



Location:	Council Chamber, Tom Davies Square
Commencement:	5:00 PM
Adjournment:	8:12 PM

Minutes

**For the 1st Finance Committee Meeting held
Monday, January 31, 2011**

Chair

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; Bill Lautenbach, General Manager of Growth & Development; Tim Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; Eliza Bennett, Acting Executive Director, Administrative Services; Lorella Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/ Treasurer; Real Carré, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services; Ron Henderson, Director of Citizen Services; Ed Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; Apryl Lukezic, Co-ordinator of Capital; Barbara Dubois, Senior Budget Analyst; Brent Fleury, Senior Budget Analyst; Robert Blackwell, Manager of Quality, Administrative & Financial Services, Community Development; Shawn Turner, Manager of Financial & Support Services; Infrastructure Services; Brian Bigger, Auditor General; Curtiss Law, Acting City Clerk; Christopher St-Onge, Audio-Visual Operator; Franca Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

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

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Matichuk declared a conflict regarding Lake Panache Campers Association Inc., as she owns two properties on the lake.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed those in attendance and advised the purpose of the session was to receive input from the public regarding the 2011 budget.

Presentations

1. Councillor Terry Kett, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Lorella Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, made an electronic presentation entitled *Community Consultation Session*.

The Chair advised that the purpose of the session was to provide an overview of the 2010 Budget and to obtain public input regarding the 2011 Budget.

The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer stated that, in 2010, the total expenditures of the City were \$518 M, revenues from sources other than taxes were \$324 M and the tax levy was \$194 M. She listed the sources of revenue including grants, user fees, tax levy and miscellaneous recoveries; and the expenditures funded by the levy. She explained the challenges including the need for additional

capital funding, desire to maintain low property taxes, program expansion, growth related to expenditures and Council priorities, costs of compliance with regulations and inflation and contractual obligations. As Council recognized these challenges, in 2010, staff presented the *Toward Fiscal Sustainability Plan* and explained the plan. She advised of opportunities such as assessment growth, Federal and Provincial gas taxes, *Toward Fiscal Sustainability Plan* and 5-year capital budget. She presented the budget schedule beginning with community consultation to final approval by Council.

The Chair concluded by stating that the public's comments would be noted. He stated that those on the speakers' list would speak first followed by anyone else in attendance who wished to speak. He advised that ideas or comments could be submitted through the 2011 Budget Comment sheets.

Public Input

- 2 . A speakers' list was available and submissions were heard in the order that they appeared.

Off-Leash Dog Park

Pierre Perreault, Chair, Off-Leash Dog Park, made an electronic presentation outlining their objective and the reasons for the project. They are requesting that the Finance Committee support the report received on January 19, 2011 by the Policy Committee which identified the potential costs for the park at \$123,379.

Sudbury Food Connections Network

Alice Haasdyk, Chair, Sudbury Food Connections Network, made an electronic presentation regarding community gardening stating that community gardening upholds all four pillars of a Healthy Community. She listed the supporting partners and the existing community gardens. She advised that Kingston, Kitchener and Ottawa are committing funding for community gardens. She concluded by stating that their request is for \$10,000 annually for the next four years.

Curling in the City of Greater Sudbury

Darren Stinson made an electronic presentation regarding curling in the City of Greater Sudbury. He listed the seven curling clubs in the City of Greater Sudbury and provided a brief history of Sudbury Curling and the impact on the local economy. He advised of the *Provincial Benefit* which is a 25% surcharge applied on high energy users and indicated that the Big Three Clubs (Copper Cliff, Idylwyld and Sudbury) are adversely affected by the *Provincial Benefit*. He also advised that the MUSH group (municipalities, universities, schools and hospitals) are not affected by the surcharge. The request is that the City buy the Big Three Clubs' Ice Plant/Hydro Accounts for \$1 each and lease back to the clubs for the value of the monthly Hydro bill less the *Provincial Benefit* as it should not apply.

Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury

Naomi Grant, Chair, Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury, made an electronic presentation on behalf of the Coalition. She stated that municipalities implementing Smart Growth principles have experienced benefits: higher public revenue, higher levels of investment and lower infrastructure costs. The Coalition's recommendations are:

1. Bike lanes as traffic calming measures – no additional cost;
2. Bicycle parking at public facilities – \$10,000 annually, until complete;
3. A percentage of the capital roads budget devoted to cycling infrastructure – no additional cost;
4. Maps and schedules posted at every stop – estimate: \$173,000, one-time cost;
5. More bus shelters – \$50,000 annually, until complete;
6. Additional resources for Community Action Networks – \$16,000 annually;
7. Neighbourhood Improvement Fund – \$12,000 annually.

Sudbury District Archive Interest Group

Documentation entitled *Sudbury Community Archives: A Partnership between Sudbury District Archives Interest Group (SDAIG) and the City of Greater Sudbury* was distributed to Finance Committee Members at the meeting.

Dieter Buse, Vice-President, Sudbury District Archives Interest Group, indicated that the prior Council supported the receiving of the Archive Building in Falconbridge from Xstrata. He advised it now needs to be open and functional. The Group will continue to promote the project and help collect materials from the community. He stated that many people are interested in the City's history: high school and university teachers and students, older adult groups and genealogists. He advised they are attempting to obtain funding from other sources. The Group is requesting that Council support City staff working on this project.

McFarlane Playground Association

Melissa Stiller, McFarlane Playground Association, made an electronic presentation regarding the McFarlane Playground Association stating that their mission statement is to "provide a well maintained and centralized facility that can serve as an anchor for the community and offer quality

programming such as sports, leisure, community events and citizen involvement to the residents in the McFarlane Playground area". She advised of their programs and events and the work done at the site. Their ultimate goal is to construct a solid base rink for multi-seasonal use for activities. The total cost is \$73,000; they have raised \$40,000; and their request is for \$33,000.

Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce

André Dumais, Chair, Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce Board, indicated he had two critical elements to present:

1. Availability of properly serviced industrial lands. The Chamber is requesting that Council develop an approach to fund the necessary infrastructure upgrades;
2. Establishment of a sustainable funding model for the Greater Sudbury Development Corporation (GSDC). The Chamber is asking that Council consider empowering the GSDC by guaranteeing a stable and growing funding source.

André Dumais' speaking notes were made available at the meeting.

Eyre Playground Association

Documentation entitled *Eyre Playground Project* was distributed to Finance Committee Members at the meeting.

Renée Belec, Vice-President, Eyre Playground Association, stated the playground has been in the community for over 50 years. In order to have more community events and to rent for parties and showers, they are requesting \$76,500 for indoor rubber flooring, cement slab for a basketball court, fill to level the yard, sod for the fields, boards for the ice rink, upgrades to the swing sets and play structures and infrastructure costs for culverts and additional parking.

Lake Panache Campers Association

Stuart Greaves, President, and Richard Bois, Director, presented on behalf of the Lake Panache Campers Association Inc. They provided information on the association which has a membership of approximately 250. It maintains the lake's public access point under an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and maintains an Air Ambulance Landing Site on MNR lands. Their agreement with MNR expires on December 31, 2013 after which they will have to provide all materials, equipment and personnel to maintain and manage the area. They advised that the Association is requesting one-time funding of \$53,000 for 'step change' improvements to the road (which provides access to the public dock, public boat launch and Air Ambulance site) to bring it to an acceptable standard.

Coniston Community Action Network

Documentation from the Coniston Community Action Network (CAN) was distributed to Finance Committee members at the meeting.

Kimberley Wahamoa, Coniston CAN, advised they are requesting funding for two projects: the Coniston Tennis Courts and the Toe Blake Community Arena. She itemized the work and costs for each project – \$95,000 for the tennis courts and \$67,000 for the community arena. She advised that \$18,000 has already been raised by the Coniston Playground Association for the tennis courts and the Ward Councillor has pledged an addition \$10,000. She stated the two projects should be considered as one as they are both part of the recreational centre in Coniston.

Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance Milfoil Focus Group

Dave Hodge, Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance Milfoil Focus Group, made an electronic presentation entitled *Proposal to Control Eurasian Water Milfoil in 8 Sudbury Lakes*. He stated the project includes Long, Richard, McFarlane, Grant, Hannah, Middle, Simon and St. Charles Lakes. He provided information on the characteristics of milfoil and the control options. He advised that the natural choice for control is weevils and explained the reasoning behind this choice. He explained the three-year 'Weevil Project'. Their request is for \$174,000 for the three-year project: \$94,000 in 2011, \$46,000 in 2012 and \$34,000 in 2013.

Volunteer Sudbury

Barb Nott, President, Volunteer Sudbury, made an electronic presentation entitled *Lend a Hand/Be a Volunteer*. She stated that Greater Sudbury is fourth (with 56.9%) among 37 cities in Canada and their vision is to inspire and empower volunteerism within the City of Greater Sudbury. She advised of their work and program and organizational involvement. They are requesting \$40,000 for upgrades to their computer and for a full-time rather than part-time Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Al Keller

Al Keller, resident of Moxam Landing Road, is requesting guard rails at two areas of the road. He explained in detail the problems with the shoulders, slopes, embankments, etc. in each area and provided information on accidents which occurred in each area. He indicated the requirement would

be 150 to 200 metres of guard rail at \$100 per metre. He also suggested berms and positive slopes.

The Chair referred this matter to the General Manager of Infrastructure Services for options and costs to be included in the budget process.

Richard Désormeaux

Richard Désormeaux requested the following:

1. Good reliable drinking water in drinking fountains at parks, Citizen Service Centres, bus station, etc.;
2. Announcements at bus station regarding delays, etc.;
3. Two-way bus transfers;
4. Change in service to Silver Hills – more frequent service and one more stop outside Best Buy;
5. Change the negative image of the bus station.

Pierrette Désormeaux

Pierrette Désormeaux expressed her concerns with the Samaritan Centre.

Brenda Tessaro

Brenda Tessaro, Member of Sam Bruno Steering Committee, stated that Greater Sudbury needs a PET scanner. She requested that the City partner with Sudbury Regional Hospital, Cancer Treatment Centre and Northern Ontario School of Medicine and requested a contribution of \$1 M per year for the next three years towards a PET scanner.

Cathy Orlando

Cathy Orlando is requesting down-directed LED street lighting. She stated it reduces light pollution which affects the ecosystem and humans and preserves the night skies for our heritage and tourism. She stated that down-directed LED street lighting also reduces costs.

Change of Chair

At 7:07 p.m., Councillor Terry Kett vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR FRANCES CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR

Capreol Community Action Network

Randy Crisp, Chair, Capreol Community Action Network, is requesting \$20,000 which he feels will save money down the road. The funds are for the Millennium Centre and Fitness Centre to complete work on the heating and air conditioning systems, carpeting, athletic/fitness equipment and for work on the Capreol Ski Hill and the cross country ski trails. He stated that the Millennium Centre, which is a focal point in the community of Capreol, brings in \$150,000 for the City each year.

Change of Chair

At 7:10 p.m., Councillor Frances Caldarelli vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR TERRY KETT, IN THE CHAIR

Neighbourhood Playground Presidents

Thomas J. Gunn, President, Rotary Playground, indicated he is representing the Neighbourhood Playground Presidents of 60 playgrounds. He stated that prior to amalgamation, each outdoor rink was allotted 35 hours of supervision to operate the rink and, after amalgamation, the allotment was 25 hours per week. There were 47 rinks and now there are 60 rinks with the same budget resulting in the loss of 10 hours per rink. The rinks are still functional but not supervised. They are requesting an additional 10 hours of supervision for each rink.

Greater Sudbury Lake Improvement Advisory Panel

Chris Nash, former Chair, Greater Sudbury Lake Improvement Advisory Board, suggested that, when Council appoints the new Board, the Board be modified to eight representatives of watersheds and two City Councillors. She stated that the current funding of \$5,000 is distributed to ten of the lake stewardship groups; each receiving \$500 which some use for producing and distributing newsletters. She suggested that the newsletters should be done by staff and that each group receive \$500 for practical and physical projects to improve and maintain the quality of the City's lakes and watersheds.

Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers

John Whitehead, Director, Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers, made an electronic presentation. He stated that Crime Stoppers saves the City money; however, one of their significant funding sources has dried up. He explained how Crime Stoppers saves the City money and provided statistics over 23

years. He advised they recently lost their funding from 'court diversions' which represented \$45,000 per year. He stated that if they are unable to continue to operate at current levels, it will cost the City money. Their request is for annual funding in the amount of \$50,000.

The Chair asked that Crime Stoppers staff email Committee Members information regarding 'court diversions' which represent \$45,000 per year.

Larry Pilon

Larry Pilon stated he is concerned about the heavy traffic on Barrydowne Road leading to Cambrian College. There is also heavy traffic on Woodbine Avenue which is used by school children causing safety concerns. He stated he was advised that a traffic light is expensive. He advised there is a stop sign on Woodbine Avenue and requested two more stop signs on Barrydowne Road.

His other concern is Roy Street onto Lasalle Boulevard. When waiting to turn right onto Lasalle Boulevard from Roy Street, it can take a long time if the cars in front of you are going straight. He stated that Roy Street can accommodate three lanes (one going right, one going straight and one going left) and asked that the signs on the street be changed.

Samaritan Centre

Pastor Kevin Serviss, Samaritan Centre, made an electronic presentation regarding *New Hope Outreach*. He stated that New Hope Outreach Services oversees the building called the Samaritan Centre and leased by various charity groups or agencies who provide practical help to the poor and homeless. Their request is \$31,000 for security and \$19,000 for a custodial work at the Samaritan Centre. He also stated that, if New Hope Outreach Services receives ongoing operational funding support from any level of government, they would qualify for tax exemption status which is available for charities. They now have tax arrears of over \$193,000.

Sudbury Cyclist Union

David Barrette, Member, Sudbury Cyclists Union, stated that in less than one year, they have over 250 members. They have four key items to be addressed and that require funding:

1. Security – They ask that the traffic calming budget of \$150,000 be dedicated to creating bike paths;
2. Lack of cycling connections – They ask that 1% of roads and transportation budget be dedicated to improvement/creation of bike paths and/or lanes to unite communities.
3. Lack of bicycle infrastructure – They ask that \$10,000 be dedicated annually for the creation of bicycle infrastructure.
4. Negative perception towards cyclists – They ask that an employee be dedicated to improve cycling in Sudbury.

Fred Twilley

Fred Twilley stated that the City, when doing full cost accounting, should be more adaptive to non-motorized travel and improvements to transit which would result in benefits such as reducing travel costs, better health and attracting professionals. He stated that improving the quality of existing infrastructure and reducing the operating and maintenance costs will lower service fees and allow for increased capacity. He provided examples of cost saving measures such as white or light coloured roofs which last longer, green roofs for energy savings and the environment, heat from ice making equipment directed back to heat the inside. He also suggested that until more affordable housing is available, housing allowances should be considered rather than housing citizens at City funded shelters. He stated that every cost saving alternative should be considered.

Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival

Ashley Foster, Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival, advised that the 12th Annual Festival will be held on July 16, 2011e. Each year they support a local charity and in eleven years have raised \$1.3 M. Their request from the City is \$5,000 as a sponsor.

GreenSudbury

Gordon Harris, Board of Directors of GreenSudbury, provided information regarding the organization which helps in building a greener Sudbury. He listed their suggestions:

Transportation:

- ä Cycling – \$10,000 annually for 20 public cycling infrastructure bike racks and commitment to a program of creating priority bike lanes.
- ä Roads – Traffic calming with bike lanes.
- ä Transit – 20 new bus shelters per year, additional routes and schedule improvements

Community Development:

- ä Neighbourhood Improvement Fund – they support the concept and suggest funding be through the Community Action Networks.
- ä EarthCare – they suggest that EarthCare should have a more active decision making role;

ä Downtown Master Plan – they suggest that an existing City Department assume the role of Downtown Czar.

He advised that they will be providing a two-page check list later this week to Councillors and staff highlighting their suggestions.

Christine Guillot

Christine Guillot, as a concerned citizen, stated she would like to see funding for safe affordable housing and transitional housing as there is a need. She stated that the lack of affordable and transitional housing negatively affects the community's overall health. She also stated that without transitional housing, the trend of homelessness cannot be broken.

John Grubber

John Grubber made an electronic presentation regarding the possibility of building the new South End Public Library at Countryside Arena to create a multipurpose Community Centre. He listed the benefits and provided examples. He provided site comparisons of the two sites and explained the opportunities and concerns. He stated that moving the library to the Countryside Arena would save the City money and would provide a full service community complex.

Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked those in attendance and advised that written submissions will be accepted until February 2, 2011.

Adjournment

2011-01 Belli-Dupuis: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Terry Kett, Chair

Curtiss Law, Deputy City Clerk