

Minutes

Finance and Administration Committee Minutes of 12/5/19

Location:	Tom Davies Square - Council Chamber
Commencement:	4:15 PM
Adjournment:	8:15 PM

Councillor Jakubo, In the Chair

Present	Councillors Signoretti [D 6:00 p.m.], Montpellier [D 7:20 p.m.], McCausland, Kirwan, Lapierre, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh, Cormier, Leduc, Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger
City Officials	Ed Archer, Chief Administrative Officer; Kevin Fowke, General Manager of Corporate Services; Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure; Ian Wood, Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives and Citizen Services; Steve Jacques, General Manager of Community Development; Ed Stankiewicz, Executive Director of Finance, Assets and Fleet; Ron Foster, Auditor General; Marie Litalien, Acting Director of Communications & Community Engagements; Joseph Nicholls, General Manager of Community Safety; Melissa Zanette, Chief of Staff; Liisa Lenz, Coordinator of Budgets; Barbara Dubois, Director of Housing Operations; Jason Ferrigan, Director of Planning Services; Aaron Archibald, Director for North East Centre for Excellence/Seniors Health; Jim Lister, Manager of Accounting/Deputy City Treasurer; Sajeev Shivshankaran, Energy and Facilities Engineer; Jeff Pafford, Director of Leisure Services; Nick Najdenov, Capital Projects Coordinator; Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk; Lisa Locken, Clerk's Services Assistant; Julie Lalonde, Clerk's Services Assistant

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared.

Continuation of the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

Resolution #7 - Continued:

Staff Travel Budgets - Deferred from December 4, 2019

The following resolution was presented:

FA2019-80-A4 Lapierre/Cormier: THAT resolution #7 be amended as follows:

THAT staff travel budgets be reduced by the amount of \$150,000.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Lapierre presented a friendly amendment to include "on a one time basis" to the end of the resolution.

Councillor McCausland presented a friendly amendment to change the amount of "\$150,000" to "\$145,354". The friendly amendments were accepted by Councillor Lapierre.

The following is the resolution with the inclusion of the friendly amendments:

FA2019-80-A4 Lapierre/Cormier: THAT resolution #7 be amended as follows:

THAT staff travel budgets be reduced by the amount of \$145,354 on a one time basis.

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Signoretti requested a Simultaneous Written Recorded Vote.

YEAS: Councillors Signoretti, Montpellier, Lapierre, Cormier, Leduc, Landry-Altmann

NAYS: Councillors McCausland, Kirwan, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh, Mayor Bigger
LOST

Mayor Bigger presented the following amendment:

FA2019-80-A5 Bigger/Sizer: THAT resolution #7 be amended as follows:

THAT the amount set aside in the 2020 Budget preparing for future debt repayment for projects be reduced by \$1 million dollars to be applied to the reduction of the tax levy.

CARRIED

Councillor Signoretti presented the following amendment:

FA2019-80-A6 Signoretti/Leduc: WHEREAS rate payers in the City of Greater Sudbury cannot endure unsustainable tax increases year after year;

AND WHEREAS an organization the size of the City of Greater Sudbury can and should uncover efficiencies as do private sector entities;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury has requested that the Police Services review their budget to cut \$500,000 from the proposed gross expenditure amount of \$68,587,049;

AND WHEREAS City Council wishes to have staff maintain the current service level with fewer dollars, in order to respect each hard earned tax dollar collected;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution #7 be amended to provide that staff from every department be directed to review their operating budgets to reach reductions up to 5% without cutting service levels or any personnel, for consideration during the current 2020 budget deliberations.

Councillor McIntosh requested a Simultaneous Written Recorded Vote.

YEAS: Councillors Signoretti, Montpellier

NAYS: Councillors McCausland, Kirwan, Lapierre, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh, Cormier, Leduc, Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger

DEFEATED

Councillor Signoretti departed at 6:00 p.m.

Recess

At 6:00 p.m. the Committee recessed.

Reconvene

At 6:41 p.m. the Committee reconvened.

The resolution as amended was presented:

Resolution #7:

FA2019-80 Lapierre/Sizer: THAT the 2020 City of Greater Sudbury's tax supported base operating budget for municipal operations, inclusive of fees and charges and excluding the City's share of the Outside Boards' budgets be approved in the gross expenditure amount of \$452,619,032 and the net amount of \$215,296,359.

Subject to:

THAT the resolution be amended by increasing the OMPF Funding in the amount of \$290,500;

THAT the assessment growth be reduced from 0.8% to 0.7%.

Subject to:

THAT funding of \$50,000 for the Social Planning Council be included in the 2020 base operating budget.

Subject to:

THAT the contribution to capital be reduced by \$460,000 to facilitate a five-year financing plan that anticipates the replacement of 7 fleet snowplow vehicles, with the effect that the 2020 Capital Budget has \$1 M available to support one-time funding for alternate projects, or as a contribution.

Subject to:

THAT the amount set aside in the 2020 Budget preparing for future debt repayment for projects be reduced by \$1 million dollars to be applied to the reduction of the tax levy.

CARRIED

Resolution #8

The following resolution was presented:

FA2019-87 Leduc/McCausland: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury's 2020 tax supported capital budget be approved in the gross amount of \$123,020,282 funded as follows:

Contributions from the Operating Budget \$37,845,481

Contributions from Federal Grants \$15,790,984

Contributions from Provincial Grants \$13,837,297

Contributions from the City of Greater Sudbury's Reserves and Reserve Funds \$10,575,508

Contributions from the City of Greater Sudbury's Obligatory Reserve Funds \$2,315,097

External debt financing of \$42,265,915

Third party recoveries of \$200,000

Development Charges \$190,000

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the future years spending and funding for years 2021 to 2024 and beyond for those projects noted as recommended" as outlined on pages 395 and 396 of the 2020 Budget document.

Councillor Montpellier presented the following amendment:

FA2019-87-A1 Montpellier/McCausland: THAT resolution #8 be amended as follows:

Subject to the inclusion of the Whitson River Trail Project for the remaining estimated cost of \$1,150,000 to be funded from the property tax levy.

DEFEATED

Proceed Past the Hour of 7:15

FA2019-88 Landry-Altmann/Leduc: THAT this meeting proceeds past the hour of 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY

Councillor Montpellier departed at 7:20 p.m.

Councillor Leduc presented the following amendment:

FA2019-87-A2 Leduc/Landry-Altmann: THAT resolution #8 be amended as follows:

THAT the 2020 capital budget be amended to include the fire sprinklers for basement at Pioneer Manor in the amount of \$120,000 as shown on page 456 of the 2020 budget document and that it be funded from the \$1M available to support one-time funding for alternative projects from FA2019-80-A3.

CARRIED

Councillor McCausland presented the following amendment:

FA2019-87-A3 McCausland/Lapierre: THAT resolution #8 be amended as follows:

THAT the capital project entitled "St. Joseph's Parking Lot Redevelopment Phase 2" be deferred to the 2021 Budget process.

CARRIED

Councillor Jakubo presented the following amendment:

FA2019-87-A4 Jakubo/Landry-Altmann: THAT the projects for the Northern Ontario Railway Museum Capreol Garage Replacement and the Northern Ontario Railway Museum Retaining Wall be added to the capital budget in the amounts of \$80,000 and \$75,000 respectively.

CARRIED

Staff Direction

Councillor Lapierre directs staff to provide a report regarding charging stations and working with outside agencies for alternate options.

Recess

At 8:05 p.m. the Committee recessed.

Reconvene

At 8:11 p.m. the Committee reconvened.

Councillor Cormier presented the following amendment:

FA2019-87-A5 Cormier/McIntosh: THAT as a result of resolution FA2019-80-A3, resolution #8 be amended to replace the gross amount of \$123,020,282 with the amount of \$121,560,282 and the contribution from reserves and reserve funds in the amount of \$10,575,508 with the amount of \$9,115,508.

CARRIED

The resolution as amended was presented:

Resolution #8

FA2019-87 Leduc/McCausland: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury's 2020 tax supported capital budget be approved in the gross amount of \$123,020,282 funded as follows:

Contributions from the Operating Budget \$37,845,481

Contributions from Federal Grants \$15,790,984

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Contributions from the City of Greater Sudbury's Reserves and Reserve Funds \$10,575,508

Contributions from the City of Greater Sudbury's Obligatory Reserve Funds \$2,315,097

External debt financing of \$42,265,915

Third party recoveries of \$200,000

Development Charges \$190,000

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the future years spending and funding for years 2021 to 2024 and beyond for those projects noted as "recommended" as outlined on pages 395 and 396 of the 2020 Budget document.

Subject to:

THAT the 2020 capital budget be amended to include the fire sprinklers for basement at Pioneer Manor in the amount of \$120,000 as shown on page 456 of the 2020 budget document and that it be funded from the \$1M available to support one-time funding for alternative projects from FA2019-80-A3.

Subject to:

THAT the capital project entitled "St. Joseph's Parking Lot Redevelopment Phase 2" be deferred to the 2021 Budget process.

Subject to:

THAT the projects for the Northern Ontario Railway Museum Capreol Garage Replacement and the Northern Ontario Railway Museum Retaining Wall be added to the capital budget in

the amounts of \$80,000 and \$75,000, respectively.

Subject to:

THAT as a result of resolution FA2019-80-A3, resolution #8 be amended to replace the gross amount of \$123,020,282 with the amount of \$121,560,282 and the contribution from reserves and reserve funds in the amount of \$10,575,508 with the amount of \$9,115,008.

CARRIED

Resolution to Proceed Past 8:15 p.m.

FA2019-88 Leduc/McCausland: THAT this meeting proceeds past the hour of 8:15 p.m.

DEFEATED

Adjournment

Automatic Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

The following items were not addressed at this meeting and have been moved to the December 9, 2019 Finance and Administration Committee meeting:

Members' Motion

Addendum

Civic Petitions

Question Period

Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and
Clerk