

Minutes

For the City Council Meeting

March 25, 2025
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-Altmann, Mayor Lefebvre
City Officials	Shari Lichterman, Chief Administrative Officer, Kevin Fowke, General Manager of Corporate Services, Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, Joseph Nicholls, General Manager of Community Safety, Brendan Adair, Acting General Manager of Community Development, Terra Posadowski, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, Meredith Armstrong, Director of Economic Development, David Shelsted, Director of Engineering Services, Kelly Gravelle, Deputy City Solicitor, Ron Foster, Auditor General, Kyla Bell, Manager of Revenue Services, Bailey Chabot, Senior Planner, 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

His Worship Mayor Paul Lefebvre, In the Chair

1. Open Session

The meeting commenced at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor McIntosh moved to defer Item 6.3 to the April 29, 2025 City Council meeting provided the agenda allows for additional items.

CARRIED

4. Consent Agenda

The following resolution was presented:

CC2025-52

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Consent Agenda items 4.1.1 to 4.2.8.

CARRIED

The following are the Consent Agenda items:

4.1 Matters Arising from Committees

4.1.1 Matters Arising from Planning Committee Meeting of February 19, 2025

CC2025-53

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Planning Committee resolutions PL2025-19 to PL2025-26 from the meeting of February 19, 2025.

CARRIED

4.1.2 Matters Arising from CAO Recruitment Committee Meeting of February 19, 2025

CC2025-54

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the CAO Recruitment Committee resolution CAO2025-02 from the meeting of February 19, 2025.

CARRIED

4.1.3 Matters Arising from Operations Committee Meeting of March 17, 2025

CC2025-55

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Operations Committee resolutions OP2025-03 to OP2025-04 from the meeting of March 17, 2025.

CARRIED

4.1.4 Matters Arising from Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting of March 17, 2025

CC2025-56

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Community and Emergency Services Committee resolutions CES2025-04 to CES2025-09 from the meeting of March 17, 2025.

CARRIED

4.1.5 Matters Arising from Audit Committee Meeting of March 18, 2025

CC2025-57

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Audit Committee resolutions AC2025-06 to AC2025-07 from the meeting of March 18, 2025.

CARRIED

4.1.6 Matters Arising from Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of March 18, 2025

CC2025-58

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Finance and Administration Committee resolutions FA2025-04 to FA2025-08 from the meeting of March 18, 2025.

CARRIED

4.1.7 Matters Arising from Planning Committee Meeting of March 24, 2025

CC2025-59

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Planning Committee resolutions PL2025-27 to PL2025-38 from the meeting of March 24, 2025.

CARRIED

4.1.8 Matters Arising from Nominating Committee Meeting of March 25, 2025

CC2025-60

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Nominating Committee resolutions NC2025-01 to NC2025-13 from the meeting of March 25, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2 Adoption of Minutes

4.2.1 Planning Committee Minutes of January 20, 2025

CC2025-61

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Planning Committee meeting minutes of January 20, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2.2 City Council Minutes of January 21, 2025

CC2025-62

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts City Council meeting minutes of January 21, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2.3 Operations Committee Minutes of January 27, 2025

CC2025-63

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Operations Committee meeting minutes of January 27, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2.4 Audit Committee Minutes of January 28, 2025

CC2025-64

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Audit Committee meeting minutes of January 28, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2.5 Finance and Administration Committee Minutes of January 28, 2025

CC2025-65

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Finance and Administration Committee meeting minutes of January 28, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2.6 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2025

CC2025-66

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Planning Committee meeting minutes of February 3, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2.7 Operations Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2025

CC2025-67

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Operations Committee meeting minutes of February 10, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2.8 Community and Emergency Services Committee Minutes of February 10, 2025

CC2025-68

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopts Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting minutes of February 10, 2025.

CARRIED

Request to move into Closed Session

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Leduc moved that City Council recess the open session and move to closed session.

CARRIED

The following resolution was presented:

CC2025-69

Moved By Councillor Leduc

Seconded By Councillor Sizer

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury moves to Closed Session to deal with one solicitor/client privileged matter regarding the deferral of a staff report in accordance with paragraph 239(2)f) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

A recorded vote was held.

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

NAYS: (1): Councillor Signoretti

CARRIED (12 to 1)

At 6:09 p.m., Council moved into Closed Session.

At 7:01 p.m., Council recessed the Closed Session.

At 7:06 p.m., Council reconvened the Open Session.

5. Presentations

5.1 Urban Forest Master Plan

Bailey Chabot, Senior Planner, provided an electronic presentation regarding the City's Urban Forest Master Plan and associated implementation plan.

The following resolution was presented:

CC2025-70

Moved By Councillor Lapierre

Seconded By Councillor Sizer

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approve the Urban Forest Master Plan and implementation plan as outlined in the report entitled "Urban Forest Master Plan", from the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, presented at the Council meeting on March 25, 2025.

CARRIED

Matters Arising From Closed Session

Deputy Mayor Sizer, Chair of the Closed Session, reported that Council met in Closed Session to deal with one solicitor/client privileged matter regarding the deferral of a staff report in accordance with paragraph 239(2)f) of the Municipal Act, 2001. No direction or resolutions emanated from the meeting.

Councillor Parent departed at 7:20 p.m.

6. Managers' Reports

6.1 Consideration for Implementing a New Multi-Residential Property (Municipal Reduction) Tax Subclass

The following resolution was presented:

CC2025-71

Moved By Councillor Cormier

Seconded By Councillor McIntosh

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury direct staff to present a bylaw to adopt the new multi-residential property (municipal reduction) subclass with a reduction rate of 0% as outlined in the report entitled "Consideration for Implementing a New Multi-Residential Property (Municipal Reduction) Tax Subclass", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the City Council Meeting on March 25, 2025.

CARRIED

6.2 Junction Creek Reconstruction and Reprofilng – Tender Award

The following resolution was presented:

CC2025-72

Moved By Councillor Landry-Altmann

Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approve additional funding of \$7.1 million for the Junction Creek Improvements (DMAF) project by reallocating funding of \$3.5 million within this program, \$1.9 million from the Capital General Holding Reserve, and \$1.7 million from the Water Rate Holding Reserve to award Contract ENG24-42, as outlined in the report entitled “Junction Creek Reconstruction and Reprofilng – Tender Award” from the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, presented at City Council on March 25, 2025.

CARRIED

6.3 Regulation of Shipping Containers - Additional Information

DEFERRED

7. Referred & Deferred Matters

7.1 Enhanced Tax Deferral Program for Older Adult and Disabled Homeowners

The following resolution was presented:

CC2025-73

Moved By Councillor Fortin

Seconded By Councillor Cormier

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury Council direct staff to implement an enhanced tax deferral program that would allow eligible homeowners to defer the municipal tax portion of their annual property tax bill in the manner described in the report entitled “Enhanced Tax Deferral Program for Older Adult and Disabled Homeowners” from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated March 25, 2025 and that staff be further directed to prepare the necessary bylaws and communications materials to implement the program for the 2025 tax year.

CARRIED

8. By-laws

The following resolution was presented:

CC2025-74

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury read and pass By-law 2025-37 to By-law 2025-44Z.

CARRIED**8.1 By-laws 2025-37 to 2025-44Z**

The following are the By-laws:

2025-37

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meetings of March 25, 2025

2025-38

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

Operations Committee Resolution #OP2025-01

This by-law renames the Solid Waste Advisory Panel to the Waste Reduction Advisory Panel.

2025-39

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend By-law 2018-121 being a By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury Respecting the Appointment of Officials of the City

This by-law appoints the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and addresses certain staff changes.

2025-40

By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend By-law 2010-1 being a By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Regulate Traffic and Parking in the City of Greater Sudbury

Operations Committee Resolutions #OP2024-25

This amending by-law adds six more Community Safety Zone locations.

2025-41

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend By-law 2025-02 being a By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Establish Miscellaneous User Fees for Certain Services Provided by the City of Greater Sudbury

This amending by-law relates to an update to certain fees to reflect the actual cost being incurred for appraisal services.

2025-42

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Amend By-law 2017-5 being a By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury Respecting the Delegation of Authority to Various Employees of the City

This amending by-law implements changes of a housekeeping nature.

2025-43

A By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Authorize a Grant by Way of Lease with the City of Lakes Family Health Team for Part of 25 Black Lake Road, Lively

Planning Committee Resolution #PL2025-18

2025-44Z

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 #PL2025-16

This by-law rezones the subject lands from “I”, Institutional to “M1(49)”, Mixed Light Industrial/Service Commercial Special to permit the development of a Car Club to be defined as a building or part thereof that is used by persons for the indoor display, storage, washing or detailing of motor vehicles, and may include an office used for administrative purposes, recreational facilities and amenities, a dining room, or a banquet hall that are accessory to the main use - Anin Holdings Inc., 363 York Street, Sudbury.

9. Members' Motions

9.1 Request for Cancellation of Event Centre Management Services RFP

The following motion was presented but was not tabled as there was no seconder:

WHEREAS the threat of U.S. tariffs has drawn pushback from the Federal and Provincial governments as well as municipalities in an effort to promote the purchase of products, supplies and services from Canada and other non-U.S. companies;

AND WHEREAS Premier Doug Ford announced that U.S. companies would be banned from bidding on provincial procurements;

AND WHEREAS the construction and operation of the City of Greater Sudbury's event centre represents significant taxpayer dollars;

AND WHEREAS the request for proposal for the Greater Sudbury Event Centre Venue Management Services has only attracted two U.S. based companies as plan takers;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury should not be supporting U.S. based companies with the continued threat of tariffs looming upon Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury be directed to cancel the current Request for Proposal for the Greater Sudbury Event Centre Venue Management Services and re-issue it to encourage Canadian and non-U.S. based companies to bid.

10. Addendum

Rules of Procedure

Mayor Lefebvre moved that the first addendum be dealt with.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS

ADD-1 (Appointment of Citizens to GSU and GSH)

The following resolution was presented:

CC2025-75

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Lapierre

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury appoints André Thibert and Ryan Dutrisac for a four-year term as Directors of Greater Sudbury Utilities Boards and that Joshua Lilley and Fern Dominelli be appointed for a four-year term as Directors of Greater Sudbury Hydro, all until their successors are appointed as outlined in the report entitled "Appointment of Citizens to GSU and GSH", from the General Manager of Corporate Services, presented at the City Council meeting on March 25, 2025.

CARRIED

Rules of Procedure

Mayor Lefebvre moved that the second addendum be dealt with.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS

ADD-2 (By-laws)

The following resolution was presented:

CC2025-76

Moved By Councillor Cormier

Seconded By Councillor Sizer

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury read and pass By-law 2025-45.

CARRIED

11. Civic Petitions

Councillor Brabant submitted a petition to the City Clerk which will be forwarded to the General Manager of Corporate Services. The petition is regarding a request for a sign By-law regulating commercial signage on sections of Highway 144.

12. Question Period

No Questions were asked.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Lefebvre moved to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:31 p.m.

CARRIED