

Minutes

For the City Council Meeting

November 26, 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	Kevin Fowke, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, Joseph Nicholls, General Manager of Community Safety, Brendan Adair, Interim General Manager of Community Development , Terra Posadowski, Director of Communication and Community Engagement, Meredith Armstrong, Director of Economic Development, Liisa Lenz, Interim Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer , Kelly Gravelle, Deputy City Solicitor, Ron Foster, Auditor General, Dawn Noel de Tilly, Chief of Staff, Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk, Regina Sgueglia, Clerk's Services Assistant, Cassandra Pierobon, Clerk's Services Assistant, Ashley Roetscher, Clerk's Services Assistant

His Worship Mayor Paul Lefebvre, 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:

CC2024-268

Moved By Mayor Lefebvre

Seconded By Councillor McIntosh

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury moves to Closed Session to deal with one Personal Matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) / Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations item regarding organizational structure and one Personal Matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) / Solicitor-Client Privilege item regarding municipal staff in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, par. 239(2)(b), (d) and (f).

CARRIED

At 4:02 p.m., Council moved into Closed Session.

4. Recess

At 6:06 p.m., Council recessed.

5. Open Session

At 6:37 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.

9. Matters Arising from the Closed Session

Councillor Leduc, Chair of the Closed Session, reported that Council met in Closed Session to deal with one Personal Matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) / Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations item regarding organizational structure and one Personal Matters (Identifiable Individual(s)) / Solicitor-Client Privilege item regarding municipal staff in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, par. 239(2)(b), (d) and (f). One direction emanated from the meeting.

10. Matters Arising from CAO Recruitment Committee

10.1 November 7, 2024

Mayor Lefebvre, as Chair of the CAO Recruitment Committee, reported on the matters arising from the CAO Recruitment Committee meeting of November 7, 2024.

The resolutions for the November 7, 2024 CAO Recruitment Committee Meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-269

Moved By Mayor Lefebvre

Seconded By Councillor Lapierre

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves CAO Recruitment Committee resolutions CAO2024-01 to CAO2024-02 from the meeting of November 7, 2024.

CARRIED

11. Matters Arising from Planning Committee

11.1 November 13, 2024

Councillor Cormier, as Chair of the Planning Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Planning Committee meeting of November 13, 2024.

The resolutions for the November 13, 2024 Planning Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-270

Moved By Councillor Cormier
Seconded By Councillor Lapierre

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Planning Committee resolutions PL2024-157 to PL2024-171 from the meeting of November 13, 2024.

CARRIED

11.2 November 25, 2024

Councillor Cormier, as Chair of the Planning Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Planning Committee meeting of November 25, 2024.

The resolutions for the November 25, 2024 Planning Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-271

Moved By Councillor Cormier
Seconded By Councillor Lapierre

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Planning Committee resolutions PL2024-172 to PL2024-182 from the meeting of November 25, 2024.

CARRIED

12. Matters Arising from Finance and Administration Committee

12.1 November 14, 2024

Councillor McIntosh, as Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of November 19, 2024. No resolutions emanated from the meeting.

12.2 November 19, 2024

Councillor McIntosh, as Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of November 19, 2024.

The resolutions for the November 19, 2024 Finance and Administration Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-272

Moved By Councillor McIntosh
Seconded By Councillor Cormier

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the Finance and Administration Committee resolutions FA2024-32 to FA2024-33 from the meeting of November 19, 2024.

CARRIED

13. Matters Arising from Operations Committee

13.1 November 18, 2024

Councillor Signoretti, as Chair of the Operations Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Operations Committee meeting of November 18, 2024.

The resolutions for the November 18, 2024 Operations Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-273

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Parent

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Operations Committee resolution OP2024-25 from the meeting of November 18, 2024.

CARRIED

14. Matters Arising from Community and Emergency Services Committee

14.1 November 18, 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 November 18, 2024.

The resolutions for the November 18, 2024 Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting can be found at:

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

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-274

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Councillor Parent

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Community and Emergency Services Committee resolutions CES2024-37 to CES2024-38 from the meeting of November 18, 2024.

CARRIED

15. Matters Arising from Hearing Committee

15.1 November 20, 2024

Councillor Cormier, as Vice-Chair of the Hearing Committee, reported on the matters arising from the Hearing Committee meeting of November 20, 2024.

The resolutions for the November 20, 2024 Hearing Committee meeting can be found at: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/agendas>

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-275

Moved By Councillor Cormier

Seconded By Councillor Fortin

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Hearing Committee resolutions HC2024-03 from the meeting of November 20, 2024.

CARRIED

16. Consent Agenda

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-276

Moved By Councillor Leduc

Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Consent Agenda items 16.1.1 to 16.1.4.

CARRIED

The following are the Consent Agenda items:

16.1 Adoption of Minutes

16.1.1 Planning Committee Minutes of October 7, 2024

CC2024-277

Moved By Councillor Leduc
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Planning Committee meeting minutes of October 7, 2024.

CARRIED

16.1.2 City Council Minutes of October 8, 2024

CC2024-278

Moved By Councillor Leduc
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts City Council Committee meeting minutes of October 8, 2024.

CARRIED

16.1.3 Operations Committee Minutes of October 15, 2024

CC2024-279

Moved By Councillor Leduc
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Operations Committee meeting minutes of October 15, 2024.

CARRIED

16.1.4 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of October 16, 2024

CC2024-280

Moved By Councillor Leduc
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Finance and Administration Committee meeting minutes of October 16, 2024.

CARRIED

17. Presentations

17.1 Cultural Hub Project and the Greater Sudbury Event Centre Project

Tony Cecutti, provided an electronic presentation regarding an update on both the Cultural Hub Project and the Greater Sudbury Event Centre Project.

18. Managers' Reports

18.1 Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF)

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-281

Moved By Councillor Benoit

Seconded By Councillor Fortin

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approve the Walden Wastewater Infrastructure Upgrades project to proceed as identified in this report with funding to be reallocated from other project delays along with a draw from the Capital Financing Reserve Fund – Wastewater and/or Wastewater Holding Reserve and will be identified in the 2025 Budget Update report;

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury authorizes the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure to execute on behalf of the City of Greater Sudbury a Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure, as outlined in the report entitled “Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund”, from the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure presented at the City Council meeting on November 26, 2024, and to execute any necessary amendments to the Agreement, reports arising from the Agreement and to sign such other documents and take such steps as may be required to implement and administer the Agreement.

CARRIED

18.2 College Street Underpass Rehabilitation

Rules of Procedure

Mayor Lefebvre moved that the order of the agenda be altered to deal with Item 20.2 after Item 18.2.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-282

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Option A: Full Bridge Rehabilitation with Roundabout and Active Transportation Improvements, subject to pursuing funding from senior levels of government, and that the project is not issued for tender until August 1, 2025, as outlined in the report entitled “College Street Underpass Rehabilitation” from the General Manager of Growth & Infrastructure, presented at the City Council meeting on November 26, 2024.

CARRIED

20. Members' Motions

20.2 Request for College Street Underpass

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-283

Moved By Mayor Lefebvre
Seconded By Councillor Lapierre

WHEREAS the College Street Underpass is integral to the local and National CPKC rail and road transportation network, and local businesses contribute significantly to the local, provincial and National GDP, and access to the rail network allows these businesses to compete on a global scale;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has less ability to generate municipal taxes or recover costs from the resources developed in our Country, and since a substantive amount of resource production occurs in below grade facilities that can not be taxed, and since federal and provincial tax transfers do not accurately reflect the burden to municipal tax payers;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government and federal government recognized the importance of the College Street Underpass, and the financial challenges for the City of Greater Sudbury to construct the original structure, by contributing 25% each to the original construction in 1949;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has a disproportionate number of railway crossing per capita relative to comparator municipalities, and a significant percentage of the City’s municipal taxes go to capital upgrades and annual maintenance of existing railway crossings not owned by the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS efficient Grade-separated crossings (bridges and under passes) can significantly reduce green house gases caused by vehicle delays crossing at-grade crossings; and since creation of cycling lanes and other modes of active transportation promote more active life styles, promote the use of public transportation, reduce green house gases and promote community well being;

AND WHEREAS enhancing the College Street Underpass and enhancing access to the future Ste Anne's Road extension promotes reduction of traffic on Elm Street, which will enhance economic development opportunities in the downtown, reduces traffic and improves safety on the level rail crossing, and contributes to a reduction in Green House Gases;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of this project clearly aligns with a number of policy objectives of the federal and provincial government, namely:

1. Promoting convenient and efficient movement of raw minerals and resources to global markets via robust and cost-effective transportation networks;
2. Promoting improvements to transportation networks that lead to reductions in green house gases;
3. Promoting improvements to transportation networks that lead to healthier communities;
4. Promoting improvements to transportation networks that lead to re-vitalization and growth of community central business districts including facilitating opportunities for multi-use residential / retail commercial opportunities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to seek funding opportunities from senior levels of government, and provide a report to Council prior to issuing a tender for construction on the outcomes of efforts to obtain financial assistance;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor advocate to the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, local MP's and local MPP's and applicable Ministers to request financial support for this project and highlight how this project will contribute to the successful implementation of federal and provincial policy objectives.

CARRIED

19. By-laws

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-284

Moved By Councillor Lapierre
Seconded By Councillor Signoretti

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury read and pass By-law 2024-189 to By-law 2024-195Z.

CARRIED

19.1 By-laws 2024-189 to 2024-195Z

The following are the By-Laws:

2024-189

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting of November 26, 2024.

2024-190

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

Finance and Administration Committee Resolutions #FA2024-29 & #FA2024-30

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

2024-191

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend By-law 2019-16 being a By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Adopt a Code of Conduct for Members of Council and Local Boards and Complaint Protocol

City Council Resolution #CC2024-233.

2024-192P

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 137 to the Official Plan for the City of Greater Sudbury

Planning Committee Resolution #PL2024-154

This amending by-law removes the requirement for a public hearing for plans of subdivision in accordance with the changes to the *Planning Act* through Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*.

2024-193Z

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend By-law 2010-100Z being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the City of Greater Sudbury

Planning Committee Resolution #PL2020-33

This by-law rezones the subject lands from “R2-2”, Low Density Residential Two to “R2-2(54)”, Low Density Residential Two Special in order to recognize an existing multiple dwelling containing four residential dwelling units – Claudette Therrien, 1240 Paquette Street, Sudbury.

2024-194Z

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend By-law 2010-100Z being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the City of Greater Sudbury

Planning Committee Resolution #PL2024-75

This by-law rezones the subject lands from “RU”, Rural and “SLS”, Seasonal Limited Service to “RU”, Rural to permit an existing seasonal dwelling to be converted to a permanent dwelling, and permit the development of a new secondary dwelling unit – Alistair & Michelle Ross, 931 B Red Deer Lake Road, Wahnapiatae.

2024-195Z

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend By-law 2010-100Z being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the City of Greater Sudbury

Planning Committee Resolution #PL2024-152

This by-law rezones the subject lands from “RU”, Rural, to “RU(105)” Rural Special in order to permit a mining-related light industrial use in the form of an engineering and fabrication shop, accessory office, and accessory outdoor storage and repair area – 1840222 Ontario Limited, 0 Municipal Road 35, Chelmsford.

20. Members' Motions

20.1 Request for Amendment to Procedure By-law to have Matters Arising from Committees Included in Adoption of Consent Agenda

The following resolution was presented:

CC2024-285

Moved By Councillor Cormier

Seconded By Councillor McIntosh

WHEREAS City Council wishes to ensure time spent during its City Council meetings is used efficiently;

AND WHEREAS a substantial amount of meeting time is required to address Matters Arising from Committees for each Council Committee independently;

AND WHEREAS Matters Arising from Committees could be approved by way of one resolution through the Consent Agenda and members would still be able to pull any matters from Committee for separate debate and vote;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to present a by-law amending the Procedure By-law to have Matters Arising from Committees included in the adoption of the Consent Agenda.

CARRIED

21. Addendum

No Addendum was presented.

22. Civic Petitions

No Petitions were submitted.

23. Question Period

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

24. Adjournment

Mayor Lefebvre moved to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:26 p.m.

CARRIED