

Minutes

For the City Council Meeting

April 30, 2024
Tom Davies Square

Present (Mayor and Councillors)	Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Benoit, Councillor Brabant, Councillor Fortin, Councillor Parent, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Labbé, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altman, Mayor Lefebvre
City Officials	Ed Archer, Chief Administrative Officer, Kevin Fowke, General Manager of Corporate Services, Renee Brownlee, Director of Environmental Services, Steve Jacques, General Manager of Community Development, Joseph Nicholls, General Manager of Community Safety, Marie Litalien, Director of Communications & Community Engagements, Meredith Armstrong, Director of Economic Development, Kelly Gravelle, Deputy City Solicitor, Ron Foster, Auditor General, Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk, Christine Hodgins, Legislative Compliance Coordinator, Regina Sgueglia, Clerk's Services Assistant, Srijana Rasaily, Clerk's Services Assistant, Rory Whitehouse, Clerk's Services Assistant

His Worship Mayor Paul Lefebvre, In the Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 3:30 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:

Moved By Mayor Lefebvre
Seconded By Councillor Signoretti

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury moves to Closed Session to deal with one Personal Matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) item regarding a performance review in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, par. 239(2)(b).

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Lapierre presented the following amendment:

CC2024-84-A1

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT the resolution be amended to add the following:

And one Personal matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) / Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations item regarding the Community Safety Department in accordance with the *Municipal act,2001*, paragraphs 239(2)(b) and (d).

CARRIED

The resolution as amended was presented:

CC2024-84

Moved By Mayor Lefebvre

Seconded By Councillor Signoretti

As amended:

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury moves to Closed Session to deal with one Personal Matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) item regarding a performance review in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, par. 239(2)(b).

And one Personal matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) / Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations item regarding the Community Safety Department in accordance with the *Municipal act,2001*, paragraphs 239(2)(b) and (d).

CARRIED

At 3:33 p.m., Council moved into Closed Session.

5. Open Session

At 6:00 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

Mayor Lefebvre moved that the order of the agenda be altered to deal with 20.4 before 9.1.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS

20. Members' Motions

20.4 Request for Reconsideration of Resolution CC2024-75

Councillor Leduc submitted a petition to the City Clerk which will be forwarded to the General Manager of Corporate Services. The petition is regarding a request to halt excessive spending on a New Arena in Sudbury.

At 6:16 p.m., Committed recessed.

At 6:22 p.m., Committed reconvened.

CC2024-85

Moved By Councillor Leduc

Seconded By Councillor Sizer

WHEREAS at its meeting of April 16th, 2024, City Council passed resolution CC2024-75 selecting a New Build Option for an Event Centre in the south district of the downtown core;

AND WHEREAS residents of the City of Greater Sudbury should be provided with an opportunity to decide whether or not to build a new Event Centre;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution CC2024-75 be reconsidered.

YEAS: (1): Councillor Leduc

NAYS: (12): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Benoit, Councillor Brabant, Councillor Fortin, Councillor Parent, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Labbé, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Landry-Altmann, and Mayor Lefebvre

DEFEATED (1 to 12)

9. Community Delegations

9.1 Mayor's Task Force on 30x30

Franco Mariotti, Working Group Chair, provided an electronic presentation regarding an update on the work of the task force.

20. Members' Motions

20.1 Effective Conservation and Management of 30% of lands and waters by 2030

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-86

Moved By Mayor Lefebvre

Seconded By Councillor Cormier

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has received international acclaim for more than five decades of restoration and greening efforts;

AND WHEREAS natural spaces provide valuable ecological, cultural, recreational and economic benefits to all of society;

AND WHEREAS sustainable land management practices that effectively conserve biodiversity can occur alongside a number of recreational, scientific, and commercial activities;

AND WHEREAS long-term protection of ecosystem services is essential for mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change;

AND WHEREAS the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), adopted in 2022 by the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, includes a global target for the effective conservation and management of at least 30% of the world's lands, inland waters, coastal areas and oceans by 2030 ("30x30");

AND WHEREAS preliminary exploration by community experts convened by the Mayor's Task Force on 30x30 has confirmed the feasibility and identified benefits of pursuing such a conservation goal locally;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury work toward the conservation of 30% of our lands and lakes, by identifying appropriate green spaces, waterways, and restored lands within our municipality to be considered for inclusion in the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database (CPCAD);

And therefore be it further resolved that the Mayor's Task Force on 30x30:

1. Prepare a preliminary list no later than the third quarter of 2024 of recommended existing greenspace sites that are suitable first candidates to be assessed for the CPCAD this year;
2. Plan and deliver community engagement related to the 30x30 goal, and consultation on the sites identified in 1.);
3. Engage with local Indigenous communities, the provincial government, and private landowners to identify potential sites for assessment for the CPCAD in 2025 and 2026;

4. Identify marketing and promotion opportunities to promote Greater Sudbury as an ecologically healthy place to live, work, play, and visit;
5. Provide biannual updates to Council outlining progress, especially the rate of protected spaces across the municipality, until the end of this term of Council.

YEAS: (13): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Benoit, Councillor Brabant, Councillor Fortin, Councillor Parent, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Labbé, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, Councillor Leduc, Councillor Landry-Altman, and Mayor Lefebvre

CARRIED (13 to 0)

10. Matters Arising from the Closed Session

Deputy Mayor Landry-Altman, Chair of the Closed Session, reported that Council met in Closed Session to deal with one Personal Matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) item regarding a performance review in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, par. 239(2)(b).

And one Personal matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) / Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations item regarding the Community Safety Department in accordance with the Municipal act, 2001, paragraphs 239(2)(b) and (d).

11. Matters Arising from Operations Committee

11.1 April 22, 2024

Councillor Parent, as Vice-Chair of the Operations Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Operations Committee meeting of April 22, 2024.

The resolutions for the April 22, 2024 Operations Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented.

CC2024-87

Moved By Councillor Parent

Seconded By Councillor Signoretti

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Operations Committee resolution OP2024-08 from the meeting of April 22, 2024.

CARRIED

12. Matters Arising from Community and Emergency Services Committee

12.1 April 22, 2024

Councillor Lapierre, as Chair of the Community and Emergency Services Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting of April 22, 2024

The resolutions for the April 22, 2024 Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting can be found at:

<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

Councillor Leduc requested that Community and Emergency Services Committee resolution CES2024-12 be pulled and dealt with separately.

The following resolution was presented.

CC2024-88

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Councillor Fortin

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Community and Emergency Services Committee resolutions CES2024-08 to CES2024-11 and resolution CES2024-13 from the meeting of April 22, 2024.

CARRIED

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-89

WHEREAS part the 2024/2025 budget included a capital project for the repurposing of ski hill lift equipment to be installed at the Lively Ski Hill;

AND WHEREAS funding for Lively Ski Hill chalet improvements were previously included in the 2023 capital budget;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury Core Services Review (2020) suggests ski hills are a unique and discretionary services offered by the City of Greater Sudbury;

- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to suspend all capital work on these projects, other than essential health and safety items, and present a report by August 2024 to the Community and Emergency Services Committee providing information on the following:
- further details on the Lively Ski Hill capital projects including updated project estimates;
- alternatives to continuing with the projects as originally contemplated;
- utilization and operating costs of City of Greater Sudbury operated ski hills;

- recommended utilization targets for ski hills.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Leduc requested that the following friendly amendment be considered: that the resolution be amended to prevent the suspension of capital work.

Councillor Lapierre, as mover, did not agree with the amendment.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Fortin requested that the following friendly amendment be considered: that August be replaced with July

Councillor Lapierre, as mover, agreed with the amendment.

The following resolution as amended was presented:

CC2024-89

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Councillor McIntosh

WHEREAS part the 2024/2025 budget included a capital project for the repurposing of ski hill lift equipment to be installed at the Lively Ski Hill;

AND WHEREAS funding for Lively Ski Hill chalet improvements were previously included in the 2023 capital budget;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury Core Services Review (2020) suggests ski hills are a unique and discretionary services offered by the City of Greater Sudbury;

- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to suspend all capital work on these projects, other than essential health and safety items, and present a report by July 2024 to the Community and Emergency Services Committee providing information on the following:
 - further details on the Lively Ski Hill capital projects including updated project estimates;
 - alternatives to continuing with the projects as originally contemplated;
 - utilization and operating costs of City of Greater Sudbury operated ski hills;
 - recommended utilization targets for ski hills.

CARRIED

13. Matters Arising from Nominating Committee

13.1 April 23, 2024

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-90

Moved By Councillor Landry-Altmann

Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Nominating Committee resolutions NCR2024-01 to NCR2024-02 from the meeting of April 23, 2024.

CARRIED

14. Matters Arising from Finance and Administration Committee

14.1 April 23, 2024

Councillor McIntosh, as Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of April 23, 2024.

The resolutions for the April 23, 2024 Finance and Administration Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

Councillor Leduc departed at 7:35 p.m.

Councillor Lapierre departed at 7:35 p.m.

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-91

Moved By Councillor McIntosh

Seconded By Councillor Cormier

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the Finance and Administration Committee resolutions FA2024-10 to FA2024-12 from the meeting of April 23, 2024.

CARRIED

15. Matters Arising from Planning Committee

15.1 April 29, 2024

Councillor Cormier, as Chair of the Planning Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Planning Committee meeting of April 29, 2024.

The resolutions for the April 29, 2024 Planning Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-92

Moved By Councillor Cormier
Seconded By Councillor Fortin

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Planning Committee resolutions PL2024-68 to PL2024-70 from the meeting of April 29, 2024.

CARRIED

Councillor Leduc arrived at 7:37 p.m.

16. Matters Arising from Audit Committee

16.1 April 30, 2024

Councillor Cormier, as Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Audit Committee meeting of April 30, 2024.

The resolutions for the April 30, 2024 Audit Committee Meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-93

Moved By Councillor Cormier
Seconded By Councillor McIntosh

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Audit Committee resolution AC2024-02 from the meeting of April 30, 2024.

CARRIED

17. Consent Agenda

The following are the Consent Agenda items:

CC2024-94

Moved By Councillor Brabant
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Consent Agenda items 17.1.1 to 17.2.1.

CARRIED

17.1 Adoption of Minutes

17.1.1 Planning Committee Minutes of March 18, 2024

CC2024-95

Moved By Councillor Brabant
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Planning Committee meeting minutes of March 18, 2024.

CARRIED

17.2 Routine Management Reports

17.2.1 2024 Provincial Offences Write Off

CC2024-96

Moved By Councillor Brabant
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the write off of \$148,176.67 of Provincial Offences Fines that have been deemed to be uncollectible as outlined in the report entitled, "2024 Provincial Offences Write Off", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the City Council meeting on April 30, 2024.

CARRIED

18. Presentations

At 7:38 p.m., Council recessed.

At 7:48 p.m., Council reconvened.

18.1 Cultural Hub Project Update

Nicholas Zinger, Senior Project Manager, provided an electronic presentation regarding the Cultural Hub Project Update.

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-97

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Fortin

That City Council resolution CC2024-22 be reconsidered.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Benoit, Councillor Brabant, Councillor Fortin, Councillor Parent, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Labbé, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, and Mayor Lefebvre

NAYS: (2): Councillor Leduc, and Councillor Landry-Altman

CARRIED (11 to 2)

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-98

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Labbée

That the \$10 million preliminary estimate of a budget requirement to incorporate ramp access for all floors of the Cultural Hub at Tom Davies Square be deemed sufficient for Council's purpose and that no further work pursuant to resolution CC2024-22 be taken as the project's design work continues.

YEAS: (11): Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Benoit, Councillor Brabant, Councillor Fortin, Councillor Parent, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Labbée, Councillor Sizer, Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Cormier, and Mayor Lefebvre

NAYS: (2): Councillor Leduc, and Councillor Landry-Altman

CARRIED (11 to 2)

Councillor Labbée called a point of order regarding the time being past 9 p.m..

Rules of Procedure

Mayor Lefebvre move that the meeting proceed past the hour of 9:00 p.m.

DEFEATED

19. By-laws

By-laws are to be addressed prior to the automatic adjournment.

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-99

Moved By Councillor Brabant

Seconded By Councillor Fortin

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury read and pass By-law 2024-68 to By-law 2024-76.

CARRIED

19.1 By-laws 2024-68 to 2024-76

The Following are the by-laws:

2024-68

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting of April 30, 2024

2024-69

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend By-law 2008-174 being a By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury Governing Procedures for the Acquisition and Sale of Land

This by-law makes some small housekeeping changes, including correcting references to the City Solicitor and Clerk and correcting some numbering issues.

2024-70

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Levy a Special Charge upon Properties in the Central Business District Improvement Area Assessed for Commercial and Industrial Taxes to Provide for the Purposes of the Downtown Sudbury Board of Management for the Year 2024

Refer to Report under Correspondence for Information Only

This by-law implements the levy necessary to support the approved Business Improvement Area's budget.

2024-71

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Levy a Special Charge upon Properties in the Flour Mill Improvement Area Assessed for Commercial and Industrial Taxes to Provide for the Purposes of the Board of Management of the Flour Mill Improvement Area for the Year 2024

Refer to Report under Correspondence for Information Only

This by-law implements the levy necessary to support the approved Business Improvement Area's budget.

2024-72

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Adopt the Provincial Tools for 2024 Property Tax Policy

This by-law adopts tools in accordance with the report presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of April 23, 2024.

2024-73

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Establish 'Clawback' Percentages for the 2024 Taxation Year for the Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Classes

This by-law establishes clawback percentages in accordance with the report presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of April 23, 2024.

2024-74

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Levy the Rates of Taxation for City Purposes and Set Due Dates for the Year 2024

This by-law sets out the 2024 municipal tax rates for the City of Greater Sudbury establishing due dates for final instalments in accordance with the report presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of April 23, 2024.

2024-75

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Set Tax Ratios for the Year 2024

This by-law establishes tax ratios in accordance with the report presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of April 23, 2024.

2024-76

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend By-law 2023-02 being a By-Law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Appoint Councillors to Certain Boards and Corporations

City Council Resolutions #CC2024-81 and #CC2024-82

This amending by-law appoints Councillors to fill recent vacancies to the Board of Directors of City owned corporations.

Automatic Adjournment at 9:05 p.m.

The following items were not addressed at the meeting and were deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting:

20. Members' Motions

20.2 Request for Reconsideration of Resolution CC2023-238

20.3 Request for Amendments to By-laws to Change Council and Committee Meeting Times

21. Correspondence for Information Only

21.1 2024 Tax Rates – Business Improvement Areas

21.2 2024 Tax Rates

21.3 2024 Q1 Report of Council and Committee Meeting Attendance

22. Addendum

23. Civic Petitions

24. Question Period

25. Adjournment