

# **Minutes**

Finance and Administration Committee Minutes of 8/9/16

Location: Tom Davies Square

Commencement: 11:36 AM

Adjournment: 12:39 PM

# Councillor Mike Jakubo, In the Chair

Present Councillors Signoretti, Vagnini, Montpellier, Dutrisac, Kirwan,

Lapierre (A.11:41 a.m.), Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh, Cormier, Reynolds,

Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger

City Officials Ed Archer, Chief Administrative Officer; Kevin Fowke, Director of Human Resources &

Organizational Development; Ed Stankiewicz, Acting Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer; Eliza Bennett, Manager of Corporate Communications & French Language

Services; Brigitte Sobush, Deputy City Clerk; David Shelsted, Director, Roads &

Transportation Services; Luisa Valle, Director of Social Services; Tyler

Campbell, Director of Leisure Services, Peter Chiesa, Director of Engineering

Services; Ron Foster, Auditor General; Danielle Wicklander, Legislative Compliance Co-Ordinator; Nataly Wissell, Clerk's Services Assistant; April Antoniazzi, Clerk's

Services Assistant

# Declarations of Pecuniary Interests and the general nature thereof

None declared

### **Presentations**

1 <u>2017 Budget - Council Direction</u>

Report dated July 22, 2016 from the Acting Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer regarding 2017 Budget - Council Direction.

Ed Archer, Chief Administrative Officer, and Ed Stankiewicz, Acting Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer, provided an electronic presentation regarding 2017 Budget - Council Direction.

The following resolutions were presented:

FA2016-24 McIntosh/Cormier: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to prepare a 2017 Business Plan that includes an operating budget for all tax supported services that considers:

- a. The cost of maintaining current programs at current service levels based on anticipated 2017 workloads;
- b. The cost of providing provincially mandated and cost shared programs;
- c. The cost associated with growth in infrastructure that is operated and maintained by the City;
- d. An estimate in assessment growth;
- e. Recommendations for changes to service levels, work processes and/or non-tax revenues so that the level of taxation in 2017 produces no more than a 3.6% property tax increase over 2016 taxation levels.

#### **CARRIED**

FA2016-25 Cormier/McIntosh: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to develop the 2017 Capital Budget based on an assessment of the community's highest priority needs as indicated by the application of criteria described in this report and considers:

- a. Financial affordability;
- b. Identify requirements in subsequent years for multi-year projects;
- c. The increased operating costs associated with new projects;
- d. The probability of asset failure if a project is not undertaken;
- e. Cost of deferring projects.

### **CARRIED**

FA2016-26 McIntosh/Cormier: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to identify additional capital projects that can be expedited through the use of funds approved by implementing a Capital Levy of 1.5%;

AND THAT staff analyzes the best financial use of this capital, which may include the use of external debt financing.

## **CARRIED**

FA2016-27 McIntosh/Cormier: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to prepare a Business Plan for Water and Wastewater Services that includes:

- a. The cost of maintaining current approved programs at current service levels, based on anticipated workloads;
- b. The cost associated with legislative changes and requirements;
- c. The cost associated with growth in infrastructure operated and maintained by the City;
- d. Rate increases identified in the Water/Wastewater Financial Plan that requires a 7.4% increase;
- e. Opportunities to reduce operating expenses that would allow more funding towards capital;

f. A reasonable estimate of water consumption.

#### **CARRIED**

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to provide recommendations for changes to user fees that reflect:

- a. The full cost of providing the program or services including fixed assets, net of any subsidy approved by Council;
- b. Increased reliance of non-tax revenue;
- c. Development of new fees for municipal services currently on the tax levy.

### **Amendment**

The following amendment to the motion was presented:

FA2016-28A1 Lapierre/Kirwan: THAT the resolution regarding changes to user fees be amended as follows: c. Development of new fees for Council's consideration for municipal services currently on the tax levy.

#### **CARRIED**

#### **Rules of Procedure**

With the concurrence of the members the reading of the motion was waived.

#### **Main Motion as Amended**

FA2016-28 Signoretti/Montpellier: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to provide recommendations for changes to user fees that reflect:

- a. The full cost of providing the program or services including fixed assets, net of any subsidy approved by Council;
- b. Increased reliance of non-tax revenue;
- c. Development of new fees for Council's Consideration, municipal services currently on the tax levy.

#### **CARRIED**

FA2016-29 Montpellier/Signoretti: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to present any service enhancements, changes in services, or new service proposals as Program Changes to allow Council to consider each Program Change on a case-by-case basis.

### **CARRIED**

FA2016-30 Montpellier/Kirwan: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury requests its Service Partners (Greater Sudbury Police Services, Nickel District Conservation Authority, Sudbury and District Health Unit) consider these directions when preparing their 2017 municipal funding requests.

### **CARRIED**

FA2016-31 Kirwan/Montpellier: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the proposed 2017 Budget Schedule in Appendix B of the report dated July 22, 2016 from the Acting Chief

Financial Officer/City Treasurer.

**CARRIED** 

# **Managers' Reports**

R-1 Roads/Debt Financing

Report dated July 21, 2016 from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding Roads/Debt Financing for information only.

# **Addendum**

No Addendum was presented.

# **Civic Petitions**

No Civic Petitions were submitted.

# **Question Period and Announcements**

No questions were asked.

# **Notices of Motion**

No Notices of Motion were presented.

# **Adjournment**

Montpellier/Kirwan: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 12:39 p.m.

**CARRIED** 

Brigitte Sobush, Deputy City Clerk