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| Location:     | Council Chamber, Tom Davies Square |
| Commencement: | 4:33 PM                            |
| Adjournment:  | 5:32 PM                            |

## Minutes

**For the Finance Committee Meeting held  
Monday, May 3, 2010**

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### Chair

**COUNCILLOR TED CALLAGHAN, IN THE CHAIR**

### Present

Councillors Cimino, Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Thompson; Craig; Caldarelli; Callaghan; Gasparini (D5:19pm); Landry-Altman; Rivest; Mayor Rodriguez

### City Officials

Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer; Greg Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; Catherine Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; Bill Lautenbach, General Manager of Growth & Development; Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services; Lorella Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; Kevin Fowke, Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development; Robert Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; Paddy Buchanan, Manager of Accounting; Ed Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; Lorraine Larose, Manager of Financial Support & Budget; Barbara Dubois, Senior Budget Analyst; Dion Dumontelle, Co-ordinator of Accounting; Martin Lajeunesse, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Brian Bigger, Auditor General; Angie Haché, City Clerk; Poppy Pelletier, Audio-Visual Operator; Franca Bortolussi, Council Secretary

### News Media

Sudbury Star

### Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

## Presentations

- 1 . Paddy Buchanan, Manager of Accounting, made an electronic presentation regarding the new Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) and its impact on the City of Greater Sudbury. She advised that the HST is 13% with the Federal portion being 5% and the Provincial portion 8%. She stated HST is 100% recoverable on commercial activities (i.e. cemetery services, leisure services). On non-commercial activities, recoverable amounts are 100% of the Federation portion and 78% of the Provincial portion of HST. She advised HST will apply to the same goods and services as the Good and Services Tax (GST) and the Province will continue to charge separate sales tax of 8% on most types of insurance. She indicated the key dates are July 1, 2010 for full implementation and May 1, 2010 for charging on goods and services delivered after July 1, 2010. She detailed the impact of HST on the City of Greater Sudbury including increased tax on some customer services, savings and costs and provided examples. She explained the managing of HST to achieve a neutral fiscal position. She outlined the communications strategy for citizens and all customers; suppliers and contractors; and managers, employees and Council.

## Managers' Reports

- 2 . Report dated April 22, 2010 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Collection Process for Accounts Receivable.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-04 Cimino-Dupuis: THAT Council authorize staff to amend the Delegations By-Law to allow the Chief Financial Officer to authorize the write off of uncollectible accounts rather than requiring the City Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer to jointly authorize the write off of uncollectible accounts for accounts that do not exceed \$25,000 (excluding interest).

**CARRIED**

- 3 . Report dated April 26, 2010 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Adjustment to the 2010 Police Services Operating Budget.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-05 Dupuis-Cimino: THAT Council accept the Greater Sudbury Police Service's operating budget in the amount of \$43,782,984.

**CARRIED**

- 4 . Report dated April 20, 2010 was received from Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Federal Gas Tax – Amending Agreement.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-06 Cimino-Dupuis: THAT Council authorize the execution of the Amending Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues under the New Deal for Cities and Communities between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be passed.

**CARRIED**

## **Correspondence for Information Only**

- 5 . Report dated April 29, 2010 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding 2009 Year End Operating Budget Variance for information only.
- With respect to the year-end variance for Housing Services, Councillor Berthiaume requested clarification regarding the issue of market renters not moving from the subsidized housing units to the private sector.
- 6 . Report dated April 29, 2010 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding 2009 Water Wastewater Variance for information only.
- 7 . Report dated April 29, 2010 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding 2009 Permanent Positions, Temporary and Overtime Hours for information only.
- 8 . Report dated April 29, 2010 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding 2008 Permanent Positions, Temporary and Overtime Hours for information only.
- 9 . Report dated April 27, 2010 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Historical Analysis of Energy Costs for information only.

## **Adjournment**

2010-07 Cimino-Dupuis: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 5:32 p.m.

**CARRIED**