

Minutes

For the Special City Council Meeting

November 3, 2021
Tom Davies Square

Present (Mayor and Councillors)	Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor Montpellier, Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger
City Officials	Ed Archer, Chief Administrative Officer, Kevin Fowke, General Manager of Corporate Services, Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, 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, Kelly Gravelle, Deputy City Solicitor, Ron Foster, Auditor General, David Shelsted, Director of Engineering Services, Barbara Dubois, Director of Housing Operations, Jeff Pafford, Director of Leisure Services, Brendan Adair, Director of Transit Services, Stefany Mussen, Manager of Corporate Security and By-law, Jim Lister, Manager of Accounting, Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk, Lisa Locken, Clerk's Services Assistant, Vickie Hartley, Clerk's Services Assistant

His Worship Mayor Brian Bigger, In the Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silent Reflection

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

3. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted.

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Councillor McCausland declared a conflict of interest in relation to Member's Motion Item 6.1, as his spouse is employed at one of the founding partners of Place des Arts.

5. Managers' Reports

5.1 Event Centre Update

For Information Only.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Vagnini appealed the Chair's ruling regarding closure of debate.

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 Leduc, and Councillor Landry-Altmann

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

CARRIED

5.2 Update on Security Pilot Program

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-296

Moved By Councillor Kirwan

Seconded By Councillor Landry-Altmann

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the extension of the Security Enforcement Pilot Program for the remainder of 2021;

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to prepare a business case for the 2022 Budget as outlined in the report entitled "Update on Security Pilot Program", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the City Council meeting of October 26, 2021.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (11): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Montpellier, Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, and Councillor Landry-Altmann

NAYS: (1): Councillor Vagnini

CARRIED

6. Members' Motions

6.1 Request for Business Case for Place des Arts Operating Funding

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-297

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Councillor Signoretti

WHEREAS Place des Arts du Grand Sudbury, a gathering place for Francophones and the whole community, is in the final stage of construction of its arts and cultural centre in downtown Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has been a key partner to Place des Arts since its earliest stages of development, and has provided funding in the amount of \$5 million as well as the contribution of land in support of the capital construction project;

AND WHEREAS Place des Arts helps to advance the City's strategic goals of community vibrancy, cultural diversity, economic capacity and investment readiness and downtown revitalization;

AND WHEREAS the building facility includes a number of components that align with the City's Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP);

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury currently contributes \$149,213 annually in the form of a grant supporting operational costs of Place des Arts;

AND WHEREAS the initial funding has contributed to the creation of 3 new full-time positions, one of which has been filled, with the other two anticipated to be filled in September of 2021;

AND WHEREAS Place des Arts had indicated in its initial proposal in 2016, and again with an update in 2018, that the facility will require annual operational funding of \$260,000 from the City of Greater Sudbury, which represents an increase of \$110,787 annually;

AND WHEREAS the municipal contributions to operating costs are integral to the organization securing ongoing operational funding from the federal and provincial governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury direct staff to prepare a Business Case for the increase of Place des Arts annual operating funding to \$260,000 for Council's consideration as part of 2022 Budget deliberations.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (7): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, and Councillor Landry-Altman

NAYS: (4): Councillor Vagnini, Councillor Montpellier, Councillor Jakubo, and Councillor Sizer

CARRIED

Councillor McCausland, having declared a conflict of interest in the foregoing matter, did not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.

6.2 Request for Business Case for Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council Funding

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Sizer withdrew his motion.

6.3 Request for Business Case for 76 Hilltop Seniors Woodshop Annual Funding

The following resolution was presented:

CC2021-298

Moved By Councillor Leduc

Seconded By Councillor Kirwan

WHEREAS the 76 Hilltop Seniors Woodshop is an incorporated not-for-profit organization which has been in existence since the early 80s that provides seniors with a facility and tools to create woodworking projects with the assistance and guidance of a day foreperson;

AND WHEREAS the 76 Hilltop Seniors Woodshop has in the past enjoyed a membership averaging approximately 70 members which assisted in the raising of revenue to fund its operating expenses;

AND WHEREAS the 76 Hilltop Seniors Woodshop has been successful in obtaining a variety of grants to sustain its capital needs and has so far, not had to request assistance to cover their operating expenses;

AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has created some unsustainable challenges for the group, particularly as a result of not being able to use the facility and sell memberships to cover its rising operating costs;

AND WHEREAS although the Woodshop is once again up and running and is slowly regaining some of its membership, it still faces a revenue shortage and decreased capacity limits;

AND WHEREAS their yearly operating budget prior to the pandemic had been approximately \$12,000, that budget has seen an increase, particularly in the way of insurance rates, with declining revenues;

AND WHEREAS the 76 Hilltop Seniors Woodshop provides active living and socializing opportunities to seniors which can enhance their quality of life;

AND WHEREAS annual grants are provided to many other community organizations across the City of Greater Sudbury;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury direct staff to develop a business case to provide an annual grant to the 76 Hilltop Seniors Woodshop of up to \$7,500 for 2022 and future years, for Council's consideration during the 2022 Budget deliberations.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Leduc presented a friendly amendment to replace "an annual " with "a one-time" and removed "and future years", from the last paragraph.

The following is the resolution with the inclusion of the friendly amendment.

CC2021-298

Moved By Councillor Leduc

Seconded By Councillor Kirwan

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AND WHEREAS the 76 Hilltop Seniors Woodshop provides active living and socializing opportunities to seniors which can enhance their quality of life;

AND WHEREAS annual grants are provided to many other community organizations across the City of Greater Sudbury;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury direct staff to develop a business case to provide a one-time grant to the 76 Hilltop Seniors Woodshop of up to \$7,500 for 2022 for Council's consideration during the 2022 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

Proceed Past 9:00 p.m.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (4): Councillor McCausland, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, and Councillor Landry-Altmann

NAYS: (8): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor Montpellier, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Jakubo, Councillor Sizer, and Councillor McIntosh

DEFEATED

10. Adjournment

Automatic adjournment at 9:00 p.m.

The following items were not addressed at this meeting:

6. Members' Motions

6.4 Repurposing of Sudbury Community Arena

6.5 Request for Report for a Social Media Policy for Members of Council and Local Boards

7. Addendum

8. Civic Petitions

9. Question Period