



Location:	Council Chamber, Tom Davies Square
Commencement:	9:30 AM
Adjournment:	4:12 PM

Minutes

**For the 11st Finance Committee Meeting held
Saturday, April 9, 2011**

Chair

COUNCILLOR TERRY KETT, IN THE CHAIR

Present

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

City Officials

Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer; Greg Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; Catherine Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; Roger Sauvé, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; Tim Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; Marc Leduc, Fire Chief; Bruno Mangiardi, Acting Executive Director, Administrative Services; Lorella Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; Kevin Fowke, Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development; Jamie Canapini, City Solicitor; Robert Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; Real Carre, Director of Leisure Services; Luisa Valle, Director of Social Services; Tony Parmar, Director of Pioneer Manor; Peter Chiesa, Acting Director of Engineering Services; Denis Desmeules, Director of Housing Services; Paul Baskcomb, Director of Planning Services; Stephen Monet, Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives; Mark Simeoni, Manager of Community & Strategic Planning; Eliza Bennett, Manager of Corporate Communications & French Language Services; Carmen Ouellette, Manager of Children Services; Lynn Webster, Manager of Finance & Facility Administration, Emergency Services; Christina Dempsey, Manager of Finance & Administration, OW; Eric Bertrand, Fleet Manager; Chantal Mathieu, Manager of Environmental Services; Helen Mulc, Manager of Business Development; Jody Cameron, Project Manager – mysudbury; Claire Zuliani, Manager of Libraries & Heritage Resources; Merek Lehto, Manager of Cemetery Services; Shawn Turner, Manager of Financial & Support Services; Infrastructure Services; Paddy Buchanan, Manager of Accounting; Dion Dumontelle, Co-ordinator of Accounting; Keith Forrester, Real Estate Co-ordinator; Danny Stack, Deputy Fire Chief; Bill Battison, Deputy Fire Chief; Scott Cowden, Deputy Fire Chief; Dave Wickenden, Platoon Chief; Joseph Nichols, Deputy Chief of Emergency Services; Lynn Fortin, Co-ordinator of Special Operations, Emergency Services; Christine Hogart, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office; Brian Bigger, Auditor General; Angie Haché, City Clerk; Christopher St-Onge, Audio-Visual Operator; Franca Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

CBC Radio; EastLink News; Le Voyageur; MCTV; Northern Life; Sudbury Star

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Rules of Procedure

The Committee, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure, to alter the order of the Agenda and deal with Item 3 (Professional Development Budget Review) before Item 2 (2011 Budget – Next Steps).

Managers' Reports

- 1 . Report dated April 8, 2011 from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding Review of List of Potential Budget Savings was distributed under separate cover.

Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer, made a verbal presentation regarding potential budget savings. He indicated that, immediately after Wednesday night's Finance Committee meeting, the Senior Management Team assembled and began working on the lists of proposed savings. He stated that the Team is here to get direction on the next steps that Council wishes to take towards finalizing the 2011 operating budget for the City of Greater Sudbury. He advised that, due to time constraints, at this point they only prepared a thorough response to the items that were submitted by Council for consideration. He explained how the list was prepared detailing the significant impact to cutting all the items on the list. He also explained the reason for the differences in some of the numbers on the list and the numbers in the Budget Binder. He stated that one thing to consider is the actual impact on the levy as many of the proposed items to be cut will not affect the levy. He stated that there is no doubt that cuts can be made without impacting service levels which is the aim of the Fiscal Sustainability Program. More work and more time is required to assure that additional cuts at this time will not impact service levels. He indicated that this budget can be cut, but cannot be cut without some level of impact on service delivery or in some cases increased demands on staff. He concluded by stating that clear direction from Council is required.

Member of the Senior Management Team provided a brief overview of the List of Potential Budget Savings (Appendix A of the report) as it related to their department and provided an explanation of the variance and the impact on service.

The Committee reviewed the List of Potential Budget Savings (Appendix A of the report) and agreed to the following:

Item 2 – IT: Network and Support

- Chair Kett stated that Council be provided with Business Plans for IT projects.

Item 3 – Clerks Services

- Councillor Dupuis stated that Council and Committee meetings should start at 7:00 p.m. which would eliminate the need to provide dinner. Chair Kett suggested this matter be discussed at the retreat.

Item 5 – mySudbury, Purchased Contracts

- The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the integration of both websites (City of Greater Sudbury and mySudbury) will be included in the report regarding a review of mySudbury which is already in the Parking Lot.
- Chair Kett suggested this matter be discussed at the retreat.

Item 6 – mySudbury, Salaries and Benefits

- Reduce by \$13,000

Item 17 – Geographic Info Surveys & Maps, Purchased Contracts

- After dealing with Item 20(a), the Committee did not agree to a request by Councillor Cimino to reconsider this item.

Item 20(a) – Housing, Consultants

- Reduce by \$25,000

Item 23 – Ontario Works: General Administration

- The Committee noted that a policy report outlining changes in Ontario Works would be prepared.

Item 24 – Ontario Works: Special Needs

- Reduce by \$8,000
- After dealing with Item 24, the Committee agreed to reconsider this item resulting in no reduction.

Item 41 – Police Budget

- Refer red light cameras to the Traffic Committee

Item 44 – Hiring Freeze

- Chair Kett suggested this matter be discussed at the retreat.

Recess

At 12:36 p.m., the Committee recessed.

Reconvene

At 1:13 p.m., the Committee reconvened.

Correspondence for Information Only

- 3 . Report dated April 8, 2011 was received from the Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development regarding Professional Development Budget Review.
- The Committee agreed to the development of a policy for conferences (i.e. how many employees can attend, how often can one employee attend, out-of-country conferences, etc.)
- The Committee agreed to a request by Councillor Landry-Altmann to reduce funding for Professional Development by \$200,000 and to review the matter after a report has been received.

Managers' Reports

- 2 . Report dated April 8, 2011 from the Chief Financial Officer/ Treasurer regarding 2011 Budget: Next Steps was distributed under separate cover.

Parking Lot Review

- 4 .

OTHER POTENTIAL BUDGET SAVINGS

The Committee discussed other potential budget savings:

The Committee discussed reducing the Physician Recruitment budget and capping the Ward budgets at \$50,000.

The Chief Administrative Officer outlined the impact of reducing the Physician Recruitment budget.

Councillor Craig agreed to delete the \$33,000 option to provide funding to pave the existing outdoor rink at the McFarlane Lake playground and to reduce funding to improve the Toe Blake Arena parking lot from \$57,000 to \$50,000.

Recess

The Committee agreed to recess in order that staff could do calculations.

At 2:37 p.m., the Committee recessed.

Reconvene

At 2:55 p.m., the Committee reconvened.

The Committee continued discussing other potential budget savings:

Ward Projects

The following recommendation was presented:

2011-20 Barbeau-Cimino: THAT the Finance Committee cap the Ward projects at \$50,000 for 2011 and redirect the available funding from the reallocation of capital and the Tax Rebate Stabilization Reserve to a one-time contribution from reserves of \$250,000 to be applied to the 2011 levy.

CARRIED

Physician Recruitment

The Committee agreed to a request by Councillor Barbeau to reduce the funding for Physician Recruitment by \$100,000.

Interest in Reserve Funds

The following recommendation was presented:

2011-21 Matichuk-Belli: THAT the Finance Committee draw \$1.7 M one-time from the interest to be earned on all Reserve Funds during 2011.

SIMULTANEOUS WRITTEN RECORDED VOTE:

YEAS

Cimino
Belli
Craig
Mayor Matichuk

NAYS

Barbeau
Berthiaume
Dutrisac
Dupuis
Rivest

Kilgour
Caldarelli
Landry-Altmann
Kett

DEFEATED

Junction Creek Waterway Park

The following recommendation was presented:

2011-22: THAT the Junction Creek Waterway Program be funded for 2011 in the sum of \$75,000.

CARRIED

Finance Committee Recommendation #2011-18

At the meeting April 9, 2011, City Council referred Finance Committee Recommendation #2011-18 back to the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee Recommendation #2011-18 was presented:

THAT the budget be deferred by two (2) weeks to find savings without impacting front line workers to do their jobs effectively, efficiently or safely with a target of 2% reduction in the operating budget without affecting service.

The Finance Committee by two-thirds majority agreed to reconsider Finance Committee Recommendation #2011-18 and agreed to rescind the said recommendation.

Financial Retreat

Councillor Kett indicated that a financial retreat should be held to discuss items identified earlier and any other items Committee Members wish to consider.

Approval of 3.5% Municipal Tax Increase

The following recommendation was presented:

2011-23 Barbeau-Berthiaume: THAT the 2011 tax levy be approved in the net amount of \$205,172,252 which represents a 3.5% municipal tax increase;

AND THAT \$2,678,900 be drawn from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve and \$60,000 from the Organizational Development Reserve.

SIMULTANEOUS WRITTEN RECORDED VOTE:

YEAS

Cimino
Barbeau
Berthiaume
Dutrisac
Dupuis
Kilgour
Caldarelli
Landry-Altmann
Kett

NAYS

Rivest
Belli
Craig
Mayor Matichuck

CARRIED

For Budget Enhancement Voting Results click on:

www.greatersudbury.ca/content/div_councilagendas/documents/April 9 Budget Meeting options_2.pdf

The Committee noted that a special meeting of City Council would be held Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 4:30 a.m. to finalize the budget.

Adjournment

2011-24 Kilgour-Belli: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 4:12 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Terry Kett, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk

