

Minutes

For the City Council Meeting

February 21, 2023
Tom Davies Square

Present (Mayor and Councillors)	Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor Fortin, Councillor Parent, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Labbé, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altmann, Mayor Lefebvre,
Absent	Councillor Montpellier
City Officials	Ed Archer, Chief Administrative Officer, 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, Meredith Armstrong, Director of Economic Development, Kelly Gravelle, Deputy City Solicitor, Stefany Mussen, Manager of Corporate Security and Bylaw Services, Jeff Pafford, Director of Leisure Services, Dawn Noel de Tilly, Chief of Staff, Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk, Madison Pacey, Clerk's Services Assistant, Erin Foreshew, Clerk's Services Assistant, Jodie Godbout, Clerk's Services Assistant, Ashley Gosselin, Clerk's Services Assistant

His Worship Mayor Paul Lefebvre, In the Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 6:02 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

None declared.

5. Matters Arising from Hearing Committee

5.1 February 14, 2023

Councillor Signoretti, as Chair of the Hearing Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Hearing Committee meeting of February 14, 2023.

The resolutions for the February 14, 2023 Hearing Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented:

CC2023-38

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Cormier

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Hearing Committee resolutions HC2023-01 to HC2023-02 from the meeting of February 14, 2023.

CARRIED

6. Matters Arising from Operations Committee

6.1 February 13, 2023

Councillor Signoretti, as Chair of the Operations Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Operations Committee meeting of February 13, 2023.

The resolutions for the February 13, 2023 Operations Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented:

CC2023-39

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Parent

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Operations Committee resolution OP2023-02 from the meeting of February 13, 2023.

CARRIED

7. Managers' Reports

7.1 Approach to a Comprehensive Aquatics Review

The following resolution was presented:

CC2023-40

Moved By Councillor McIntosh

Seconded By Councillor Lapierre

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury City Council approves the recommended approach as outlined in the report entitled “Approach to a Comprehensive Aquatics Review” from the General Manager of Community Development, presented at the City Council meeting on February 21, 2023

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves funding of \$150,000 from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve for completion of the comprehensive aquatics review.

CARRIED

Councillor Fortin presented the following resolution:

CC2023-41

Moved By Councillor Fortin

Seconded By Councillor Signoretti

WHEREAS Council endorsed the Therapeutic/Leisure Pool as a priority, a Feasibility Study has been prepared and architectural services to complete the schematic design phase have been commenced;

AND WHEREAS the project has received seed capital funding in the amount of \$656,000, community fund-raising efforts to date in the amount of \$100,500, and a \$1,000,000 commitment towards the project through a successful application to the Government of Canada’s Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) for midsized projects;

AND WHEREAS the balance of capital funding required for the project in the amount of \$4,199,500 was approved through the 2021 budget process;

And WHEREAS Council directed staff to begin a comprehensive aquatics review that would rationalize and modernize aquatic recreation facilities in Greater Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS the Therapeutic/Leisure Pool forms part of the review process for the Comprehensive Aquatics Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to pause further work on the Therapeutic/Leisure Pool until the comprehensive aquatics review has been presented to Council.

Rules of Procedure:

A Roll Call Vote was held:

YEAS: (11): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Fortin, Councillor Parent, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Labbé, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altmann, and Mayor Lefebvre

NAYS: (1): Councillor Vagnini

Absent (1): Councillor Montpellier

CARRIED (11 to 1)

7.2 Request to Establish Community Action Networks in Dowling and Levack

CC2023-42

Moved By Mayor Lefebvre

Seconded By Councillor Fortin

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the creation of the Dowling and Levack Community Action Networks, as outlined in the report entitled “Request to Establish Community Action Networks in Dowling and Levack” from the Chief Administrative Officer, presented at the City Council meeting of February 21, 2023.

CARRIED

8. By-laws

The following resolution was presented:

CC2023-43

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Sizer

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury read and pass By-law 2023-22 to By-law 2023-36.

CARRIED

The following are the By-laws:

8.1 By-laws 2023-22 to 2023-36

2023-22

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting of February 21, 2023

2023-23

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Deem Lots 174, 175 and 199 to 202 on Plan M-1044 not to be Lots on a Plan of Subdivision for the Purposes of Section 50(3) of the *Planning Act*

This by-law provides for Lots 174, 175 and 199 to 202 on registered Plan of Subdivision M-1044 be deemed not to be lots within a registered Plan of Subdivision.

2022-24

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Deem Lots 106 and 107 on Plan M-131 not to be Lots on a Plan of Subdivision for the Purposes of Section 50(3) of the Planning Act

Planning Committee Resolution #PL2023-08

This by-law authorizes Lots 106 and 107 on registered Plan of Subdivision M-131 be deemed not to be lots within a registered Plan of Subdivision.

2022-25

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize the sale of Vacant Land North of Howey Drive, Sudbury legally described as Part of PIN 73580-0150(LT), Lots 106 and 107, Plan M-131, City of Greater Sudbury to Robert Carpentier

Planning Committee Resolution #PL2023-08

2023-26

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize the Sale of Vacant Land in Balfour Township Described as PIN 73351-0415(LT), being Part of Lot 8, Concession 4, Township of Balfour, City of Greater Sudbury to Claude Lajoie and Bernadette Lajoie

Planning Committee Meeting Resolution #PL2023-20

2023-27

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize the Vesting into the City's Name of Certain Parcels of Vacant Land within the City of Greater Sudbury and to Write Off the Outstanding Taxes for the Properties

Planning Committee Resolution PL2023-25

This by-law authorizes the vesting of twelve properties after a failed tax sale and write-off of outstanding taxes and penalties.

2023-28

A By-Law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize Grants Under the Strategic Core Areas Community Improvement Plan

Planning Committee Resolutions #PL2023-26 and #PL2023-27

This By-law authorizes certain grants under the Strategic Core Areas Community Improvement Plan and authorizes the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure Services to sign the grant agreements with the recipient of the grants.

2023-29

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend Chapter 32 of the Municipal Code of the Former City of Sudbury

City Council Resolution #C2023-17

This by-law increases the number of non-direct Council appointees to the Downtown Sudbury Board of Management for the Central Business District Improvement Area for the term ending November 14, 2026.

2023-30

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Appoint Members to the Downtown Sudbury Board of Management for Central Business District Improvement Area

City Council Resolution #C2023-17

2023-31

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend By-law 2023-04 being a By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury regarding Committees of Council and Advisory Panels

City Council Resolution #C2023-22

This by-law establishes the Terms of Reference for the Museums and Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel.

2023-32

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Appoint Fence Viewers and Provide for their Remuneration

Nominating Committee Resolution #NC2023-04

This by-law appoints the Fence Viewers for the term ending November 14, 2026 and sets remuneration.

2023-33

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Appoint Valuer of Livestock and Poultry and Provide for Their Remuneration

Nominating Committee Recommendation #NC2023-05

This by-law appoints the Valuer of Livestock and Poultry for the term ending November 14, 2026 and sets remuneration.

2023-34

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Appoint Citizen Members to Certain Boards

Nominating Committee Recommendations #NC2023-07 and #NC2023-09

This by-law appoints citizen members to the Nickel District Conservation Authority and the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts for the term ending November 14, 2026.

2023-35

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Close Part of the Lane East of Martindale Road, Sudbury Described as PIN 73589-0851(LT) being Part of a Lane on Plan M-145, Township of McKim, City of Greater Sudbury

Planning Committee Resolution #PL2017-67

This by-law closes up an unopened laneway to make the lands available for sale.

2023-36

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize the Sale of Part of the Lane East of Martindale Road, Sudbury Described as PIN 73589-0851(LT) being Part of a Lane on Plan M-145, Township of McKim, City of Greater Sudbury to CHC Properties Inc.

Planning Committee Resolution #PL2023-40

9. Members' Motions

9.1 Motion for Renumeration of the Mayor

The following resolution was presented:

CC2023-44

Moved By Mayor Lefebvre

Seconded By Councillor Signoretti

WHEREAS pursuant to By-Law 2018-145, being a by-law respecting the remuneration of members of Council of the City of Greater Sudbury, the base remuneration for the office of Mayor is currently in the amount of \$179,429.67;

AND WHEREAS Mayor Lefebvre, as part of his campaign, stated that if elected he would reduce the remuneration for the office of Mayor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to present a bylaw amendment to adjust the Mayor's base remuneration for the 2023 calendar year to the amount of \$143,000 to be effective on February 21, 2023.

CARRIED

9.2 Request for Ontario Health & Safety Updates to Council

At 7:10 p.m., His Worship Mayor Paul Lefebvre vacated the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Landry-Altmann, in the Chair

At 7:12 p.m., Deputy Mayor Landry-Altmann vacated the Chair.

Mayor Paul Lefebvre, in the Chair

The following resolution was presented:

CC2023-45

Moved By Councillor Parent

Seconded By Councillor Signoretti

WHEREAS the City of Great Sudbury is committed to accident and illness prevention through the integration of health and safety considerations into all planning, operational and department activities;

AND WHEREAS Section 32 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Duties of directors and officers of a corporation) states that “Every director and every officer of a corporation shall take all reasonable care to ensure that the corporation complies with: (a) this Act and the regulations; (b) orders and requirements of inspectors and Directors; and (c) orders of the Minister”.

AND WHEREAS the City Council wishes to support staff in creating and maintaining a workplace culture dedicated to ensuring a healthy, safe, and prosperous community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury directs the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare and present a quarterly report to City Council which will include:

1. the City’s Occupational Health and Safety performance;
2. a summary of reported critical injuries (as defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act);
3. a summary of orders issued by inspectors and the Minister, including how many have been abated and how many are outstanding;
4. a summary with any data analysis and remedial action planned;
5. an update on relevant initiatives that ensure that the corporation complies with the Act and regulations; and
6. an update on other initiatives that are intended to mitigate Occupational Health and Safety risks in our workplaces.

CARRIED

9.3 Request to Amend Clearing of Yards By-law to Allow for No Mow May

Councillor Vagnini moved to defer this item to the next City Council meeting to allow additional documentation to be considered

Rules of Procedure

A Roll Call Vote was held:

YEAS: (1): Councillor Vagnini

NAYS: (11): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Fortin, Councillor Parent, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Labbée, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altmann, Mayor Lefebvre

Absent (1): Councillor Montpellier

DEFEATED (1 to 11)

The following resolution was presented:

CC2023-46

Moved By Councillor McIntosh

Seconded By Councillor Sizer

WHEREAS bees and native pollinators are experiencing population decline worldwide due to habitat loss, pesticide use, climate change and other factors;

AND WHEREAS pollinators are essential for healthy biodiversity, ecosystem and food sources;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities across Canada are showing support for bees and other pollinators by protecting their natural habitat;

AND WHEREAS supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions and engagement among community stewards;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury recognizes the climate crisis and supports the implementation of the Greater Sudbury Food Strategy, Biodiversity Plan, Community Energy and Emissions Plan and EarthCare Sudbury Action Plan and their efforts to protect and enhance our food system, ecosystem and overall sustainability and resilience;

AND WHEREAS studies show that monoculture lawns are detrimental to the biodiversity of pollinators and that allowing spring flowers to bloom and

changing a mowing regime can increase biodiversity of ground cover, which includes edible species and flowering plants for pollinators;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff, in support of No Mow May, to present a by-law at the March 21st, 2023 City Council meeting to amend Part 3, Section 5 and Part 4, Section 13 of By-law 2009-101 to Require the Clearing of Yards and Certain Vacant Lots, as amended, to read as follows:

Part 3 - Yard Maintenance

Grass

5. No owner shall fail to cut any grass, weeds or wild vegetation growing on his or her yard that exceeds 20 centimetres in height "from June 1st to December 1st".

Part 4 – Vacant Land and Vacant Lots

Grass

13. No owner shall fail to cut any grass, weeds or wild vegetation growing on his or her vacant lot that exceeds 20 centimetres in height "from June 1st to December 1st."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to work with community partners to promote No Mow May.

Rules of Procedure

A Roll Call Vote was held:

YEAS: (11): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Fortin, Councillor Parent, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Labbé, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altmann, and Mayor Lefebvre

NAYS: (1): Councillor Vagnini

Absent (1): Councillor Montpellier

CARRIED (11 to 1)

Mayor Lefebvre presented a Member's Motion in regards to suspending work on the current configuration on the Junction East Cultural Hub project and asked that notice be waived.

WAIVED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

The following resolution was presented:

CC2023-47

Moved By Mayor Lefebvre

Seconded By Councillor Signoretti

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury is committed to supporting the revitalization and vibrancy of the community's historic downtown using a balance of public investment, private sector incentives and regulatory frameworks; and

WHEREAS current economic realities dictate that municipal investment in the downtown is ideally leveraged through public and private partnerships that are balanced between new construction and repurposing of existing infrastructure; and

WHEREAS while the City remains supportive of the Junction East Cultural Hub project's goals, the current municipal financial commitment limits Council's ability to address other priorities that are also important to Greater Sudbury's future; and

WHEREAS unprecedented capital cost pressures demand responsive, innovative approaches to municipal service delivery;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, notwithstanding Council Resolutions CC2022-153 to CC2022-157, the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to suspend work on the current configuration of the Junction East Cultural Hub project and continue to work with the project partners, the Greater Sudbury Public Library, the Sudbury Multicultural Folk Arts Association, and the Art Gallery of Sudbury to analyze the following alternate approaches that fulfill the project's original goals as follows:

1. a) Reconfigure existing high-value infrastructure and community-owned buildings in downtown Sudbury to create effective shared spaces or partnerships that will result in sustainable, efficient operations over the long term; and
2. b) Redesign the Junction East Cultural Hub to reflect total project cost of approximately \$65 million and continues to reflect the desired outcome of a project that will be an enduring source of community pride

AND THAT staff provide a report presenting this analysis and a recommendation by the end of Q2 2023.

Rules of Procedure

A Roll Call Vote was held:

YEAS: (12): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Vagnini, Councillor Fortin, Councillor Parent, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Labbée, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altmann, and Mayor Lefebvre

Absent (1): Councillor Montpellier

CARRIED (12 to 0)

10. Correspondence for Information Only

10.1 Core Services Review Update

For Information Only.

11. Addendum

Rules of Procedure

Council agreed to deal with the addendum

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

Matters Arising from the Nominating Committee

Deputy Mayor Landry-Altmann, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Nominating Committee meeting of February 21, 2023.

The resolutions for the February 21, 2023 Nominating Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented:

CC2023-48

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Councillor Parent

That the City of Greater Sudbury approves Nominating Committee resolutions NC2023-10 to NC2023-13 from the meeting of February 21, 2023.

CARRIED

Managers' Report

Appointment of Citizens to GSU and GSHI

The following resolution was presented:

CC2023-49

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Cormier

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury appoints Peter McMullen and Valerie Richer for a four (4) year term; and Christina Visser and Andre Thibert for a two (2) year

term as Directors of Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. and its subsidiary Boards; AND THAT Jhonet Morven and Martin Lajeunesse be appointed for a four (4) year term; and Joshua Lilley and Kati McCartney be appointed for a two (2) year term as Directors of Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc., all until their successors are appointed as outlined in the report entitled "Appointment of Citizens to GSU and GSHI", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the City Council meeting on February 21, 2023.

CARRIED

12. Civic Petitions

Councillor Sizer submitted a petition to the City Clerk which will be forwarded to the General Manager, Growth and Infrastructure. The petition is regarding the closure of the sidewalk on the west side of Auger Avenue from Hawthorne Drive to Falconbridge Highway during winter months.

13. Question Period

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

14. Adjournment

Councillor McIntosh departed at 8:19 p.m.

Councillor Landry Altman departed at 8:19 p.m.

Councillor Cormier departed at 8:20 p.m.

Councillor Fortin departed at 8:20 p.m.

Councillor Leduc departed at 8:20 p.m.

Councillor Labbée departed at 8:20 p.m.

Automatic Adjournment due to loss of quorum at 8:20 p.m.