

Location:

Council Chamber, Tom

Davies Square

Commencement:

4:04 PM

Adjournment:

7:11 PM

Minutes

For the 16th Finance Committee Meeting held Tuesday, November 8, 2011

COUNCILLOR TERRY KETT, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Kilgour, Belli; Caldarelli; Kett, Landry-Altmann; Mayor Matichuk

City Officials

Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer; Greg Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; Robert Blackwell, Acting General Manager of Community Development; Bill Lautenbach, General Manager of Growth & Development; Tim Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services/City Clerk; Lorella Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; Kevin Fowke, Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development; David Shelsted, Acting Director of Roads & Transportation; Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; Danielle Braney, Director of Asset Services; Tony Parmar, Director of Pioneer Manor; Ed Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; Paddy Buchanan, Manager of Accounting; Eliza Bennett, Manager of Corporate Communications & French Language Services; Christine Dempsey, Manager of Finance, Ontario Works; Barbara Dubois, Senior Budget Analyst; Brent Fleury, Senior Budget Analyst; Dion Dumontelle, Co-ordinator of Accounting; Brad Johns, Facilities Engineer, Water/Wastewater Services; Frank Elsner, Chief of Police; Sharon Baiden, Director of Corporate Services, Police Services; Melissa Bamberger, Manager of Budget & Materials – Resource, Police Services; Lucia Taskinen, Budget & Materials – Resource Co-ordinator; Brian Bigger, Auditor General; Christine Hogarth, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office; Christine Rochon, Public Relations & Political Administration Assistant; Jason Nelson, Audio-Visual Operator; Franca Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

CBC Radio; CBC Radio-Canada; EastLink News; KICX, Northern Life; Sudbury Star

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Presentations

1. The Base Budget Document was distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, and Lorella Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, made an electronic presentation to provide an overview of the 2012 Budget.

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the next few years are filled with tremendous opportunity as experts predict a 20-year window of strong commodity demand. He outlined what is on the horizon with enormous and potential projects. He provided statistics on this year's building permits and house

values. He advised of the strengthened economy and mature investments made by the City. He concluded with the strategic goals and strategies.

The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer outlined the May Finance Working Session and the three key financial themes that were discussed. She explained the three stages of the annual budget process. She advised of the 2011 Final Budget and the 2012 Proposed Budget with a \$8 M levy increase. She listed the expenses in the 2012 proposed Budget and explained the municipal tax increase of 2.6%. She also explained the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund. She provided employee statistics and expenditures by service areas. An estimated assessment was provided as well as details on the key highlights of the total levy increase and budget pressures. She outlined in detail aspects of Towards Fiscal Sustainability including medium and long term proposals. She listed the 2012 proposed budget enhancements. She advised of tax increases from 2007 to 2012 and the impact if a 2.6% municipal tax increase on a typical bungalow and senior executive home.

Outside Board Presentations

2. Greater Sudbury Police Services (GSPS) Operating Budget 2012 and Capital Plan 2012 to 2016 was distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

Councillor Ron Dupuis, Chair, Greater Sudbury Policy Services Board, introduced the presentation. He stated the increase in 2012 budget is 2.7% with 1.1% preapproved last year for a total of 3.8%. He thanked the Board Member and staff in attendance.

Frank Elsner, Chief of Police, made an electronic presentation regarding the GSPS Operating Budget 2012 and Capital Plan 2012 to 2016. He provided background information one budget including requirements under the Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services Regulation. He explained the complexity of policy and the effects of municipal restructuring. He provided a land area comparison of municipalities in 2007. He outlined in detail the calls for service, crime analytics, diversity and multicultural relations and the Aboriginal Liaison Unit.

Change of Chair

At 5:56 p.m., Councillor Terry Kett vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR FRANCES CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR

Change of Chair

At 6:02 p.m., Councillor Frances Caldarelli vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR TERRY KETT, IN THE CHAIR

Chief Elsner listed business improvements instituted by GSPS, commitments and service priorities. He provided the Operating Budget 2012 including budget summary, major budget impacts, grant programs and user fees. He also provided the 2012 Budget Overview of the proposed budget of \$48,395,879 being 3.8% increase. He explained court security costs. He outlined the Capital Plan 2012 – 2016 including capital expenditures and revenues for each year.

3. 2012 Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) Budget and Resolution approving the budget were distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

Bob Rogers, Chair, NDCA Board, and Paul Sajatovic, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, NDCA, made an electronic presentation regarding the 2012 NDCA Budget.

Bob Rogers explained the NDCA Watershed and provided Greater Sudbury water facts. He outlined their vision, mission and values. He stated that NDCA is a small dedicated group and outlined their work.

Paul Sajatovic listed 2011 program highlights and 2012 Watershed priorities. He explained the Source Protection planning implications for the City and outlined the Source Protection Plan milestones. He advised of the rebranding of NDCA with a new name (Conservation Sudbury) and new logo. He advised their 2012 levy request is \$600,866 being a \$16,710 increase over 2011.

Managers' Reports

4 . Report dated November 3, 2011 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Capital Budget – Inflation Options.

The following recommendation was presented:

2011-28 Landry-Altmann/Belli: THAT the Finance Committee direct staff to prepare a budget option in accordance with Option 2 which would amend the existing capital policy and increase capital envelopes by the Non-Residential Building Construction Price Index (NRBCPI) effective for the 2012 Budget in accordance with report dated November 3, 2011 from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

CARRIED

Correspondence for Information Only

5 . Report dated October 28, 2011 was received from the Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development regarding Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Rates for information only.

Parking Lot Review

6.

Adjournment

2011-29 Landry-Altmann/Belli: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 7:11 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Terry Kett, Chair

Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services/City Clerk