

Minutes

For the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

May 20, 2025
Tom Davies Square

Present (Mayor and Councillors)	Councillor Signoretti, Councillor Benoit, Councillor Brabant, Councillor Fortin, Councillor Parent, Councillor Lapierre, Councillor Labbee, 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, Joe Rocca, General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, Terra Posadowski, Director of Communication and Community Engagement, Meredith Armstrong, Director of Economic Development, Liisa Lenz, Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer, Renee Brownlee, Director of Environmental Services, Jeff Pafford, Director of Leisure Services, Kris Longston, Director of Planning Services, Nathan Melin, Deputy Fire Chief, Keith Crigger, Manager of Investment and Business Development, Cindi Briscoe, Manager of Housing Services, Melissa Riou, Senior Planner, Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk, Kelly Gravelle, Deputy City Solicitor, Ron Foster, Auditor General, Dawn Noel de Tilly, Chief of Staff, Brigitte Sobush, Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk, Regina Sgueglia, Clerk's Services Assistant, Cassandra Pierobon, Clerk's Services Assistant

Councillor McIntosh, In the Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 4:00 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:

FA2025-18

Moved By Councillor McIntosh

Seconded By Councillor Cormier

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury moves to Closed Session to deal with two Position, Plan or Instruction to be Applied to Negotiations items regarding the Event Centre and one Litigation or Potential Litigation item regarding an Assessment Review Board matter in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*, par. 239(2)(e) and (k).

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Landry-Altmann moved to amend the resolution.

The following amendment was presented:

FA2025-18-A1

Moved By Councillor Landry-Altmann

Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT the resolution be amended to include the following:

"AND one solicitor/client privileged item regarding a construction project in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, subparagraph 239(2)(f)"

CARRIED

The following main resolution as amended was presented:

FA2025-18

Moved By Councillor McIntosh

Seconded By Councillor Cormier

As Amended:

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury moves to Closed Session to deal with two Position, Plan or Instruction to be Applied to Negotiations items regarding the Event Centre and one Litigation or Potential Litigation item regarding an Assessment Review Board matter in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*, par. 239(2)(e) and (k);

AND one solicitor/client privileged item regarding a construction project in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, subparagraph 239(2)(f).

CARRIED

At 4:02 p.m., the Finance and Administration Committee moved into Closed Session.

4. Recess

At 6:04 p.m., the Finance and Administration Committee recessed.

5. Open Session

At 6:37 p.m., the Finance and Administration Committee commenced the 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 Cormier, as Chair of the Closed Session, reported that the Committee met in Closed Session to deal with two Position, Plan or Instruction to be Applied to Negotiations items regarding the Event Centre, one Litigation or Potential Litigation item regarding an Assessment Review Board matter and one solicitor/client privileged item regarding a construction project in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*, par. 239(2)(e), (f) and (k). One direction was given to staff concerning the first matter in question.

9. Managers' Reports

9.1 Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan Application – Sudbury Peace Tower Housing Inc.

The following resolution was presented:

FA2025-19

Moved By Councillor Cormier

Seconded By Councillor Leduc

THAT The City of Greater Sudbury approves the Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan application for Sudbury Peace Tower Housing Inc. at 120 Fairview Avenue and directs staff to prepare a by-law to enter into the required agreement, as outlined in the report entitled “Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan Application – Sudbury Peace Tower Housing Inc.”, from the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, presented at the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of May 20, 2025.

CARRIED

9.2 Employment Land Community Improvement Plan Application - 38 Westhill Court

The following resolution was presented:

FA2025-20

Moved By Councillor Signoretti
Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT The City of Greater Sudbury approves the Employment Land Community Improvement Plan application for 38 Westhill Court and directs staff to prepare a by-law to authorize staff to enter into the required agreements, as outlined in the report entitled "Employment Land Community Improvement Plan Application - 38 Westhill Court", presented at the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of May 20, 2025.

CARRIED

9.3 Blue Box Transition Update

The following resolution was presented:

FA2025-21

Moved By Councillor Parent
Seconded By Councillor Lapierre

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to prepare a business case for consideration during the 2026 budget process to subsidize the yellow box non-residential recycling program at a modified collection service level as outlined in the report entitled "Blue Box Transition Update" from the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on May 20, 2025.

CARRIED

9.4 Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Program

The following resolution was presented:

FA2025-22

Moved By Councillor Sizer
Seconded By Councillor Labbee

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Community Enhancement Program for the Arena Enhancement project for the funding amount of \$538,674 under the following terms:

- That the City of Greater Sudbury commits funding the project in the amount of \$538,674 as previously approved through the 2024-2027 capital program; and
- That the City of Greater Sudbury commits to cover any project cost overruns should they occur; and

- That the General Manager of Community Development be authorized to enter into an agreement with NOHFC regarding the Arena Enhancement project;

as outlined in the report entitled “Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Program” from the General Manager of Community Development, presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on May 20, 2025.

CARRIED

The following resolution was presented:

FA2025-23

Moved By Councillor Signoretti

Seconded By Councillor Benoit

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Community Enhancement Program for the Playground Revitalization project for the funding amount of \$829,000 under the following terms:

- That the City of Greater Sudbury commits to funding the project in the amount of \$729,000 as previously approved through the 2024-2027 capital program and remaining \$100,000 previously committed by United Way Centraide North East Ontario; and
- That the City of Greater Sudbury commits to cover any project cost overruns should they occur; and
- That the General Manager of Community Development be authorized to enter into an agreement with NOHFC regarding the Playground Revitalization project;

as outlined in the report entitled “Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Program” from the General Manager of Community Development, presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on May 20, 2025.

CARRIED

10. Members' Motions

10.1 Request for Review of Annual Grants

The following resolution was presented:

FA2025-24

Moved By Councillor McIntosh

Seconded By Councillor Sizer

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury provides annual grants to community groups and organizations, which in 2025 totals \$663,191;

AND WHEREAS annual grants provided to community groups are not a common service provided by other municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the grant allocation is not based on any fair or equitable basis or process, and in some cases, is based on historical practice, with some recipients pre-dating municipal amalgamation;

AND WHEREAS the annual grant allocation is not consistent with the approach taken for other grants administered by the City of Greater Sudbury, such as the Arts and Culture Grant Program;

AND WHEREAS the annual grants were not initially approved based on alignment with City strategies and policies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to present a report to the Finance and Administration Committee by October of 2025, with recommendations to revise the annual grant program to align with other grant program application approaches and to develop a fair and equitable grant application process with criteria that align with the City's strategic goals and policies.

CARRIED

11. Correspondence for Information Only

11.1 2024 Investment Report

For Information Only.

11.2 2025 Annual Repayment Limit

For Information Only.

11.3 Payment-In-Lieu of Parkland (Parks Reserve Fund) Treasurers Annual Financial Statement as of December 31, 2024

For Information Only.

11.4 Section 391 Charges as of December 31, 2024

For Information Only.

12. Addendum

No Addendum was presented.

13. Civic Petitions

No Petitions were submitted.

14. Question Period

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

15. Adjournment

Councillor McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED