

Minutes

For the City Council Meeting

April 27, 2021
Tom Davies Square

Present (Mayor and Councillors)	Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altman, Mayor Bigger
Absent	Councillor Montpellier
City Officials	Ed Archer, Chief Administrative Officer, Kevin Fowke, General Manager of Corporate Services, Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, Ed Stankiewicz, Executive Director of Finance, Assets and Fleet, Steve Jacques, General Manager of Community Development, Joseph Nicholls, General Manager of Community Safety, Marie Litalien, Director of Communications & Community Engagements, Ian Wood, Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives and Citizen Services, Joanne Kelly, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development, Brett Williamson, Director of Economic Development, Kelly Gravelle, Deputy City Solicitor, Melissa Zanette, Chief of Staff, Ron Foster, Auditor General, Todd Tripp, CEO Greater Sudbury Airport, Melissa Laalo, By-law Coordinator, Animal Care and Control, Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk, Lisa Locken, Clerk's Services Assistant, Corinne Poulin, Clerk's Services Assistant

His Worship Mayor Brian Bigger, In the Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 4:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted prior to the commencement of moving into closed session.

3. Closed Session

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-119

Moved By Councillor Lapierre
Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury moves to Closed Session to deal with one (1) Acquisition or Disposition of Land item regarding property on Lloyd Street, Sudbury and one (1) Ongoing Investigation item regarding a closed meeting in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, s. 239(2)(c) and 3(b).

CARRIED

At 4:04 p.m., Council moved into Closed Session.

4. Recess

At 4:52 p.m., Council recessed.

5. Open Session

At 6:01 p.m., Council commenced the Open Session.

6. Moment of Silent Reflection

Those present at the meeting observed a moment of silent reflection.

7. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted.

8. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Cormier moved to alter the order of the agenda to deal with Members' Motions first.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Lapierre presented a friendly amendment to allow the Community Delegation to present prior to Members' Motions. The friendly amendment was accepted by Councillor Cormier.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

9. Community Delegations

9.1 Greater Sudbury Pickelball Association

John McCormick, President; Jim Fuchs, Vice-President; and Mike Gardner, Past President, provided an electronic presentation regarding the Greater Sudbury Pickelball Association for information only.

15. Members' Motions

Councillor Cormier, Councillor McIntosh and Councillor Landry-Altman presented a Members' Motion regarding support for Laurentian University and asked that notice be waived.

WAIVED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-120

Moved By Councillor Cormier

Seconded By Councillor Landry-Altman

WHEREAS Laurentian University has served Greater Sudbury and Northern Ontario for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS on February 1, 2021, Laurentian University applied to the court for insolvency protection under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA); and

WHEREAS Laurentian University is a key economic anchor and plays a vital role in strengthening our region and preparing the workforce of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS the recent program cuts at Laurentian University will have significant long-term economic impacts across the entire region; and

WHEREAS thousands of current and potential students will be negatively impacted by the recent program cuts at Laurentian University;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury call on the Province of Ontario to intervene in this ongoing process as soon as possible and commit to providing the much needed funding to secure the future viability and sustainability of Laurentian University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this approved motion be sent immediately to The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of the Province of Ontario, The Hon. Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities, M.P.P. for Sudbury Jamie West, M.P.P. for Nickel Belt France Gelin, M.P. for Sudbury Paul Lefebvre and M.P. for Nickel Belt Marc Serre

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (12): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altman, and Mayor Bigger

Absent (1): Councillor Montpellier

CARRIED (12 to 0)

Mayor Bigger presented a Members' Motion regarding a needs based program for deferral of 2021 property taxes and asked that notice be waived.

WAIVED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-121

Moved By Mayor Bigger

Seconded By Councillor Signoretti

WHEREAS the third wave of the pandemic has resulted in a Provincial Emergency Stay-at-Home Order, in effect as of April 8, 2020, which has created undue hardship on both residential property owners and businesses:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the City of Greater Sudbury direct staff to develop a needs-based program for deferral of outstanding 2021 property taxes after the first due date of the Final Tax bill that avoids penalties and interest on remaining property taxes;

AND THAT a report come to the next Finance and Administration Committee, outlining the program and communication to the public.

CARRIED

10. Matters Arising from the Closed Session

Deputy Mayor Landry-Altmann, Chair of the Closed Session, reported that Council met in Closed Session to deal with one (1) Acquisition or Disposition of Land item regarding property on Lloyd Street, Sudbury and one (1) Ongoing Investigation item regarding a closed meeting in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, s. 239(2)(c) and 3(b). Direction was given to staff regarding both matters.

11. Matters Arising from Planning Committee

11.1 April 12, 2021

Councillor Kirwan, as Chair of the Planning Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Planning Committee meeting of April 12, 2021.

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-122

Moved By Councillor Kirwan

Seconded By Councillor McCausland

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Planning Committee resolutions PL2021-69 to PL2021-72, and PL2021-74 to PL2021-78 from the meeting of April 12, 2021.

CARRIED

The resolutions for the April 12, 2021 Planning Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

12. Consent Agenda

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-123

Moved By Mayor Bigger
Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Consent Agenda items 12.1.1 to 12.1.6.

CARRIED

The following are the Consent Agenda items:

12.1 Adoption of Minutes

12.1.1 Finance and Administration Committee Minutes of February 24, 2021

CC2021-124

Moved By Mayor Bigger
Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts the Finance and Administration Committee meeting minutes of February 24, 2021.

CARRIED

12.1.2 Finance and Administration Committee Minutes of March 2, 2021

CC2021-125

Moved By Mayor Bigger
Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts the Finance and Administration Committee meeting minutes of March 2, 2021.

CARRIED

12.1.3 Finance and Administration Committee Minutes of March 3, 2021

CC2021-126

Moved By Mayor Bigger

Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts the Finance and Administration Committee meeting minutes of March 3, 2021.

CARRIED

12.1.4 Finance and Administration Committee Minutes of March 4, 2021

CC2021-127

Moved By Mayor Bigger

Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts the Finance and Administration Committee meeting minutes of March 4, 2021.

CARRIED

12.1.5 Planning Committee Minutes of March 22, 2021

CC2021-128

Moved By Mayor Bigger

Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts the Planning Committee meeting minutes of March 22, 2021.

CARRIED

12.1.6 Special City Council Minutes of March 23, 2021

CC2021-129

Moved By Mayor Bigger

Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts the Special City Council meeting minutes of March 23, 2021.

CARRIED

13. Managers' Reports

13.1 Appointment to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Board of Directors

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-130

Moved By Councillor Cormier

Seconded By Councillor Jakubo

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury appoints Councillor Al Sizer to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Board of Directors for the term ending November 14, 2022 as outlined in the report entitled "Appointment to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Board of Directors", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented to City Council on April 27, 2021.

CARRIED

13.2 Comprehensive Sign By-law review, inclusion of Portable Electronic Sign Provisions Information Report further to Council Resolution CC2019-319 - A & A1

For Information Only.

13.3 COVID-19 Response Update - April 27, 2021

For Information Only.

13.4 Optional Small Business Property Tax Subclass

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-131

Moved By Councillor Jakubo

Seconded By Councillor Cormier

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to undertake the appropriate policy and financial impact analysis and consultations following the release of the regulations by the Province, as outlined in the report entitled "Optional Small Business Property Tax Subclass", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the City Council meeting on April 27, 2021;

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to prepare a report with recommendations for 2022 and subsequent taxation years.

CARRIED

13.5 Increase Borrowing for the Sudbury Airport Community Development Corporation

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-132

Moved By Mayor Bigger

Seconded By Councillor Jakubo

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury increase the borrowing limit for the Sudbury Airport as outlined in the report entitled "Increase Borrowing for the Sudbury Airport Community Development Corporation", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the City Council meeting on April 27th, 2021; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury Airport Community Development Corporation is experiencing operational pressures due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury Airport Community Development Corporation Board authorized the accumulation of permanent long term debt up to \$12.5 million through Board resolution 2021-001;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury approve the increase to the Airport's current borrowing arrangement with the City from \$7.5 million to \$12.5 million; and

THAT the terms regarding the interest rate remain unchanged at 1% above the City's average investment rate in accordance with the City's Investment Policy; and

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to prepare a by-law.

CARRIED

13.6 Modification of Area Rating Model

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Leduc moved to alter the order of the options and deal with option 6 first.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (10): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Sizer, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altman, and Mayor Bigger

NAYS: (2): Councillor Jakubo, Councillor McIntosh

Absent (1): Councillor Montpellier

CARRIED (10 to 2)

Motion for Deferral

Councillor Vagnini moved to defer this item to coincide with the asset renewal report.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (1): Councillor Vagnini

NAYS: (11): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altmann, and Mayor Bigger

Absent (1): Councillor Montpellier

DEFEATED (11 to 1)

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-133

Moved By Councillor Leduc

Seconded By Councillor McCausland

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to include "Alternative 6 - Elimination of Area Rating" when preparing the 2021 Property Tax Policy Report as outlined in the report entitled 'Modification of Area Rating Model' from the General Manager of Corporate Services presented at the City Council meeting on April 27, 2021.

Councillor Leduc presented the following amendment:

Amendment:

CC2021-133-A1

Moved By Councillor Leduc

Seconded By Councillor McCausland

That alternative 6 be amended to add the following:

Subject to the impact being phased-in from 2021 to 2025.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (6): Councillor McCausland, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Leduc, and Mayor Bigger

NAYS: (6): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Cormier, and Councillor Landry-Altmann

LOST (6 to 6)

The original resolution was presented:

CC2021-133

Moved By Councillor Leduc

Seconded By Councillor McCausland

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to include 'Alternative 6 – Elimination of Area Rating' when preparing the 2021 Property Tax Policy Report as outlined in the report entitled 'Modification of Area Rating Model' from the General Manager of Corporate Services presented at the City Council meeting on April 27, 2021.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (3): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Sizer, and Councillor Leduc

NAYS: (9): Councillor Vagnini, Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Landry-Altmann, and Mayor Bigger

DEFEATED (3 to 9)

Proceed Past 9:01 p.m.

Councillor Jakubo moved that the meeting proceeds past the hour of 9:01 p.m.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (10): Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altmann, and Mayor Bigger

NAYS: (2): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini

Absent (1): Councillor Montpellier

CARRIED (10 to 2)

The following resolution was presented:

CC20221-134

Moved By Councillor Leduc

Seconded By Councillor McCausland

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to include 'Alternative 5 – Eliminate Fire Services from Area Rating' when preparing the 2021 Property Tax Policy Report as outlined in the report entitled 'Modification

of Area Rating Model' from the General Manager of Corporate Services presented at the City Council meeting on April 27, 2021.

Councillor McCausland presented the following amendment:

Amendment:

CC2021-134-A1

Moved By Councillor McCausland

Seconded By Councillor Leduc

That Alternative 5 be amended by adding the following:

Subject to the impact of the area rating change being phased-in from 2021 to 2025.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (8): Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Leduc, and Mayor Bigger

NAYS: (4): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor Cormier, and Councillor Landry-Altman

CARRIED (8 to 4)

The resolution as amended was presented:

CC2021-134

Moved By Councillor Leduc

Seconded By Councillor McCausland

As Amended:

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to include 'Alternative 5 – Eliminate Fire Services from Area Rating' when preparing the 2021 Property Tax Policy Report as outlined in the report entitled 'Modification of Area Rating Model' from the General Manager of Corporate Services presented at the City Council meeting on April 27, 2021;

Subject to the impact of the area rating change being phased-in from 2021 to 2025.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (6): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Sizer, and Councillor Leduc

NAYS: (6): Councillor Vagnini, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Landry-Altman, and Mayor Bigger

LOST (6 to 6)

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-135

Moved By Councillor McIntosh

Seconded By Councillor Lapierre

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to include 'Alternative 4 – Phase in Impact to Composite and allocate a portion of Composite and Career Costs to the Volunteer Area based on call volutes' when preparing the 2021 Property Tax Policy Report as outlined in the report entitled 'Modification of Area Rating Model' from the General Manager of Corporate Services presented at the City Council meeting on April 27, 2021.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (9): Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Landry-Altman, and Mayor Bigger

NAYS: (3): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, and Councillor Leduc

CARRIED (9 to 3)

14. By-laws

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-136

Moved By Mayor Bigger

Seconded By Councillor Cormier

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury read and pass By-law 2021-59 to By-law 2021-72.

CARRIED

The following are the by-laws:

14.1 2021-59

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting of April 6th, 2021 and its Regular Meeting of April 27th, 2021

14.2 2021-60

A By-Law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Establish Miscellaneous User Fees for Certain Services Provided by the City of Greater Sudbury
This by-law implements the annual increases in user fees and changes as a result of business cases presented at Budget 2021.

14.3 2021-61

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Grant to the Alzheimer's Society
This by-law authorizes the annual grant to Alzheimer's Society of \$11,000 as contribution toward their property taxes, which was confirmed in the budget process.

14.4 2021-62

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Grant to the Art Gallery of Sudbury
This by-law authorizes the annual grant of \$200,000 to the Art Gallery of Sudbury, which was confirmed in the budget process.

14.5 2021-63

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Grant to the City of Greater Sudbury Community Development Corporation for Promotion of Community Economic Development for the 2021 Calendar Year
This by-law authorizes the annual grant of \$1,000,000, which was confirmed in the budget process.

14.6 2021-64

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Grant to the City of Greater Sudbury Community Development Corporation for Funding for Arts and Culture in the 2021 Calendar Year
This by-law authorizes the 2021 annual grant to the City of Greater Sudbury Community Development Corporation for funding of both the Operating Grants [\$489,368] and the Project Grants [\$86,550] in accordance with the Arts and Culture Grant Program Policy, which was confirmed in the budget process.)

14.7 2021-65

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Grant to the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee Inc. for the 2021 Calendar Year
This by-law authorizes the annual grant of \$40,000, which as confirmed in the budget process.

14.8 2021-66

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Grant to the Nickel District Conservation Authority

This by-law authorizes the annual grant of \$350,000 to the Nickel District Conservation Authority as a contribution towards its capital budget.

14.9 2021-67

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Grant to Health Sciences North in 2021 as a Contribution Towards the Costs to Acquire a PET Scanner

This by-law authorizes the fourth of ten annual grants of \$100,000 each, initially authorized in the 2016 budget process.

14.10 2021-68

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Grant to La Place Des Arts du Grand Sudbury in Support of 2021 Operational Costs

This by-law authorizes an annual grant of \$149,213 to La place des arts du Grand Sudbury for 2021 operational costs.

14.11 2021-69

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Grant to the Sudbury Finnish Rest Home Society Inc. Operating as Hoivakoti Nursing Home at 233 Fourth Avenue, Sudbury

Finance and Administration Committee Resolution #FA2021-24-A19

This by-law authorizes the annual grant to the Sudbury Finnish Rest Home Society Inc. Operating as Hoivakoti Nursing Home of \$39,200 as a contribution towards the cost of the property taxes, which was confirmed in the budget process.

14.12 2021-70

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Grant to Health Sciences North for the Benefit of the Assertive Community Treatment Team

Finance and Administration Committee Resolution #FA2021-24-A17

This By-law authorizes a grant of \$1,118,248 as contribution to assist with the 2021 costs of providing targeted interventions towards the most chronically homeless individuals who are classified as heavy users of emergency services by the Assertive Community Treatment Team on a 16 hour day, 7 day week basis.

14.13 2021-71

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as Represented by the Office of the Fire Marshall for Funding Under the Fire Safety Grant Program

This by-law authorizes the signing of a Transfer Payment Agreement by which the City will receive a funding contribution under the Fire Safety Grant Program.

14.14 2021-72

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize the Sale of 785 Municipal Road 24, Lively Described as PIN 73377-0106 (LT) being Part 5 on Plan 53R-15225 and Parts 1 to 5 on Plan 53R-7549 to Vale Canada Limited
City Council Resolution Number CC2021-105
This By-law authorizes the sale of 785 Municipal Road 24, Lively to Vale Canada Limited and delegates authority to sign all documents necessary to effect the sale.

16. Correspondence for Information Only

16.1 Fire Safety Grant Program

For Information Only.

17. Addendum

Rules of Procedure

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.

By-Laws

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-137

Moved By Mayor Bigger
Seconded By Councillor Sizer

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury read and pass By-law 2021-73 to 2021-75Z.

CARRIED

The following are the by-laws:

2021-73

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Close Part of Romanet Lane in Sudbury Described as PIN 73584-0917(LT) being Lane on Plan 2SA
Planning Committee Resolution Number PL2020-122
This by-law authorizes the closing of part of Romanet Lane, Sudbury to make the land available for sale.

2021-74

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize the Sale of Part of Romanet Lane in Sudbury Described as PIN 73584-0917(LT) being Lane on Plan 2SA to Le Ledo Inc.

City Council Resolution Number CC2021-106

This by-law authorizes the sale of part of Romanet Lane to an abutting land owner and delegates authority to sign all documents necessary to effect the sale.

2021-75Z

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Exempt Certain Lands from Part Lot Control Pursuant to Section 505 of the Planning Act, in Respect of Lands Described as Parts 11 to 17, Plan 53R-20970

Planning Committee Resolution Number PL2020-50

This by-law exempts the subject lands from the part lot control provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, in order to facilitate the creation of urban residential lots having frontage on either Arvo Avenue or Holland Road in Sudbury - Dalron Construction Ltd. - Arvo Avenue & Holland Road, Sudbury.

18. Civic Petitions

Councillor Lapierre submitted a petition to the City Clerk which will be forwarded to the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure. The petition is regarding upgrading Deschene Road, Hanmer to City standards asphalt or pavement.

19. Question Period

Please visit: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas> to view questions asked.

20. Adjournment

Mayor Bigger moved to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:52 p.m.

CARRIED