

Minutes

For the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

June 21, 2022
Tom Davies Square

Present (Mayor and Councillors)	Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor Montpellier, Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Landry-Altman, Mayor Bigger, Councillor Jakubo
Absent	Councillor Leduc
City Officials	Ed Archer, Chief Administrative Officer, Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, Steve Jacques, General Manager of Community Development, 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, Meredith Armstrong, Director of Economic Development, Ron Foster, Auditor General, Kelly Gravelle, Deputy City Solicitor, Hugh Kruzel, Kari Bertrand, Chief Procurement Officer, Kyla Bell, Manager of Taxation, Steve Facey, Manager of Financial Planning and Budgeting, Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk, Danielle Derochie, Legislative Compliance Coordinator, Anyse Vermette, Legislative Compliance Coordinator

Councillor Jakubo, In the Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 4:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted.

3. Closed Session

The following resolution was presented:

FA2022-28

Moved By Councillor McIntosh
Seconded By Councillor Cormier

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury moves to Closed Session to deal with one (1) Information Supplied in Confidence by Government item regarding Junction East in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*, s. 239(2)(h).

CARRIED

At 4:33 p.m., the Finance and Administration Committee moved into Closed Session.

4. Recess

At 5:04 p.m, the Finance and Administration Committee recessed.

5. Open Session

At 6:00 p.m., the Finance and Administration Committee commenced in Open Session.

6. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted.

7. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

8. Matters Arising from the Closed Session

Councillor McIntosh, as Chair of the Closed Session, reported that the Committee met in Closed Session to deal with one (1) Information Supplied in Confidence by Government item regarding Junction East in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*, s. 239(2)(h). No directions or resolutions emanated from this meeting.

9. Consent Agenda

The following resolution was presented:

FA2022-29

Moved By Councillor Sizer
Seconded By Councillor McIntosh

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Consent Agenda item 9.1.1.

CARRIED

The following is the Consent Agenda item:

9.1 Routine Management Reports

9.1.1 Healthy Community Initiative Fund Applications – June 21, 2022

The following resolution was presented:

FA2022-30

Moved By Councillor Sizer

Seconded By Councillor McIntosh

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approve the Healthy Community Initiative Fund requests, as outlined in the report entitled “Healthy Community Initiative Fund Applications – June 21, 2022”, from the General Manager of Community Development, as presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on June 21, 2022;

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury direct staff to prepare a by-law to implement the recommended changes.

CARRIED

10. Presentations

10.1 2021 Annual Report

Motion for Deferral

Councillor McIntosh moved to defer this item to the next Finance and Administration Committee Meeting.

DEFERRED

10.2 Long-Term Financial Plan Update

Steve Facey, Manager of Financial Planning and Budgeting provided an electronic presentation regarding long-term financial plan update for information only.

11. Managers' Reports

11.1 Cancellation or Reduction of Taxes Under Section 354 of the Municipal Act, 2001

The following resolution was presented:

FA2022-31

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Councillor McIntosh

That the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to cancel or reduce the property tax account balance to the recommended amounts relating to properties identified in the report Cancellation or Reduction of Taxes Under Section 354 of the Municipal Act, 2001 by the General Manager of

Corporate Services as presented at the Finance and Administration Committee on June 21, 2022.

CARRIED

11.2 2023 Budget Direction

The following resolution was presented:

FA2022-32

Moved By Councillor Jakubo

Seconded By Councillor McIntosh

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to prepare a 2023 Business Plan that includes an operating

budget for all tax supported services which considers:

1. The cost of providing provincially mandated and cost shared programs;
2. The cost associated with growth in infrastructure that is operated and maintained by the City;
3. An estimate of assessment growth; and
4. Recommendations for changes to service levels and/or non-tax revenues so that the level of taxation in 2023 produces no more than a 3.7% property tax increase over 2022 taxation levels, in accordance with the long-term financial plan.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Lapierre presented the following amendment:

FA2022-32-A1

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Mayor Bigger

THAT the amount of 3.7% be replaced with the amount of 3.5%.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (5): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor Montpellier, Councillor Lapierre, and Councillor Jakubo

NAYS: (7): Councillor McCausland, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Landry-Altmann, and Mayor Bigger

ABSENT: (1): Councillor Leduc

DEFEATED (5 to 7)

The original resolution was presented:

FA2022-32

Moved By Councillor Jakubo

Seconded By Councillor McIntosh

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budget for all tax supported services which considers:

- a. The cost of providing provincially mandated and cost shared programs;
- b. The cost associated with growth in infrastructure that is operated and maintained by the City;
- c. An estimate of assessment growth; and
- d. Recommendations for changes to service levels and/or non-tax revenues so that the level of taxation in 2023 produces no more than a 3.7% property tax increase over 2022 taxation levels, in accordance with the long-term financial plan.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

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

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

ABSENT: (1): Councillor Leduc

CARRIED (9 to 3)

The following resolution was presented:

FA2022-33

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Councillor McCausland

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to develop the 2023 Capital Budget based on an assessment

of the community's highest priority needs consistent with the application of prioritization criteria that considers:

- a. Financial affordability;
- b. Financial commitments and workload requirements in future periods for multi-year projects;
- c. The impact on operating costs associated with new projects;
- d. The probability and potential consequences of asset failure; and
- e. The financial cost and potential service impacts of deferring projects.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

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

NAYS: (1): Councillor Vagnini

ABSENT: (1): Councillor Leduc

CARRIED (11 to 1)

The following resolution was presented:

FA2022-34

Moved By Councillor Sizer

Seconded By Councillor Lapierre

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to prepare a 2023 Business Plan for Water and Wastewater Services that includes:

- a. The cost of maintaining current approved programs at current service levels based on anticipated production volumes;
- b. The cost associated with legislative changes and requirements;
- c. The cost associated with growth in infrastructure operated and maintained by the City;
- d. A reasonable estimate of water consumption; and
- e. A rate increase not to exceed 4.8%, consistent with the Water and Wastewater Long-Range Financial Plan approved by the Finance and Administration Committee on June 4, 2019.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

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

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

ABSENT: (1): Councillor Leduc

CARRIED (9 to 3)

The following resolution was presented:

FA2022-35

Moved By Councillor Jakubo

Seconded By Councillor Lapierre

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to provide recommendations for changes to 2023 user fees for property tax-supported services that reflect:

- a. The full cost of providing the program or services including capital assets, net of any subsidy approved by Council;
- b. Increased reliance on non-tax revenue; and
- c. Development of new fees for municipal services currently funded by the tax levy.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

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

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

ABSENT: (1): Councillor Leduc

CARRIED (9 to 3)

The following resolution was presented:

FA2022-36

Moved By Councillor Jakubo

Seconded By Councillor Lapierre

THAT staff present any service enhancements, changes in services, or new service proposals as Business

Cases for consideration by the Finance and Administration Committee on a case-by-case basis, subject to the following conditions;

- a. All businesses cases must be approved by resolution of the Finance and Administration Committee to be incorporated into the 2023 Budget Document; and
- b. Any business case with a value of \$100,000 or less be incorporated into the base budget where the Executive Leadership Team supports the change, with a summary of such changes disclosed to the Finance and Administration Committee in the budget document;

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

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

NAYS: (1): Councillor Vagnini

ABSENT: (1): Councillor Leduc

CARRIED (11 to 1)

The following resolution was presented:

FA2022-37

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Councillor McCausland

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury requests its Service Partners (Greater Sudbury Police Services, Nickel District Conservation Authority, Greater Sudbury Public Library Board, Public Health Sudbury & Districts) to follow the same 2023 Budget directions approved for the City of Greater Sudbury's municipal services when preparing their 2023 municipal funding request as outlined in the report entitled "2023 Budget Direction", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on June 21, 2022.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor McCausland presented the following amendment:

FA2022-37-A1

Moved By Councillor McCausland

Seconded By Councillor Signoretti

THAT the resolution be amended to include the following:

AND FURTHER THAT each service partner be requested to consider service adjustments that minimize its funding request in recognition of the extraordinary financial pressure all public sector organizations are currently navigating.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

YEAS: (6): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor McCausland, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, and Councillor Jakubo

NAYS: (6): Councillor Montpellier, Councillor Kirwan, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Sizer, Councillor Landry-Altman, and Mayor Bigger

ABSENT: (1): Councillor Leduc

LOST (6 to 6)

The original resolution was presented:

FA2022-37

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Councillor McCausland

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury requests its Service Partners (Greater Sudbury Police Services, Nickel District Conservation Authority, Greater Sudbury Public Library Board, Public Health Sudbury & Districts) to follow the same 2023 Budget directions approved for the City of Greater Sudbury's municipal services when preparing their 2023 municipal funding request as outlined in the report entitled "2023 Budget Direction", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on June 21, 2022.

Rules of Procedure

A Recorded Vote was held:

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

NAYS: (2): Councillor Vagnini, and Councillor Montpellier

ABSENT: (1): Councillor Leduc

CARRIED (10 to 2)

12. Members' Motions

No Motions were presented.

13. Correspondence for Information Only

13.1 Contract Awards Exceeding \$100,000 January 1 – March 31, 2022

For Information Only.

13.2 2022 First Quarter Statement of Council Expenses

For Information Only.

13.3 2022 Annual Repayment Limit

For Information Only.

14. Addendum

No Addendum was presented.

15. Civic Petitions

No Petitions were submitted.

16. Question Period

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

17. Adjournment

Councillor Jakubo moved to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:43 p.m.

CARRIED