

Minutes

For the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting held Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Location:	Tom Davies Square - Council Chamber / Electronic Participation
Commencement:	4:00 PM
Adjournment:	9:19 PM

Councillor Jakubo, In the Chair

Present	Councillors Signoretti, Vagnini, McCausland, Kirwan, Lapierre, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh, Leduc, Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger
City Officials	Ed Archer, Chief Administrative Officer; Kevin Fowke, General Manager of Corporate Services; Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk; Melissa Zanette, Chief of Staff
Closed Session	The following resolution was presented: FA2021-08 McIntosh/McCausland: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury move to Closed Session to deal with two (2) Personal Matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) items regarding a performance review and regarding employment matters in accordance with the <i>Municipal Act</i>, 2001, s. 239(2)(b). CARRIED
Recess	At 4:03 p.m., the Finance and Administration Committee moved into closed session. At 5:43 p.m., the Finance and Administration Committee recessed.
Reconvene	At 6:15 p.m., The Finance and Administration Committee commenced the open session in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Jakubo, In the Chair

Present	Councillors Signoretti, Vagnini, McCausland, Kirwan, Lapierre, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh, Cormier, Leduc, Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger
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City Officials Ed Archer, Chief Administrative Officer; Kevin Fowke, General Manager of Corporate Services; Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure; Joseph Nicholls, General Manager of Community Safety; Ian Wood, Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives, Communication and Citizen Services; Ed Stankiewicz, Executive Director of Finance, Assets and Fleet; Joanne Kelly, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development; Marie Litalien, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; Brett Williamson, Director of Economic Development; Kelly Gravelle, Deputy City Solicitor; Ron Foster, Auditor General; Brendan Adair, Manager of Corporate Security and By-law Services; Michael Loken, Manager of Wastewater Treatment; Dion Dumontelle, Coordinator of Finance; Tyler Campbell, Director of Children and Social Services; Barbara Dubois, Director of Housing Operations; Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk; Craig Lawrence, Business Improvement Officer; Lisa Locken, Clerk's Services Assistant; Anessa Basso, Clerk's Services Assistant

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Jakubo moved to alter the order of the agenda to deal with Members' Motion and Addendum after Presentations.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

Matters Arising from the Closed Meeting

Councillor McIntosh, as Chair of the Closed Session, reported that the Committee met in Closed Session to deal with two (2) Personal Matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) items regarding a performance review and regarding employment matters in accordance with the *Municipal Act*, 2001, 2. 239(2)(b). No directions or resolutions emanated from this meeting.

Presentations

1 CAO Quarterly Performance Update

Report dated February 10, 2021 from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding CAO Quarterly Performance Update.

Ed Archer, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an electronic presentation regarding the CAO Quarterly Performance Update for information only.

Members' Motion

M-1 Business Case for Onsite Security for Greater Sudbury Housing Corporation

The following resolution was presented:

FA2021-09 Landry-Altman/McIntosh: WHEREAS safety and security continues to be an escalating issue at specific GreaterSudbury Housing Corporation properties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury directs that staff prepare a business case for an upgraded level of security service, to include reinstating onsite security, for consideration during the 2021 budget deliberations.

CARRIED

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Jakubo presented a Members' Motion regarding a Business Case for a Grant to the Curling Clubs and asked that the notice be waived.

WAIVED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

The following resolution was presented:

FA2021-10 Jakubo/Leduc: WHEREAS the sport of curling is a true life-time sport;

AND WHEREAS curling has been a staple in The City of Greater Sudbury for over 129 years;

AND WHEREAS the sport has largely been facilitated by non-City owned organizations at no cost to the tax levy;

AND WHEREAS four of these organizations are not-for-profit organizations, namely:

Capreol Curling Club

Coniston Curling Club

Copper Cliff Curling Club

Sudbury Curling Club

AND WHEREAS the cost to operate and maintain these facilities has steadily increased in recent years;

AND WHEREAS large capital renewal projects have been required to keep these facilities operational;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to prepare a business case which would see a grant issued to each of the above organizations in the amount of 50% of property taxes paid in 2021 and all years forward, for consideration during 2021 budget deliberations.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: Councillors Signoretti, Vagnini, Kirwan, Lapierre, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh, Cormier, Leduc, Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger

NAYS: Councillor McCausland

CARRIED

Rules of Procedure

Mayor Bigger presented a Members' Motion regarding a Business Case for Funding for the Sudbury Multicultural and Folk Arts Centre and asked that the notice be waived.

WAIVED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

The following resolution was presented:

FA2021-11 Bigger/Sizer: WHEREAS the Sudbury Multicultural and Folk Arts Association has promoted multiculturalism and understanding in Greater Sudbury over 50 years;

AND WHEREAS it is one of the original multicultural organizations in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the centre provides resources and information to members at large and recently due to the influx of international students who need help navigating their way to their new environment, they have been providing this service as well;

AND WHEREAS the organization provides community programs such as:

1. Immigrant settlement and adaptation
2. Language training
3. Translations and interpretation
4. Cross cultural education programs and vocational counseling

AND WHEREAS the multicultural association has been assisting the city with its approach to attracting newcomers;

WHEREAS COVID-19 has had a significant impact on many organizations in our community;

THEREFORE be it resolved that a business case be provided for the 2021 Budget to provide one time funding of \$30,000 to the Sudbury Multicultural and Folk Arts Association.

CARRIED

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Lapierre presented a Members' Motion regarding a Business Case regarding a letter of support for Laurentian University, and asked that the notice be waived.

WAIVED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

The following resolution was presented:

FA2021-12 Lapierre/McIntosh: WHEREAS Laurentian University is a leading primarily undergraduate university and the largest post-secondary institution in Northeastern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the social and cultural importance of Laurentian University to the City of Greater Sudbury is immeasurably significant, particularly reflected in ongoing commitments to reconciliation with indigenous people, the vibrance of Franco-Ontarian culture fostered on campus, and the large number of first-generation students enrolled - the largest share of any university in the province;

AND WHEREAS Laurentian University's growth and development, in part funded through investments made by the City of Greater Sudbury, has resulted in substantial improvements to the community, including the McEwen School of Architecture, the Goodman School of Mines, and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, which continues to strengthen health care in the region;

AND WHEREAS the economic impact of Laurentian University on the City of Greater Sudbury is driven by over 850 employees and over 6000 students living and working in our community, with extensive related impact on all sectors of our economy;

AND WHEREAS costs related to post-secondary education in Northern Ontario are higher, grants to support northern students have been frozen for over a decade, overall operating

grants have declined, demographics have become more challenging, and revenues from tuition have been reduced due to government intervention;

AND WHEREAS on February 1, 2021 Laurentian University announced it has filed for creditor protection under the Companies' Creditors Arrangements Act, leading to a court mandated restructuring of operations which will conclude no later than April 30th, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the City of Greater Sudbury provide a letter of concern to the Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, & Minister Ross Romano Minister of College and Universities, addressing the need for the Province of Ontario to make funding available to stabilize Laurentian University's operations, and to review the funding model for Ontario's universities to sustain the long-term financial needs of the schools.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: Councillors Signoretti, Vagnini, McCausland, Kirwan, Lapierre, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh, Cormier, Leduc, Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger

CARRIED

Addendum

The following resolution was presented:

FA2021-13 Bigger/McIntosh: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury deals with the items on the Addendum to the Agenda at this time.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

Correspondence For Information Only

2021 Budget Public Input - Engagement Overview

Report dated February 23, 2021 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding the 2021 Budget Public Input - Engagement Overview.

For Information Only.

Rules of Procedure

The following resolution was presented:

FA2021-14 Kirwan/Bigger: THAT the rules of procedure regarding reconsideration be temporarily suspended such that the entirety of the budget process be treated as the same meeting requiring only a simple majority for reconsideration.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Finalization of the 2021 Budget

Report dated February 10, 2021 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Finalization of the 2021 Budget.

The Committee discussed the 2021 Budget document.

Resolution to Proceed Past 9:15 p.m.

FA2021-15 Bigger/Landry-Altmann: THAT this meeting proceeds past the hour of 9:15 p.m.

DEFEATED

Adjournment

Automatic Adjournment at 9:15 p.m.

The following items were not addressed at the meeting:

Continuation - Finalization of the 2021 Budget

Civic Petitions

Question Period

Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and
Clerk