

# Appendix E

Public Hearing and  
Adoption by City Commission

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**CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE  
2010-2014 MASTER RECREATION PLAN  
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION  
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sault Ste. Marie has prepared a five-year recreation plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period from 2010 through 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held Monday, March 1, 2010, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss the 2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sault Ste. Marie has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community as a document to assist in meeting the recreational needs of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, after the public hearing, the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Commission voted to adopt said Recreation Plan;


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Commission hereby adopts the City of Sault Ste. Marie 2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Yeas: Mayor Bosbous, Commissioner Bauer, Burton, Gerrie, Lynn, Munsell, and Stefanski

Nays: None

Absent: None

I, Robin R. Troyer, Sault Ste. Marie City Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on March 1, 2010.

  
Robin R. Troyer, City Clerk  
City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

**PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED SAULT STE. MARIE 2010-2014 MASTER RECREATION PLAN:**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that communities adopt a five year recreation plan if they would like to apply for recreational grants through any of the DNR's programs. These plans are comprehensive, and in order to be funded, a project must be included in the adopted recreation plan for that local jurisdiction.

The proposed 2010-2014 Master Recreational Plan is the sixth in a series of plans adopted by the City over the past 35 years. The City's last plan expired in December of 2009, and in order to be eligible for future grant funding, a new plan has to be approved by the Commission prior to April 1st.

Since January 2009, the Community Services Board, working in conjunction with the Planning and Development Department, began collecting the data necessary for this year's plan. The Community Services Board approved a final draft plan for public comment on January 12, 2010. A 30 day public comment period was concluded on February 15th, and on February 16th, the Community Services Board reviewed the public comments made, incorporated some revisions to the plan, and recommended that the plan be adopted by the City Commission. Prior to the Commission acting, a public hearing must be held.

A notice of public hearing has been placed in the paper with plan availability both on the City's website ([www.saultcity.com](http://www.saultcity.com)), the Bayliss Public Library, and the City Clerk's Office. The entire plan is on the City's website at [www.saultcity.com](http://www.saultcity.com), click on announcements, and then click on the blue underlined 2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan. A summary of the project list, a copy of the approving resolution, comments from citizens regarding the plan, and other pertinent data was included.

City Manager Nebel appreciates all the hard work and efforts that Barb Lisiecki of the Planning Department has put into the significant undertaking of developing a new Recreation Plan for the City of Sault Ste. Marie. City Manager Nebel further thanked the Community Services Board, who have spent the better part of a year reviewing, modifying, and providing guidance on the development of this plan, which is now ready for presentation to the City Commission.

A resolution was received from the Sault Ste. Marie Planning and Development Commission that the proposed Sault Ste. Marie 2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan consistent with the City's comprehensive Master Plan.

The Mayor conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan for the City of Sault Ste. Marie. There were no

comments from the public therefore the following action was taken:

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Bauer

That the City Commission approve a resolution adopting the City of Sault Ste. Marie 2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of this City.

Carried: Yeas: Commissioner Burton, Gerrie, Lynn, Munsell,  
Stefanski, Mayor Bosbous, and Commissioner Bauer  
Nays: None

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the attached is a true and exact copy of an excerpt of the minutes of the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan for March 01, 2010 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

  
**ROBIN R. TROYER, CMC**  
CITY CLERK

CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie is in the process of adopting an updated five-year *2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan* in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment Recreation Plan requirements for grant eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Community Services Board has recommended an updated 2010-2014 five-year recreation plan for adoption by the Sault Ste. Marie City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Planning and Development Commission has reviewed the 2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan as recommended by the Community Services Board and finds that there is nothing in the proposed 2010-2014 recreation plan that is in conflict with the City's overall comprehensive Master Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Planning and Development Commission finds the *proposed Sault Ste. Marie 2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan* consistent with the City's comprehensive Master Plan.

This resolution was adopted by the Sault Ste. Marie Planning and Development Commission at their regular meeting held February 25, 2010.



Scott Nason, Chair  
Sault Ste. Marie Planning and Development Commission

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less of what the clock said. In this case, it just so happens, Miller's total time from one downhill and one slalom was Sunday's best, allowing the 32-year-old from Franconia, N.H., to win the super-combined event signifying all-around skiing ability — and that first career gold. He now has a record-tying three medals at these Olympics after only three races, quite a comeback from his infamous flop at the 2006 Turin Games and his near-retirement last year.


"The gold medal is great. I think it's perfect. Ideally, that's what everyone is shooting for. But the way I skied these last races is what matters. I would've been proud of that skiing with a medal or not," Miller said after turning in the third-fastest slalom leg for an overall time of 2 minutes, 44.92 seconds, a comfortable 0.33 ahead of Ivica Kostelic of Croatia.

history's view of Miller. What happened in Turin is now an aberration rather than the defining moment. Now he'll always be seen by those outside the sport as one of Alpine skiing's greats who frittered away one Olympics, not a should-have-been who never fulfilled his promise.

"I mean, Bode has now done everything you can in skiing. He's won World Cups. He's won World Cup overall titles," said Will Brandenburg of Spokane, Wash., who finished 10th in his Olympic debut. "He's won medals in every color. And now he's got the gold. And I think that's big. He's one of the best skiers of all time now and no one can discredit that." Older and perhaps wiser — although good luck getting this guy to admit the latter — Miller is at the top of his game at the right time. What a week. He also won a bronze in

Norway. At this point, who would doubt that Miller could keep going, maybe coming up with something special in the two remaining

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

**MASTER RECREATION PLAN**

Public Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing on the City's updated five-year 2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan will be held at the regular Sault Ste. Marie City Commission meeting on **Monday, March 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Copies of the proposed five-year plan are available for viewing during regular office hours at the City Clerk's office in City Hall, the Bayliss Library, and on the City's website: saultcity.com.

Anyone wishing to present testimony or offer comments concerning this matter is encouraged to do so at the Public Hearing or to submit a written statement to the City Clerk, City Hall, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, to be received prior to the meeting.

Robin R. Troyer  
 City Clerk

**NOTICE**  
 CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE  
 TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Sault Ste. Marie Board of Review will meet in public session on March 8, 2010, in the City-County Building, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Hours will be as follows:

Monday, March 8  
 9:00am-12noon & 3:00pm-6:00pm

Appointments must be made. Times listed are by appointment basis only. When there is no one before the Board, then the Board may recess until the next appointment. All property, both real and personal, have a ratio of 50% to true cash value and a tentative equalization factor of 1.00000.

Those wishing to protest their 2010 assessment shall contact the Assessor's office in the City-County building at (906) 632-5710. Please call for an appointment by March 3, 2010. If unable to appear in person, letters of appeal will be accepted by the Board of Review until March 3, 2010 before 4pm. Letters may be sent to the City Assessor's Office, Attn: Board of Review, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENT RECEIVED AFTER 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD AND APPROVAL BY CSB**

Dan Wyers received the following e-mail comment from Mary June after the close of the 30-day comment period and after the CSB acted to recommend approval of the plan.

But it should be noted that the plan as finally approved by the CSB includes addition of the Gray & Pape Study *Proposed Development Map for Water Street Museum Area* to the Recreation Inventory Chapter 3 as well as the needed correction of the River of History Museum location pointed out in Mary June's comment.

Chapter 7 of the plan also states that the existing cabin on Steere Island is included in the Lower River Islands development plan and "needs to be attended until such time that the island development takes place".

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary June [mailto:mjune@lssu.edu]  
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 10:12 AM  
To: sooparks@sault.com  
Cc: Mary June  
Subject: Master Recreation Plan

Hi Dan,

I am finally getting around to mentioning those things I caught in the Master Plan when I looked it over.

The Plan does mention the Johnston and Schoolcraft houses but it does not mention the Water Street Historic Block as any type of museum complex. It might be nice if the collection of buildings could be described and how they work together.

Also I noticed that the plan indicates that the River of History Museum is still located in the old Federal Building. It moved last year and is not located at 531 Ashmun in the Downtown business district across from the Soo Theatre. It will reopen in May of 2010. I am not sure if Soo Historic Sites is still involved with the running of the Museum but the museum has been redesigned and is a bright, colorful, and exciting place now and I think will especially appeal to young people more. The Sault Tribe has also created a cultural center in the building which is more of an art gallery and does compliment the Museum and its holdings. You may want to have someone contact them. The Tribal cultural center also opened last summer.

You may also want to mention in the master plan that the lower islands have generated more interest in recent months and that may require some additional evaluations. I do not like the way they are called Lower Islands, I am wondering if people did not realize that it was Steere Island and its neighbors you were talking about on your questionnaires so those park possibilities got a lukewarm response. People at our talk sounded interested in getting something going on Steer Island, like some camping opportunities, even though they might still have to access by boat. Because of security for the Steere cabin was a concern, someone at the meeting also suggested having agreement where people are hired as caretakers of the island park with free camping or accommodations.

Hope this helps. The Master Plan was sure a lot of work and sounds good.

Mary

BSL/PDD



# City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

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March 31, 2010

Mr. Jeff Hagan, Director  
Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission  
PO Box 520, 125 Arlington Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783

RE: Transmittal of City of Sault Ste. Marie 2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan to Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning Commission which also serves as the Planning Agency for Chippewa County

Dear Mr. Hagan:

The City of Sault Ste. Marie has adopted its new five-year 2010-2014 Master Recreation Plan. Enclosed is a copy of the adopted plan for the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning Commission which serves as both the Regional Planning Agency and the County Planning Agency for Chippewa County.

Should you have questions or need further information, please contact me at 906-632-5782.

Sincerely,

Barbara S. Lisiecki  
Senior Planner

Enclosure

cc: James German, Chippewa County Administrator