

MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Commencement: 4:04 p.m.

COUNCILLOR MIKE JAKUBO, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Signoretti, Vagnini, Dutrisac, Kirwan, Lapierre, Jakubo, McIntosh, Cormier, Reynolds, Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger

City Officials

Kevin Fowke, Interim Chief Administrative Officer; Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services/City Clerk; Ron Henderson, General Manager of Assets, Citizen and Leisure Services; Ed Stankiewicz, Acting Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer; Rob Blackwell, General Manager of Health and Social Services; Tony Derro, Manager of Taxation; Marie Catherine Edsall, Communications & French Services Advisor; Jody Lamarche, Vital Statistics Assistant; Christine Hodgins, Legislative Compliance Coordinator; April Antoniazzi, Clerk's Services Assistant

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared

PRESENTATIONS

Item 1 **2016 Property** **Tax Policy**

Ed Stankiewicz, Acting Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer, provided an electronic presentation regarding 2016 Property Tax Policy.

At 4:20 p.m. Councillor Lapierre departed.

The following resolutions were presented:

FA2016-17 Landry-Altmann/Dutrisac: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves property tax ratios as follows:

Multi-Residential - 2.157389;
Commercial - 2.143216;
Industrial – 3.141249;
Large Industrial - 3.560435;
Pipeline – 2.238347;

PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)

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AND THAT the necessary Tax Ratio by-law and Tax Rate by-law be presented.

CARRIED

FA2016-18 Landry-Altmann/Kirwan: WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury continues the practice of having as many properties as possible pay their fair share of property taxes based on the Current Value Assessment (CVA);

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has provided tax tools to achieve this outcome;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury uses these tools to the maximum, resulting in more properties paying true CVA taxes, and the tools are as follows:

- a) Implement a 10% tax increase cap rather than the mandatory 5% minimum cap,
- b) Implement a minimum annual increase of 5% of CVA level taxes for capped properties,
- c) Move capped and clawed back properties within \$250 of CVA taxes directly to CVA taxes;
- d) Eliminate properties that were at Current Value Assessment in 2014 from the capping exercise;
- e) Eliminate properties that crossed between capping and clawback in 2015 from the capping exercise;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be presented.

CARRIED

FA2016-19 Landry-Altmann/Dutrisac: WHEREAS the Province of Ontario under Bill 140 has a maximum tax increase policy (capping) for business properties (Multi-Residential, Commercial and Industrial);

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury, through past practice, has funded this cap on taxes by clawing back from properties realizing reduced taxation;

PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clawback percentages, as calculated by the Online Property Taxation Analysis (OPTA) System, be adopted by the City of Greater Sudbury:

Multi-Residential – 0%;
Commercial – 44.0117%;
Industrial – 3.4097%;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be prepared.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item C-1
Property Tax Rebate
for Registered Charities

Report dated March 11, 2016 from the Acting Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer regarding Property Tax Rebate for Registered Charities.

Item C-2
Property Tax Collection
Methodology and
Management of the
City's Taxes Receivable

Report dated May 2, 2016 from the Acting Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer regarding Property Tax Collection Methodology and Management of the City's Taxes Receivable.

At 4:26 p.m. Councillor Lapierre returned.

Item C-3
2015 Investment Report

Report dated May 2, 2016 from the Acting Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer regarding 2015 Investment Report.

REGULAR AGENDA

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item R-1
Electrical Safety
Authority Agreement

Report dated April 19, 2016 from the General Manager of Assets, Citizen and Leisure Services regarding Electrical Safety Authority Agreement.

The following resolution was presented:

FA2016-20 Kirwan/Landry-Altmann: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury enters into a Continuous Safety Services Agreement with the Electrical Safety Authority for a one-year term at a cost of \$176,427.96 plus HST starting on January 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2016;

MANAGERS' REPORTS (cont'd)

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Electrical Safety
Authority Agreement
(cont'd)

AND THAT the General Manager of Assets, Citizen and Leisure Services be authorized to execute the agreement.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Industrial/Commercial
Tax Rates

Councillor Kirwan asked how Sudbury's industrial and commercial tax rates compare with rates across the north and throughout the province.

The Acting Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer replied Sudbury's industrial tax rates for last year were 3.7% while the provincial average was 2.3% and Sudbury's commercial rate was 2.5% while the provincial average was 1.8%. He noted the commercial and industrial rates in Sudbury are higher than those in other areas of the province in order not to pose a burden on residential tax rates. He added tax rates are less telling than tax ratios because of different assessment values in southern Ontario and when looking at tax ratios Sudbury's industrial rates are high and commercial rates are medium.

Adjournment

Kirwan/Landry-Altmann: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.
Time: 4:38 p.m.

CARRIED

Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director,
Administrative Services/City Clerk