 of the stained glass windows from Our Lady of Mount Carmel. During the day the stained glass would add a hint of colour to the Grotto space and at night the stained glass would act as a "multi-coloured beacon" rising to a height of approximately thirty-five feet.

With proper night lighting, the Grotto would appear as a sculpture within the park. Incidentally, I can see the Grotto being visited in the winter and at night – this would be a very Canadian experience".

The Statues

There will be a seven foot statue of "Our Lady of the Rapids" standing in a pool of moving water with an eleven foot wall behind it as a waterfall. The intention is to create the impression of the rapids. The Lady will be looking straight ahead with arms open to welcome all peoples.

All the Statues inside the Grotto will be of different images of the Blessed Virgin sculptured in white polished Italian Carrera marble. The Statues must be true to the Grotto concepts, provide an over-all story and provide interesting individual stories in religious history and/or tradition. It is, therefore, important to differentiate the images and to include distinctive texture in the Statues. In addition to the main Statue, the twelve images will be chosen because of their importance in local history, the bible, great works of art and/or interesting events in different parts of the world, such as apparitions or visions. The twelve Statues will be placed on a wall that will vary in height but will be a minimum of seven feet high. The Statues themselves will be approximately five feet six inches tall.

Stained Glass Windows

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church has closed after 100 years and will be sold or torn down because of significant structural problems. In order to carry on the historic significance of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, the third oldest in Canada shortly after Montreal and Toronto, we have incorporated eight of the Stained Glass Windows in the design of Grotto. This magnificent beacon of stained glass will allow our heritage to be honored.

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Mr. Rob Askin
104 Caddy Avenue
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Dear Mr. Askin:

At their meeting on June 27, 2011, City Council passed a resolution to delay any decision on the proposed Grotto project until after the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Strategy.

In light of this, the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee passed a resolution at their September 6, 2011 meeting to defer consideration of your application to designate Prince Island in Bellevue Park. The Committee does not consider it appropriate to deal with the application in view of the ongoing development of the Parks and Recreation Master Strategy. The application will be considered upon completion of the Master Strategy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 705-759-5312.

On behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee

Yours Sincerely,

Joseph J. Cain
Manager Recreation & Culture

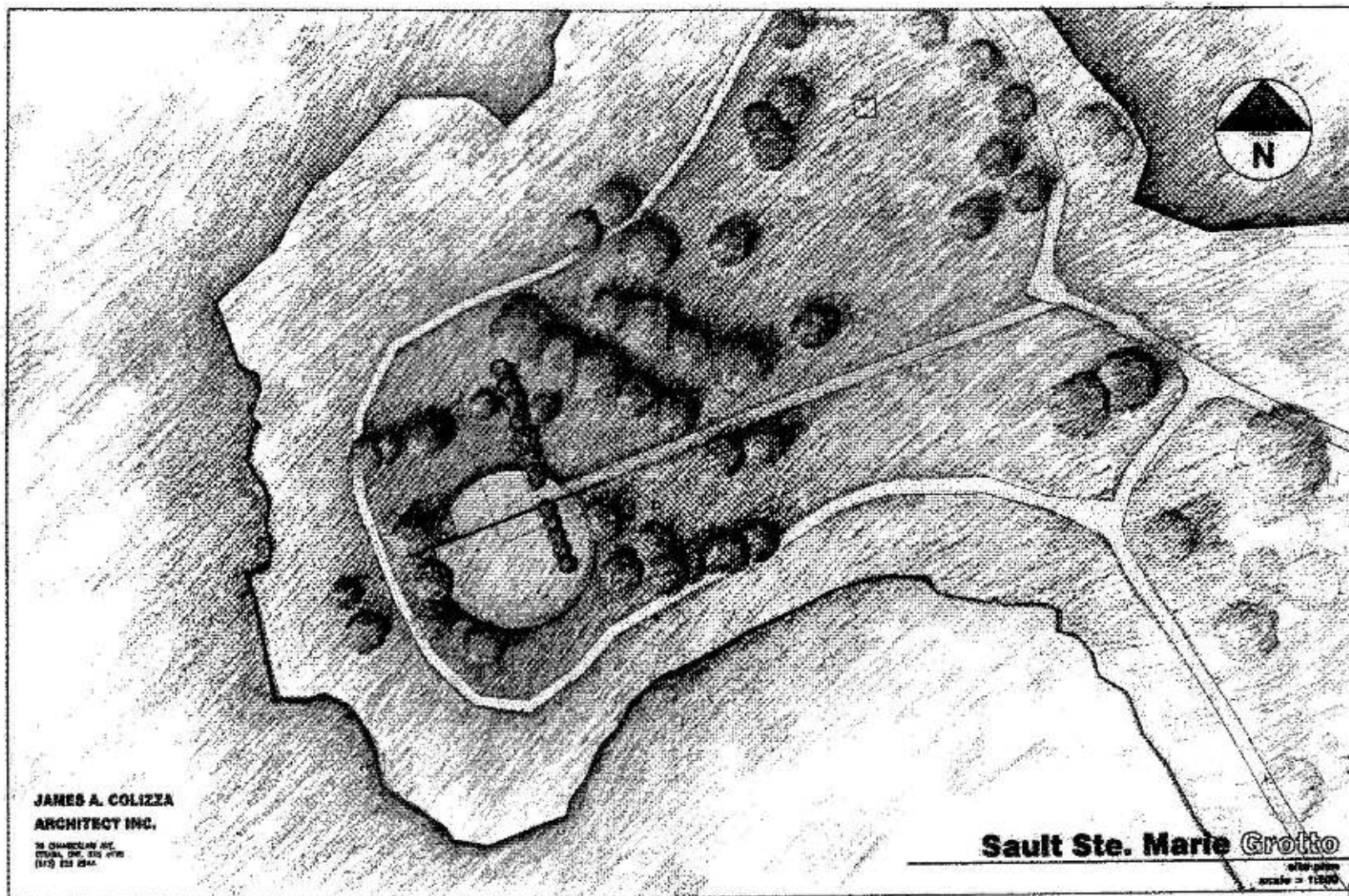
'Our Lady at the Rapids'

James A. Colizza Architect

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Sault Ste. Marie Grotto

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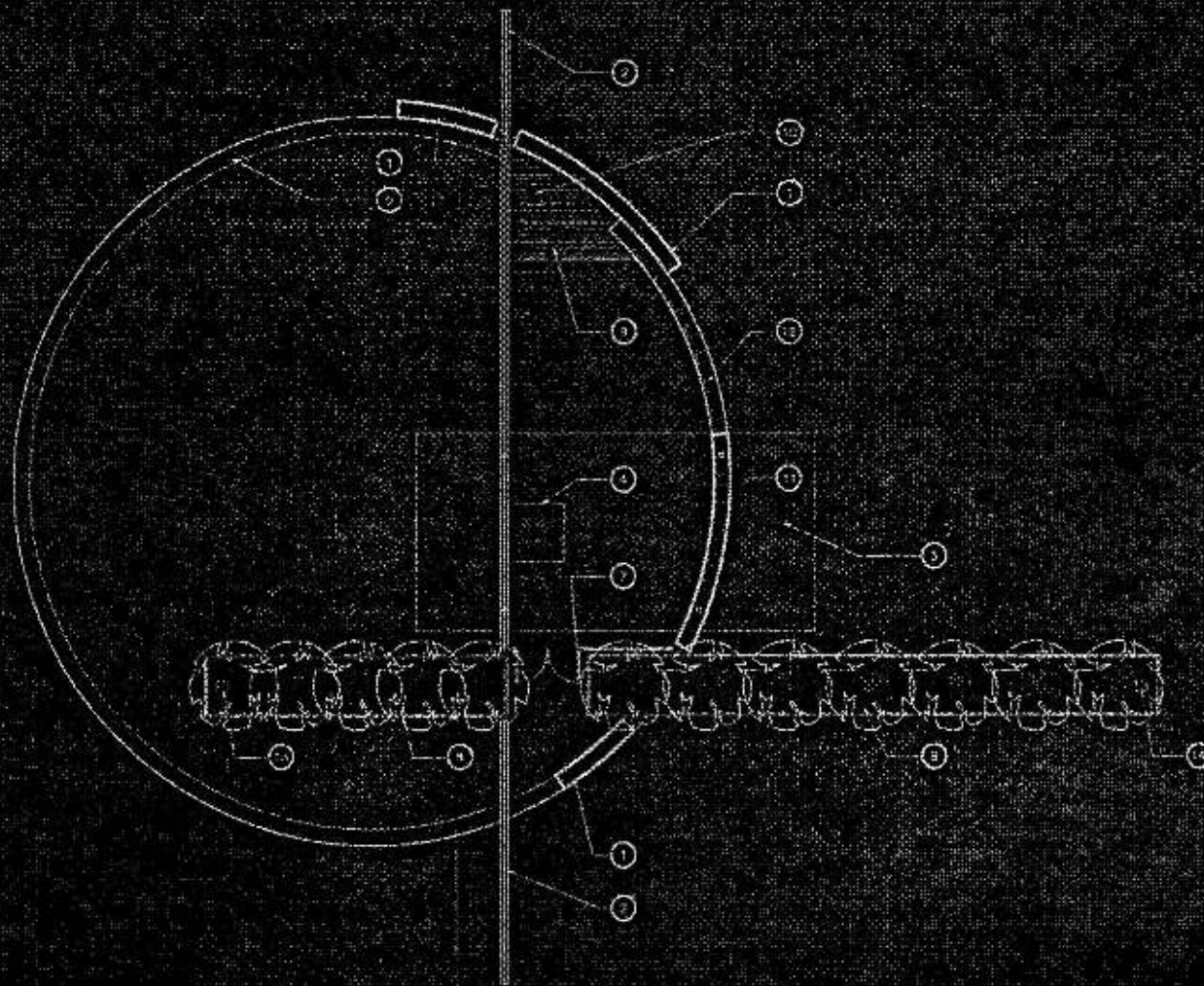
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Sault Ste. Marie Grotto

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DRAWING LEGEND

1. SANDSTONE WALL 8"X12" LF
2. STEEL T-BEAM WALL 12"X12" LF
3. RETAIN ROOF
4. STAINED GLASS CUPOLA 6"X6"
5. CONTINUOUS WAINSCOT FROM "A" TO "GROUND" LEVEL TO "A" LEVEL DEPENDENT ON SPRING
6. FLOOR AREA FOR SEATED FIGURES - 300 SQ. FT. (10'X30')
7. GIVE A VERNALIA BOOK
8. 1"X1" WIDE X 2"X2" DEEP STEEL PLANTER (NATURE WALL)
9. SHALLOON FORD
10. LINDY AT THE RAPIDS STATION (MARBLE)
11. 5 "WAINSCOT STATION" (MARBLE)
12. 7 "OTHER STATION" (MARBLE)
13. FATHER MARQUETTE SCULPTURE (BRONZE)
14. ADDITIONAL SCULPTURE

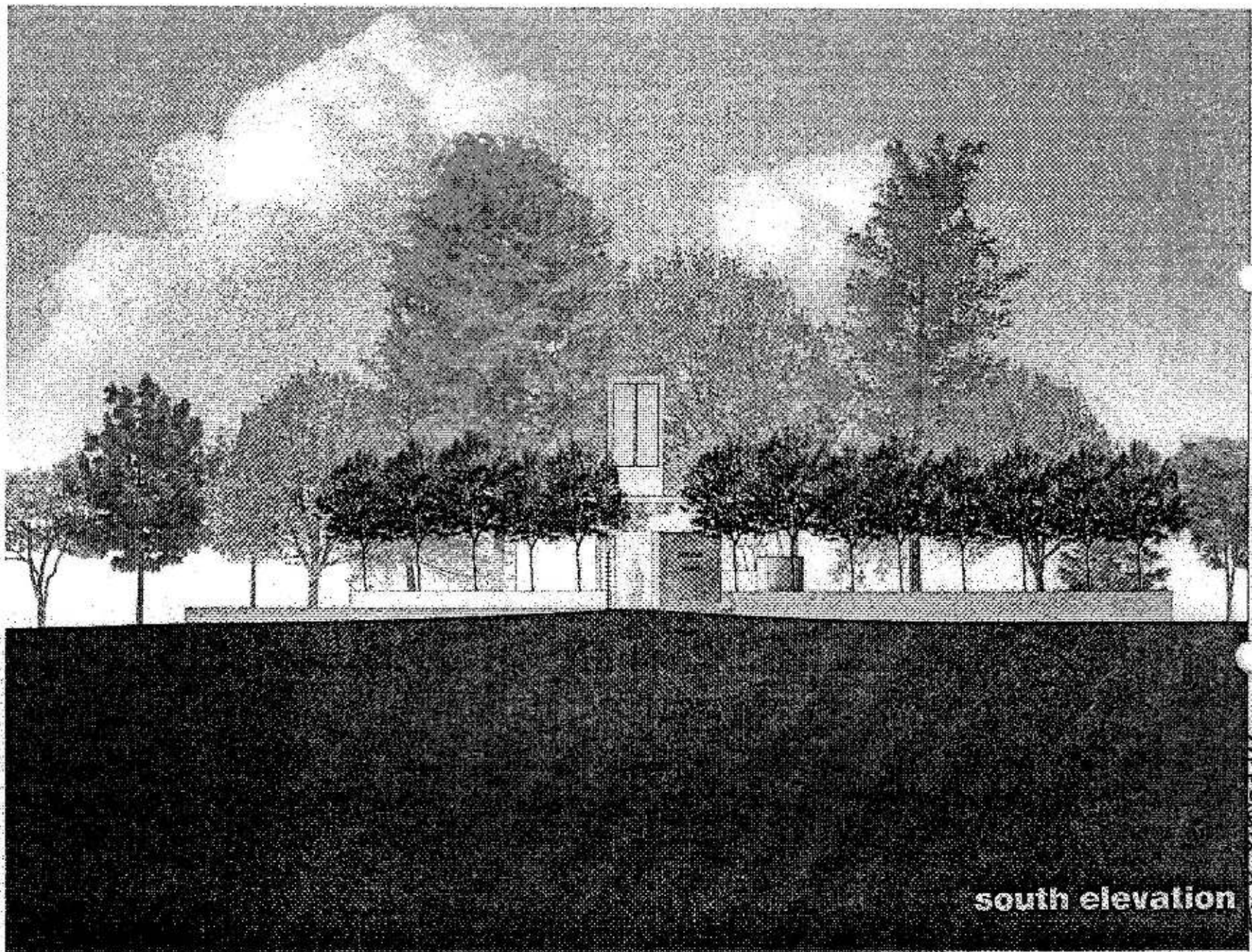
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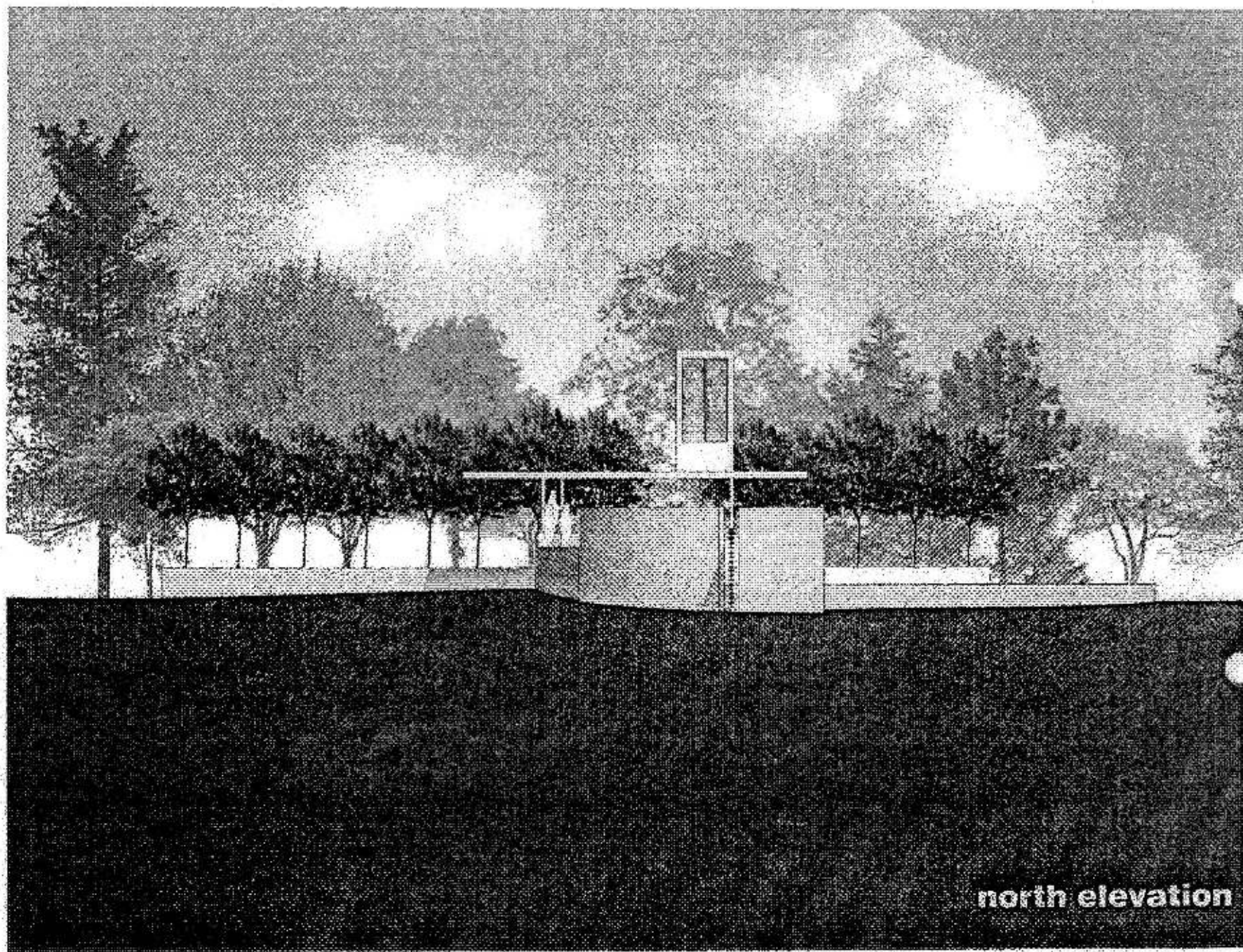
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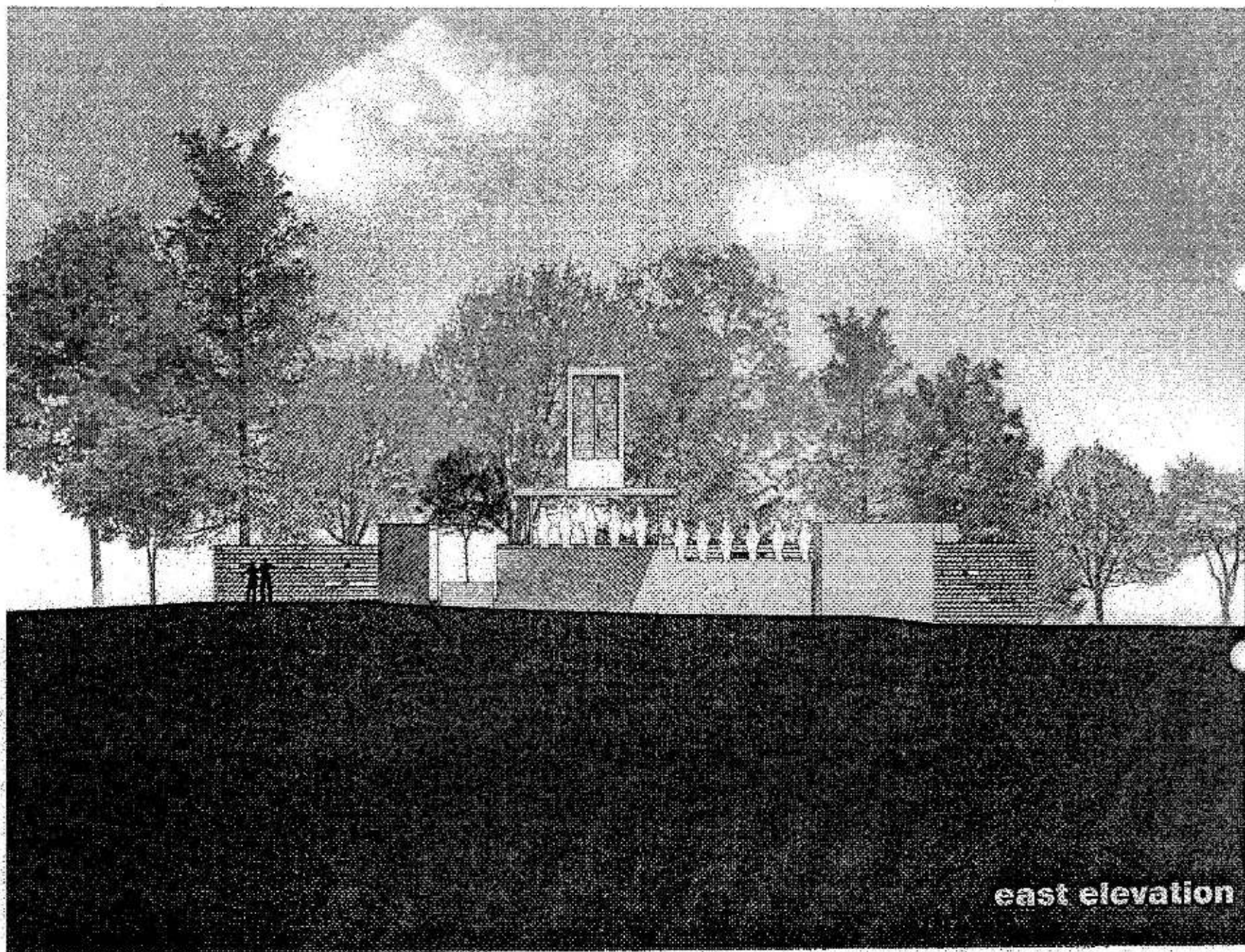
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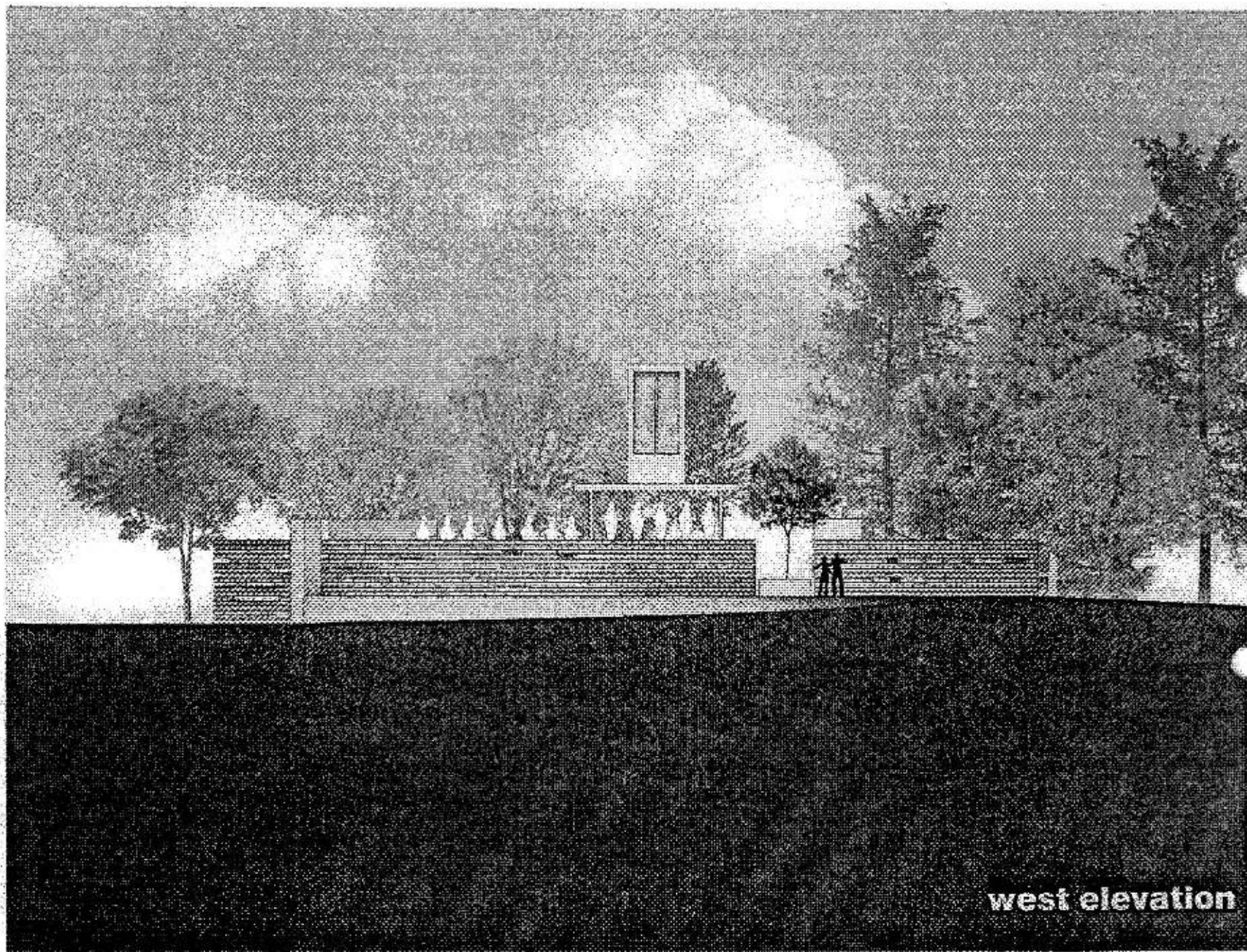
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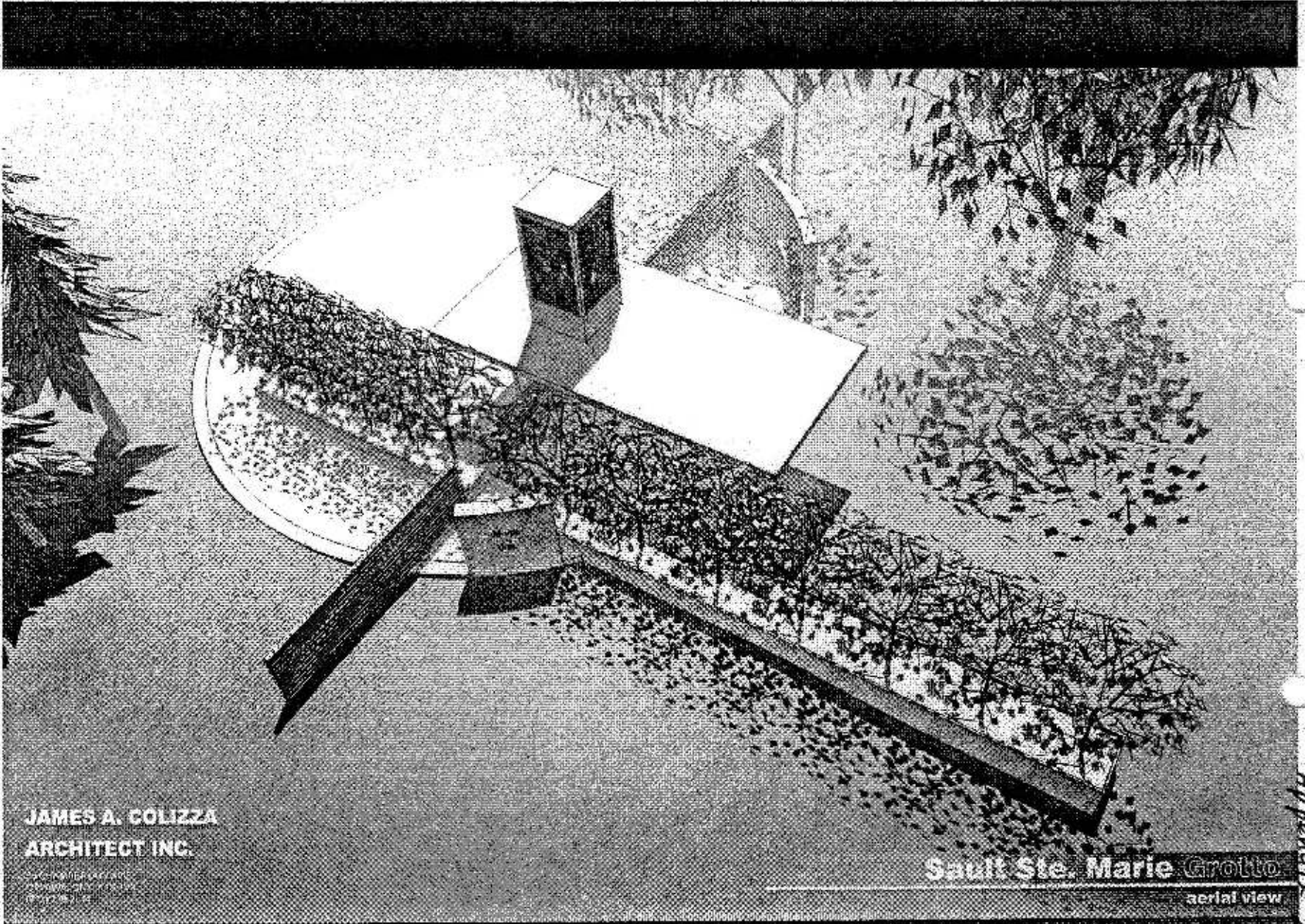


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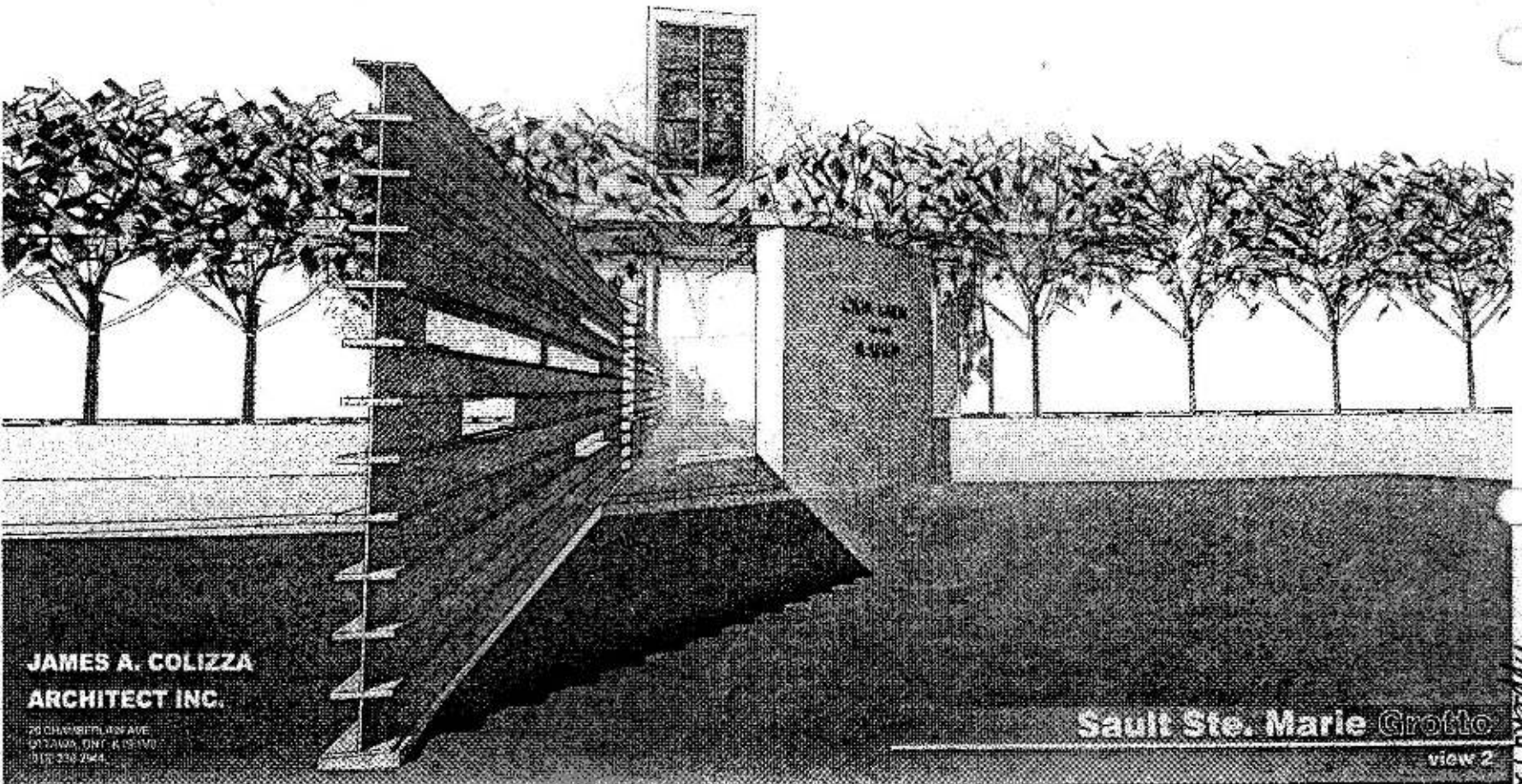


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Sault Ste. Marie Grotto
aerial view

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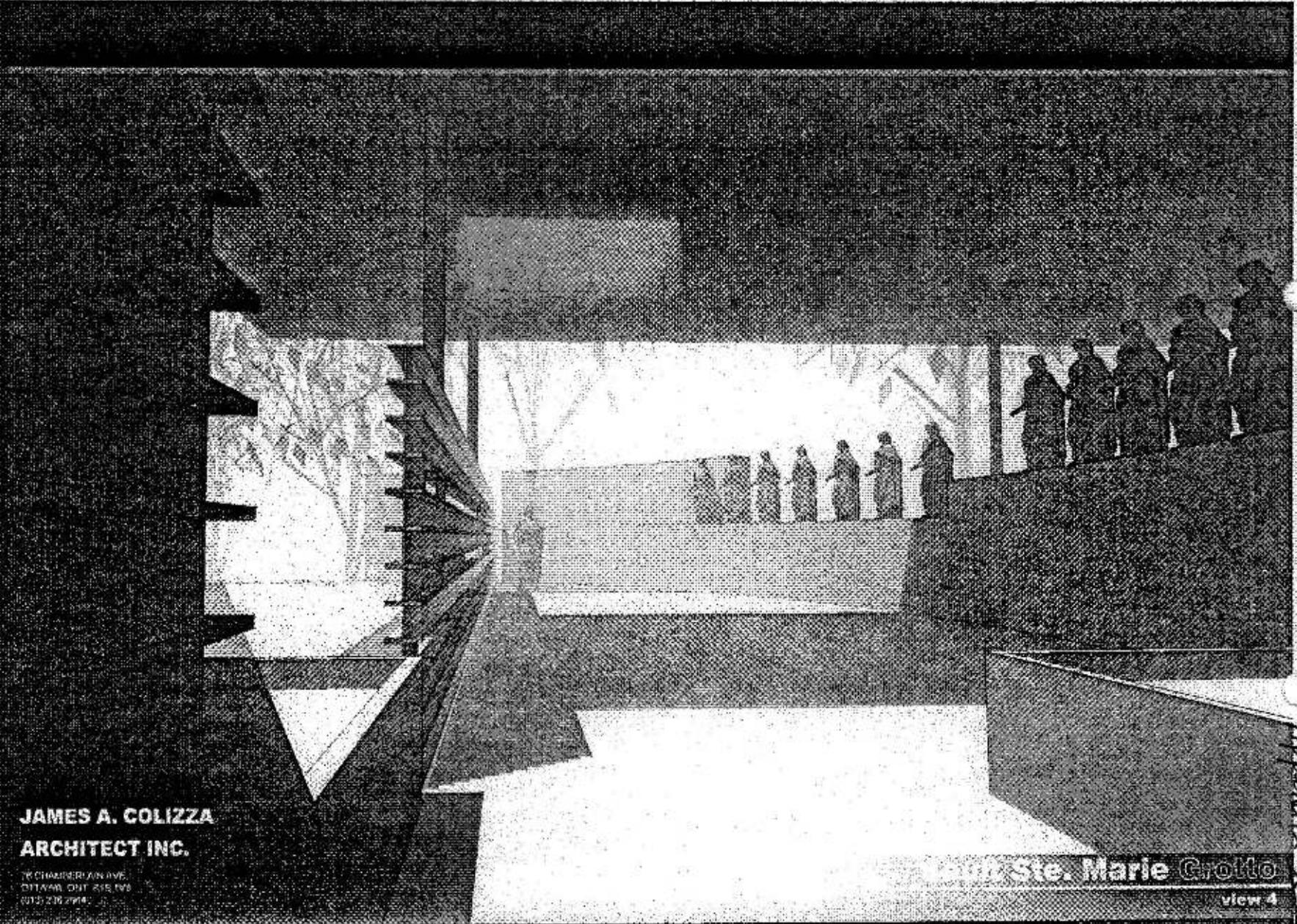
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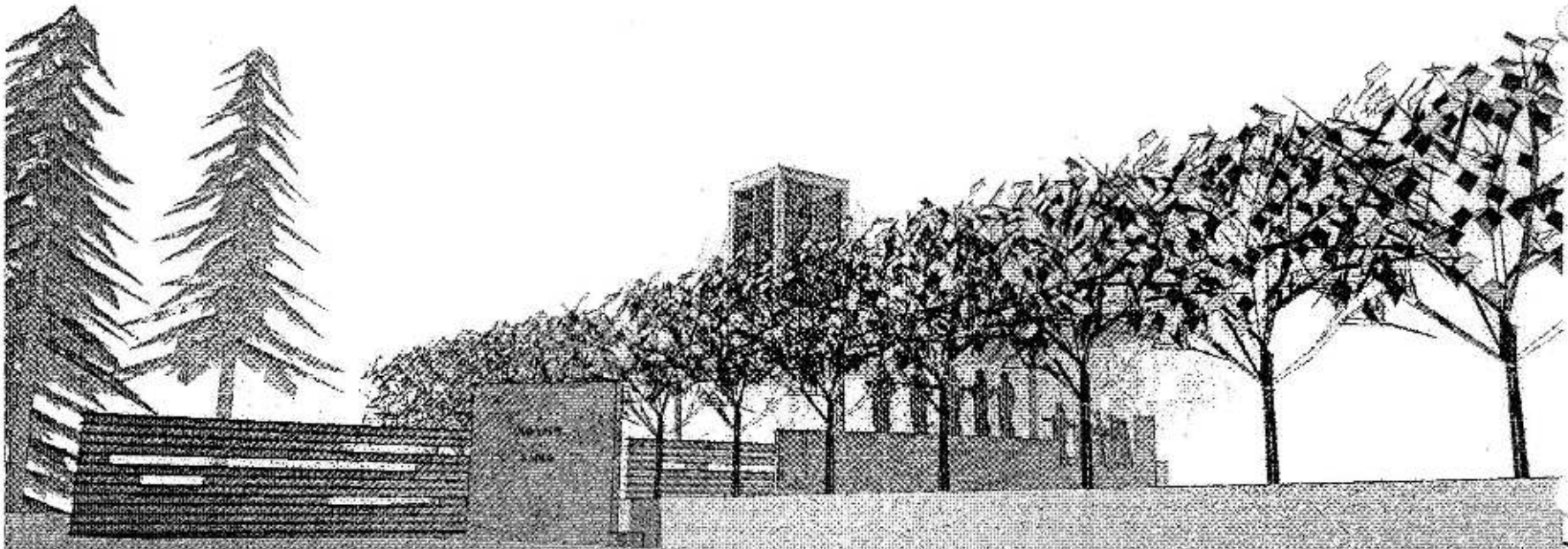
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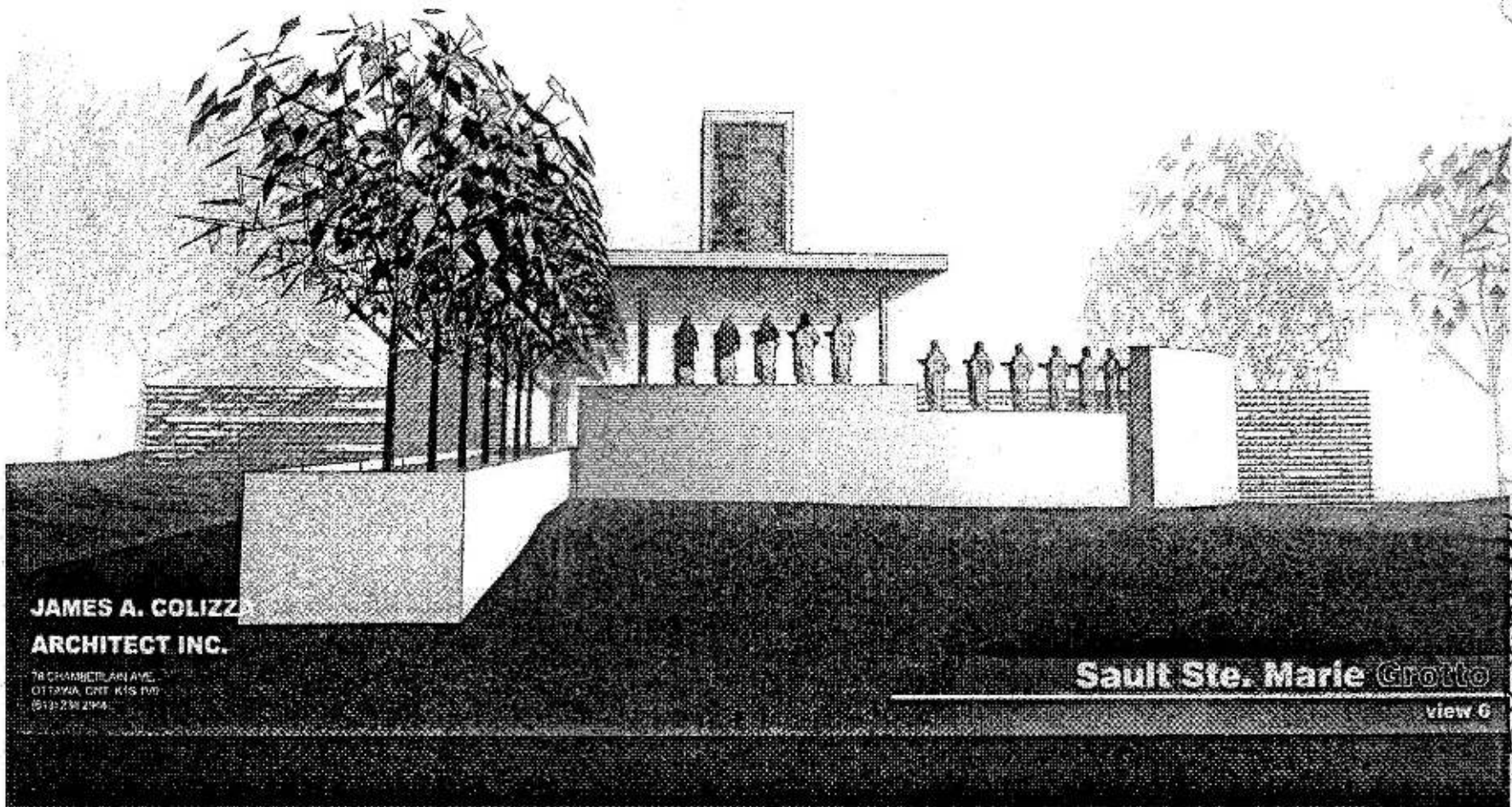
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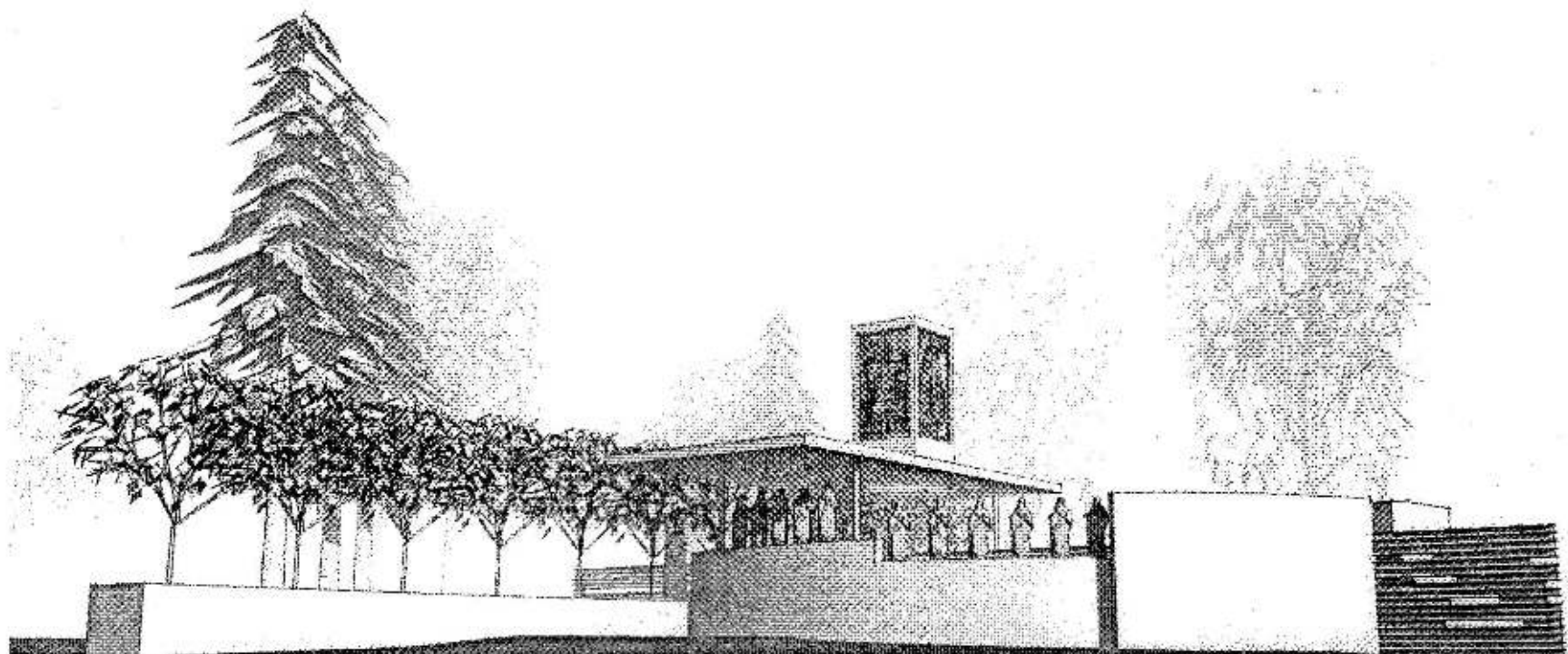
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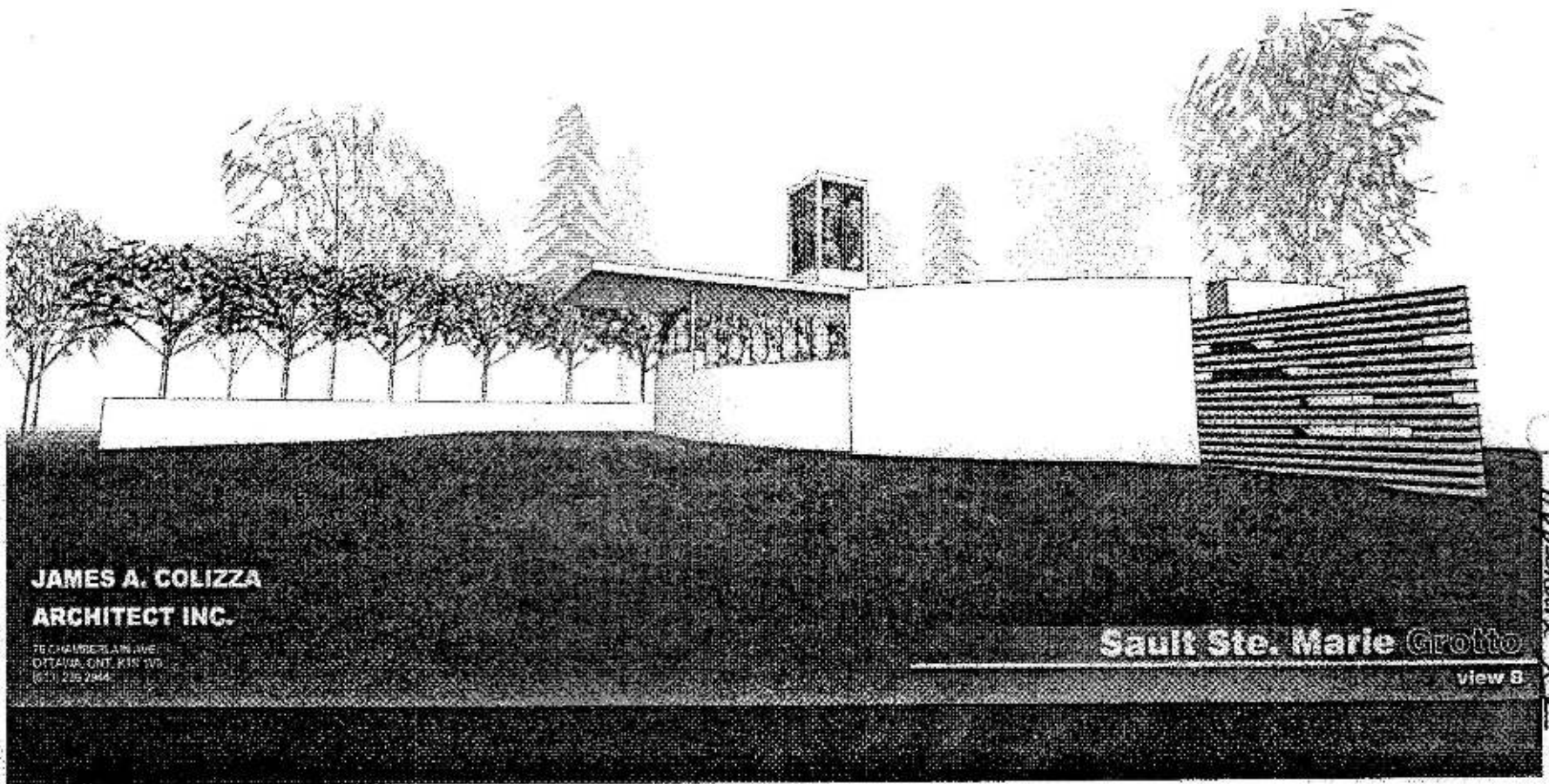
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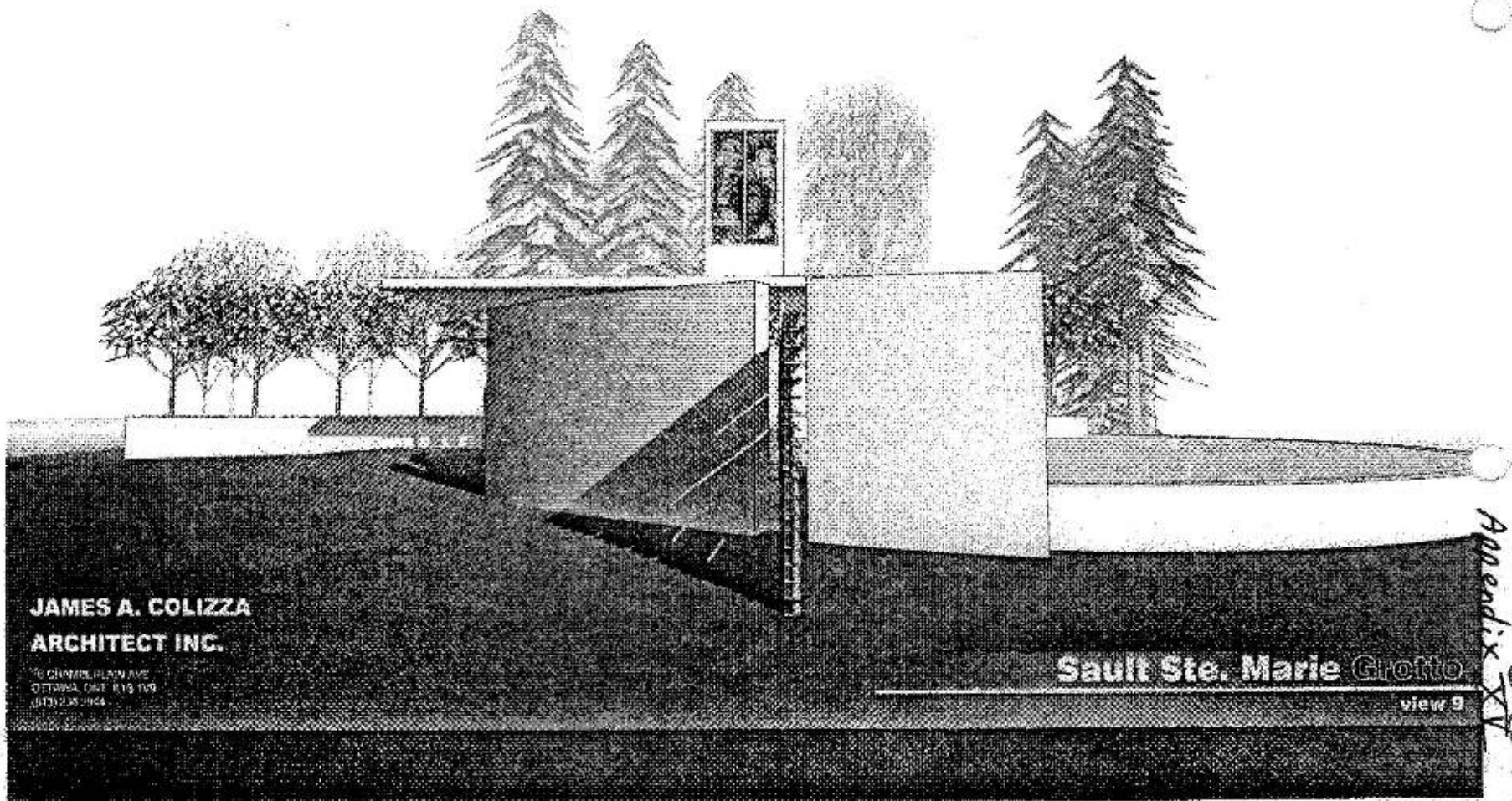
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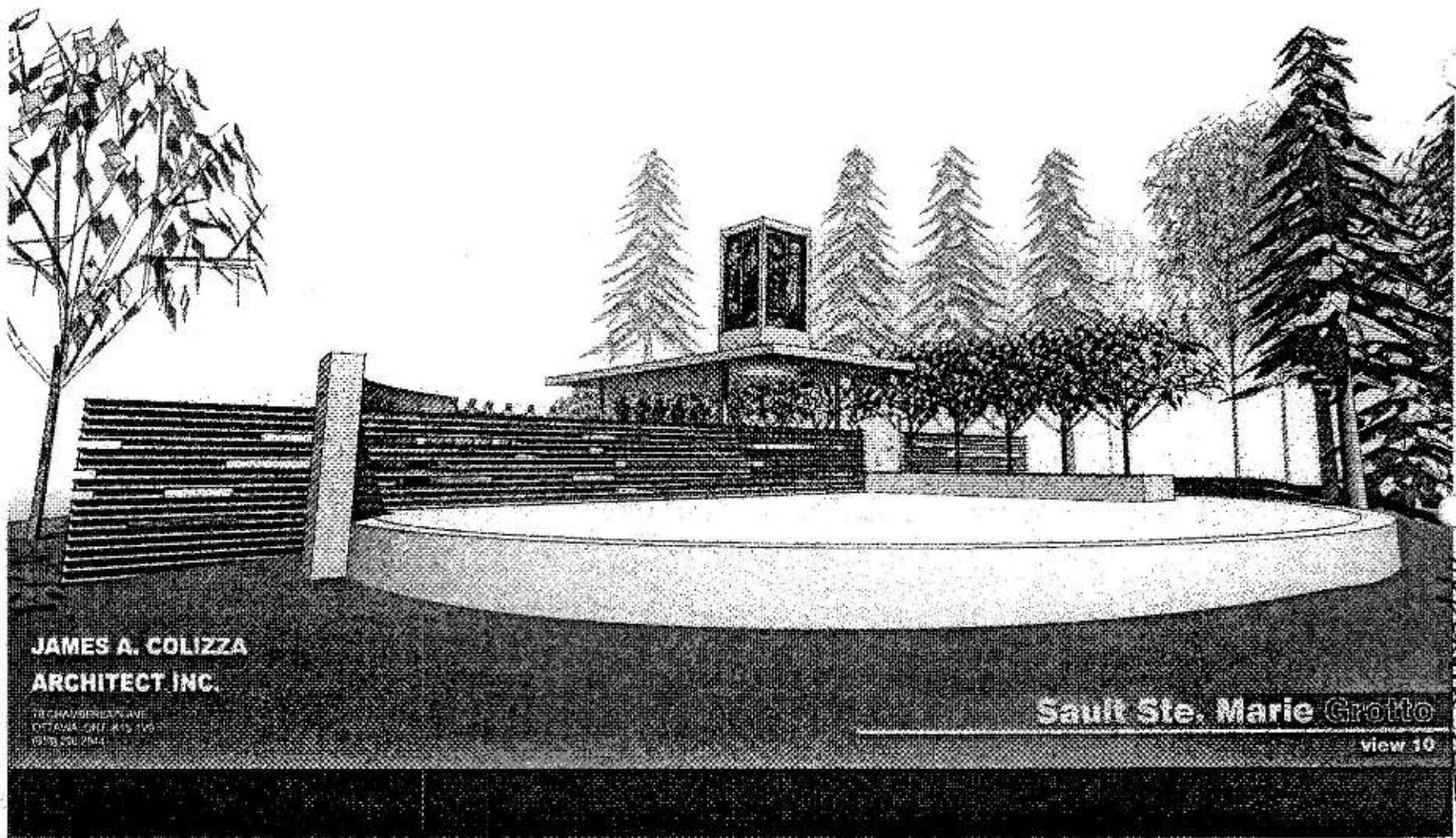
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Grotto Debate: The Architects' View

In principle, I am not sure that I agree with the position that a religious statue should not be located on public lands.

I guess I would have to know more about the particular circumstances before making my decision. I would also look to other places and examine what set of circumstances led to religious statues being located in the public realm; for example, Christ The Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, or the Big Buddha in Hong Kong or the recently completed and largest statue in the world of Jesus Christ in Poland.

But what I am sure of, is that the Grotto proposed for Bellevue Park is not a religious structure or monument; it is much more than this and it does serve the public at large. Therefore, it does belong in a public space accessible to all.

The residents of The Soo should be aware that the design for The Grotto takes a series of diverse elements and weaves them into a story about the history of Sault Ste. Marie. Inherently obvious in this historical narrative is The Soo's relationship to the Blessed Virgin Mary (See page 24 in Frances M. Heath's book "Sault Ste. Marie: City by the Rapids").

The proposed Grotto is not like any other in the world because its conception is specific to The Soo. In a very public way, it is a testament to the critical layers of history that make The Soo, The City by the Rapids.

To begin with, The Grotto is a "defined space" within the park; it is sufficiently "enclosed" so people experience a sense of intimacy yet open enough so one still has a sense of being in nature at the water's edge.

The Grotto space is created by 3 intersecting walls. In a way, this idea makes reference to the fact that geographically, The Soo is at the intersection of 3 of the Great Lakes.

Each of the three walls represents a distinct period in the history of The Soo.

The first wall is formed by a double row of birch trees running 150 feet in a straight line from near the water's edge northerly into the park. This "Wall of Nature" represents the earliest period in the history of Sault Ste. Marie – that of the natural landscape.

A second wall of reddish sandstone curves through the wall of trees and continues at varying heights to form a large circle. The use of sandstone makes reference to some of the earliest constructions in the Soo, like, the buildings at The Locks, the former Post Office at Queen and East Streets and numerous Churches of various denominations in the Soo.

The circle shape suggests the importance attached to the concept of the circle by The Aboriginals. The circle of life is at the heart of their value systems, philosophy and religion.

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This sandstone wall speaks of permanence and represents another period, that of Building, in the history of The Soo.

The third wall and closest to the water is made of steel I-beams stacked one on the other. This wall has a series of "slit" openings which frame views of St. Mary's River. Some of these openings are glazed with clear and coloured glass and the glass is etched with the names of the residents and organizations in the Soo who have contributed to the making of The Grotto and the Soo.

This steel wall makes a gesture to the ships travelling the St. Mary's River as well as the contribution Industry, especially Algoma Steel, has made to the evolution of the Soo – another period in the history of The City.

A flat horizontal roof (implying rest and peacefulness) covers part of The Grotto space formed by the 3 intersecting walls. In a practical sense this roof offers weather protection to all park users and helps achieve a sense of intimacy. But more importantly, rising out of and above the roof plane is a rectangular cupola formed by eight reclaimed stained glassed windows from the former "Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church" which was the third Italian church established in Canada in 1910 after Montreal and Toronto.

And yes, at the intersection of the curved sandstone wall and the steel wall, in a pool of water stands a statue of Our Lady at the Rapids, assuming her place in this historical narrative of Sault Ste Marie.

With proper night lighting, especially in a blanket of snow, The Grotto would appear as a sculpture in the Park. A sculpture with a multi-coloured beacon (the stained glass cupola) rising out of it, to be enjoyed from a distance, especially flying into The Soo along St. Mary's River.

These are some of the diverse elements that make up the design of The Grotto – it is not just a religious statue in the park. I feel it is important for people to understand this so that they can make an informed decision regarding appropriateness.

Selfishly, I hope and pray that the Grotto goes ahead, so my children and their grandchildren will have a place to visit to be reminded of the things that make being from the Soo so special.

In closing this sensitive writing, I can't help but think of my father. He was a simple and wise man. He tried to teach his 13 children that, in this very different world, nothing is perfect – only through tolerance and patience do good things happen.

Jim Colizza, who with Gord Mezzomo and Anthony Bruni are the Architects for the Grotto
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Appendix XVII

Nick Apostle

From: Frank Sarto [sarto.frank@gmail.com]
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To: Malcolm White
Cc: Nick Apostle; Don McConnell; j.fratesi (Internet)
Subject: The Grotto
Attachments: Letter to Mayor and City Councilors.docx; Grotto Update.doc

Hi Malcolm: Attached is a letter to the mayor and City Councilors for their package on the Grotto along with an update that was prepared before the matter was put on hold. Frank.

Letter to Mayor and City Councilors:
February 15, 2012.

I am unable to attend the Council meeting because of a family holiday, which has been planned for some time. In addition, I do not have a copy of the staff report to Council for comment. However, I thought that the following might assist in your deliberations.

Background:

The idea for the Grotto was mine. It was intended that it be a monument to a significant historic event, the naming of our city. Before coming to Council for approval, I obtained the advice of the staff of SSMEDC and Tourism Sault Ste. Marie. They completed a study that demonstrated the benefits of faith-based tourism would have if it were dynamic. With their encouragement, I approached City staff with the idea and received a favorable report. City Council approved it unanimously. I was instructed to work with staff in finalizing the plans for a dynamic monument to our history and did. Contrary to media reports and verified by the video of the Council meeting, Council was advised that it would contain a number of statues to make it dynamic enough to attract visits. Based on Council's decision, besides my months of work, close to \$100,000 of services were performed by accountants, lawyers, surveyors and architects. The Grotto was designed for the specific site at Bellevue Park. In addition, I was able to obtain close to \$500,000 of pledges for donations to construct the Grotto for the benefit of the city. The Grotto would be built and given to the City by the charitable corporation, which will be responsible for the costs of construction, maintenance and programming.

Use of Public Lands:

Public lands have always been used for historical purposes. For example, I am advised that the *Old Stone House* is owned by the City but operated by a not-for-profit corporation. The difference here is that a significant part of our history is religious. Should significant history be banned from public lands because it is religious? There appears to be concern that the Grotto, if constructed, would force the City to accept religious monuments on public lands. In my respectful opinion, this would only be correct if the use would be **historically significant and be of significant benefit to the City** as the Grotto is. This appears to be much more in line with the Constitution than **'CITY'S HISTORY BANNED FROM PUBLIC LANDS BECAUSE IT IS RELIGIOUS'**.

Use of Prince Island:

Bellevue Park is not a neighborhood park. Its use is for the City as a whole. It is understandable that the residents in the area would like to keep it for their uses. However, the land use plan for the park recognizes that the park should be

utilized to benefit the city as a whole which in my opinion should include the various cultures that make up Sault Ste. Marie. This type of development would encourage residents in other wards to take advantage of the park. At the public meeting, I filed more than 500 letters of support with Planning Staff that were collected as an example of the support of a 'quiet majority'. They were collected within a few days. No mention of this support has been made anywhere. The 'vocal minority' receives all the attention. In addition, I have met with the Bishop of the Catholic Church, the ministers of the Anglican Church and the Presbytery of the United Church. I was welcomed by all and no concerns were expressed.

If the Grotto were constructed, it would not interfere with the vast majority of the park. Access could be limited to parking on the periphery of the park and walked to on already existing paths. It is a peaceful, passive use, which fits into the land use plan. I am advised that there has been positive discussion by the recommending body for the park.

Attached is a Grotto Update that I had prepared before the matter was put on hold.

THE GROTTO AT SAULT STE. MARIE
A PLACE OF PEACE, HOPE AND LOVE
FOR ALL PEOPLE

Grotto Update

Since City Council approved the use of Prince Island at Bellevue Park, the following has been continuing to prepare for a project that will reflect a portion of our history:

- A charitable corporation has been incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario;
- A survey has been completed to insure that the grave of Col. Prince is not disturbed and the placement of Grotto would be on a site previously built on and not be detrimental to the trees present on the site (each tree was plotted on the survey);
- A design true to this location and true to our history has been prepared at great expense by two architect firms (Jim Colizza and Gord Mezzomo);
- Ruscio Masonry will construct the project;
- An appropriate use and maintenance agreement has been discussed with staff;
- Historic research is ongoing;
- A website is being professionally constructed;
- A team is being organized;
- Close to \$500,000 has been raised for construction.

Charitable Corporation

A charitable corporation was incorporated in Ontario on November 19, 2010 with the name "THE GROTTO AT SAULT STE. MARIE". There is no affiliation with any church or religious group. The objects of the corporation are as follows:

"To advance the public awareness, education and understanding of the historic and religious significance of Sault Ste. Marie and its relationship to the Blessed Virgin Mary by the establishment, maintenance and support of a Grotto in Sault Ste. Marie at Bellevue Park.

To establish, maintain and support historical and religious projects and programming related to the advancement of 'THE GROTTO AT SAULT STE. MARIE' dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary".

The corporation has been approved by Revenue Canada to issue tax receipts for donations received.

The Park Setting at Bellevue Park

A park setting at water's edge will provide all people of Sault Ste. Marie an intimate, reflective and serene outdoor experience. The small piece of Bellevue Park on Prince Island provides the appropriate venue. The Grotto is designed to cover only a portion of cleared property, which has been previously built upon. It does not interfere with the grave of Colonel Prince; the travelled trail circling the site and will not disturb the trees present on the site. The historic-religious use and the faith-based tourism potential conform to the master plan for the park. Around the world, public parks have been used to display local history and create opportunities for reflection.

The Benefits

The Grotto, once established, will provide various benefits to all people of Sault Ste. Marie:

- As a historically based site, the Grotto will provide an educational experience with respect to the importance of our history, development and location from aboriginal times to the present which may provide a catalyst for greater interest in our history especially for our young people;
- As a place of peace, hope and love for all people in a park setting, the Grotto will provide a spiritual place for reflection and contemplation in joy or, as people worldwide have looked to, for consolation in their time of need and, for some, a place of prayer;
- As a beautifully sculpted site, the Grotto will provide a cultural experience and a recognition of various traditions through the use of different images of the Blessed Virgin from different parts of the world;
- As a historic-religious site, the Grotto will attract faith-based tourism, one of the strongest tourism markets in Canada, the United States and around the world thereby creating jobs, not only during construction, but directly and indirectly jobs from the operation of the Grotto especially for our young people and seniors;
- As a historic-religious site with a design that incorporates our history, Ojibway historic beliefs and images and traditions from different parts of the world, the Grotto will provide a unique opportunity for successful commercial ventures; and

- As a new development, the Grotto will provide additional infrastructure to keep tour groups in the city for an additional day as an add-on to those presently available such as the Agawa Tour Train assisting and may provide a catalyst for the development of additional faith-based tourism surrounding our rich history

Why a Grotto?

Grottos have symbolized 'peace, hope and love' around the world. It is natural that our people have a place of peace, hope and love available to all people in a park setting which will provide a spiritual place for reflection and contemplation in a time of joy or, as people worldwide have looked to, for consolation in their time of need and, for some a place of prayer.

Grottos dedicated to the 'Blessed Virgin' (also known as 'St. Mary') have become extremely popular in many places in the world, a large part because of her appearance to St. Bernadette in 1858 at the Grotto at Lourdes, France. The grotto at Notre Dame University was dedicated to 'Our Lady of Lourdes' in 1878. In 1916-17, the famous apparitions of 'Our Lady of Fatima' appeared to the three children in Fatima, Portugal. Popular movies were made of these appearances in Lourdes and Fatima. Pope John Paul II visited both Lourdes and Fatima. My research of the major religions confirmed that they all have respect for Mary as the mother of Christ.

Faith-based Tourism

According to Tourism Sault Ste. Marie, the historic-religious nature of "The Grotto at Sault Ste. Marie" will create an add-on to the Agawa Train Tour to keep tour groups in the city for an additional day. Faith-based tourism is a strong market. Three hundred to three hundred and thirty million tourists travel to faith-based sites each year. Outbound U.S. residents traveling for spiritual and pilgrimage experiences increased thirty per cent between 2002 and 2005. The 'Cross in Woods' ninety miles from here attracts between three hundred and fifty and four hundred and fifty thousand people per year. This site may also act as a catalyst for other historic faith-based sites such as the 'Lighted Cross', Precious Blood Cathedral, St. Luke's Cathedral, St. Andrews and Central United. Besides creating jobs during the construction, successful tourism associated with the grotto will provide jobs both directly and indirectly as well as an opportunity for commercial opportunities generated because of such success.

Our History

Sault Ste. Marie's was originally named 'Bawating' by the Ojibway Nation. It was also their name for Lake Superior. Fran Heath in her book on the history of Sault Ste. Marie sets out:

"Ojibway mythology accorded Bawating a sacred significance and the annual gatherings on the shores of the River bore strong religious significance. Several religious groups existed within the confines of the native community".

Historically, Sault Ste. Marie's (French translation of 'St. Mary's Rapids') name was changed from 'Sault du Gaston' in the mid-1600s by the Jesuit, Father Marquette in dedication to the Blessed Virgin. A book on Aboriginal history was written in 1904 by the Rector of St. Luke's Anglican Pro-cathedral in SSM. In it he writes:

"It was at this time (1666-67) that Sault Ste. Marie took its final name. Till then it had been known as Sault du Gaston.... Tradition, fondly held by some of the old people, tells how, overcome with weariness, vexation and disappointment, the fathers (Jesuits), soon after their arrival, faltered in their work, but night brought to one of the little community a vision of the Blessed Virgin who gave assurance of protection and bade all to take heart. After such an event, it was only right that something should be done by way of commemoration and so the name was changed from Sault du Gaston to Sault Sainte Marie."

Our river has been named 'St. Mary's River' and so many other local institutions have been named after 'St. Mary'. Our French culture and our other European cultures have looked to St. Mary for comfort. In Bristol, England John Cabot in mid-1500 laid flowers at the feet of a statue of St. Mary at the St. Mary Radcliffe Cathedral before sailing to explore Canada. Locally, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, the third Italian parish in Canada (first in Montreal and second in Toronto) closed on October 31, 2010 after celebrating its 100th anniversary. Ironically, the last apparition in Fatima was in the form of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and her last appearance in Lourdes on July 16th, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the day the Church commemorates her apparition to Saint Simon Stock in the 1200s. Throughout the ages, the Queen of Carmel has always kept a faithful watch over the destinies of her cherished children on earth. In 1998, the Sault Ste. Marie General Hospital celebrated their continuing presence in Sault Ste. Marie since 1898 when the Grey Sisters of the Cross answered the community's call to establish a hospital. In 1908, the hospital opened the St. Mary's School of Nursing. Over 500 nurses graduated from the school by the time of its close in 1971. The Grey sisters of the Immaculate Conception from Pembroke assumed ownership of the hospital in 1926 until recently when it transferred its assets to the new Sault Area Hospital.

OUR HISTORY IS IMPORTANT!

Our Design

Architects James A. Colizza and Gordon Mezzomo were commissioned to create a design for an historic-religious grotto in a park-like setting, dedicated to the 'Blessed Virgin' (as Father Marquette had done) that would be true to the history of Sault Ste. Marie and be true to its geography at Bellevue Park. The resulting design has exceeded our original expectations. A design has been created that provides a 'today' concept of a grotto, which is true to our history and our geographic location on the St. Mary's River at Bellevue Park.

The Grotto recognizes the aboriginal history through the 'wall of trees' and the incorporation of the circle design. One third of the circle will be the Grotto and two-thirds will make up an activity area. The Grotto will be an enclosed site with gate, which will be locked when closed providing security and protection against vandalism. Bellevue Park is closed at night. The Grotto is designed as a large sculpture. Its maintenance will be minimal and easily paid through donations and the sale of candles and souvenirs.

James Colizza describes his design concept for the Grotto: "It is essential that the Grotto be true to Sault Ste. Marie. It should not be parachuted in from another place and time – this would not be very truthful.

THE GROTTO SHOULD BE A TESTAMENT TO THE HISTORY OF SSM AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Our design challenge was to take a diverse set of requirements i.e., many different pieces and somehow weave them together, so collectively they tell a story about this place called SSM. In my mind, the Grotto should be a defined space within the park; sufficiently "enclosed" so people experience a sense of intimacy and serenity and "open" enough so one still has a sense of being in the park by the water's edge. This notion of some degree of enclosure is not unlike the original grottoes which were caves hewn out of rock.

The number three resonates and comes to the surface when thinking of a design approach. Geographically, SSM is at the intersection of three of the Great Lakes. We know triangulation gives strength and stability. We have a goal of peace, hope and love for all people...

This concept for the Grotto begins with three intersecting walls, a partial roof/canopy and 'Our Lady at the Rapids' standing in moving water. The walls would have varying degrees of "porosity" to achieve the delicate balance between enclosure and openness. On the practical side the

walls/roof would deal with the weather protection (wind, rain, sun, snow) and security issues. The walls should be thought of as fences and the partial roof as a canopy. Each of the three walls would represent a period in the history of SSM. 'Our Lady at the Rapids' will be in a pond at the terminus of the 3-sided Grotto space.

One wall would be formed by a double row of one species of indigenous trees, 150 feet long running from the water side of the site (south) and into the site (north). Access to the Grotto would be through a (gated) break in this wall of trees. This "wall of nature" would represent the earliest period in the history of SSM.

A second wall of concrete and sandstone, about 100 feet long, would curve from the wall of trees and lead to Our Lady at the Rapids. This wall will vary between eight and ten feet high and will accommodate 12 individual statues. Because the stone wall is curved the statues would be "revealed" as one approaches Our Lady at the Rapids. The end portion of the curved stone wall will increase to twelve feet in height and form the backdrop to the pond (15 feet by 20 feet) in which Our Lady at the Rapids is positioned with water flowing down the face of the concrete and sandstone wall into the pond. This will not be unlike the earliest grottoes. The concrete and stone wall speaks of permanence and represents another period, that of building, in the history of SSM.

The third wall closest to the water will be made of steel, perhaps I-beams stacked on one another. There would be a series of different sized horizontal "slit" openings to "frame" views of the river. Some of these openings would be glazed with clear and/or coloured glass and etched on the glass would be the names of donors/organizations and recognition of the Grey Nuns. This could be a "living wall", in that; glazing could be added to the openings over time, etched with additional names. The steel wall would make a gesture to the ships travelling St. Mary's River as well as the contribution industry, especially Essar Algoma, has made to the evolution of SSM – another period in the history of the city.

A flat horizontal roof (implying rest and peacefulness) would cover part of the Grotto space formed by the 3 walls described above. In a practical sense, this roof would offer weather protection and help to achieve a sense of intimacy. But more importantly, the rising out of and above the roof plane would be a "rectangular cupola" formed by about 8 of the stained glass windows from Our Lady of Mount Carmel. During the day the stained glass would add a hint of colour to the Grotto space and at night the stained glass would act as a "multi-coloured beacon" rising to a height of approximately thirty-five feet.

With proper night lighting, the Grotto would appear as a sculpture within the park. Incidentally, I can see the Grotto being visited in the winter and at night – this would be a very Canadian experience”.

The Statues

There will be a seven foot statue of “Our Lady of the Rapids” standing in a pool of moving water with an eleven foot wall behind it as a waterfall. The intention is to create the impression of the rapids. The Lady will be looking straight ahead with arms open to welcome all peoples.

All the Statues inside the Grotto will be of different images of the Blessed Virgin sculptured in white polished Italian Carrera marble. The Statues must be true to the Grotto concepts, provide an over-all story and provide interesting individual stories in religious history and/or tradition. It is, therefore, important to differentiate the images and to include distinctive texture in the Statues. In addition to the main Statue, the twelve images will be chosen because of their importance in local history, the bible, great works of art and/or interesting events in different parts of the world, such as apparitions or visions. The twelve Statues will be placed on a wall that will vary in height but will be a minimum of seven feet high. The Statues themselves will be approximately five feet six inches tall.

Stained Glass Windows

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church has closed after 100 years and will be sold or torn down because of significant structural problems. In order to carry on the historic significance of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, the third oldest in Canada shortly after Montreal and Toronto, we have incorporated eight of the Stained Glass Windows in the design of Grotto. This magnificent beacon of stained glass will allow our heritage to be honored.

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The Sault Ste. Marie Ratepayers Association would like to thank everyone who participated in a 10-question online survey about the "Grotto in Bellevue Park". The goal of the association's first survey of this kind was to collect input from the community until Sunday February 12th, at 6:00pm or when 1000 completed surveys had been obtained. The goal of 1000 surveys was reached earlier than expected and wrapped up late Saturday night.

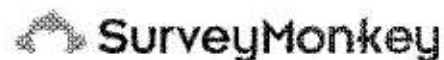
"Quite surprising, actually", was the response of the survey developer, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Ratepayers Association. "It was an exciting social experiment that clearly demonstrated the community wanted their voice to be heard." In response to some complaints that the survey closed earlier than planned, "We will have some bugs to work out in future. Surveys will become a large part of how we stay connected with the pulse of the community and we will consider all options, as far as survey methods and sizes. We really didn't expect the kind of overwhelming response we received and had capped the survey number to 1000, which originally seemed like an impossible task. The association just had our first general meeting at the end of January and we are in the early phases of development. There is a lot more to come."

There was also some confusion that the survey was prepared by City Council. "That is not the case," advises the Sault Ste. Marie Ratepayers Association representative. "We are a separate entity from City Council and simply wanted to seek public opinion on the matter, prior to the February 21st decision by council." Although the survey link was circulated electronically through various media links, personal networks and even some individual members of council, it demonstrates that council members were on board to hear what their constituents had to say.

To view results of the Sault Ste. Marie Ratepayers Association "Grotto in Bellevue Park" survey, please visit:
www.Facebook.com/SaultRatepayers

Events & Communications, SSMRA

Grotto in Bellevue Park



1. What best describes your connection to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario?

	Response Percent	Response Count
I am a current resident of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, or the area surrounding Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario	96.3%	979
I am not a current resident of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, or surrounding area; however, I am from Sault Ste. Marie or lived in the Sault area at one point	3.1%	32
I have never lived in the Sault Ste. Marie area; however, I have an interest in the community because I have family, friends, recreational, business or work interests in the Sault area	0.7%	7

Any comments: 69

answered question 1,017
skipped question 3

2. Were you familiar with what a "Grotto" was, prior to the issue of erecting a Grotto in Sault Ste. Marie's Bellevue Park?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, I knew what a "Grotto" was, prior to the issue of erecting a Grotto in Bellevue Park		71.8%	728
No, I was not familiar with what a "Grotto" was until the issue of erecting a Grotto in Bellevue Park came about		28.4%	288

Any comments: 39

answered question 1,014

skipped question 6

3. Do you see a Grotto as a religious symbol or shrine or as "a cave, or an artificial recess or structure made to resemble a natural cave" (as defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A religious symbol or shrine		76.8%	763
"A cave, or an artificial recess or structure made to resemble a natural cave" as defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary		26.2%	260

Any comments: 120

answered question 993

skipped question 27

4. What is your personal opinion about having a Grotto erected in Bellevue Park?

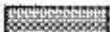
		Response Percent	Response Count
I am for erecting the Grotto in Bellevue Park		15.7%	158
I am against erecting the Grotto in Bellevue Park		84.6%	852

Any comments: 211

answered question 1,007

skipped question 13

5. What is your reason for either supporting or rejecting the idea of the Grotto in Bellevue Park?

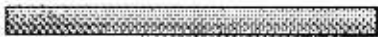
		Response Percent	Response Count
I think Bellevue Park is the right location to erect the Grotto		15.1%	151
I think that a public park is not the right location for the Grotto and I would like to see it located on private property		73.0%	731
I think that the Grotto should not be built in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, at all		13.0%	130

Any comments: 202

answered question 1,001

skipped question 19

6. If the Grotto is not allowed in a public park, would you like to see it erected somewhere else in the community?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		55.7%	490
No		46.0%	405

Any comments: 305

answered question 880

skipped question 140

7. If a Grotto is erected anywhere in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, would you plan to visit the Grotto?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		24.2%	238
No		76.4%	750

Any comments: 117

answered question 982

skipped question 38

8. Do you believe that the Grotto can be a tourism draw for the community?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		22.1%	218
No		78.2%	773

Any comments: 153

answered question 988

skipped question 32

9. Have you ever visited a Grotto before, anywhere in the world?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		33.3%	334
No		67.0%	673

Any comments: 119

answered question 1,004

skipped question 16

10. A decision about allowing the Grotto to be built in Bellevue Park is expected on Tuesday February 21st, 2012, when Sault Ste. Marie City Council members meet about the matter. Are you planning to attend the meeting, if open to the public, or contact city council members about your opinion on the matter?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		37.3%	372
No		63.0%	629

Any comments: 222

answered question	998
skipped question	22

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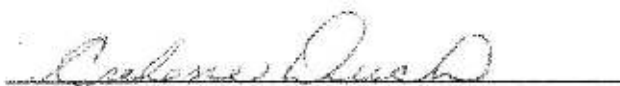
The Open Spaces campaign is an initiative of the Sault Youth Association which strives for, but is not limited to, the embrace of religious and cultural inclusiveness in our community. The Open Spaces campaign promotes a safe place for people to feel comfortable and welcome regardless of age, gender identity, race, religion, ability, or sexual orientation. We ask local businesses and organizations to commit to not tolerating hate speak and prejudice in their establishments by placing an Open Spaces sticker in their windows. In doing this we also encourage the community as well as the city to incorporate similar values of inclusiveness and diversity in decision making processes.

It seems relevant that as also we prepare for upcoming multicultural events, the topic of the proposed grotto has resurfaced. Though this extravagant shrine may be presented with the best of intentions, it is contradictory to the goals of the Open Spaces campaign. We do not in any way mean to discredit the tremendous amount of work that has gone into preparing for the grotto, nor is our intention to demean the belief systems associated with it. However, public parks and spaces are meant to be inviting and provide a neutral place for all members of the community. The proposed grotto will undoubtedly change the atmosphere of the public park to an unwelcoming site which will exclude those who do not share the same religious beliefs.

It has been stated that the grotto will provide, "joy, comfort and peace" to the Sault, but this is only inclusive of those who have a passion for what the shrine represents. The rest of the population will feel excluded and quite uncomfortable entering an area of another's religious importance. In addition, there are countless people who find peace, joy, and comfort in the park already, without it having a religious overtone.

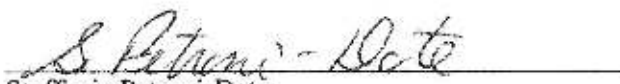
As the grotto is not inclusive of the various religions and cultures we strive to celebrate in our community, we respectfully disapprove of its erection in a public park. It will likely be a very beautiful piece and the passion and efforts of those participating in its planning and development should be respected. We would like to have the diversity of our community represented by keeping public parks a safe and comfortable space for everyone.

Sincerely,



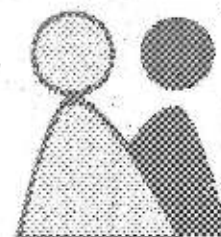
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Thanks Michelle Ill pass this forward to Malcolm White/ City clerk to be added with the survey we submitted.
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From: [REDACTED]
To: saultratepayers@hotmail.com
Subject: The Grotto Proposal
Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2012 10:46:14 -0500

Hi there,

I'm a former resident of the Sault. My family, children, and grandchildren still reside there. If it weren't for the lack of proper medical care, and lack of specialists, I'd likely still be there. At any rate, this email is not about that, but about my thoughts on the Grotto project.

I have to say that I'm shocked that City Council would even entertain the idea putting the grotto in Bellevue park. It's a public park. Shouldn't it be completely secular? That means that people of all ethnicities and religious backgrounds visit the park, and while I'm sure that many of the Catholics in the city would enjoy and appreciate it, what about the many other religions practiced by the people of Sault Ste. Marie? Are you ready to erect religious monuments for them?

If you're going to open that door, then you ought to consider the fact that now you may have to consider representations from Jews, Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, Jehovah's Witnesses, and so on. As the old saying goes, what's good for the goose, is good for the gander.

If Frank Sarlo and his supporters truly want the grotto that badly, then they should purchase a private piece of property to erect it, and those that wish to see it, can just as easily visit there, and thus not offending anyone else's religious sensibilities.

If Frank's grotto is approved by council, I'll strongly consider going to council to have a statue of The Buddha erected. He was a wise man, teaching goodness and peace, and surely deserves a place there too.

Peace,
Michelle

Malcolm White

From: jeff arbus [REDACTED]
Sent: February 07, 2012 10:17 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso; Joe Krmpotich; Steve Butland; Paul Christian; Terry Sheehan; Susan Myers; Pat Mick; Brian Watkins; Rick Niro; Lou Turco; Marchy Bruni; Frank Fata
Subject: opposed to Grotto on public land
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We wish to inform you that we remain strongly opposed to the "Grotto" being located on public land, in particular, in Bellevue Park.

thank you,

Jeff Arbus
Juanita Wood-Arbus

East Balfour St.

2012-02-04

Debbie Amaroso, Mayor
The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
99 Foster Drive, P.O. Box 580
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 5N1

Re: Grotto Decision

Dear Mayor (and council members),

According to media reports City Council will be making a decision on the Grotto in two weeks, an issue that's brought much concern and division to the citizens of Sault Ste Marie, unnecessarily I must add. This fiasco should have been nipped in the bud had the previous council given any thought to the issue and acted with some accountability to the electorate and the positions they hold.

My kneejerk reaction is to question the likelihood of religious convictions interfering with a person's ability to cast an unbiased vote; religion is paramount in many or even the odd household, it doesn't matter the percentage, so we cannot be guaranteed proper representation.

Being this is a catholic shrine all members of council of that religious persuasion should be expected to declare a conflict, wouldn't we think so? But Catholics wouldn't want people of other religions making this decision would they, it's really a shrine predominately to 'their beliefs' and society can't force anyone to reveal their religion anyways.

Religious faith is a powerful factor which could over power one's decision making capabilities thus creating a real muddle of suspicion and accusations with the grotto becoming nothing but a constant irritant to many and reminder of all this for generations to come.

Council has one decision to make on grounds this is a religious shrine to Catholicism and will pit one religion against another. We have no room for this "Dark Ages" mentality in modern society... As our society tolerates freedom of religion thru' our Canadian Bill of Rights, we also have the right to "freedom from religion" as well.

Allow us to continue enjoying the natural beauty of the park without a permanent monument to one faith or another and the ensuing divisiveness thus created permanently dominating the landscape.

It bothers me as to why the authors of this project are so adamant on this location rather than one of several other locations currently owned by the catholic faith where declining membership is closing churches. They could either use one of these locations or use the proceeds from the sale of all of them to purchase and fund a new location more suited to their grand scheme. Religious preferences should never have been allowed this latitude to divide the city like it has. It isn't a debatable situation on council's part

Instead, how about a nice plaque acknowledging those who made it possible for people of all nationalities and religions to visit and share "equally" the natural beauty as we look around us.

Sincerely,

Tom Brason

As a reminder I'm prepared to challenge council over this.

Tom Brason

Malcolm White

From: Ally Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: February 10, 2012 9:45 AM
To: Mayor Amaroso
Subject: Grotto for Belleview Park

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Hello Frank Fata,

I am writing to you as my Mayor to urge you to vote against the erecting of the Grotto at Belleview park. I understand that this grotto is to contain 24 statues of the virgin mary, while I have no issues with it's content I simply believe that a religious place belongs on private church property. So I am asking you to please deny the grotto to be built in our community's most used park and instead have it built on church property else where.

There are many issues associated with erecting a religious space on community property. This is simply an inappropriate use of public space. If one religion would be included in this space, then others as well should be included, it should not be limited to the catholic faith. Many people are simply in opposition based on the selected location, this seems very simple to correct.

The grotto itself could indeed attract more tourism, and bring people in the community out, however there is no need to angry other members of the community by contaminating their favorite outdoor recreation spot. I personally feel that my experience at Belleview park would be tainted by the erection of this grotto on public property.

Thank You for your time,

Alicia Brown

Malcolm White

From: Lynn Burzese [REDACTED]
Sent: February 12, 2012 2:13 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso
Subject: grotto

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I am in favour of this grotto at the park. I also think that council should consider other religious groups should they present a proposal that is acceptable. These are tourist attractions and very nice to see. They put a tribute to Roberta Bondar and other famous individuals and this is no different.

Lynn Burzese
70 Bristol Place
Sault Ste Marie, ON P6A 6L8
[REDACTED]

Malcolm White

From: Vern Cameron [REDACTED]
Sent: February 08, 2012 12:28 PM
To: 'Tom Brason'; Mayor Amaroso
Cc: Joe Krmpotich; Frank Fata; Marchy Bruni; Lou Turco; Rick Niro; Brian Watkins; Pat Mick; Susan Myers; Terry Sheehan; Paul Christian; Steve Butland
Subject: Grotto

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TO: City Council:

Thank you Tom for a letter that expresses some of my concerns as well..!!

It is very well thought out and highlights the drawbacks of allowing "one religious communities views" and opens the doors to who knows what next.

I too urge council to consider the ramifications of permitting the Grotto being built on City property...!!

I believe the Grotto should be built but not on City land..

City Council – please think about ___ALL___ the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie when you vote.

Thanks

Vern Cameron
80 Cabot Cr.
[REDACTED]

From: Tom Brason [REDACTED]
Sent: February-08-12 11:19 AM
To: mayor.amaroso@cityssm.on.ca
Cc: j.krmpotich@cityssm.on.ca; f.fata@cityssm.on.ca; m.bruni@cityssm.on.ca; l.turco@cityssm.on.ca; r.niro@cityssm.on.ca; b.watkins@cityssm.on.ca; p.mick@cityssm.on.ca; s.myers@cityssm.on.ca; t.sheehan@cityssm.on.ca; p.christian@cityssm.on.ca; s.butland@cityssm.on.ca
Subject: Grotto, one decision

Dear Mayor Amarosa and council members,
Attached is a letter concerning the upcoming grotto decision, I hope you take the contents to heart and reach a logical conclusion.

Kim Vaudry

From: ryan cartner [REDACTED]
Sent: February 11, 2012 5:09 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: I am opposed to erecting a monument to St Mary in Bellevue park.

I am opposed to erecting a monument to St Mary in Bellevue park.

Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:
a) freedom of conscience and religion; ...

Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.

Chief Justice Brian Dickson described freedom of conscience and religion during a landmark ruling in 1985:

"The essence of the concept of freedom of religion is the right to entertain such religious beliefs as a person chooses, the right to declare religious beliefs openly and without fear of hindrance or reprisal, and the right to manifest belief by worship and practice or by teaching and dissemination. But the concept means more than that. Freedom can primarily be characterized by the absence of coercion or constraint.

Freedom in a broad sense embraces both the absence of coercion and constraint, and the right to manifest belief and practices. Freedom means that, subject to such limitations as are necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others, no one is to be forced to act in a way contrary to his beliefs or his conscience."

The ABSENCE of coercion. This definition has been respected in many rulings since 1985. As clearly as the charter demands freedom for each of us to practice religion freely, it also offers protection from exposure to religion. The supreme court ruled in 1990 that religion has no place in the public school system, this is the same issue.

The Canadian approach to religion has been to promote multiculturalism by celebrating the expression of various religions while recognizing the supremacy of none – the government plays a role of NEUTRAL ACCOMODATION. Where is the neutrality in this grotto? Where in the grotto am I represented?

Malcolm White

From: Janice Christie [REDACTED]
Sent: February 10, 2012 12:35 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso; Brian Watkins; Pat Mick
Subject: grotto

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I strongly urge you to respect the PUBLIC designation of Bellevue Park and turn down the request to locate a grotto on this public land.

If a part of our community strongly wishes to have this structure built I'm sure they will find an appropriate location on private property.

Please respect your positions as community leaders and make a choice that will strengthen unity in our community.

Janice Christie

Malcolm White

From: Bill [REDACTED]
Sent: February 12, 2012 11:18 AM
To: Mayor Amaroso; Steve Butland; Paul Christian; Terry Sheehan; Susan Myers; Pat Mick; Brian Watkins; Rick Niro; Lou Turco; Marchy Bruni; Frank Fata; Joe Kmpotich
Subject: Upcoming Grotto Discussion
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To the mayor and city councillors

Re: Proposed City Park Grotto

As a very concerned citizen of the City of Sault Ste. Marie I am hopeful that this council will come to the realization that the construction of this religious monument in "my" city park is not an acceptable structure to be situated in this public area. The land on which it is proposed it be built is in a **public park**, a park belonging to **all** residents of this city, be they Roman Catholic or any other religious denomination or even should they be agnostic!

THIS GROTTO DOES NOT BELONG IN OUR PUBLIC PARK!

In addition, it is my belief that this proposed "build" will

1. Eliminate valuable park space for the selfish desires of a few devout practitioners of one specific faith.
2. Seriously detract from the natural beauty of the park!
3. Detract from the historical significance of the grave site already located on the parcel of land on which it is proposed it be built.

4. Possibly offend those who do not attach any great significance to the fact that some early explorer named the river after a figure of some particular importance to one particular religion.
5. Possibly result in future requests from other groups hoping to appropriate prime public land for their own selfish purposes.
6. Be best located on some piece of land already in possession of the religious body to which the promoters of this venture most likely belong.

For these reasons, I sincerely suggest that your vote will be to oppose the construction of the grotto and to disallow any further consideration of any other of our public land for this purpose.

Sincerely,

W. F. Cooksley

Malcolm White

From: frhamish [REDACTED]
Sent: February 12, 2012 10:39 AM
To: Mayor Amaroso
Subject: Grotto Vote

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Mayor Amoroso and Councillors:

Just a brief note on the grotto. The discussion in Council chambers in the spring was poorly handled and the anti-catholic rhetoric was left unchecked.

Whatever the outcome of the forthcoming grotto discussion and decision I am sure Council does not want to be in violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, nor does Council want to be associated with various anti-Catholic elements.

The decision may end up being no - but that "no" needs to be respectful and appreciative of what Frank Sarlo and his group have tried to do the the City of Saut Ste. Marie

My sincere hope is for a "yes".

Rev. J. Hamish Currie, P.P.,

Pastor, Precious Blood Cathedral,

Episcopal Vicar, Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie,

Malcolm White

From: Berto, Karen [REDACTED]
Sent: February 10, 2012 12:38 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: Grotto Opinion

I understand that City Council will be considering the issue of a proposed grotto being built at Bellevue Park.

I strongly DISAGREE with this proposal – and also disagree that it should be funded with taxpayer's money when there are so many other worthwhile endeavours that our City could undertake – such as...

Ours is one of the few cities that does not have any outdoor "splash park" facilities for our young children and grandchildren to enjoy during the summer months. When I visit my grandchildren in London, Ontario – we spend many hours splashing and playing at such a park in London – there are also many concession stands, ice-cream wagons and chip wagons available for snacks and treats *(a nice money-making operation for some local vendors??)...

The site being proposed for this grotto would be a perfect location for such a water park attraction for our young families and visitors and their young ones.

Let's do something to attract some fun and happy days in the sun for our young ones...and let the funding of the grotto to the few concerned citizens who should be funding it privately.

Karen A. Berto
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kim Vaudry

From: Ron Bes [REDACTED]
Sent: February 10, 2012 3:36 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Opposition to the proposed Grotto in Bellevue Park

To Whom It May Concern,

As a citizen and taxpayer of Sault Ste. Marie, I would like to formally register my opposition to the construction of a religious grotto in Bellevue Park.

This issue has been raised before, and due to its unpopularity with a significant portion of the population, the project was "backburnered" in the hopes that those opposed would forget about it. We have not. I am still opposed.

Thank you,
Ronald A. Bes

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NEIL AND ROSEANNE DELBIANCO

47 Grandhaven Crescent, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 3Y4 Phone 705-942-7479

r.delbianco@shaw.ca

February 11, 2011

Dear Mr. Sarlo,

I am writing to you regarding the prospective grotto you have been spearheading. First of all, I wish to commend you and your group for the inspiration and desire to devise and fabricate a grotto here in our beautiful city of Sault Ste. Marie. The architectural design work of Jim Colizza, Gord Mezzomo and Anthony Bruni certainly would create an atmosphere conducive and welcoming to local residents and visitors alike, and would be a "place of peace, hope and love for all people" like no other in our city. Many innovative ideas are born from creative minds such as each of yours. Bringing them to fruition is sometimes another story.

This past summer I was speaking with Regis O'Connor regarding the status of the prospective grotto, namely the disheartening opposition it has received with respect to its location on public property. I inquired about an alternative location and he urged me to forward my inquiry to you.

I do realize that every facet of the current design demanded countless hours of intense work and do not wish to infer that a new design could appear magically with minimal effort. Perhaps the original concept could even be adapted to suit the location that I am speaking of.

My question is whether the site of the Mount St. Joseph Centre has been considered as an option- possibly the hill in front of it which runs along Ontario Avenue, or the green space on the east side of the building. I understand the entire design and structure would require intense altering, yet I believe with the creative talent and innovative insight of your architects, an equally appealing structure which would maintain the original intent of the grotto could possibly be etched out of the hill. Alternately, the location on top of the hill would offer both greater visibility and perhaps ease in maintaining more of the original concept and design.

Considering that much of the objection to the grotto is based on its proposed location on public property, would the Mount St. Joseph Centre site alleviate that obstacle? It is likely that you have received additional letters of suggestion, and if so, it is my hope that somehow through a collaboration of ideas, your dream of the grotto will be realized.

I completely understand that there is always more to any project than meets the untrained eye, nonetheless, I simply wished to make this meager inquiry in the hope that such a place of "peace, hope and love for all people" which captures our rich history, and, as Mr. Colizza so sincerely expressed in his letter of June 10, 2011 in SooToday, a place "to visit to be reminded of the things that make being from the Soo so special" could come to fruition in our beautiful city one day.

Thank you for your time in considering my inquiry. I would welcome a response from you.

Sincerely,

Roseanne DelBianco

c.c. Laurie Aceti, Trustee Chair, HSCDSB

Clerk's Department, City of Sault Ste. Marie

Rick Niro, Ward 4 Councillor

Lou Turco, Ward 4 Councillor

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Kim Vaudry

From: Lynda Drazenovich [mailto:lynda.drazenovich@hotmail.com]
Sent: February 11, 2012 9:07 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: The Grotto Comments

Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing to express my support of the proposed Grotto.

It is my opinion that the development of the Grotto will be a step toward enhancing the beauty and diversity of the community.

The Grotto would express recognition of the community's diversity and culture. The Grotto could also provide community members with a place of solitude, peace and reflection - if members chose to utilize the Grotto for such purposes.

It is also my opinion that the Grotto could increase tourism. I have observed the potential architectural plans of the Grotto and have been impressed by the elegance and symmetry of those plans. If constructed, the Grotto's design and purpose may attract tourists.

It is my opinion that the Grotto gives the community an opportunity to create and present to the community a facility - which citizens can or cannot choose to utilize or enjoy.

I am grateful to have an opportunity to have a voice in this manner and it is my hope that committee members not fall into the trap of "political correctness" - a trap that shows little courage and becomes tiring and frustrating for many.

Thank you again for providing this forum to express an opinion.

Sincerely

Lynda Drazenovich

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Kim Vaudry

From: Don Edwards [REDACTED]
Sent: February 10, 2012 1:47 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Bellevue Park Grotto

Please pass along my brief comments to all Councillors and the Mayor

The Grotto appears to be a fine project but since it is, basically, a Roman Catholic Shrine with a few City-related emblems attached it should NEVER be placed on Public Land . There are plenty of sections of land owned by the Separate School Board---and some more will become available soon---then the proper place for this Grotto is on one of those parcels of land that are mostly in the Centre part of the City and easily accessible to all who may want see this Grotto.

I will be watching your proceedings on this issue.

Don Edwards 275 Albert St. E. Apt. 1109 [REDACTED]

Kim Vaudry

From: MARVIN FOSTER [REDACTED]
Sent: February 12, 2012 12:39 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto

I don't want a Grotto to be erected in Bellevue Park . I believe the park should be for everyone not just Catholics.Sault Ste. Marie has many Religions, so why a Catholic Grotto with the Virgin Mary? Why would you want to make people of other religions feel uncomfortable in the Park?This is just not right.

Marvin and Joan Foster

Malcolm White

From: Kim Vaudry on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: February 01, 2012 12:50 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: FW: Grotto

From: graham [REDACTED]
Sent: February 01, 2012 12:32 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto

Feb 1, 2012

Re Grotto

Where are the ethical standards? Only six months ago Council voted to send it for review now it is on the agenda again.

What is so special about Sarlo and his idea? Hundreds of "individuals" would submit their idea for Prince Island if asked but I notice that no one on Council or Staff have and I don't mean the laughable yes-men user groups like Tourism Sault Ste Marie.

All Sarlo had to do was say Grotto and some City Councillors and Staff have been running around in circles ever since. I made an inquiry of an issue important to me and I have never heard back from anyone. Instead of spending their time on a few well known people in the Soo maybe they should start thinking about the rest of the taxpayers for a change.

Graham Garrow

89 Northern Ave E

P6B 4H5

[REDACTED]

Malcolm White

From: Neil Garrow [REDACTED]
Sent: February 11, 2012 4:36 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso
Subject: Grotto, jobs and loss of jobs

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Much has been made of the tourism jobs that would be associated with the grotto. However, the perception is that this is an Italian (Sarlo) initiative and the reality is that most councillors are Italian. When the backlash comes, Italian businesses will feel the brunt and guess who will be blamed? Has it ever happened before that all 12 councillors and the Mayor were not re-elected at the same time?

From: Neil Garrow [REDACTED]
Sent: February 11, 2012 4:00 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso
Subject: Grotto

Good afternoon Mayor Debbie,

I was suprised to see the Grotto back on your calendar since I thought that you had referred it over to the Parks Committee to be buried under a ton of red tape for many years to come.

This is a very divisive no matter how the proponents may want to portray it.

My previous advice to you was to distance yourself and

council from this issue. I hope for your sake that you & your advisor(s) are wiser than I am.

Kind regards,

Neil G.

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Kim Vaudry

From: Neil Garrow [REDACTED]
Sent: February 12, 2012 1:58 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto submission

Grotto - The Italian Connection
Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Good evening,

The perception among the public is that the Grotto is an Italian Affair since Mr. Sarlo who is spearheading the campaign is Italian and since many of the Council members are Italian.

If the proposal is passed there will be a backlash and many Italian establishments will be confronted with losses of revenues.

ALL city council members will be blamed by the various owners whose livelihoods are threatened.

Council will also have to deal with a smaller tax base.

I sincerely hope that you have thought of all of the ramifications and that you will vote judiciously.

Thank you and have a nice day!

Best wishes,

Neil Garrow.

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Kim Vaudry

From: City Webmaster
Sent: February 13, 2012 8:41 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: FW: Bellevue Park
Attachments: image001.png

This came in through our Webmaster account.

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From: Virginia M Gill [mailto:vmgill@rogers.com]
Sent: February 10, 2012 2:57 PM
To: City Webmaster
Subject: Bellevue Park

When I first heard about the planned Grotto, I was not bothered at all. I thought a place of quiet and contemplation would be nice. However, then I read that the plans called for 12 Virgin Mary statues and I was appalled. Talk about overkill.
What were the planners thinking?

I am now against using public lands for religious reasons. As a writer to the Sault Star said, next we will have every religion in Sault Ste. Marie wanting a grotto on public land at public expense.

Thank you.

Virginia Gill

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Malcolm White

From: Cheryl Gougeon
Sent: February 14, 2012 1:10 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso
Subject: Objection to Grotto in Bellevue Park

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Dear Mayor Amaroso,

I'm emailing to repeat my strong opposition to the building of "the proposed Grotto at Bellevue Park".

I sent emails in March 2011 and June 2011 stating this opposition.

My objection is based not only on the religious theme of the proposed Grotto.

I definitely don't believe that a structure representing a specific religion should be built in a public park.

However, I am also opposed to ANY structure, religious or otherwise, destroying the natural beauty of the area in question.

In a city which prides itself on being "Naturally Gifted", why would we destroy this one most naturally beautiful area in the central part of Sault Ste. Marie by erecting statues, concrete walls and artificial waterfalls?

If your vote is required, please do not support the building of the Grotto in Bellevue Park!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gougeon

Malcolm White

From: Kim Vaudry on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: February 10, 2012 1:16 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: FW: Bellevue Park Grotto

From: Jim Grant
Sent: February 10, 2012 12:54 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Brian Watkins
Subject: Bellevue Park Grotto

In my opinion, and that of everyone I have discussed the issue with, the proposed Roman Catholic Grotto has no place in Bellevue Park. The park is a non-denominational space that has nothing to do with any religion and should remain that way. The previous council erred significantly when it did not summarily dismiss the notion. The current council, hopefully, will give more heed to the wishes of the majority of the citizens; calling a referendum if necessary. The cost of such should be borne by the sponsors of the grotto if they are that serious about their proposal.

James H. Grant
86 Pageant Dr.
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
P6B 5J9

Kim Vaudry

From: Jean Harnden •
Sent: February 10, 2012 4:20 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso; Pat Mick; Brian Watkins; City Clerk
Subject: Fw: grotto

Dear Mayor Amaroso et al:

Just to make sure our objections are received by you -- and are noted.

My husband and I are both absolutely opposed to any religious symbols being erected in Bellevue Park.

A grotto as purposed, with a bunch of virgin Marys is absolutely a religious intrusion in our public space.
Space that we pay for with our taxes.

Even if it is labeled "Historical" -- it is still Catholic - religious -- and as such is totally unacceptable.

respectfully:

Jean Harnden
Vern Harnden
78 Primrose Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Malcolm White

From: Ken Hayes-Sheen
Sent: February 08, 2012 11:10 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: FYI re discussion on proposed grotto

I am a very tolerant person of all faiths and feel this project should not go ahead until a complete complete review of public land policy and its use by churches or other causes is completed.

As a Christian I feel many people and groups had a part in the fabric of this city's growth and history, and the group with the biggest financial backers should not "call the shots " on public land, how would the Catholic church feel if other backers wanted something celebrating any other religion that opposed their teachings, on prime public property.

This should have been a ballot issue, and as a non Catholic I resent the fact this is even open for discussion on public land, I say put it up by the cross by St Basils on "Private land " it overlooks the entire city and the river, if the cross is a true draw then the tourists will find a Grotto on the hill through advertising.

Below are examples of other grotto projects to give an example of their potential size, location, and popularity

Tower of History Sault Ste Marie Michigan



This monument was built in by Catholic Bishops in 1968 in hopes of attracting more constituents to the congregation. It was intended to be a Shrine to the Missionaries, but that program of having a large complex was canceled and in 1980, this concrete structure was given to the city. It is 210 feet high and has a panorama said to be able to see for 20 miles in all directions. There is a secondary overview area a bit further down from the top. A film inside is of poor to fair quality, and the museum is mostly a joke.

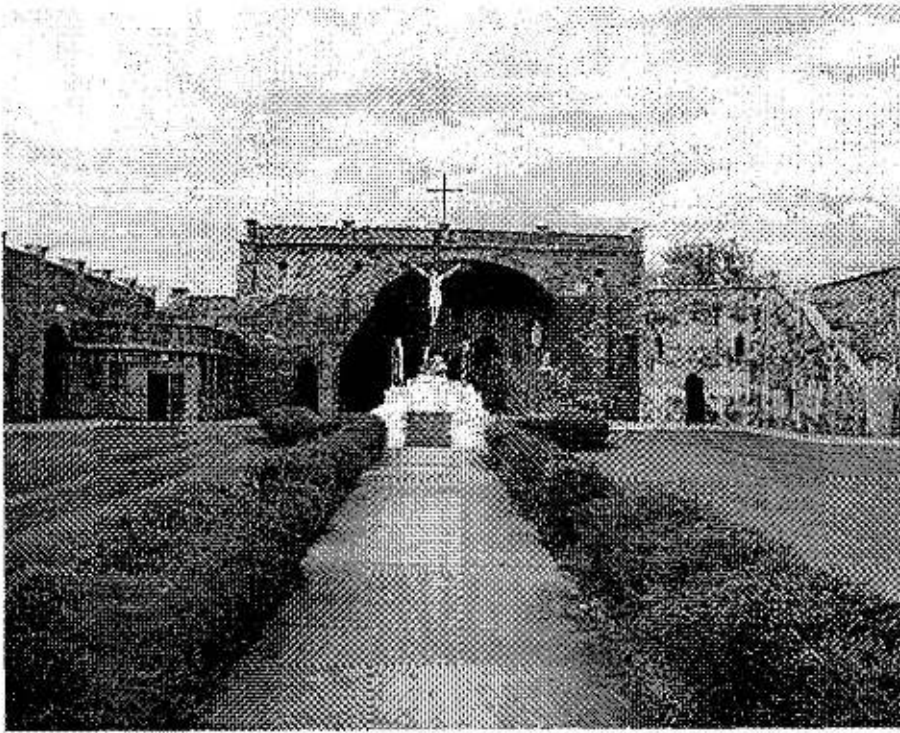
Open from mid May to Mid October, and 9-6 daily. The cost of \$6.50 is a rip off for the 15 minute viewing. Combined ticket can be obtained to also see the close by Valley Camp Ship museum.

Read more:

http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/North_America/United_States_of_America/Michigan/Sault_Ste_Marie-811394/Things_To_Do-Sault_Ste_Marie-TG-C-1.html#ixzz1lqcqZYQy

1954 – Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes, Cook's Creek, Manitoba

Architects: Fr. Philip Ruh



Begun in 1954 by Father Philip Ruh, the Grotto is both a religious centre in its own right, and a tourist attraction during the summer months. Ruh saw it as a logical setting for what he envisioned as a spiritual nucleus for Catholics in Canada.

In appearance, the Grotto resembles a ruined castle with a large central cave. Built of steel rods and cement, the gray arches are rendered to resemble rock. The interior "caves" contain the Stations of the Cross. There are two ramps, one on the north and one on the south, which lead to the elevated levels of the structure. The higher levels which both provide a prominent view of the grounds and the surrounding prairies.

When Father Ruh designed the Grotto in 1954, he was seventy years old. He died in 1962 before it was completed. Although he had produced many architectural drawings for his churches, he never put his final design for the grotto on paper. It was completed after his death to what was thought to be his design. But no-one can really be sure what he intended.

Read more on: <http://archiseek.com/2010/1954-grotto-of-our-lady-of-lourdes-cooks-creek-manitoba/>

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Malcolm White

From:
Sent: February 08, 2012 12:55 PM
To: Terry Sheehan; S.Meyers; Steve Butland; Rick Niro; Pat Mick; Paul Christian; Lou Turco; Joe Krmpotich; Brian Watkins; Marchy Bruni; Frank Fata; Mayor Amaroso
Subject: Grotto
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Just a quick note to inform you of my opposition to the "GROTTO" being constucted on public property.

I don't think that we should start having religious shrines to any one religion as this will only open the door to other religions /sects /cults and any one else who thinks their beliefs should recognized and should be given the same rights as the catholic church. I'm sure the catholic churches in this city have enough property of their own to find the land to build their Grotto.

Thank You Harold &Particia Hordeychuk..

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Malcolm White

From: Tony Iacoe
Sent: February 11, 2012 9:37 PM
To: Rick Niro; Lou Turco; Mayor Amaroso
Subject: Proposed Grotto

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To: Mayor Amaroso
Counselor Niro
Counselor Turco

Re: Proposed Grotto

I would like to forward my comments on the proposed grotto dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

I have lived in Sault Ste. Marie all my life. I completed my schooling here and this is where my wife and I chose to stay and raise a family. I was raised Roman Catholic by devoted Italian parents. I attended schools in the Catholic School Board as my daughter does today. Both my wife and I graduated from St. Mary's College.

As much as my upbringing should add my support to this issue, I do NOT believe Bellevue Park is the proper location for this shrine.

Sault Ste. Marie needs a continuous influx of immigrants looking for sustainable employment, affordable but valuable housing, safe neighbourhoods, excellent schools and freedom to ADD their cultures and religions to this city. These are all the reasons my parents and thousands of other Italian immigrants settled in this area. Bellevue Park has always been place for ALL citizens of this city.

I would like to suggest to the generous parties offering to construct this shrine, that they choose another historic site, the hill top behind St. Basil's High school, beneath the lighted cross.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinions and I know City Council will do what is right for all citizens.

Sincerely,

Tony Iacoe
246 Reid Street

Malcolm White

From: Norman R. Jaehrling
Sent: February 11, 2012 10:07 PM
To: Steve Butland
Cc: 'Frank Sarlo'; Mayor Amaroso; Paul Christian
Subject: RE: Grotto

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Hello folks and thank you Mayor for bringing this matter to a decision.

I am sharing the message that Pam and I sent went this matter first went to public debate last year.

Our sentiments remain firm – the grotto will be a beautiful place of solitude and inspiration that presents a potential for not only personal reflection and peace, but a unique opportunity to celebrate our diverse history and spiritual foundation.

Please count our voices as being in support of this inspired proposal to enhance our community.

Thank you,
 Pam and Norm Jaehrling
 15 River Road
 Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

From: Norman R. Jaehrling
Sent: June-17-11 7:35 AM
To: 's.butland@cityssm.on.ca'
Cc: 'Frank Sarlo'; 'mayor.amaroso@cityssm.on.ca'; 'p.christian@cityssm.on.ca'
Subject: Grotto
Importance: High

Hi Steve.

I wanted to add my voice to the dialogue concerning the proposed Grotto at Bellevue Park.

I have the pleasure of knowing Frank Sarlo and I was absolutely thrilled when he first shared his vision for this initiative with me a number of months back. We had an opportunity to walk the site together and I found the vision and the place to be both inspiring and exciting.

From the outset and still today, I am clear in my understanding that this Grotto is not intended to be a monument to a particular religion, but rather a peaceful beautiful place where our residents and visitors can contemplate their faith and the magnificent history of our City and the river that once sustained us.

As citizens, we applaud the efforts of Mr. Sarlo to create such a unique enhancement to our Community. In this crazy pace of life, we welcome the creation of a public place dedicated to peace and solitude, especially one that brings together history, nature and faith, however one defines and practices the latter.

As development professionals, we are aware of the potential economic value that the Grotto might bring to our Community. Market research undertaken by the project's supporters confirms that a grotto holds the potential to become more than a local asset, but rather a regionally or nationally significant attraction that can make a significant contribution to our local tourism experience.

I note that some of those who have become vocal with their concern for this project appear to be fearful of precedent and consequences of permitting what they perceive to be a religious monument to exist within a public place; this is unfortunate. We need to look at our Grotto not as a place that is framed around a specific denomination, which is not, but rather a tranquil peace garden that celebrates our awareness, pride, understanding and gratitude of the source (however we might define this) who created, explored, envisioned, built and sustained the people and the place that we now call Sault Ste. Marie.

Pam and I are happy to add our names to the list of supporters for this inspired initiative. We urge the Council to stand by its decision to grant access to the site within Bellevue Park and permit this wonderful vision to take on physical form.

Thanks so much for your leadership in facilitating dialogue on this important matter.

Thanks and cheers,

Norm

Norman R. Jaehrling
15 River Road
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

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Malcolm White

From: Adam Kinnunen
Sent: February 14, 2012 4:30 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso; Rick Niro; Lou Turco
Subject: Questions about grotto

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Hello all,

I have a few questions and comments i would like feed back on regarding the grotto.

First, why is a religious monument being considered in a public park. It seems better suited to a church yard somewhere, or like the papers indicated possibility located on private property. Our public area should remain religious free, especially in one of our "center piece" parks. If i could receive a little feed back as to how this is being considered regarding the above concerns it would be appreciated.

Second, is concerning the financial aspects of this monument. I understand that the cost for construction is going to be fully covered by a third party. This i find acceptable, i an strongly against any civic money going towards the construction in anyway. Another aspect of the financials i haven't seen any information about is the maintenance of the monument. Is the "third party" that is covering the construction also going to cover the yearly maintenance, and how will the yearly maintenance budget be managed. I'm concerned that if the grotto gets built, in 10 years the financial backing for the maintenance will fall though and the tax payers will become responsible for those costs, costs accrued to people who might not have approved of it's construction in the first place.

Third, is financial planning for the eventual deconstruction being set aside in a similar fashion as above. This sounds like bad wording, but history shows that anything build will eventually be taken down or require significant reconstruction. So the same concerns as above, will future citizens of the soo be fiscally responsible for this sort of deconstruction or renovation.

The second and third concerns i have shouldn't have to be addressed because this construction shouldn't be taking place on publicly owned land. I have nothing against the construction if it takes place on private property or catholic church property, but i am strongly against this type religious construction on public lands.

I would like feed back from my two councilors and there opinions on these matters, and i would also like to know what the mayors thoughts are.

My biggest concern is that tax payer money will end up going to some aspect of this construction or maintenance after-the-fact.

Also why was the two year review of public land not done, it seems people are trying to side step proper course of action.

Thank you for your feed back, and i look forward to hearing my elected representatives opinions on these public matters.

Adam Kinnunen
Ward 4 home owner.

Malcolm White

From: Renee Wysynski on behalf of Mayor Amaroso
Sent: February 13, 2012 12:41 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: FW: Grotto

From: Alfred Johns [
Sent: February 07, 2012 3:25 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso
Subject: Grotto

Dear Mayor Amaroso ,

I am writing to express my opposition to public lands being used to build a grotto for a religious organization, sect or denomination. I would oppose this no matter which organization asks for it. I believe that the state, in our muliti-cultural society, must not seem to favour one religion over another no matter how powerful or sincere are the people making the request.

It is time for members of city coucil to act as statesmen, not politicians. (I realise that statesmen is a gender specific word but I can't think of another of similar nuance to substitute. People of any gender can be statesmen.)

In the next election I will be voting for statesmen.

Yours sincerely,

Alfred T. Johns
44 Caesar Road
Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Malcolm White

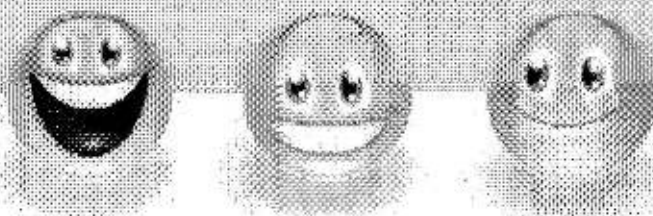
From: Joe Krmpotich
Sent: February 13, 2012 9:41 PM
To: Jenny
Cc: Malcolm White
Subject: RE: grotto

Hi Jenny, thanks for your input regarding the Grotto. I appreciate your comments and take them seriously. I'll forward your email to the City Clerks Office where we are compiling all the information submitted regarding the Grotto. Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe Krmpotich
 City Councillor Ward Six
 5 Winfield Drive
 Sault Ste. Marie P6C 2N2
 Home: 705-949-1321
 Cell: 705-542-6835

From: Jenny
Sent: Mon 13/02/2012 5:06 PM
To: Joe Krmpotich
Subject: Re: grotto



Dear Councilor Krmpotich,

I am writing to say I am not in favor of a grotto anywhere in the city of Sault Ste. Marie. There are several reasons but I am writing you with my main concerns. There are many more projects that need to be dealt with here in the city, one being the condition of our city roads. The lines and arrows are barely visible and they are full of cracks and potholes. (we just paid 800.00 to get the struts and 2 broken springs fixed on the car). Then there is the cost of the grotto. Where does the city propose to get the money for this? From all taxpayers of different religions when some don't have the same religious beliefs? Will we have the man power and money to police the site for vandalism and clean up?

Council raised user fees but want to spend thousands on a grotto? Can't get any more from the taxpayer, let's nickle and dime the kids for skating and swimming.

Then there is the question of 9 marble statues to the "virgin Mary". Nine, no less? Even if I did believe in erecting a statue whether it be Buddha, Jesus or Zeus isn't that overkill?

And while I don't wish to get into the religious aspect of it for people who know their bible Jesus said in John 14:6, "No one comes to the Father except through me". So praying to Mary is a waist of time. But the most important is Exodus 20:4,5 which is the fourth of the ten commandments "you must not make for yourself a carved image of a form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is in the waters under the earth. You must not bow down to them". Isn't that what religious institutions are for?

The best thing the city has every done as far as I'm concerned it erecting the boardwalk. It's lovely on a warm day and evening when the lights from both Saults dance on the water.

As a taxpayer I hope that our civil servants who are paid by the people will hear the voices of everyone concerned, not just a religious sect of people.

Oh, and do I think it will draw tourists? No! I can't imaging anyone from several miles away saying let's go to Sault Ste. Marie and visit the grotto. In this case religion and politics should be kept separate.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
J. LaBerge
Chestnut St.

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Kim Vaudry

From: [redacted]@gmail.com on behalf of Tina Laitinen
Sent: February 13, 2012 2:08 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto

Dear City Councillors,

I am writing you this letter in hopes that something can be done for the children of the Sault and their parents. Having lived in Owen Sound two years ago and coming back to the Sault after a 7 years. I miss the splash pads that I visited while I was living there.

In the surrounding areas of Owen Sound the smaller towns and villages have splash pads for the kids. Being that my little guy wasn't old enough to enjoy one when we had him in Owen Sound made me realize that the Sault could really use a Splash pad instead of a grotto. I understand the need for the grotto being from a Roman Catholic family, but I do think that for tourism sake and the sake of families coming home to visit or stay from Southern Ontario might benefit more from a splash pad then a grotto. There is not much free in the Sault for families to do with little kids ages 6 and under. The splash pad in Barrie Ontario when I was there everyone was enjoying it young and old.

A splash pad wouldn't cost much and the city might benefit from the help of the Art Gallery of Algoma to put it together. It could be an art sculpture that happens to be functional at the same time.
Thank you for your time and consideration,

Christine (Tina) Laitinen
25 Laurentian Dr

Kim Vaudry

From: Rob Latulippe <
Sent: February 11, 2012 7:21 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto

To whom it may concern:

I won't make this a long drawn out explanation as I would imagine enough emails are coming in on this subject.

I am strongly against this grotto being placed in the middle of Bellevue Park. A park is a public place, for people from faiths and walks of life to attend with their family. We should have not a religious monument jammed in our faces while attending that location. I am a person of no faith, and it would not matter to me what religion the grotto represented. I would still be 100% against it.

I am sure the Church's in the this city have enough land where this could be placed. A religious moment near a church, that makes sense. A religious monument where children play, dogs are walked, and families spend time together. That doesn't seem logical at all.

Thank you,

Rob Latulippe
118 Biggings Ave
Sault Ste Marie, ON P6A 3T9

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Malcolm White

From: Kim Vaudry on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: February 10, 2012 12:32 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: FW: Grotto at Bellevue Park

From: pat leahy [mailto:pat.leahy@cityofsaultste.com]
Sent: February 10, 2012 12:29 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto at Bellevue Park

Members of Sault Ste. Marie City Council,

Much as we admire Frank Sarlo's initiative in developing a plan to honour the history of Sault Ste Marie by planning to build a grotto at Bellevue Park, we do not feel it is the appropriate setting for this. This park should remain as a place which all citizens of Sault Ste. Marie may use for recreation.

Ted an Pat Leahy, 24 Village Court, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6B 6J8

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Malcolm White

From: Nancy Logan < >
Sent: February 13, 2012 5:25 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso
Cc: Terry Sheehan; Susan Myers
Subject: grotto

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I believe that it is totally inappropriate to locate a religious grotto in a public park. Any such structure should be put on church property. I was not one of the thousand people who filled in the ratepayers survey, but I would draw your attention to its results and hope that all council members respect the opinions expressed there and vote against the location of a grotto in Bellevue Park.

Sincerely, Nancy Logan. 53 Riverview Ave.

Kim Vaudry

From: m.white@cityssm.on.ca
Sent: February 16, 2012 9:02 AM
To: Kim Vaudry
Subject: Fw: Grotto

Sent wirelessly from my BlackBerry device on the Bell network.

From: <p.mick@cityssm.on.ca>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2012 04:03:33 +0000
To: <m.white@cityssm.on.ca>
ReplyTo: <p.mick@cityssm.on.ca>
Subject: Fw: Grotto

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From: betts mackenzie
Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2012 20:50:03 -0400
To: <p.mick@cityssm.on.ca>
Subject: Grotto

Dear Counsellor Mick

As a resident of your ward my husband and I would like you to know that we are firmly against the construction of the proposed grotto in Belview Park. I would agree to having the structure built on one of the islands in the Ste. Marie River at the site of the rapids or close to the board walk past the Station Mall. Sorry I don't recall the name of this parcel of land but I understand that this area has been considered for several projects and the grotto could be a good fit coupled with the historic significance of the river, rapids,

Thank you for your time and attention

Betts and Laurie Mackenzie
124 Panoramic Drive

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Kim Vaudry

From: Harold McCarthy
Sent: February 12, 2012 4:13 PM
To: Debbie Amaroso; Lou Turco; City Clerk; Rick Niro
Subject: Proposed Grotto Project.

I would like to add my voice to the issue of the grotto proposal for Bellevue Park. The project does look quite impressive and there may be a wish to have it constructed. Although it may have some historic ties I really do feel that this is not now or ever was an appropriate location for what is basically a religious oriented shrine. **I must strongly object to the location of the Grotto in Bellevue Park.** If we were to proceed with a venture of this nature where do you stop. The door should then be open for every religious and non-religious in organization within the city to request the construction of a similar shrine. If the city itself were to construct a monument looking at our history and Colonel Prince as a centre piece it would be worth revisiting. In the meantime I hope the issues dies without your support.

Harold McCarthy
571 North Street #27
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

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Malcolm White

From: Jacob Maybe
Sent: February 09, 2012 11:13 AM
To: Mayor Amaroso; Renee Wysynski; Steve Butland; Paul Christian; Terry Sheehan; Susan Myers; Pat Mick; Brian Watkins; Rick Niro; Lou Turco; Marchy Bruni; Frank Fata; Joe Krmpotich
Subject: No to Grotto. (Ethical and financial concerns.)

Good morning,

I'm sure you're all very busy, so I'll avoid extended sermonizing. I am opposed to the grotto proposal, primarily on ethical and financial grounds. I believe religious monuments should not be publicly hosted or funded, regardless of precedent, and regardless of which religions are in question. I believe the claims made about religious tourism are deluded at best and an unethical manipulation of statistics at worst. I am doubtful that construction and maintenance would not, at some point, involve public funds.

I think this is my favourite comment on the proposal: "Wow, that looks like an awesome place for teenagers to do drugs!" (Source not named, for obvious reasons.)

The three voting-age adults of my household all share these beliefs.

Best regards,
Jacob McEachern
51 Broadview Drive

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Kim Vaudry

From: Pat-Burton
Sent: February 13, 2012 10:24 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Fw: Grotto in Bellevue Park

----- Original Message -----

From: Pat-Burton
To: mayor.amaroso@cityssm.on.ca ; s.butland@cityssm.on.ca ; p.christian@cityssm.on.ca ; t.sheen@cityssm.on.ca ; s.myers@cityssm.on.ca ; b.watkins@cityssm.on.ca ; r.niro@cityssm.on.ca ; l.turco@cityssm.on.ca ; m.bruni@cityssm.on.ca ; f.fata@cityssm.on.ca ; j.krmpotich@cityssm.on.ca
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 10:22 AM
Subject: Grotto in Bellevue Park

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am sending this letter to express my deep reservations about the proposed religious grotto that is to be built on Prince Island in Bellevue Park.

Bellevue Park is a public park and I do not believe that a religious shrine should be built on public land. There are many other religions practiced in Sault Ste. Marie other than Catholicism. If this shrine is allowed to be built on public land, I can only assume that other religious groups could do the same as a precedent will have been set.

If the city council agrees to the building of the shrine, I am wondering if the maintenance of the structure would be done with taxpayers money? If so, as a taxpayer I would not appreciate this.

If Mr. Sarlo's group wishes to have a religious shrine, I suggest that they use one of the many Catholic properties in Sault Ste. Marie, not a public park.

These two definitions are from The Oxford English Reference Dictionary (second edition 1996)

Grotto: 1 a small picturesque cave. 2 an artificial ornamental cave.

Shrine: 1 esp. RC Ch. a a chapel, church, altar, etc., sacred to a saint, holy person, relic, etc. b the tomb of a saint etc. c a casket esp. containing sacred relics; a reliquary. d a niche containing a holy statue etc. 2 a place associated with or containing memorabilia of a particular person, event, etc. 3 a Shinto place of worship.

I believe what is being proposed is a religious shrine not a grotto.

Thank you for your attention.

Patricia Mclary
377 Wilson Street.

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Malcolm White

From: p.mick@cityssm.on.ca
Sent: February 10, 2012 1:49 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: Fw: Grotto

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From: ·
Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2012 20:51:18 -0500
To: <p.mick@cityssm.on.ca>
ReplyTo:
Subject: Grotto

Hi Pat,

My husband (Donald W. Redmond) and I are voters in your district and have always voted for you.

We would like you to know that we are definitely OPPOSED to the religious grotto being placed at Bellvue Park. We strongly believe that should ANY religious group desire a grotto they should have it built on private/ church property and not on public property – especially in a public park where residents and visitors of all religions and non-religion attend.

I believe a recent newspaper article indicated the space they expect the grotto to take. This is not the point. Multiply this area by the number of religions practiced in this city, and a small space becomes a much larger space. And let's be fair.... if one religious group can have a grotto in the park, then every religious group should also have the option to do the same.

Do we really want our lovely, green space at Bellvue Park taken up with numerous grottos/ shrines? My husband and I do not believe so.

Please vote against this proposal.

Jeanette Meunier
504 - 36 Boehmer Blvd.
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 5B8

Kim Vaudry

From: Diane M
Sent: February 12, 2012 9:14 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto

Hello,

I oppose the idea of having the grotto placed in a public park. I do support religious freedom but religious symbols belong on the property of the corresponding religion not on publicly funded land. Constructing the grotto on the city land does not support the charter of freedom and rights of religious freedom in Canada, as it only supports one religion. Please do not support the placing the grotto on city land.

Regards,

Diane Mohammadi
616 Old Garden River Rd
Sault Ste Marie

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Malcolm White

From: p.mick@cityssm.on.ca
Sent: February 10, 2012 1:48 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: Fw: please do not approve the grotto

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From: gene monin
Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2012 04:24:17 -0800
To: p.mick@cityssm.on.ca<p.mick@cityssm.on.ca>
ReplyTo: gene monin <adios43@yahoo.com>
Subject: please do not approve the grotto

Gene Monin
1626 Queen St East
Sault Ste Marie, ONTARIO
CANADA P6A 2G7

Malcolm White

From: Renee Wysynski on behalf of Mayor Amaroso
Sent: February 13, 2012 12:35 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: FW: grotto

-----Original Message-----

From: Cheryl Montgomery
Sent: February 05, 2012 11:07 AM
To: Renee Wysynski
Subject: grotto

122 Lake Street
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 4A7
February 5, 2012

Dear Mayor and City Councillors;

I understand that, contrary to a previous decision to await results of a study of city parks, you will be addressing the proposal re: the "religious-historical" statuary site to be erected by a private citizen group on Prince Island in Bellevue Park.

Prince Island is an historic site, containing the last resting place of John Prince, first Algoma judge, and a tether for a type of balloon used for defensive purposes in World War II. The proposed grotto project would be extremely intrusive and distasteful.

Sault Ste. Marie has little enough green waterfront parkland. Prince Island is well-used as it is. People enjoy and appreciate the natural aspects of Bellevue Park which are available to all citizens at no cost. As you know, the proposed grotto project is seen by many citizens as undeniably suiting the religious interests of a certain group. Public parkland should be free of such associations. No denominational religious structures belong there. Private or church-owned land would be appropriate.

City Council must be aware that there is considerable interest in public park use, and thus should be aware of the need for transparency and public awareness of any projects concerning use, including rental, of public property. It seems obvious that City Councillors and Staff should ensure that such awareness and opportunity for public input in decisions concerning use of parkland occur in future.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Montgomery

Kim Vaudry

From: Moss <c
Sent: February 13, 2012 4:28 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso; sbutland@cityssm.on.ca; Paul Christian; Terry Sheehan; Susan Myers; Pat Mick; Brian Watkins; r.niro@cityssm.on; Lou Turco; Marchy Bruni; Frank Fata; Joe Krmpotich; City Clerk
Subject: GROTTTO BELLVUE PARK

I am sending this email to express my disagreement re: the proposed structure of a grotto on Prince Island.

Mr. Sarlo and his financial backers have used history, to justify the erection of this obstructive, overtly Roman Catholic, high maintenance structure in a public park. Bellevue Park has a history of it's own, long after the French explorers...look it up.

He seems to have publicly backed off. However, I have concerns that there is a lot of "behind closed doors" pressure being put on my city council. As a lifelong Saultite here is a little pressure of my own.

There should not be a religious monument or permanent gathering place of any faith in Bellevue Park.

The figure published about the small percentage of the overall area of the park taken up by the grotto is true....but it will take a huge chunk out of Prince Island. Let's have that percentage published.

Prince Island is a unique spot in our park and city....you can walk the entire circumference and see water and wonderful views all around...you can stand or sit at ground level right on the waters edge. None of this needs to be framed through the openings in a wall ...as described by the architects.

In the 1950's the city put a stop to bible thumping , megaphone toting preachers, and their followers taking over picnic areas of the park on Sundays. This proposed grotto is every bit as intrusive. Put a stop to it.

A big tourist attraction....really...get a grip! I can, however, foresee the local faithful gathering for prayers and special vigils. How long before they complain about noisy children, people walking and running about where they pray? How will they feel about someone feeding the seagulls there? How long before the City Parks Board decides to close it off to the general public as open park space?

The Roman Catholic Diocese has more than enough vacant property now and in the near future to erect this grotto.

I expect and demand that Bellevue Park remain a public space ..free of any religious influence.

Sincerely,

Maureen Linda Moss

55 Glen Ave.

Sault Ste. Marie, ON

P6A 5V1

Malcolm White

From: Doug Offord
Sent: February 10, 2012 3:39 PM
To: Susan Myers; Terry Sheehan; Mayor Amaroso
Subject: Grott Input for February Council Meeting

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Dear Mayor Amaroso, Susan Myers, Terry Sheehan:

As a resident of Ward 2, I am absolutely and emphatically opposed to using our public land (Bellevue Park) for the erection of religious structures such as the St. Mary Grotto, or any other religious installation(s) of any religion whatsoever. This item has been a total waste of Council's and the public's time and money.

I would like to know why we have not been provided with the results of City Council's legal findings on the subject, especially with respect to the Charter of Rights. We have been asked to submit our opinions by means of a poll established by Council, without being made privy to all the facts. Please publish the legal findings prior to the Council meeting, otherwise this whole exercise could be considered a fait accompli farce.

Sincerely
Doug Offord

Malcolm White

From: Ruth Olar
Sent: February 12, 2012 8:49 AM
To: Mayor Amaroso
Subject: The Grotto

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To whom it may concern.....as a taxpayer for the last 53 years.....I would like to make it known, I am against the grotto in public land re: Belleview Park. I believe this should never have come up at council meeting. I feel it is one religion against another. But my greatest fear is....it will turn out like the "English Only fiasco".

George and Ruth Olar

54 Lasalle crt.

SSM, ON

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Kim Vaudry

From: Suzanne Olsen
Sent: February 10, 2012 2:19 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Re Grotto

I am not an practicing catholic but the idea of a grotto as a quiet place for anyone to go is a good one. It will bring good people to the Sault and anyone that doesn't want to go there can avoid it because of the location. The park is for all and is grossly unused as I walk there in the summer. Also I would hope that the city is looking into topsail Island as a dog park during certain hours as it is used as such illegally now..
Thank you

--
Suzanne Olsen

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Malcolm White

From: Ostroski, Jack
Sent: February 14, 2012 11:20 AM
To: Steve Butland; Paul Christian; Terry Sheehan; Susan Myers; Pat Mick; Brian Watkins; Rick Niro; Lou Turco; Marchy Bruni; Frank Fata; Joe Krmpotich; Mayor Amaroso
Cc: Malcolm White; j.fratesi (Internet); lonnie.ostroski@ontario.ca
Subject: Grotto

Hello

I believe the grotto issue should not be revisited or even be denied. I have reviewed all council notes and Mr. Sarlo's presentation to city council on September 13, 2010. The information provided by Tourism Sault Ste. Marie on Religious Tourism and Mr. Sarlo's presentation all talk to the point of the grotto having significant religious elements to it. To say the previous council was unaware would be a falsehood. Seven of the present councillors were in attendance at the September meeting, there was no recorded vote but on the other hand none was called and no opposition to this Grotto was recorded in the minutes. The motion as you are aware was moved by councillor's Mick and Turco. City staff supported it as it met all the criteria for Bellvue park and the only caveat was there had to be a maintenance agreement in place, nowhere does it say it has to fit into a revised master plan for parks. So the only problem I can see if another religious group comes forward you are legally obligated to deal with their request, if that is true deal with it when it comes forward, how many requests by other religious groups are in front of council? I believe revisiting motions that other councils have passed is dangerous and sets a bad precedent. One last question I believe you should ask yourselves is how many of you ran on the platform that you were going to revisit and deny the Grotto going into Bellvue Park. If you do turn down the Grotto and I believe you shouldn't I think city council is legally if not morally obligated to reimburse Mr. Sarlo for his time and expense that he has dedicated to this project since time the last council approved it.

Jack Ostroski
260 Parkland Cr.

Kim Vaudry

From:
Sent: February 10, 2012 6:51 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto at Bellevue Park

I am a resident of Sault Ste. Marie living in Ward 3. I have been a resident of the city since 1984.

I am against having a religious grotto, or any other kind of religious artifact, on city park lands.

Once started in this direction, there is no telling where it would stop.

Further, if city residents want to join together to put up a religious structure, they should acquire their own site for it, or use existing religious property.

K. Oswald
Millcreek Drive
Sault Ste. Marie

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Malcolm White

From: John Pearson
Sent: February 10, 2012 2:27 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso
Subject: grotto

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Mayor Amaroso, This is a copy of my letter to the Members of Council:

Letter to Council Member Susan Myers and all other Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to express ourselves re the grotto and special thanks to Ms. Myers who keeps us informed by email.

I was appalled when the grotto project was presented to council and passed in principle in the first place with little or no prior publicity. If the lack of public information prior to that was not deliberate on Mr. Sarlo's part, it certainly appeared to be. I strongly believe that he is too smart not to publicize a project and get as much support behind it as possible so it appears that he tried very hard not to inform the general public. The whole project has an atmosphere of non-transparency. Mr. Sarlo's comments about the relative size of the grotto to the whole park are meaningless because its footprint is relatively small compared to its substantial visual impact.

I attended and spoke at the public meeting in June. Mr. Steve Butland chaired the meeting and made a valiant effort to control Mr. Sarlo who could only be called "a bully". He would not wrap up his talk when asked, he interrupted speakers with rhetorical questions and comments after we had fairly patiently listened to him for far longer than his allotted time. One of my main concerns at that time was Mr. Sarlo handing out information sheets in the council chambers for his supporters to sign. I say "his supporters" because he refused to give me one. I don't know if or how he knew my position re the grotto at that time. I asked the lady behind me if I could look at hers and saw what appeared to be a way to arrive at the number of people present who supported the project. On my turn at the podium, when I asked how many people in the chambers that night had not even seen this sheet of paper, many more than half put up their hands. I took from this that the minority supporting the grotto had a countable number but the majority was made up of many more who did not support it.

I grew up in Stratford, Ontario where Queen's Park and the Avon River have deliberately been kept free of commerce. I believe the only business on the waterfront is the canoe rental which was there long before I was born in 1945. My relatives there (of various religions) are dumbfounded that anyone would even ask to build a grotto in our main city park. In the over 50 years since the Stratford Shakespearean Festival began, there has continued a respect for the enjoyment of Queen's Park and the natural waterfront by people of all ages and walks of life. No one walking through the park is ever confronted by anything like this "How many statues did he say????".

Mr. Sarlo can say all he wants about the historical significance of the grotto. I refuse to be accused of "not respecting the history of Sault Ste. Marie" by expressing my unqualified disapproval of the grotto.

I don't feel the need to speak at the meeting on February 20 but I certainly will if Mr. Sarlo repeats his performance from the June meeting. I realize that was not a council meeting but a very appreciated and necessary chance for public input. Hopefully, I will listen and hear my opinions supported by councillors and others. Again, thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely, Lee Ann Pearson

My husband, John Pearson, has also read and approved this letter.

P.S. Following are some of the comments I made on the survey.

I thought I knew what a grotto was but I was picturing a small cave-like structure as I've seen elsewhere. What a surprise to find a grotto is a huge, invasive structure.....How many statues??????

I personally have no interest in a religious grotto anywhere in the city. That is not to say that I am against it going elsewhere if Mr. Sarlo decides to do that. The phrase "would you like to see it" leads me to think that my answer is "No" but I really don't care.

"A good tourism draw?"

Is the world's "tallest self-standing illuminated cross" a successful tourism draw? I went there once forty years ago when we first moved to town.

Malcolm White

From: Gayle Phillips
Sent: February 10, 2012 2:04 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: thoughts on Grotto

Why not consider helping two groups at the same time by amalgamating plans? For years now, a dedicated group of volunteers have tended the gardens at the base of the large cross on the hill. Why not add the grotto there? Not only does it fit nicely with the area and what it currently stands for, but it will also increase visitors to the area, and hopefully volunteers to police the area and keep it safe from vandalism. The cross, the peaceful garden AND the grotto would make a lovely destination for tourists and citizens alike for quiet contemplation and prayer.

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Kim Vaudry

From: Robert Piazza
Sent: February 09, 2012 7:04 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto

I think a Grotto is a bad idea. We can't keep the parts on the moose at the river front. Can you just imagine what would happen to the Grotto. I also think Religion should be practiced in the churches we have in our city and in the privacies of their homes.

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Kim Vaudry

From: Kris Pinkney
Sent: February 13, 2012 10:34 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto

To City Clerk Office,

I would like to formally state my opinion regarding the installation of a Grotto in the city's park(s). I am not in agreement with constructing any religious artifact in any public spaces and I therefore do not wish to see a grotto placed in the Bellvue Park in Sault Ste. Marie.

sincerely
Kristine Pinkney

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Kim Vaudry

From: Northern Lights
Sent: February 10, 2012 3:10 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto

I would like to suggest a suitable location for the grotto might be where the lit cross on top of St. Georges Hill where the French High School Notre Dame Des Grands Lacs is currently located.

Michel Poirier

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Kim Vaudry

From: Darrell Poliquin <
Sent: February 10, 2012 2:44 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Bellevue Grotto

The Catholic Church owns more land in Sault Ste Marie than any other business. Put the Grotto on one of their own properties like with the big cross or one of the properties they are closing and selling. Even if someone wants it on the river, then make arrangements with the right people and put it near the locks and rapids. Don't be cheap, buy a piece of the point at Whitefish Island and put it there. Bellevue is for everyone and I see this grotto as catholic belief based and not the beliefs of everyone else.

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Kim Vaudry

From:
Sent: February 11, 2012 10:39 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto in Belview Park

Re Grotto proposal in Bellview Park

Both my wife and myself would not approve of building a Grotto in Bellview Park. We are not opposed to the Grotto, but we think any religious symbols or displays should not be displayed on public property which would open the door to other such displays at the park or other public lands. We are not opposed to religion and do attend church so are not anti religion, but feel that it should not become part of politics which it has. Allowing it would just raise issue in the future and possibly conflicts which would be harmful to our City and image. ie: remember the French language debate.

Allan and Elvi Riutta

Malcolm White

From: Renee Wysynski on behalf of Mayor Amaroso
Sent: February 13, 2012 12:43 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: FW: Bellevue Park Grotto

-----Original Message-----

From: David Root [
Sent: February 07, 2012 5:34 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso; Rick Niro; Steve Butland; Susan Myers; Marchy Bruni; Lou Turco; Pat Mick; Terry Sheehan; Frank Fata; Paul Christian; Brian Watkins; Joe Krmpotich
Subject: Bellevue Park Grotto

Mayor and Council,

I want to again voice my opposition to the proposed "Grotto" at Bellevue Park.

I am concerned that this Grotto, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, is simply a monument to the Roman Catholic faith, and would be inappropriate in a city-owned park for that reason. If this was a more ecumenical installation, reflecting elements of other faith communities, I might be persuaded to support this project.

With the number of Roman Catholic churches that have closed over the past few years, there must be property owned by the Church which could be used for a Grotto such as has been proposed.

I feel that such a denomination-specific installation would be better located on land owned by that particular faith community, rather than in a City-owned park.

David Root
479 Old Garden River Road
Sault Ste Marie, ON

Kim Vaudry

From: Ron Ross <ron.ross@ssm.on.ca>
Sent: February 10, 2012 6:28 PM
To: Paul Christian; Steve Butland
Cc: City Clerk; mayor.amarosa@ssm.on.ca
Subject: Grotto at Bellevue Park

As I have stated before in a previous email when this issue came before the public, (June, 2011), I am decidedly opposed to the erection and design of the proposed Grotto as presented by Mr. F. Sarlo. My wife feels the same way as well.

With the design as presented, any historical significance is greatly overshadowed by the distinct religious tone, specific to one particular denomination. Really, the 12 (or so) smaller statues of the Virgin Mary say more about religious beliefs than they do about any historical reference(s).

As well, there is the legal aspect of allowing other religious denominations, or atheists or sects to represent their beliefs on public land. If it is okay for one then why not for all. Do we want this for public lands? I thought that in Canada there has always been a separation of state (government) and Church(religion), (with Quebec the possible exception).

The third point I'd like to make may not be as compelling, depending upon your sense of loyalty and respect. My understanding is that Col. John Prince donated this land to the city and is buried on the site. A Plaque marks the site. I don't think that "he" and his memory should have to share the site with another "historical" representation because some people more than 140 years later think it a good idea.

Mr. David Root, in his editorial of June 16, 2011, in Sootoday.ca sums it up best for me. He states:

"My suggestion is two-fold:

- 1) Either build it as designed but without the Catholic elements (the statue and the name); or,*
- 2) Find a more suitable location, perhaps on private, donated land, or land already owned by the Roman Catholic Church.*

If it is to be placed on public land, it needs to speak to all people, not just one segment of the community."

Lastly, I guess that my reaction is also somewhat based on my feeling of having my intelligence insulted by the suggestion that a "Grotto" consisting of a large statue of the Virgin Mary; of twelve smaller statues of the same; and a stained glass window from a former Catholic church, is as much about history than it is about religion. Really!

Thank You for taking the time to consider our thoughts on this issue.
 Ron Ross

Kim Vaudry

From: Sandra Rousseau
Sent: February 14, 2012 10:08 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto

I am not in favour of a Grotto at Bellevue Park because it is a public park. It is not appropriate for any religious symbols to be placed in any public place or property. If the Grotto is to be created, it should be placed on Roman Catholic property, not public property.

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Malcolm White

From: Marabeth Sharp <marabeth@cityssm.on.ca>
Sent: February 14, 2012 2:06 PM
To: Steve Butland; Paul Christian; Susan Myers; Terry Sheehan; Pat Mick; Brian Watkins; Rick Niro; Lou Turco; Marchy Bruni; Frank Fata; Joe Krmpotich
Cc: Mayor Amaroso; 'Daniel Sharp'
Subject: FW: Opposition to Bellvue Park Grotto and Pictures of Indian River Grotto
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Dear Members of Council, and Mayor Amaroso:

I am forwarding you a copy of the letter I sent in June 2011 voicing my opposition to the proposed grotto at Bellevue Park. I have also attached the pictures of the Grotto in Indian River which I was able to view personally in June. It is so tacky and offensive, and one can only learn from the past mistakes of others. My letter of opposition remains the same today. Please do not allow this disfigurement to our beautiful park. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Truly,

Marabeth Sharp C.A.

-----Original Message-----

From: Marabeth Sharp [mailto:marabeth@cityssm.on.ca]
Sent: June-13-11 1:21 PM
To: 'eilavirene@gmail.com'
Subject: FW: Opposition to Bellvue Park Grotto and Pictures of Indian River Grotto

-----Original Message-----

From: Marabeth Sharp [mailto:marabeth@cityssm.on.ca]
Sent: June-13-11 10:08 AM
To: 's.butland@cityssm.on.ca'; 'p.christian@cityssm.on.ca'; 's.myers@cityssm.on.ca'; 't.sheehan@cityssm.on.ca'; 'p.mick@cityssm.on.ca'; 'b.watkins@cityssm.on.ca'; 'r.niro@cityssm.on.ca'; 'l.turco@cityssm.on.ca'; 'm.bruni@cityssm.on.ca'; 'f.fata@cityssm.on.ca'; 'j.krmpotich@cityssm.on.ca'
Cc: 'Daniel Sharp'
Subject: Opposition to Bellvue Park Grotto and Pictures of Indian River Grotto

Dear councillors:

I am a member of Ward 1 and was horrified to hear of Frank Sarlo's proposal to disfigure our beautiful Bellevue Park. I am an active member of St. Andrew's United Church and do not base this opposition on religious reasons, but simply the fact that this park's tranquility and beauty should never be disturbed. I was actually in Indian River last week golfing, and was told to go and check out their famous "cross" and grotto that was recently mentioned in the Sault Star. I have attached pictures of this site, and I found it totally offensive, too large and very uncomfortable to view. They have massacred the grounds it sits on. I have attached these pictures and ask you how you could possibly think of allowing this monstrosity or anything similar? PLEASE reconsider this decision. Let Frank Sarlo find another site

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if he is so intent on building this. Our Bellevue park is a gem that need not be used as an excuse for tourism dollars. Find another site!

Your's truly,
Marabeth Sharp C.A.
1931 Queen St. East
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
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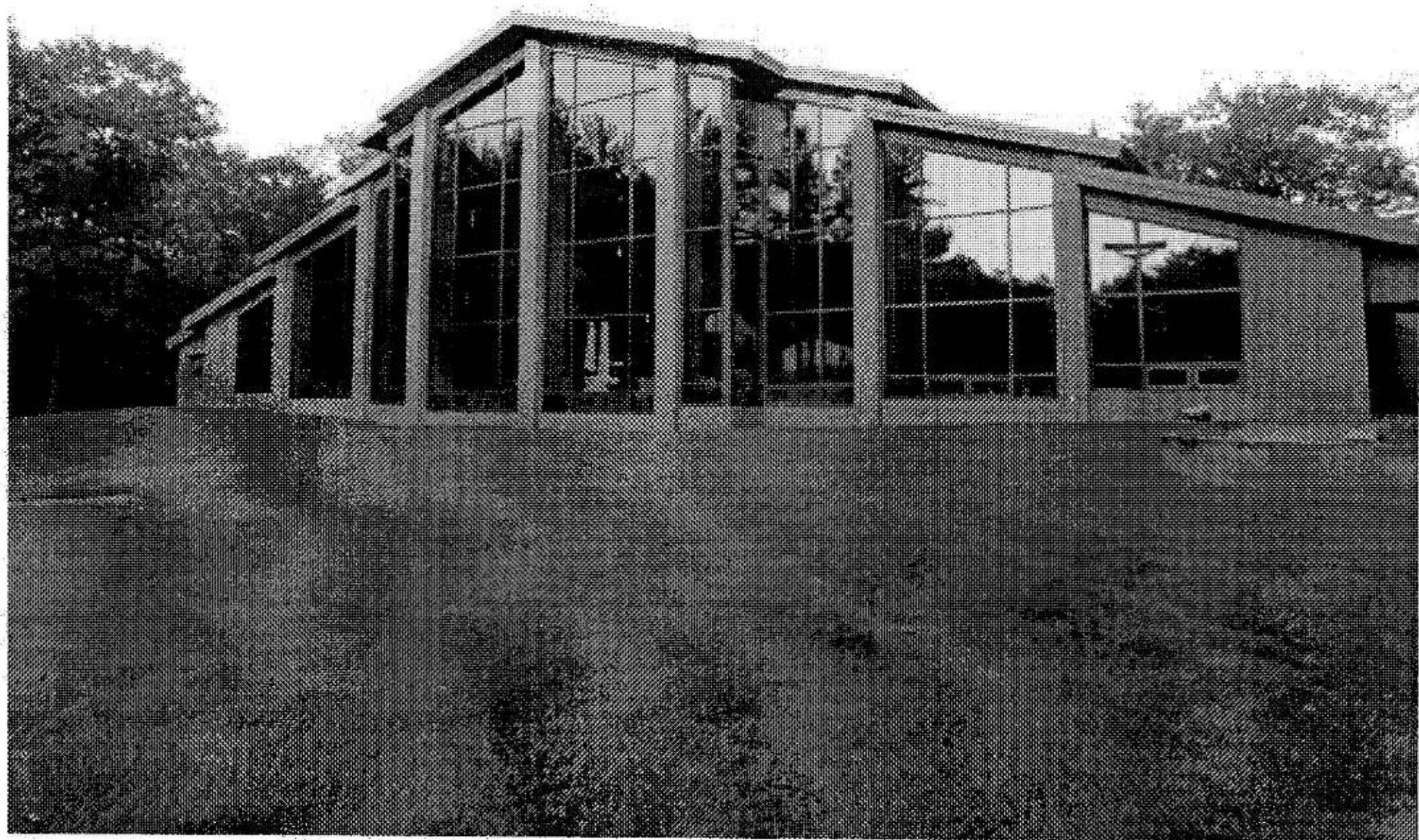
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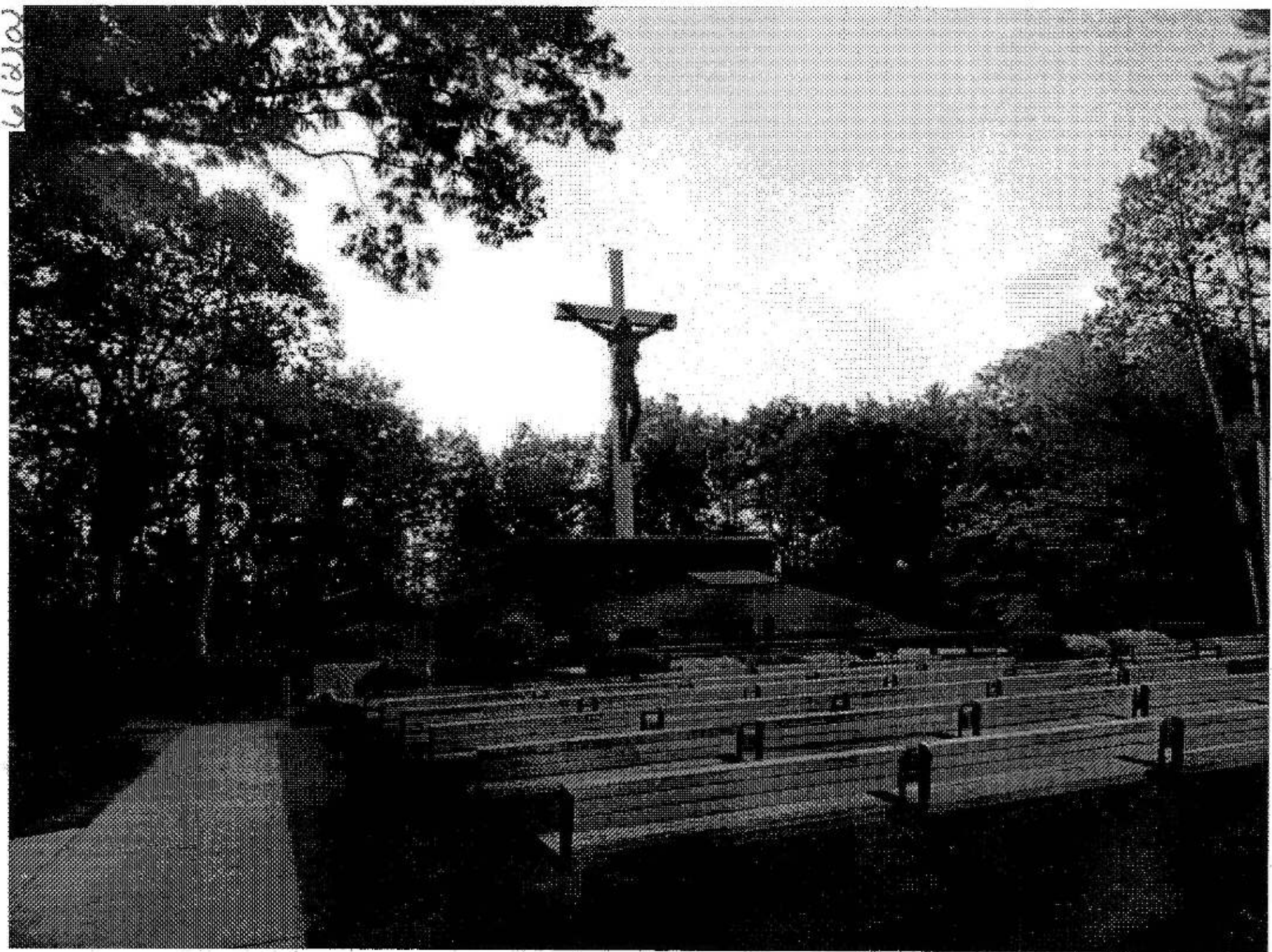
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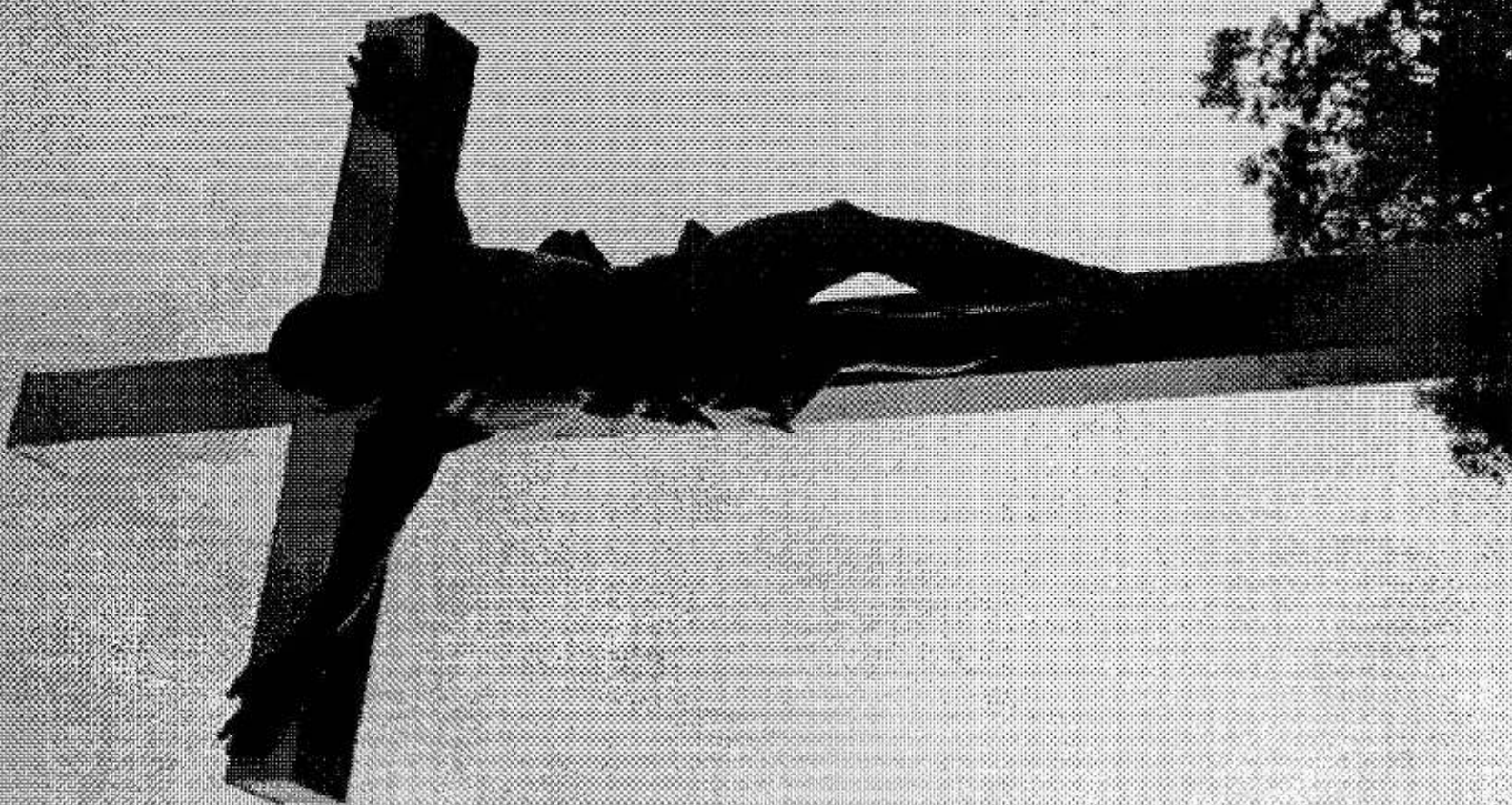




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Malcolm White

From: Eric Sillanpää
Sent: February 11, 2012 12:02 AM
To: Mayor Amaroso; Pat Mick; Brian Watkins
Subject: Grotto opinion

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Hi,

I believe that the Grotto would be a welcome asset to our city, however, I also believe it should **not be installed** on city property.

Eric Sillanpää
134 Pleasant Drive

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Malcolm White

From: Randy Sullivan <r
Sent: February 09, 2012 1:52 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso; Renee Wysynski; Steve Butland; zristian@cityssm.on.ca; Terry Sheehan; Susan Myers; Pat Mick; Brian Watkins; Rick Niro; Lou Turco; Marchy Bruni; Frank Fata; Joe Krmpotich
Subject: grotto

I'm against the idea of the grotto being built on city property. It is very bad politics to mix religion and government. It doesn't matter what kind of spin is put on the grotto, there will be a cost to the city. My tax bill is already too high.

Randy Sullivan, 21 year resident @

90 Chartell Dr.
SS Marie, On

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Kim Vaudry

From: Dave Tammi <
Sent: February 10, 2012 5:00 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Grotto Issue

Hi,

I learned many years ago that controversy in religion was not a topic that can be discussed rationally.

I personally do not believe in a god or any other superstition that was created to explain the unknown. In the same breath, I will also state that I fully support a person's right to have that belief and would not think the lesser of that person for doing so.

By the same token, I would expect people to respect my right to not believe.

So far, with the exception of some door-to-door advocates, that has been the case and we all live in harmony.

Now though, our council is using taxpayers money to attempt to create a religious monument on public land because it makes someone feel good. I know private money has been proposed to build and maintain this monument, but I don't believe the time being spent by council is being funded privately, and this I don't agree with.

As well, this monument goes against my beliefs and the thought of it makes me feel not well at all.

If this was a monument to Athena or one of the other mythological gods or goddesses, this issue would never have seen the light of day.

I urge council to put this matter to bed and let the churches handle religion for those that want it.

Dave Tammi
Pine Street

Malcolm White

From: Lianne Vipond <lianne.vipond@cityofchicago.org>
Sent: February 11, 2012 5:27 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso
Subject: Grotto

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Mayor Deb,

My husband and I live in Ward 2. My husband is opposed to any religious monument in the park.

I am opposed to this whole process. I was hoping there would be a legal leash-free dog park this summer for my two dogs. I was frustrated by the fact that Council decided to do a two-year park review when the grotto was brought forward, but I understood the need to update official plans and so on. Now I have gone from frustrated to pissed off! There is something really fishy afloat here! Why, all of a sudden, is the Grotto project being pushed through by two aldermen? Just because 2 aldermen get together and say, "hey let's push this through – the decision for a review is silly"? Why no public debate? Did the reason for the park review just disappear??? Does the work that has been completed so far on the review get thrown out? What happens next time two or more aldermen decide to go rogue??

If the grotto gets passed, does that mean the people planning the dog park can go ahead? I know they were all ready to work on a submission for the property beside the Humane Society when this review came up and put the whole idea on hold. We'd have a dog park by now. We have travelled extensively throughout the United States, and I can tell you, with authority, that more than 1/2 of people on vacations travel with pets. A dog park in a city is a good thing! A grotto? I don't know about that. I am not opposed to the idea itself.

As I said before, I am opposed and suspect of this turn around by Council.

Lianne Vipond
Woodward Ave.

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Malcolm White

From: Kim Vaudry on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: February 10, 2012 1:16 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: FW: Regarding the proposed grotto in Bellevue Park...

From: Martin Virta [mailto:mvirta@cityofbellevue.com]
Sent: February 10, 2012 12:57 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Regarding the proposed grotto in Bellevue Park...

Hello,

I strongly oppose the construction of this religious site on public property.

Bellevue Park should remain a place everyone can enjoy without the intrusion of someone else's religion.

- Martin Virta

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Malcolm White

From: p.mick@cityssm.on.ca
Sent: February 10, 2012 2:15 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: Fw: re Grotto

Sent wirelessly from my BlackBerry device on the Bell network.
Envoy sans fil par mon terminal mobile BlackBerry sur le rseau de Bell.

From: a w
Date: Thu, 26 Jan 2012 16:06:20 -0500
To: <p.mick@cityssm.on.ca>
Subject: re Grotto

Dear Ward 3 Coucillor:

We are definitely not in favor of the Grotto being built at Bellevue Park. We have not changed our minds.

Shelby and Allan Wallenius

Malcolm White

From: Robin Wilson
Sent: February 14, 2012 9:50 AM
To: Terry Sheehan; Susan Myers
Cc: Mayor Amaroso
Subject: The Grotto Issue

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Dear Councillors:

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the proposed grotto in Bellevue Park. As an atheist, I am strongly against any form of religious monument on a public piece of land. It seems to me that, in allowing a religious monument to be built on public land, City Council would be contradicting the fundamentals of the separation of church and state, a principle on which our great country was built. How can this be legal?

This grotto, most certainly, would be better served on private land - particularly on Catholic Church private land, as it is the only religion (of which I am aware, anyway) that worships Mary as a deity. Saying the proposed grotto of 12 statues of Mary is a non-denominational monument is an outright lie. How does a grotto of Marys serve the Jewish or Buddhist faiths? What benefits would it offer the Protestant residents of Sault Ste. Marie? How can a Muslim worship at the grotto?

If Council allows this Catholic-centred monument in Bellevue Park, it would be opening the proverbial can of worms, as Council would certainly have to be fair and allocate space in the park for every other religion. This includes some of the not-so-conventional religions, like the Church of Euthanaia (which encourages mass suicide), the Nation of Yahweh (a black supremacist organization), and Satanism, which is self-explanatory.

Does Council really want to permit - and, in fact, encourage - these kinds of monuments in a public park where we take our children to play, where we hold family-friendly events like Bon Soo, and the summer movies? If Council allows the Catholic grotto, that is exactly what it will be doing.

Freedom of religion is important, and I am certainly not trying to infringe on anyone's right to practice whatever faith he or she may choose. I am just asking for similar consideration to practice my "faith," which is a lack of religion. How can I do that when I am affronted with a religious monument in a *public* park? Isn't that infringing on my rights?

Councillors, I have voted for both of you in the past 2 elections, and so far, I have been pleased with the way you have represented the views of Ward 2 to City Council. I ask you now to consider the views of this particular Ward 2 resident and vote against this (or any similar) grotto in Bellevue Park, or on any other public piece of land!

Thank you,

Robin Wilson
 11 Riverside Drive

Kim Vaudry

From: Jason Young
Sent: February 13, 2012 1:03 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Letter to Council Re: Grotto



Ladies and Gentlemen of Council,

I am writing regarding the actions Council will be taking with respect to the Grotto proposal on the twenty first of February. I trust that the "slings and arrows" (to quote Shakespeare indirectly through Mr. Butland) that this proposal stirred are sufficiently fresh in everyone's memory that the need to achieve an elegant finality is appreciated. It is most unfortunate that there will be a disappointed party in this matter.

My hope is that our city continues to recognize and celebrate our cultural and religious history by respecting our diversity. Honoring the past must be done with an eye to the future, and in a manner that can never be interpreted as xenophobic or exclusionary. We have been down that road in recent memory. Your actions, as our representatives, speak not only to your constituents, but to the globe. However inconvenient, we are citizens not only of our city, but of the world.

While Mr. Sarlo and his group deserve respect for their altruism, our city's demographics are changing. A time will come when City support of ostensibly "historic" monuments like the Grotto might be regarded as an attempt to sanction the superiority of a specific ethnic, religious, or historical viewpoint. Our respect need not, and should not, be measured in statues of Catholic saints in City parks. Our city has many places for veneration of religious icons and quiet contemplation. They are called churches, and will continue to flourish (or fail) based entirely on the merit of their actions and the support of their congregants. Tacit government endorsement of a specific religious ideology would set a needless and disturbing precedent. We have the option of the status quo, or we can begin paving a new and dangerous road with Mr. Sarlo's good intentions. Such is the choice you face on our behalf.

Opening Pandora's box is easy; closing it is another matter entirely. I hope that it is achieved in a way that is considerate of all past and future generations of Saulites.

Jason Young

Malcolm White

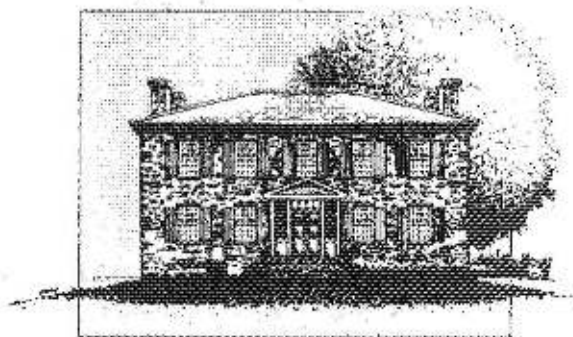
From: Renee Wysynski on behalf of Mayor Amaroso
Sent: February 13, 2012 12:21 PM
To: Malcolm White
Subject: FW: opposition to Grotto in Bellvue Park

From: LM Young [mailto:lm.young@cityssm.on.ca]
Sent: January 29, 2012 5:00 PM
To: Mayor Amaroso; Paul Christian; Terry Sheehan; Susan Myers; Pat Mick; Brian Watkins; Rick Niro; Lou Turco; Marchy Bruni; Frank Fata; j.kmpotich@cityssm.on.ca; f.manzo@cityssm.on.ca; Steve Butland
Subject: opposition to Grotto in Bellvue Park

Hello all;

I just wanted to speak up on the new talks regarding the "Grotto." No matter what dollars we put into research, or indeed moving up the date of reintroduction into a City Council meeting, I strongly feel that the general answer of the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie is "NO." The contention to this proposal is palpable in people I have talked to. Please, please turn this proposal down and move on with important fiscal decisions that won't upset the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie to the core like this has.

Sincerely;
Linda M. Young
87 Wayne Court, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 4S5



*Sault Ste. Marie
Municipal Heritage Committee*

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Mayor Debbie Amaroso
and Members of City Council

SAULT STE. MARIE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE - HERITAGE AWARD 2011

PURPOSE

This report is to acknowledge the recipients of the 2011 Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee Heritage Award.

BACKGROUND

In November of 2004, City Council accepted the recommendation of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee to create a Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee Heritage Award Program. The Heritage Award is offered annually by the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie upon recommendation of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee and recognizes contributions to the preservation, restoration and enhancement of the City's Heritage Resources as defined in the Cultural Policy for the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Under the proposed program an award may be given to an individual, group or an organization for the following contributions:

- A heritage property that has been maintained or that is an enhancement to a neighbourhood or the community.
- An addition to a historic property or new construction (infill) that is sensitive to the historic context of the property of a neighbourhood or the community.
- Restoration or adaptive reuse projects.
- Other contributions to the preservation, restoration and enhancement of heritage resources.
- The nominee and/or heritage activity must directly relate to the community of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Nominations for the award are considered from the community and from the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee. The Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee may make one or more nominations of an individual, group or organization each year, providing an

excellent opportunity to reward local achievement in heritage preservation, restoration and enhancement.

There were no nominations from the community at large for the 2011 award. As a result the members of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee made a nomination for the award. At their December 7, 2011 meeting, the members of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Dr. Ewing

Seconded by: A. Macgregor

"Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee nominate and award the 2011 Heritage Award to the owners of the Algonquin Hotel for their continuing efforts and careful approach to update the building for contemporary use while remaining sensitive to the heritage value of this historic hotel; and further that this be sent to members of City Council for their information."

CARRIED

The Algonquin Hotel is a designated property, owned by Mr. Martin Fiser. It was built in 1888 by W. T. Plummer, a prominent businessman and three-time Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie. The Algonquin is the last of the hotels which were clustered around the Sault's three docks to serve the arriving settlers and workers. The Fiser Family has made a significant effort to adapt the hotel to modern use while restoring and maintaining its heritage character.

IMPACT

Not applicable.

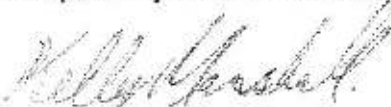
STRATEGIC PLAN

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

February 19 – 25 is Heritage Week in Ontario and this is a fitting way for the community to celebrate all who invest in the preservation of our heritage resources. The members of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee request that City Council congratulate the Fiser Family in being selected as the recipients of the 2011 Heritage Award for their commitment to the preservation and enhancement of the Algonquin Hotel.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee,



Kelly Marshall, Chair

Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee

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Sault Ste. Marie's Smart Energy Strategy

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Executive Summary

In recent years, Sault Ste. Marie (SSM, or the Sault) has enjoyed significant growth in renewable energy projects including wind and solar farms, as well as the development of cogeneration and a proposed waste to energy plant. With current and future alternative energy projects, the Sault and surrounding area is expected to produce about 670 megawatts (MW) of electricity, enough to power from 300,000 to 600,000 homes across the province. Currently, just over 200 MW of this generating capacity is made up of new wind and solar, with another 400 MW contributed by small hydroelectric facilities and waste to energy projects.

In 2008, the City recognized the renewable project developments it has made in this area and set a bold goal to be recognized as the "Alternative Energy Capital of North America".

In keeping with this momentum, in 2011 the SSM Innovation Centre, as lead for the Destiny Energy Committee, commissioned a *Community Alternative Energy Strategy for SSM*. This strategy was prepared by Parker Venture Management and represents the culmination of four stakeholder consultation sessions convened in the community from June to December 2011 as well as concurrent regional interviews, discussions, additional research, and analysis of clean technology trends as per Cleantech Venture data.

Major findings are highlighted as follows and elaborated within this report. A heat map of community assets is also included herein.

Global Alternative Energy Trends

Global trends are pointing towards growing urbanization, resource consumption, and supporting energy requirements. Emerging markets, as in the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India, and China), and the nascent N11 (Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Turkey and Vietnam), are expected to drive economic growth and raise the bar for innovation and reduced costs at all levels. Other expected trends will include greater demand for and pressure on water resources, and increased frequency of unpredictable climate-driven events.

Energy is the primary underpinning element to all these trends, meaning that regions worldwide are placing increased focus on solutions that result in energy autonomy, price stability, and reduced disruptions. This trend is supported by global cleantech investment data that illustrates a continuing interest in renewable energy investment and more recently, the potential inherent in energy efficiency, energy storage, and smart grids. Combined, energy efficiency, energy storage, and smart grid deals now make up one-third of the total amount invested in this area globally (30%), followed by renewable technology investments in solar and wind (23%).

One area of great promise is the concept of the regional smart grid, or microgrid, as this can help bridge the confluence between renewable or distributed generation assets, information technology, and electricity distribution, while increasing the reliability and stability of the distribution grid and manage emergency situations. Between now and 2015, it is expected that over 3.1GW of new microgrid capacity will come online worldwide, representing a total market value of \$7.8B.

Community and Regional Context

In July 2010, community stakeholders were canvassed as to thoughts on their ideal vision for Sault Ste. Marie by 2020. In general, participants were supportive of a renewed vision for the community that included elements of economic, environmental, and social prosperity. Stakeholders were also supportive of guiding principles common to Community Energy Strategies, including improving efficiency, optimizing exergy¹, managing heat, reducing waste, using renewable resources, and using grids strategically.

The bulk of the Sault's immediate neighbours (Hearst, Wawa, Blind River, etc.) also appear to be moving forward in further capitalizing their inherent alternative energy resources with varying degrees of success. There is a consistent recognition that local success will depend on regional cooperation and integration. Overall, the idea of further developing regional networks to present a "coherent whole" is enjoying traction, in that there would be regional benefit should the Sault develop critical mass in renewable energy expertise (or similarly, another kind of progressive energy focus).

Lastly, the *Growth Plan for Northern Ontario* also recognizes that in the North there are several communities that function as economic and service hubs, and that "these hubs should help to identify environmental sustainability objectives, as well as develop policies and programs for achievement in water conservation, energy conservation, air quality protection, and integrated waste management". The Sault has been identified as one such hub.

Community Strengths...

Community Momentum: The Sault is a rejuvenated northern community with increasing employment rates, an excellent recreational lifestyle and a renewed focus on community, environmental, and human health. The community and City have provided fertile ground for new ideas as well as an open and supportive attitude to project development and to development of this strategy. City Council has also set the goal to be recognized as the "Alternative Energy Capital of North America" – marking both the support and drive to further capitalize and leverage these strengths.

Horn of (Energy) Plenty: The region is unusual in that it is one of the few areas in North America that has created a generation system made up primarily of renewable energy assets, and further, one of the very few places in the province where it is feasible to operate off the grid in emergency situations as it has an independent transmission system. The Algoma region exports up to 150 MW of power south and in peak seasons the municipality of SSM consumes less than a quarter of the total power generated in the region.²

North has its Benefits: Companies recently active in SSM renewable energy project development are newcomers to the local landscape, and have taken advantage of funds available through the NOHFC, FedNOR and the Ontario FIT program to move forward. The former two funding pools are exclusive to activity in Northern Ontario. Local companies such as

¹ Avoid using high-quality energy in low-quality applications

² To be clear, the region (including the Sault) generates 670 MW of power, the municipality uses approximately less than a quarter of this power, and the bulk remainder is used by industrial sources and the surrounding area. The excess power (up to 150 MW) is exported south.

Tenaris and Essar also offer investment grants to towards community initiatives that have environmental or social development themes.

Utility Support: The SSM PUC has been progressive in its support for local alternative energy projects ranging from energy efficiency activity as well as renewable energy deployment, and in past work in Broadband over Powerline. This represents a major asset as the community seeks to broaden its development of the smart energy sector.

IT Capacity: The SSMIC has also been active in further developing the IT capacity in the region, with initiatives in health informatics, video gaming, and in particular, the Community Geomatics Centre. This latter initiative provides a sophisticated software solution for mapping and maintaining data for a wide variety of community assets and attributes.

Educational Assets: The community is home to two key post-secondary educational institutions, Sault College and Algoma University. Sault College in particular provides curriculum specific to emerging private sector directions in the community and hosts the Brookfield Power Renewable Energy Training Centre. The College now has one of 20 applied research centres in Ontario and has recently gained access to NSERC funding.

.... And considerations

Manufacturing? For Canada, continued manufacturing presence on a global level is becoming increasingly challenging – this situation has been exacerbated as manufacturing activity has traditionally been a prime source of technological progress and R&D domestically. Significant opportunities in traditional and large-scale renewable energy manufacturing opportunities, compared to giants such as China, Germany, and Israel, is questionable.

(This said, the opportunity to deploy novel energy solutions that that can withstand not only geopolitical disruptions but also mitigate against the frequency of climate driven natural disasters – and manage the increased exposure of energy-related risk and costs - is possibly becoming more relevant.)

What about Biomass? The state of the forest industry in the North is the worst it has been in decades, and the operation of the proposed St. Marys Paper Combined Heat and Power (CHP) mill is also unknown as the mill went into receivership in late 2011. This hampers clear direction on using allocated biomass resources and progress in this area. Although the question of what to do with regional biomass resources has been ongoing throughout the project process, and varied in terms of the degree of support for this direction, the major market demand for resources such as pellets are set on macro-levels beyond the influence of any one community (i.e. European pellet policy, BC mountain pine beetle infestation, OPG Nanticoke and Atikokan pellet demand, etc.).

We know, but do others? Despite significant positive changes that have occurred over the last twenty years, the Sault still has a “steel town image” to external stakeholders. This image will take time, effort, and support to change. Although Council has set the bold goal to be recognized as the “Alternative Energy Capital of North America”, simply having a number of renewable energy assets in the region is not enough to catapult the community onto the world stage for recognized innovation in energy solutions – something more is needed that will set the

community apart from the many other areas that have also focused on alternative energy development.

What about financing and community involvement? The Sault does not have its own investment vehicle that can aggregate local sources of capital and wealth to take positions in emerging regional business opportunities related to smart and alternative energy. Like many other northern communities, SSM offers somewhat limited access to venture, angel, and institutional investment mechanisms to acquire equity, debt financing and operating capital for entrepreneurs – this is critical.

An aging grid... PUC Distribution remains an essential service provider of electricity, and one that is facing multiple challenges given its aging grid infrastructure as well as the need to accommodate increasing distributed generation units. A sizable part of the company's electrical infrastructure is currently beyond its expected life, leading to an estimated annual capital requirement of \$10M (as opposed to \$8.1M in 2010).

... and constrained transmission. Regional transmission lines have recently approached capacity and the construction of new transmission lines will take significant investment and time to materialize. This impedes the creation of substantive new generation assets (as has been indicated by at least one major renewable energy developer in the region) which brings into question whether the Sault's sole focus should be on more renewable electricity generation development – as opposed to innovation with what is already in place.

Recommended Smart Energy Strategic Priorities for SSM

SSM has been open to renewable energy development and taken advantage of opportunities made available through the original Renewable Energy Standard Offer (RESOP) and later Feed In Tariff (FIT) programs offered by the Ontario government, which has led to some larger projects in the area. This said, siting future projects is blocked by transmission capacity constraints, projects to date have not been designed so as to offer long-term community benefit, nor leveraged to maximize value-added opportunities and augment existing community resources (i.e. education, skilled workforce, community support, existing IT capacity, etc.).

We believe opportunities exist to further link and connect synergies between renewable projects and area attributes that would create a value proposition unique to Sault Ste. Marie; and allow the community to move forward aggressively to capitalize on its momentum without waiting for the long-term planning horizon of expanding provincial transmission capacity. Further, significant opportunities exist to engage the community, tap into local resources and assets, and stimulate local investment.

With this in mind, we propose SSM focus on the following four strategic priority areas and associated activities:

1. Accelerated Activity in Conservation, Energy Efficiency, and Heat Recovery
2. Alternative Energy and Development of an Intelligent Regional Grid (Smart Microgrid)
3. Creation of a Community Investico
4. Community Branding and Outreach

Each of these is further elucidated below – please note that recommendations are *not* listed by order of priority.

Strategic Priority #1:**Accelerated Activity in Conservation, Energy Efficiency, and Heat Recovery**

Global cleantech trends indicate that investment into energy efficiency, energy storage, and smart grids are outpacing renewable energy investment. This demonstrates the growing role conservation and efficiency applications are playing worldwide. For the Sault, we suggest that a continued focus on conservation, efficiency and heat recovery will have multiple benefits, including:

- Enabling greater grid stability in peak times and assisting the PUC to meet provincial mandates in energy conservation;
- Increasing capacity, expertise, and employment in local community energy efficiency projects; and,
- In the future, allow for expanded potential for new generation and/or the sale of existing renewable generation (as the community will have taken steps to minimize its total draw on electricity resources). This is important given longer-term plans to develop transmission infrastructure resources in Ontario and the growing power needs of the province and neighbouring markets.

Recommendation #1: Develop An Energy Use, Efficiency and Heat Recovery Strategy

We recommend that consideration be given to forecasting the energy demand in SSM and mapping energy efficiency activities and opportunities so as to examine the feasibility of applying comprehensive strategies similar to Guelph's *Community Energy Plan* to the Sault.

Secondly, the Sault has untapped potential in the areas of cogeneration, district heating, and in use of thermal energy overall. Excess thermal energy is being generated which is dissipated at the moment, as opposed to the considerable energy savings that can accrue from capturing this 'waste heat'. Essar's 70 MW cogeneration plant is a prime example of this opportunity, having reduced the plant's reliance on "external" electricity by 50%.

Stakeholders (including the PUC Services, Essar, the City, and others) have also indicated interest in furthering district-heating opportunities that are based on the cogeneration potential in the downtown core, in addition to biomass and other possible inputs. We feel that tangible activity in this area – i.e. exploring current initiatives as well as the development of new projects – should be accelerated. Among other benefits, such projects will lead to increased construction, manufacturing, and project management activity in the short and long term.

Recommendation #2: Evaluation of SSM Cogeneration and District Heating Project

We suggest a principal cornerstone of the proposed *Energy Efficiency and Heat Recovery Strategy* examine in detail the acceleration of cogeneration projects and district-heating potential for the businesses located in the industrial and government office cluster along the St. Marys River, among other similar options and projects.

Although biomass has been a large driver for the Sault's economy for decades, the current reality is that when it comes to energy, SSM has a wide mix of potential options available. The question is what is the best way to employ these options and in what configuration – an ongoing and consistent theme throughout the local consultation process. Although a study of the use of biomass was beyond the scope of the *Community Alternative Energy Strategy* project, opportunities may exist in the near-medium term given innovations under development in the bio-economy sector.³ This sector is in transition and the community would be advised to continue to monitor and position itself to take advantage of new industries/markets in this space.

Opportunities for agriculture and for further developing local farming cooperatives and capacity is also of great interest, as is the optimal use of organic waste resources.

Strategic Priority #2:

Alternative Energy and the Development of an Intelligent Regional Grid (Smart Microgrid)

For renewable generation technology and for the siting of projects, the future looks promising. Although transmission capacity is a current constraint to sizeable new generation projects in the SSM, the fact remains that the region has a significant amount of renewable energy resources on hand and is rich in additional wind, solar, and biomass resources. These assets may well become instantly appealing to energy project developers depending on the prevailing winds of provincial policy, market directions, international trends, and other factors yet to unfold. At this point it seems prudent to initiate work on showcasing these assets in a manner that maximizes regional interests, benefits, and environmental considerations, given that over the longer term transmission will eventually expand.

The benefits of doing so will enable not only international prospecting and project/economic development as transmission lines develop over the Algoma region, but also encourage and expedite local prospecting and project/economic development.

Recommendation #3: Enable Prospect Mapping of Northern Ontario's Renewable Energy Assets

Showcasing regional capability in solar, water, wind, and biomass would enable international prospecting for projects and other opportunities, similar to the types of forestry inventories already available through the Ministry of Natural Resources, and readying the region for action given favourable economic, policy, and market conditions for development. Further, this could also encourage the development of locally-owned energy projects throughout the region. This will ready the community to act quickly and in an informed manner once transmission capacity expands.

³ For example, a recent study by the Forest Product Association of Canada (FPAC – BioPathways Project) and work by organizations like FP Innovations and the Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy (CRIBE) are looking towards future novel uses of the forest bio-products.

Globally, investment in energy efficiency, storage technologies, and smart grids is nearly a third of total cleantech investment. Interest will only continue to grow given the pressure that global trends – population growth, urbanization, resource consumption, water stress, and climate stress – will have on energy use and potential exposure to energy risk (financial or otherwise) at all levels, from nation-states to local governments, from multinationals to small to medium-sized enterprises – and even for the average citizen.

As mentioned, one very promising area that offers a comprehensive solution to energy risk exposure is the concept of a smart regional grid, or microgrid, which enables better local control over energy assets and strengthens and stabilizes regional grids. Microgrids also stimulate “hyper-innovation” as they allow for convergence between several rapidly changing sectors: IT, energy distribution networks, telecommunications, and distributed generation assets.

As the SSM region is technically capable of decoupling from Ontario’s macrogrid (as in emergency situations), the community already has the means to explore sophisticated management of electricity generation assets from integrating distributed generation to embedding virtual power plants and “negawatts” into the utility system.⁴ Done at scale, this would make the Sault one of the first jurisdictions in North America, outside of the US military and a few isolated projects under development, to implement a cutting edge project on a community-wide level that has global resonance.

*A **microgrid** is a modern, small-scale version of the centralized electricity system. Basically a microgrid “groups” local electricity generation, energy storage, and loads that would otherwise normally connect to the centralized grid (the macrogrid). What is unusual is that this single point of common coupling with the macrogrid can be technically disconnected, meaning that the microgrid can then function autonomously.*

Benefits include but are not limited to the opportunity to capitalize on global trends in IT and smart grid applications, create immediate and long-term project management, electrical and mechanical engineering, construction, manufacturing, and maintenance jobs, and create a unique value proposition for regional renewable, IT, and utility assets that will attract global attention. A smart grid will also improve reliability and reduce outages for the local distribution system.

Recommendation #4: A Smart Microgrid for the Sault

The SSM region is already a leader in clean, intermittent power. It also has a world-class GIS information system. It can build off Ontario’s smart meter and smart grid initiatives and has its own transmission and distribution capacity. These strengths position the Sault to develop one or more microgrids, enabling the region to be both self-sufficient and resilient while enhancing community wealth (i.e. as in IP, patent developments, technology innovation, etc.).

In order to create and sustain momentum and yet move these critical areas forward, we suggest that SSM consider creating a **microgrid pilot project** by beginning with an initial energy storage

⁴ A **virtual power plant** is a cluster of distributed generation installations which are collectively run by a central control entity.

Negawatt power is a theoretical unit of power representing an amount of energy saved. The energy saved is a direct result of energy conservation or increased efficiency. The concept of negawatt power is being implemented in several states in the United States and is emerging as an international strategy to reduce energy consumption. (Wikipedia).

and smart grid demonstration pilot with research and industrial partners. This will be an important starting point to gain traction with the community and necessary stakeholders while concomitantly exploring the development of a larger regional project and the required partnerships, support, and technological capacity required.

Strategic Priority #3: Creation of a Community Investico

At present, there is little community or local ownership of alternative energy generating and transmission assets in SSM. What really matters is ensuring as much of the operating costs of each asset are spent in the Sault and ensuring the free cash flows generated remain in the region for future investment. Our consultations suggest there is enough local capital in the Algoma region to create a majority, locally-owned investment company.

The benefit of doing so would: (1) create a vehicle for local influence on and engagement with energy and renewable projects; (2) ensure cash flows and investments remain in the region and benefit the community; and (3) augment the financing and capital pool available to entrepreneurs.

Recommendation #5: Creation of a Community Investment Company

We believe an investment company with up to \$50M in capital would make a significant contribution to the Sault's smart energy goals and create a substantial vehicle for community involvement. The investment company could be an "evergreen" vehicle with proceeds from successful exits being redeployed into new projects. Investors would also benefit from periodic dividend payments.

Capital could be sourced from retail investors and local entrepreneurs, former residents with a connection to SSM, as well as financial institutions, be they public or private, as long as voting control is in regional hands.

A number of projects were discussed and identified in the course of writing this study that would have potential for a local investment company (including Community Power Projects).

Strategic Priority #4: Community Branding and Outreach

Recreating the identity of SSM, for example through creating a reputation of prowess in clean energy deployment, or as an exemplary model of an economically and environmentally resilient northern community, will require internal as well as external communication and buy-in. There is consistent recognition that local success will also depend on regional cooperation and integration, and that differentiation and outreach is critical for external success.

In terms of internal engagement, the interest demonstrated by long-standing and relative newcomers to the Sault in the health, viability, and future of the region is unusual, as also evidenced by the degree of stakeholder interest and local involvement throughout the project.

process. This degree of energy, enthusiasm, and emotional investment in community outcomes provides an unprecedented starting point for a community energy strategy and much more can be accomplished if this momentum is maintained and augmented.

Done well, a marketing strategy focused on community engagement and buy-in would have several benefits, including capitalizing on the enthusiasm and capacity illustrated to date, potentially building new skill sets in social media and IT, and allowing for increased engagement with companies seeking "green and clean power" for their operations.

Recommendation #6: Community Smart Energy Marketing Strategy.

Strengthening community enrollment and investment in SSM's *Clean Energy Strategy* is critical – we recommend that a concurrent and dedicated public relations and media campaign be launched to articulate the objectives, goals, and benefits of the strategy to the community. This campaign should employ social media and innovative messaging to dynamically engage the community and create excitement and momentum around the Sault's proposed future energy directions.

While the subject of cities and sustainability is currently trending with major conferences being held almost weekly around the world, focus is almost exclusively on mega urban areas. Scant attention is paid by organizations such as the C40 or the Clinton Global Initiative to smaller and more remote cities. Second or third tier cities have their own challenges relating to scale, migration, economic competitiveness, service delivery, tax base and so on that are often different from those of large conurbations.

We believe a significant opportunity exists with in developing an agenda exclusive to smaller cities. As noted throughout this report, SSM has reasons to be proud of the assets it has assembled to date with respect to alternative energy and its aspiration to be a North American leader. This positioning should be wrapped within a broader brand of urban renewal and next generation management.

To be clear, the Sault has a story to tell with the way it has brought in or revitalized industries and developed smart systems, such as the GIS, to manage the region sustainably. In short, SSM should position itself as the leading pioneer of urban sustainability for second tier cities. We recommend that SSM become the world center for research and ideas relating to smaller cities, particularly in northern climates, and their sustainability challenges and opportunities.

This could be energized by the two following initiatives, which would help position and brand SSM as a knowledge-intensive hub for practical solutions to the sustainability challenges faced by smaller cities. This would help attract economic development and investment, directly and indirectly, and reinvigorate notions about where economic vibrancy can be found.

Recommendation #7: Creation of a Bi-Annual Smaller Cities Sustainability Symposium

We feel there is great opportunity for the creation of a Symposium that generates awareness, inspiration, and momentum around solutions and advancements applicable to smaller and remote urban centres. Sault Ste. Marie could lead this initiative and in so doing put itself on the world map as far as "the gatherer" for innovations and solutions in this area.

Recommendation # 8: Development of a Smaller Smart Cities Sustainability Thinktank

An academically-focused Smaller Smart Cities Sustainability Thinktank specifically geared to deploying energy, distributed generation, and microgrid solutions particular to remote locations would sustain interest and generate added R&D momentum in the Sault region, build important research partnerships and augment existing academic capacity, and focus international attention on the exploration of the smart microgrid.

Organizations are already in place that can implement the recommended activities although additional resources (human, financial) will be required to complete the tasks. We estimate the startup costs for the recommendations to range from \$1.1M-\$1.4M -- funds range from initial one to two years of activity and over several years in select cases. Note that this does not include capital costs for larger projects in district-heating or microgrid roll-out which could exceed \$40M.

If executed correctly, we conservatively estimate the *Smart Energy Strategy* could create from ~300 to over 600 jobs for the City of Sault Ste. Marie and region.

Note Bene: Outside of this strategy, it will be important for SSM to consider a concerted effort to initiate and maintain a presence with provincial energy policymakers, in terms of informing the Province of innovative activities underway, remaining abreast and involved on transmission line discussions and developments, and allow for increased activity in other areas such as preferential power rates for the Northern region.

Towards A Community Action Plan: The following table identifies important actions suggested to further develop the priorities and activities recommended in this Clean Energy Strategy, including treatment of core infrastructure required, required capacity and capability, and communications activity. Supporting detail and added information on costs and specific outcomes is provided in **Section 8.0** of this report.

Recommendation	Timeline & Length	Lead and Partners	Proposed Activities	Outcomes and Long Term Benefits
#1. Energy Use, Efficiency and Heat Recovery Scoping Study	Immediate. Approx. 1 year study	City of SSM, with PUC Distribution, PUC Services, CGC	❖ Gain funding for project (OPA's Conservation Fund or FCM's Green Municipal Funds) ❖ Map energy use and projected energy demand in region ❖ Apply Guelph CEP principles to identify and assess efficiency opportunities ❖ Engage Sault College capacity in the study	❖ Comprehensive community energy use assessment and long-term energy planning capacity ❖ Assist PUC Distribution meet provincial mandates in energy conservation ❖ Increased energy efficiency activity and projects ❖ Increased opportunity for Sault graduates and workforce in energy efficient retrofitting and new construction
#2. SSM Cogeneration and District Heating Project Potential Subset to #1 above, in that funding for the study portion will be rolled into the submission above	Immediate. Approx. 1 year study	PUC Services, with Essar Steel Algoma, Sault College, Tenaris, the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Lake Superior Power, CGC	❖ Survey the community and buildings to assess heating space and required heating pipe network (scope and fuel type) ❖ Research and identify management structure (i.e. utility, coop) ❖ Research leading edge district heating systems, involve experts ❖ Solicit project funding support, i.e. FCM's Green Municipal Funds, NOHFC, CMHC's Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program, Infrastructure Ontario's Loan Program, public/private partnerships (P3s).	❖ District Heating Project(s) for downtown core ❖ Increased construction, manufacturing, and project management activity in the short and longer term ❖ Optimal use of waste heat and reduced energy costs in the long term ❖ Application of local product (i.e. Tenaris) ❖ Energy resilience for community – ability to switch between least cost and most available fuel sources ❖ Ability to utilize biomass resources and leverage cogeneration opportunities

Recommendation	Timeline & Length	Lead and Partners	Proposed Activities	Outcomes and Long Term Benefits
#3. Prospect Mapping of Northern Ontario's Renewable Energy Assets	2 to 3 years	SSM co-lead with regional partners, CGC, City of SSM, SSMIC, SSMEDC, Tier 1 and 2 GIS communities.	❖ Secure large scale funding through FedNor and assemble project team ❖ Build upon model of Tier 1 and 2 GIS communities previously conceived via the RIUN network model ❖ Leverage and replicate data management sophistication of CGC ❖ Involve First Nations and remote communities – ensure first priority access to opportunities	❖ Showcase regional resources in solar, water, wind, biomass ❖ Enable and expedite local prospecting and project/economic development over the Algoma region ❖ Enable international prospecting and project/economic development as transmission lines develop over the Algoma region
#4. An Energy Storage and Smart Grid Demonstration Pilot	2 - 3 years	PUC, Sault College, with SSMIC, SSMEDC and private sector partners	❖ Secure pilot/demonstration funding through SDTC, OCE, and/or NOHFC, others ❖ Identify and gather companies in Ontario that would have interest in adapting and deploying their solutions in this area ❖ Develop key partnerships and explore synergies with the GE Innovation Centre, others ❖ Research and develop project plan and roll-out ❖ Initiate larger-scale planning for an SSM microgrid and build on capacity and partnerships acquired in the pilot to date	❖ Leverage to develop a Smart Regional Grid, or Microgrid for the Sault ❖ Capitalize on global trends in IT and smart grid applications ❖ Gain international recognition and interest in SSM's smart energy activities ❖ Create <u>unique</u> value proposition for regional renewable, IT, and utility assets ❖ Create immediate and long-term project management, engineering, construction, manufacturing, and maintenance jobs ❖ Create exciting and cutting edge opportunities in IT and energy management

Recommendation	Timeline & Length	Lead and Partners	Proposed Activities	Outcomes and Long Term Benefits
#5. Create a Community Investment Company	Immediate, 1 – 2 years	SSMIC, Investico Board of Directors, SSMEDC	❖ investigate gaining project development funds from NOHFC, ICCI ❖ Establish share capital investment company majority owned by Sault representatives ❖ Recruit board of directors ❖ Assess investment prospect pipeline ❖ Develop programs specific to small retail investors ❖ Source capital from retail investors, local entrepreneurs, financial institutions	❖ Aggregate and leverage local capital ❖ Creating a vehicle for local influence on and engagement with energy and renewable projects ❖ Ensure cash flows and investments remain in the region and benefit the community ❖ Augment the financing and capital pool available to entrepreneurs
#6. Community Smart Energy Marketing Strategy	Immediate, 1 year	SSMIC, Algoma Games for Health, Algoma University, Sault College, SSMEDC	❖ Develop dedicated public relations and social media campaign to articulate the objectives, goals, and benefits of the clean energy strategy to the community ❖ Consider development of Apps, games, or interactive user tools to communicate messaging ❖ Tap students into the SIFE competition (i.e. media/ marketing submissions relating to the Clean Energy Strategy) ❖ Consider providing a cash award for the best app or social media strategy developed. Funding may be available through the Essar and/or Tenaris Community Grants Funds. ❖ Further connect synergies between renewable projects and area attributes to create unique value proposition - and market this aspect to industries seeking 'green' power in their operations	❖ Capitalize on and augment community enthusiasm for the Sault's clean energy directions ❖ Employ social media and innovative messaging to dynamically engage the community in new ways ❖ Build skill sets of youth active in areas of IT and gaming to have real-world applications and influence ❖ Showcase and celebrate innovative applications and approaches through national and international competition and through Recommendation #7 (below) ❖ Increased engagement with companies seeking "green power" for operations

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Recommendation	Timeline & Length	Lead and Partners	Proposed Activities	Outcomes and Long Term Benefits
#7. Host Bi-Annual Smaller Cities Sustainability Symposium	Immediate, ongoing.	SSMEDC with SSMIC and City of SSM.	❖ Bringing together international leading thinkers, urban practitioners, investors, technology providers and government officials in invitation-only event ❖ Build dynamic agenda that catalyzes discussion and ideas relating to smaller city resilience ❖ Explore Tedx model; partnerships with C40 ❖ Include other neighbouring communities ❖ Secure sponsorship from FedNor, NOHFC, possible Essar and Tenaris funds.	❖ Help position SSM as the world center for research and ideas relating to smaller cities ❖ Help stimulate economic development and investment, directly and indirectly ❖ Acquire maximum exposure and support for the community energy strategy
#8. Smaller Smart Cities Sustainability Thinktank	Immediate, ongoing.	SSMIC, SSMEDC	❖ Create academically-focused Thinktank specifically geared to deploying energy, distributed generation, and microgrid solutions ❖ Partner with MaRS institute, the Ontario Centres for Excellence, the Perimeter Institute, and others ❖ Explore sistering with new Centre for Green Cities at the Evergreen BrickWorks in Toronto as a satellite campus ❖ Gain funding via federal and provincial resources, and possibly Cisco and IBM who have a major interest in urban sustainability systems	❖ Sustain interest and generate added R&D momentum in the Sault region ❖ Build important research partnerships that will help grow the R&D attraction and capacity of the region, increasing enrollment as well as capacity for the Sault's academic institutions ❖ Focus international attention on the collective exploration of the Sault's smart microgrid

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

BY-LAW 2012-39

AGREEMENTS: (E.1.3.) A by-law to authorize an agreement between the City and Local No. 67 Canadian Union of Public Employees for the term commencing February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2015.

THE COUNCIL of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie,
ENACTS as follows:

1. **EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS**

The Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized for and in the name of the Corporation to execute and affix the seal of the Corporation to an agreement in the form of Schedule "A" hereto dated the 6th day of February, 2012 for and made between the City and Local No. 67 Canadian Union of Public Employees for the term commencing February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2015.

2. **SCHEDULE "A"**

Schedule "A" hereto forms part of this by-law.

3. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

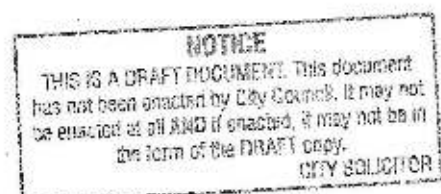
This by-law takes effect on the day of its final passing.

PASSED in open Council this 21st day of February, 2012.

MAYOR – DEBBIE AMAROSO

CITY CLERK – MALCOLM WHITE

ct/staff/by-laws/2012/2012-39/EmployeesCUPE#67/E.1.3



MEMORANDUM OF SETTLEMENT**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE
&
C.U.P.E. LOCAL 67 CIVIC CENTRE**

1. The parties herein agree to the terms of the memorandum as constituting full and final settlement of all matters in dispute.
2. The undersigned representatives of the parties do hereby to recommend complete acceptance of all the terms of this memorandum to their respective principals.
3. The parties herein agree that the term of the collective agreement shall be from February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2015.
4. The parties herein agree that the said collective agreement shall include the terms of the previous collective agreement which expired on January 31, 2012 provided, however, that the following amendments are incorporated:

Appendix 1

Appendix 2

Signed this 25th of January, 2012.

For the Union

John Sloan
Blanche
Blanche
Bl. Silver

For the Employer

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[Signature]
[Signature]

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE
&
CUPE LOCAL 67 CIVIC CENTRE GROUP

Appendix 1

UNION LANGUAGE PROPOSALS

ARTICLE 3:00 UNION SECURITY

3:03 Proposal regarding providing member names, home addresses and home telephone numbers.

Agreed

The City is in agreement with the Union original proposal with the understanding it will be those names, addresses and telephone numbers the City has on file. Employees remain responsible to keep the City informed of their current information and any changes thereto.

ARTICLE 8 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

8:01 Proposal regarding copying the Union Grievance Committee Chair on grievance responses.

Agreed

The City agrees with the Union original proposal.

Step IV Referral to Arbitration

See City amended language proposal under 9:01.

ARTICLE 11 SENIORITY

11:02 Agreed

The City agrees to the Union original proposal to replace the word 'ability' with the word 'qualifications'.

ARTICLE 12 JOB POSTINGS

12:05 The City agrees with the Union original proposal to change 'probationary' period to 'trial' period.

ARTICLE 14:00 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

14:04 Union proposal re maintaining member's pay on Union Leave.

The City proposes that the agreement for the City to continue an employee's pay for the period on Leave for Union Business be in the form of a Letter of Understanding. Such Letter of Understanding will provide for a trial period for this process until December 31st, 2013 at which time such agreement shall be null and void unless renewed by mutual agreement of the parties.

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The City shall send the invoice for such reimbursement to the address designated by the Union. The Union has confirmed that invoices for all CUPE Locals will be sent to the one (1) identified address.

Requests for Leave for Union Business shall be on a form provided by the City for approval by the respective Department Head and distributed to Accounting Division with a copy to the Human Resources Department.

The commencement date of this process shall be on the first of a month as soon as practicable following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties.

ARTICLE 16:00 VACATIONS WITH PAY

16:11 Agreed: See amended City proposal under this clause.

CITY LANGUAGE PROPOSALS

ARTICLE 8 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Step IV The Union agrees to the City original proposal to delete this clause.

8:03 The Union agrees to the City original proposal to amend this clause to read as follows:

The time limits set out in the Grievance procedure shall be strictly observed by the parties to this Agreement but may be extended by mutual consent.

ARTICLE 9 ARBITRATION

9:01 The Union @1200 h agreed to the City amended original proposal.

Amend clause to read as follows:

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9:01 If the Union considers that a satisfactory settlement was not reached in Step III of the Grievance Procedure, it may within **ten (10)** working days of receipt of the Step III reply, invoke the Arbitration provisions of the Agreement by providing written notice to the City of its referral of the grievance to arbitration. Furthermore, **within twenty (20) working days following** such notice, the Union shall propose a sole arbitrator or Nominee to a Board of Arbitration to hear the grievance. The parties agree to cooperate to establish a mutually satisfactory date as soon as practicable for the hearing of the grievance before a sole arbitrator/Arbitration Board.

A sole arbitrator/Arbitration Board shall not alter, modify or amend any part of this Agreement or make any decision inconsistent with its provisions.

The time limits set out in this Arbitration procedure shall be strictly observed by the parties to this Agreement but may be extended by mutual consent.

ARTICLE 11 SENIORITY

11:03 Probationary Period : The City withdraws its original proposal.

11:08 The Union agreed to the City original proposal. Amended clause to read as follows:

A temporary vacancy is defined as a vacancy scheduled to be **up to eight (8)** months in duration.

ARTICLE 12 JOB POSTINGS

12:05 The City re-submits its original proposal.

See Appendix 2

15:00 REGULAR HOURS OF WORK AND WORKING CONDITIONS

15:04 Amended : The City is prepared to re-number the existing clause to 15:04 (a) and add the following as 15:04 (b) to this clause:

Lieu Time Bank

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Effective commencing February 1, 2014, employees selecting time off in lieu of overtime payment shall be permitted to accumulate a maximum bank of 40 lieu time hours at any given time.

Requests for lieu time off will continue to be considered pursuant to the provisions of 15:04 (a).

16:00 VACATIONS WITH PAY

Agreed : City amended original proposal.

Amend existing clause to read as follows:

16:11 Applications for vacation during the year must be submitted in writing to the head of the Department **before November 1st of the year preceding the vacation request with approval on or before December 1st in each year.**

Employees shall be given the opportunity of stating their preference for their vacation period according to length of service.

ARTICLE 19 SICK LEAVE

General Discussion

Discussion on this topic was concluded by the parties.

APPENDIX "B" (List of jobs covered by this collective agreement)

Housekeeping Item: Update list of classifications. The parties agree to meet to review, and where agreed, to update the list of classifications.

LETTERS

#1 Subsidized Work Programs

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement.

#2 Article 19:08

The City withdraws its proposal.

#3 Job Evaluation Manual

The parties agree to discuss potential changes to the JE Plan with the

assistance of the CUPE JE Specialist Mr. Tom Baker. **Further, the parties agree to meet before December 31, 2013 to discuss this matter.**

#4 Joint Consultation Committee

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement.

#5 Application of 11:02

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement with the amendment of the word "ability" to "qualifications" where it appears in this letter.

#6 Absenteeism

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement.

#7 Temporary Transfer Opportunities

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement.

#8 Welfare Benefits

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement.

#9 Disability Accommodation

The parties agree to renew for term of the Agreement.

#10 Social Housing Standby &
Callout

Monetary Item

#11 Job Evaluation System Review

Re-submit –

Renew for term of Agreement with a statement indicating the parties agree to meet to discuss this matter before December 31, 2013.

MONETARY PACKAGE

Article 14 Leave of Absence

Amend clause to read as follows:

14:02 When death occurs to a member of an employee's immediate family, the employee will be granted leave of absence on compassionate grounds and will be granted time off with pay up to a maximum of four (4) working days for any days which are normally straight time working days and fall within the period from the day of the death up to and

including the day **following** the funeral. If the funeral is more than two hundred kilometres (200 km) from Sault Ste. Marie, the four (4) working days shall be any days which are normally straight time working days and fall within the period from the day of the death up to and including the day following the funeral.

Immediate.... (balance of clause to remain unchanged)

16:00 VACATIONS WITH PAY

Amend clause to read as follows:

16:02 All employees who have completed one (1) calendar year of service but less than five (5) years of service shall receive two (2) weeks **plus one (1) additional day per calendar year worked** annual vacation at their regular rate of pay.

Note: To appear in Memorandum of Settlement Only

For example, after one (1) full calendar year of service, the employee is entitled to 11 days of vacation, after two (2) full calendar years of service the employee is entitled to 12 days of vacation & so on.

Article 18 Welfare Plan

18:01 Extended Health Care Plan

Vision Care

Effective the 1st of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties, **increase Vision Care amount to \$325. (Note: Confirming that this amount can be used for laser eye surgery)**

Effective February 1, 2014, increase Vision Care amount to \$350.

Prescription Drug Benefit

Effective the February 1, 2013, increase Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Cap to \$11.00.

Paramedical Benefits

Effective the 1st of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the Parties, **increase Paramedical Benefit to \$1,000.**

Dental Plan

Amend effective the 1st of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties, coverage as follows:

Dental Plan #9, with Rider #3, (Orthodontic, **Two (2)** thousand five (5) hundred (\$2,500 limit), at current ODA rates minus one (1) year.

NEW – 12 Month Pregnancy/Parental Replacement Temporary Employees – Limited Benefit Coverage

Prescription Drug Benefit Plan at 90%/10% Co-Insurance
(Plan subject to elimination of OTC's and \$8 Dispensing Fee Cap)

Amend dispensing fee cap to \$10 effective February 1, 2014.

Effective the 1st of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties, **increase Vision Care to \$125 per 24 months**

• **Active Employees Over Age 65**

Effective the 1st of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties:

- **Increase drug plan cap to \$1,100 per annum and to \$1,200 per annum effective February 1, 2014.**
- **Increase Dispensing fee cap to \$10.**
- **Paramedical maximum to \$750**
- **Vision Care to \$250/24months**

Article 19 Sick Leave

19:07

Amend existing clause to read as follows:

No member shall draw during their active service with the City, accumulated sick leave benefits if their absence from work is not due to illness as attested by the Certificate of a medical practitioner, if required by the Department Head.

The City shall **effective the first of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties**, pay up to **forty** dollars (\$40) for the completion of a **City medical form** when requested by the **City**. The employee shall be required to submit to their supervisor a receipt of payment in order to qualify for reimbursement.

Effective February 1, 2014, increase reimbursement of a City requested medical form to forty-five (\$45).

Article 22:00Car Allowance

22:03

Increase car allowance effective the first of the month following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties by \$0.01 to \$0.51.

Increase car allowance effective Feb. 1, 2013 to \$0.52.

Increase car allowance effective Feb. 1, 2014 to \$0.53.

Add the following statement to this clause:

It is agreed and understood that the Car Allowance shall not increase if it would result in exceeding the Canada Revenue Agency amount that would result in a taxable benefit.

Article 23 Wages

23:02 Standard Wage Scale

- Increase Standard Wage Scale as follows:

Effective February 1, 2012	+ 2.0 %
Effective February 1, 2013	+ 2.0 %
Effective February 1, 2014	+ 2.0%

Percent increases also applicable to Schedule of Progressional Rates; Handyperson Cardholder.

Retroactivity to active employees and any employees who retired between February 1, 2012 and the date of ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties.

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Article 26:00 Term of Agreement

26:01

Amend clause to read as follows:

- 26:01 This agreement shall be effective from February 1, 2012 and shall remain in effect until January 31st, 2015 and unless either party gives to the other party a written notice of termination or of a desire to amend this agreement, then it shall continue in effect for a further year without change and so on from year to year thereafter.

Appendix C Student Wage Scale

Increase Student Wage Scale by the same percentages as proposed in the Standard Wage Scale - 23:02 above.

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MEMORANDUM OF SETTLEMENT
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE
&
C.U.P.E. LOCAL 67 CIVIC CENTRE

APPENDIX 2

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Contract Negotiations

Between:

CUPE Local 67 (Civic Centre)

And

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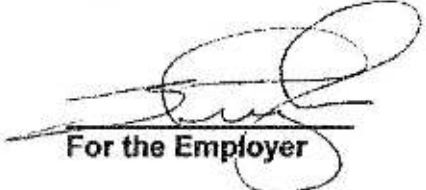
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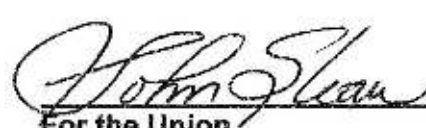
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ARTICLE 3 – UNION SECURITY

- 3:03** The City agrees to deduct from the earnings of each employee the regular Union dues and to transmit by cheque regularly each month to the Financial Secretary of the Union the full amount of dues so collected, accompanied by a list that includes the names, home addresses and home phone numbers of all employees from whose wages the deductions have been made.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 5th day of Jan 2012.


For the Employer


For the Union

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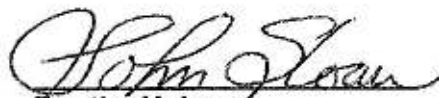
ARTICLE 8 -- Grievance Procedure

8:01 Grievances shall be dealt with in the following manner provided such Grievances are filed in writing within fifteen working days of the occurrence of the incident which gave rise to the matter in dispute. Requests for grievance hearings and replies following such hearings shall be in writing at all steps. Grievances shall specify the clause or clauses in the Agreement which it is believed the City has violated and shall include a statement of facts outlining in what manner the City's interpretation of a clause is disputed. A copy of the grievance will be submitted at each step of the grievance procedure. The City will arrange a hearing at the first step within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of the grievance.

Responses to all steps of the grievance procedure will be copied to the Union Grievance Committee Chair.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 5th day of Jan 2012.


For the Employer


For the Union

8:00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Existing Clause

STEP IV If the Union considers that a satisfactory settlement was not reached in Step III, it may within 5 working days of receipt of the Step III reply invoke the Arbitration provisions of the Agreement.

~~City Proposal~~ *ef*

Delete clause.

For the Union

John Shan
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Paula Taylor

Date: *Jan 5/12*

For the City

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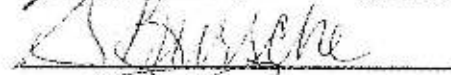
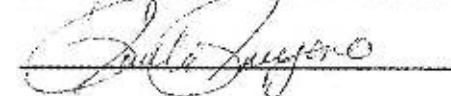
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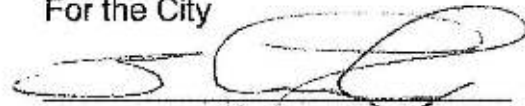
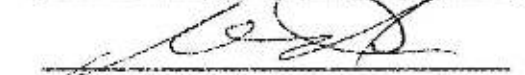
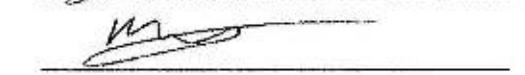
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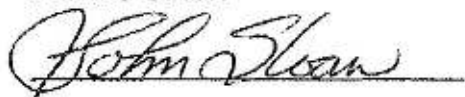
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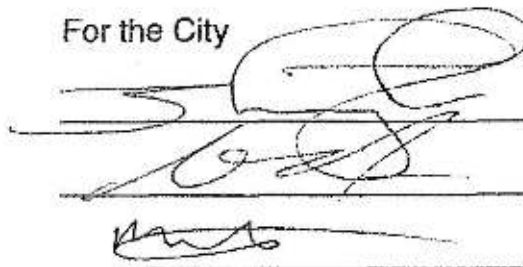
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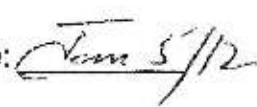
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Date: 

ARTICLE 11 SENIORITY

Amend clause to read as follows:

11:06 A temporary vacancy is defined as a vacancy scheduled to be **up to eight (8)** months in duration.

For the Union

John Sloan
W. Bursche
John B. Jones

Date: *Jan 5/12*

For the City

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Date: *Jan 5/12*

Contract Negotiations

Between:

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Without Prejudice

PROPOSAL

ARTICLE - 11:00 SENIORITY

11:02 However it is understood and agreed that in all cases of promotion to a higher job class, decreases in forces and recall after layoffs the following factors shall be considered:

- (1) **Qualifications** Ability to perform the work
- (2) Seniority

Where **qualifications** ability to perform the work is considered to be equal, seniority shall be the determining factor.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 5th day of Jan 2012.


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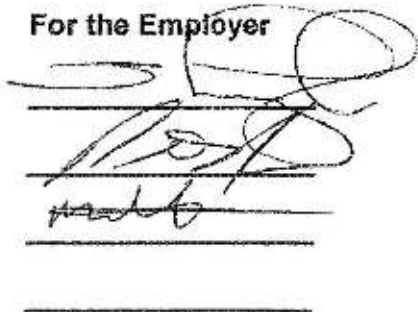

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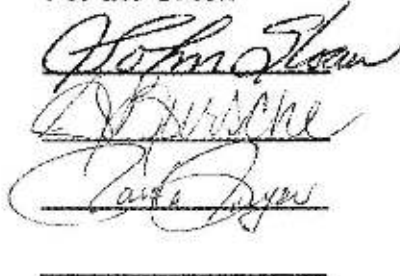
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Without Prejudice**PROPOSAL****ARTICLE – 12 Job Posting**

12:05 When an employee, as a result of a permanent job posting, is promoted to a higher job class or laterally transferred to another position in the same job class, the employee will be on probation a **trial period** for a period of three (3) months. **Employees shall have the right to only one (1) lateral transfer per year.** If performance is not satisfactory during this period the City shall have the right to revert the employee back to their former position and salary. The employee also during such probationary trial period shall have the right to revert to his/her former position and salary.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 25th day of Jan 2012.

For the Employer

For the Union

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PROPOSAL

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For the Employer


For the Union

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ARTICLE 14:00 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

14:04 Union proposal re maintaining member's pay on Union Leave.

The parties agree to include the following as a new Letter of Understanding#12 – Paid Approved Union Leave.

The City agrees to maintain the wages of an employee on Paid Approved Union Leave subject to the following conditions:

This Letter of Understanding will provide for a trial period for this process until December 31st, 2013 at which time such agreement shall be null and void unless renewed by mutual agreement of the parties.

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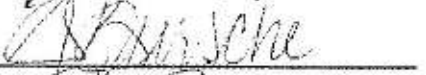
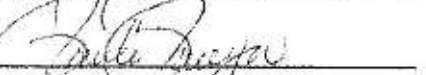
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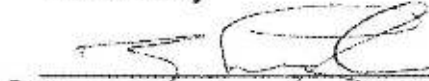
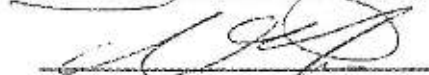
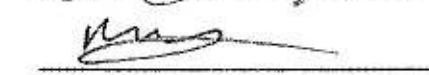
The commencement date of this process shall be on the first of a month as soon as practicable following ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by the parties.

Signed this 25th day of January 2012

For the Union

For the City

Contract Negotiations

Between:

CUPE Local 67 (Civic Centre)

And

The Corporation of the City of SSM

Without Prejudice

PROPOSAL

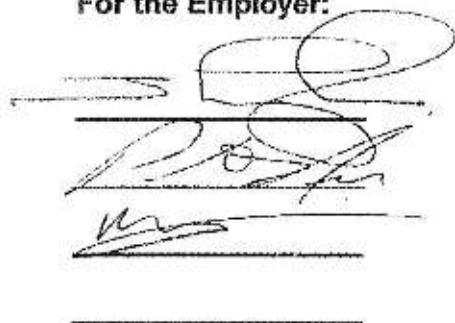
ARTICLE 16.00 -- VACATIONS WITH PAY

16.11 Applications for vacation during the year must be submitted in writing to the head of the Department on or before November 1st of the year preceding the vacation request with approval on or before December 1st in each year.

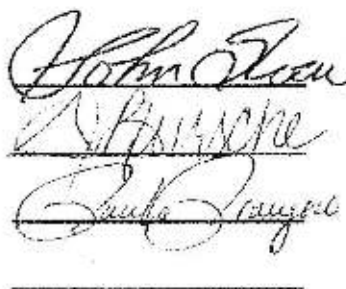
Employees shall be given the opportunity of stating their preference for their vacation period according to length of service.

Dated at: the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, ONTARIO this 5th day of Jan 2012.

For the Employer:



For the Union:



APPENDIX "B" (List of jobs covered by this collective agreement)

- Update list of classifications.

The parties agree to meet to review and where agreed, to update the list of Classifications.

For the Union

John Sloan

For the City

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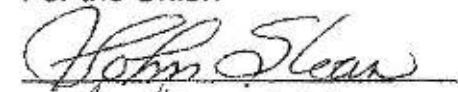
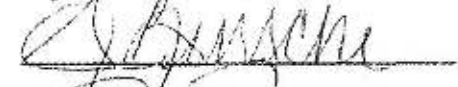
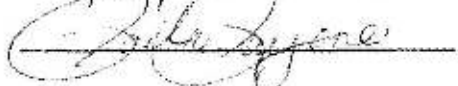
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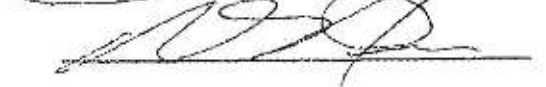
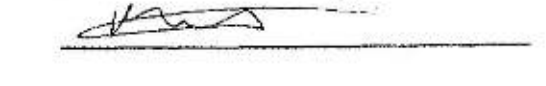
	<u>City Proposal</u>
Letter #1 Subsidized Work Programs	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #4 Joint Consultation Committee	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #5 Application of 11:02 – Layoffs	Renew for term of agreement. with the amendment of the word "ability" to "qualifications" where it appears in this letter.
Letter #6 Absenteeism	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #7 Temporary Transfer Opportunities	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #8 Welfare Benefits	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #9 Disability Accommodation	Renew for term of agreement.
Letter #11 Job Evaluation System Review	Renew for term of agreement.

For the Union

Date: Jan 5/12

For the City

Date: Jan 5/12

10(b)

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

BY-LAW NO. 2012-37

REGULATIONS: (R.1.2.1.) A by-law to amend By-law 2003-7 (a by-law to regulate smoking in public places).

THE COUNCIL of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie pursuant to Section 115 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 and amendments thereto **ENACTS** as follows:

1. **AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW 2003-7**

Section 1.2 (a) of By-law 2003-7 is deleted and replaced with the following:

"(a) ***City entranceway*** means an area within an eight metre radius surrounding the public entrances to John Rhodes Centre located at 280 Elizabeth Street, the McMeeken Centre Arena located at 616 Goulais Avenue, the West End Community Centre located at 556 Goulais Ave."

2. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

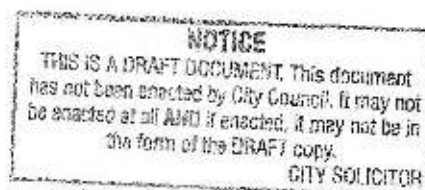
This by-law takes effect on the date of its final passing.

PASSED in open Council this 21st day of February, 2012.

MAYOR – DEBBIE AMAROSO

CITY CLERK – MALCOLM WHITE

cf Bylaws\2012\2012-37 amend smoking 2003-7



10(c)

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

BY-LAW NO. 2012-38

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING: (S.2.) A by-law to permit the temporary closing of various streets to facilitate the opening ceremonies of the CARHA HOCKEY WORLD CUP 2012 PARADE OF ATHLETES on Sunday March 4th, 2012.

THE COUNCIL of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie pursuant to Section 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 and amendments thereto ENACTS as follows:

1. TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING OF VARIOUS STREETS

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie hereby authorizes the closing to vehicular traffic of the following streets to facilitate the CARHA Hockey World Cup 2012 Parade of Athletes on Sunday March 4, 2012 from 19:00 hours until 20:30 hours:

Bay Street at Gore Street or Tancred easterly to Spring Street

Queen Street East from Dennis Street easterly to Elgin Street

Dennis Street from Bay Street to Queen Street East

Bruce Street from Bay Street to Queen Street East

Elgin Street from Bay Street to Queen Street East

St. Mary's River Drive from Foster Drive to Bay Street

Foster Drive from St. Mary's River Drive to Spring Street

2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

PASSED in open Council this 21st day of February, 2012.

MAYOR – DEBBIE AMAROSO

CITY CLERK - MALCOLM WHITE

10(d)

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

BY-LAW NO. 2012-40

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING: (S.2.) A by-law to permit the temporary closing of Foster Drive from Spring Street to Elgin Street to facilitate "Ride for Sight" on June 29th and 30th, 2012.

THE COUNCIL of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie pursuant to section 11 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 and amendments thereto **ENACTS** as follows:

1. **TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FOSTER DRIVE FROM SPRING STREET TO ELGIN STREET**

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie hereby authorizes the closing to vehicular traffic of Foster Drive from Spring Street to Elgin Street to facilitate "Ride for Sight" on June 29th and 30th, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. (Midnight).

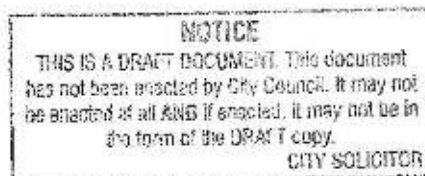
2. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

PASSED in open Council this 21st day of February, 2012.

MAYOR -- DEBBIE AMAROSO

CITY CLERK-MALCOLM WHITE



10(e)

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

BY-LAW NO. 2012-36

ZONING: A by-law to amend Sault Ste. Marie Zoning By-laws 2005-150 and 2005-151 concerning lands located at 390 Sydenham Road (Merlino).

THE COUNCIL of The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter P.13 and amendments thereto, ENACTS as follows:

1. **390 SYDENHAM ROAD; LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SYDENHAM ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 110M WEST OF KORAH ROAD; CHANGE FROM R.2 TO R.3.S**

The zone designation on the lands described in Section 2 of this by-law, which lands are shown on Map 1-89 of Schedule "A" to Zoning By-law 2005-150, is changed from R.2 (Single Detached Residential) zone to R.3.S (Low Density Residential) zone with a "Special Exception".

2. **BY-LAW 2005-151 AMENDED**

Section 2 of By-law 2005-151 is amended by adding the following subsection 2(310) and heading as follows:

"2(310) 390 Sydenham Road

Despite the provisions of By-law 2005-150 the lands located on the north side of Sydenham Road, approximately 110 metres west of Korah Road and having civic no. 390 Sydenham Road and marked "subject property" on the map attached as Schedule 310 hereto is changed from R.2 (Single Detached Residential) zone to R.3.S (Low Density Residential) zone with a "Special Exception" to permit in addition to those uses permitted in an R.3. zone, a semi-detached dwelling only."

3. **SCHEDULE "A"**

Schedule "A" hereto forms a part of this by-law.

4. **CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY**

It is hereby certified that this by-law is in conformity with the Official Plan for the City of Sault Ste. Marie authorized and in force on the day of the passing of this by-law.

PASSED in Open Council this 21st day of February, 2012.

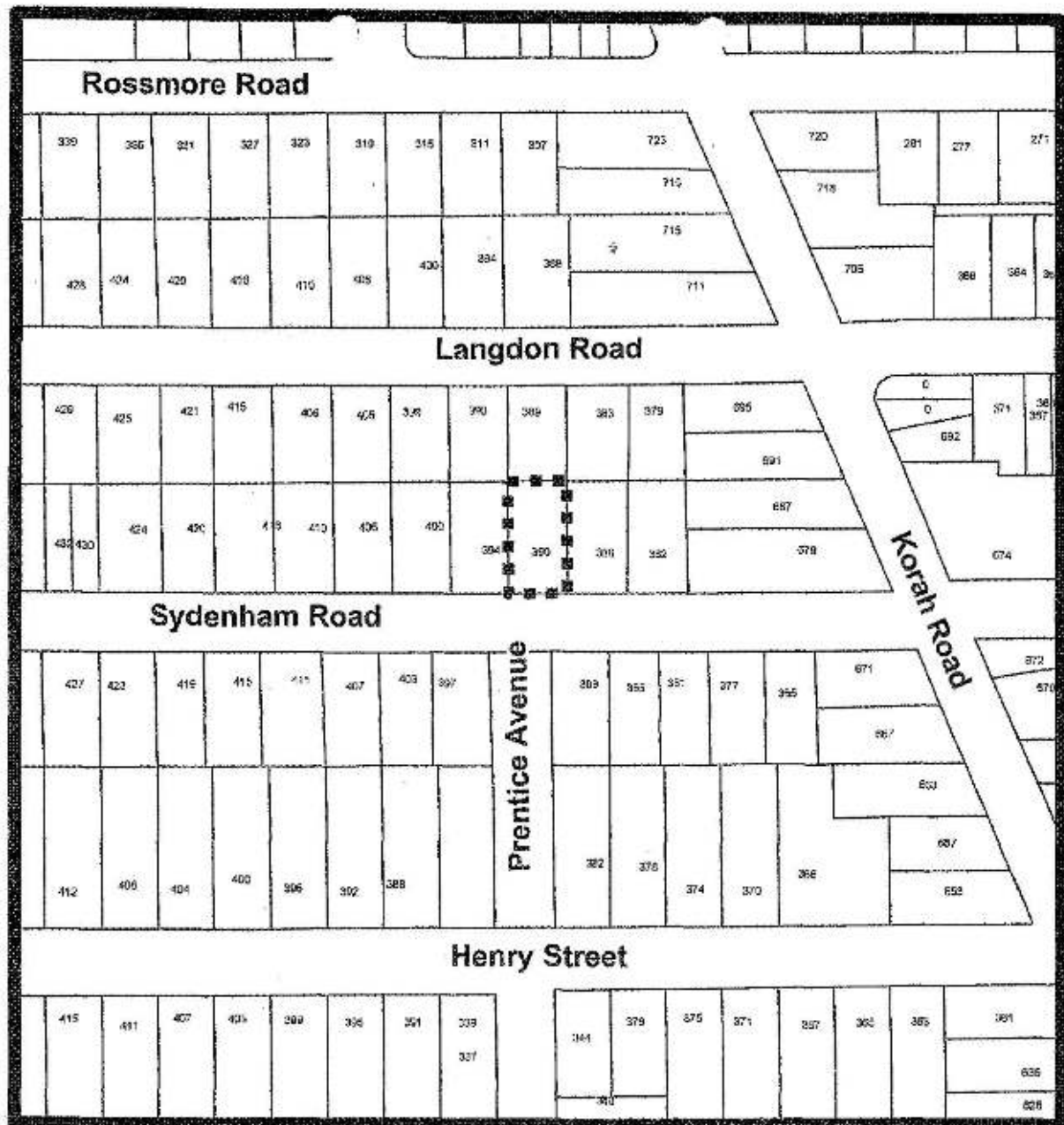


MAYOR – DEBBIE AMAROSO

CITY CLERK – MALCOLM WHITE

10(e)

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 2012-36 AND SCHEDULE 310 TO BY-LAW 2005-151 OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE BE PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.



SUBJECT PROPERTY MAP

390 Sydenham Road
Planning Application: A-7-12-Z


 Subject Property = 390 Sydenham Road



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