



Location:	Tom Davies Square
Commencement:	6:01 PM
Adjournment:	8:22 PM

## Minutes

**For the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting held  
Tuesday, October 4, 2016**

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### Councillor Jakubo, In the Chair

Present	Councillors Signoretti, Vagnini, Montpellier, Dutrisac (A 6:05), Kirwan, Lapierre, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh, Cormier, Reynolds, Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger
City Officials	David Shelsted, Director, Roads & Transportation Services; Randy Halverson, Manager of Operations; Ed Archer, CAO; Luisa Valle, Director of Social Services; Melissa Zanette, Chief of Staff; Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director Administrative Services/City Clerk; Nataly Wissell, Clerk's Services Assistant; Renee Stewart, Clerk's Services Assistant

### **Declarations of Pecuniary Interests and the general nature thereof**

None declared

### Rules and Procedure

Councillor Reynolds moved that the agenda be altered to show "Why Invest in Asset Management" video followed by item C-1.

### **CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY**

The "Why Invest in Asset Management" video was presented by Councillor Reynolds for information only.

### **Correspondence for Information Only**

#### C1 2017 Budget Update

Councillor Jakubo suggested that this item be dealt with later in the meeting when the hard copies of the 2017 budget were circulated.

## Referred & Deferred Matters

#### R-1 . Sidewalk Winter Maintenance Report

Report dated July 21, 2016 from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding Sidewalk Winter Maintenance Report.

Councillor Jakubo moved that item R-1 be deferred to budget discussions, with a request for a business case analysis which includes the themes discussed, to be presented at that time.

### **CARRIED**

#### Rules and Procedure

Councillor Vagnini presented a Notice of Motion related to the Sidewalk Winter Maintenance Report and asked that the Notice of Motion be waived.

**WAIVED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY**

The following Notice of Motion was presented:

Vagnini/Montpellier: THAT in anticipation of discussions and decisions being made by Council as part of the 2017 budget deliberations that staff be directed to implement, on a pilot basis, sidewalk snow clearing on priority sidewalks for the remainder of 2016, to be treated as an unbudgeted expenditure in 2016.

AND that staff be directed to connect with members of Council in identifying those priority sidewalks.

With the concurrence of the mover, the motion as amended is as follows:

FA2016- 35 Vagnini/Montpellier: THAT in anticipation of discussions and decisions being made by Council as part of the 2017 budget deliberations that staff be directed to implement, on a pilot basis, sidewalk snow clearing on the sidewalk in front of Walden Public for the remainder of 2016, to be treated as an unbudgeted expenditure in 2016.

**CARRIED**

## **Managers' Reports**

R-2 . Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Expenditures Allocation

Report dated September 21, 2016 from the Acting Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer regarding Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Expenditures Allocation.

The following resolution was presented:

Cormier/Bigger: THAT Council approves the transfer of \$1 million, representing the projected surplus in the 2016 watermain repairs budget to partially fund the City's share of the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund projects.

The following amendment to the resolution was presented:

FA2016-36A1 Bigger/Sizer: THAT the main motion be amended to permanently reallocate the \$1 Million from the watermain emergency repairs budget to be a permanent contribution to the Water/Wastewater capital budget.

**CARRIED**

The resolution as amended was presented:

FA2016-36 Cormier/Bigger: THAT Council approves the permanent reallocation of \$1 Million from the watermain emergency repairs budget to be a permanent contribution to the Water/Wastewater capital budget.

**CARRIED**

## **RECESS**

At 7:51 p.m. the Committee recessed.

## **RECONVENE**

7:58 p.m. the Committee reconvened.

## **Correspondence for Information Only**

C-1 . 2017 Budget Update

Report dated September 21, 2016 from the Acting Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer regarding 2017 Budget Update.

For information only.

## **Members' Motion**

M-1 . **Debt for Development**

The following motion was presented by Councillor Reynolds:

FA2016-37 Reynolds/Cormier: WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has decided to focus on the Strategic Plan imperatives, namely, Infrastructure, Events Centre, Synergy Centre, Place Des Arts, and Library-Arts Complex;

WHEREAS all these projects require substantial public and private investments to undertake them;

WHEREAS interest rates for debt financing are at historic lows and are likely to remain so for the foreseeable future as per the most knowledgeable persons;

WHEREAS authoritative figures such as David Dodge of Bank of Canada and Nobel Laureate economist Paul Krugman, among others, are urging governments to take advantage of this low interest rate climate in order to undertake much needed public sector investments for development;

WHEREAS the City is in the enviable position of not being burdened by significant debt load from the past thus freeing the City to think long-term and invest in its future;

WHEREAS the City enjoys an impressive Revenue to Debt Ratio of 5.86 compared to Kitchener, Oakville, Barrie, Kingston, and London – all cities considered both responsible and doing well;

WHEREAS the City has financial investments in excess of 290 million dollars including 160 million dollars in Reserve for future actuarial needs; and

WHEREAS the state of City's infrastructure, projects the image of a city in terminal decline akin to some small predominantly single resource towns and cities across North America;

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, to convene a special half-a-day-long meeting of the City Council to explore the contours of Debt for Development with the understanding that it is not a meeting for making any formal decisions but to inform ourselves of the possibilities;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to invite interested individuals and institutions to come forward and outline their thoughts on the matter.

Councillor Signoretti requested a simultaneous written recorded vote:

**YEAS: Councillors Vagnini, Montpellier, Dutrisac, Kirwan, Lapierre, McIntosh, Cormier, Reynolds, Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger.**

**NAYS: Councillors Signoretti, Jakubo, Sizer.**

**CARRIED**

## **Addendum**

No addendum was presented.

## **Civic Petitions**

No civic petitions were submitted.

## **Question Period**

No questions were asked.

## **Notices of Motion**

No Notices of Motion were presented.

## **Adjournment**

Cormier/Bigger: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:22 p.m.

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Caroline Hallsworth, Executive  
Director, Administrative Services/City  
Clerk