

MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Thursday, March 5, 2015
Commencement: 4:03 p.m.

COUNCILLOR MIKE JAKUBO, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Signoretti, Vagnini, Montpellier, Dutrisac, Kirwan, Lapierre, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh, Cormier, Reynolds, Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger

City Officials

Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer; Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; Catherine Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; Paul Baskcomb, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; Tim Beadman, Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services; Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services/City Clerk; Lorella Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer; Kevin Fowke, Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development; Ed Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Budgeting; Eliza Bennett, Manager of Communications and French Languages Services; Marnie Seal, Legislative Compliance Coordinator; April Antoniazzi, Committee Assistant

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared

ROUTINE MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Item C-1
Ontario Regulation
284/09 – Budget Matters

Report dated February 27, 2015 from the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer regarding Ontario Regulation 284/09 - Budget Matters.

FA2015-12 Sizer/Landry-Altmann: That the City of Greater Sudbury approves the report titled "Ontario Regulation 284/09 - Budget Matters" from the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer, as required by Municipal Act Regulation 284/09.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item C-2
History of Ontario
Municipal Partnership
Fund

Report dated February 27, 2015 from the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer regarding History of Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY (cont'd)

Item C-3 Increase in Assessment Value from New Construction	Report dated February 27, 2015 from the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer regarding Increase in Assessment Value from New Construction.
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VOTING ON BUDGET OPTIONS

<u>2015 Budget</u>	The Chief Financial Officer/ Treasurer provided an electronic presentation regarding the 2015 Budget.
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<u>Demonstration of Voting Process</u>	Renee Higgins, Web Administrator/Developer provided an electronic presentation demonstrating the budget voting process.
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<u>Voting on Budget Options</u>	The Committee voted on the budget options as presented.
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FA2015-13 Sizer/McIntosh: THAT the Committee draws the funding line at those items which received scores higher than 72.
CARRIED

<u>Recess</u>	At 5:30 p.m. the Finance and Administration Committee recessed.
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<u>Reconvene</u>	At 6:09 p.m. the Finance and Administration Committee Reconvened.
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Motion to Reconsider City Council Resolution <u>CC2015-12</u>	The following motion to reconsider was read:
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FA2015-14 Landry-Altmann/Reynolds: THAT Council Reconsider its previous decision and that Council free the 2014 HCI fund balance to cover the shortfall and continue to freeze the 2015 HCI funds pending the outcomes of the Public Input Session.

CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

FA2015-15 Landry-Altmann/Reynolds: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury free the 2014 HCI fund balance to cover the shortfall and continue to freeze the 2015 HCI funds pending the outcomes of the Public Input Session.

CARRIED

The following motions were read:

VOTING ON BUDGET OPTIONS (cont'd)

Replenishment of Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve

FA2015-16 Cormier/McIntosh THAT the City of Greater Sudbury Contribute 100% of the actual savings achieved during 2015 to replenish the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve. During the year, subject to the City's projected year end position, the required contribution from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to balance the budget may vary. Permanent budget savings will be incorporated into the 2016 Budget and used to reduce the tax levy in 2016 and beyond.

CARRIED

\$6Million Savings Target

FA 2015-17 Cormier/McIntosh: THAT staff be directed implement a strategy to achieve an target of \$6 million in savings through a combination of attrition, reductions in purchasing contract services, and user fee revenues, as outlined in Scenario 3 and contribute %100 of the actual savings achieved during 2015 to replenish the tax rate stabilization reserve and that permanent budget savings be incorporated into the 2016 Budget and used to reduce the tax levy in 2016 and beyond;

AND THAT staff prepare regular reports to Council (i.e. monthly and/or quarterly report cards) to report to the progress towards achieving the targets set by City Council.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Motion to Amend

Councillor Jakubo moves to amend the budget recommendation.

The following amendment to the recommendation was read:

FA 2015-18 Jakubo/Cormier: THAT the recommendation be amended so that the second last paragraph be amended to read:

AND THAT the remainder of the 2016 to 2019 Capital Outlook be accepted for information only, to be amended at a later date in order to better align with the priorities of Council, thereby providing staff with a useful planning tool.

CARRIED

Amended Motion

The motion as amended was presented:

FA2015-19 Bigger/Sizer: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the 2015 Budget as outlined in the Budget Vote with the funding line at 72 and a one-time contribution of \$510,850 from the uncommitted HCI funds resulting in the gross amount of \$514,288,377 and a municipal tax levy of \$231,190,128, which represents a 0% municipal tax increase after assessment growth;

APPROVAL OF BUDGET (cont'd)

Amended Motion **(cont'd)**

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury accept the following Boards' budgets:

- The City's share of the Nickel District Conservation Authority's budget in the amount of \$655,000
- The City's share of the Sudbury and District Health Unit's budget in the amount of \$5,773,378
- The City's share of the Greater Sudbury Police Service's budget in the amount of \$52,527,975;

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approve the 2015 Capital Budget in the amount of \$109,647,717 which is funded as follows:

- Contributions from the Operating Budget of \$35,689,585
- Contributions from Water and Wastewater User Fees of \$23,405,157
- Government Grant funding of \$14,303,984
- Contributions from CGS Reserve Funds and Obligatory Reserve Funds of \$28,369,178
- Contributions from Third Party Recoveries of \$1,500,000
- Internal Financing of \$6,379,813 be approved for projects to be completed in 2015 and be repaid from future capital envelopes in 2016 to 2019;

AND THAT the remainder of the 2016 to 2019 Capital Outlook be accepted for information only, to be amended at a later date in order to better align with the priorities of Council, thereby providing staff to use as a planning tool;

AND THAT the LED Streetlight Project and Solar Panels identified in the 2015 Capital Budget of \$6 million funded from Reserve Funds be placed on hold, pending direction from Council at a future meeting;

AND THAT a future Council report will be presented to identify reductions to the Capital Budget based on the budget options approved by Council.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Sizer/Reynolds: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:34 p.m.

CARRIED

Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director,
Administrative Services/City Clerk