

At the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of January 17, 2017 a question was raised regarding what constitutes a Matter of Reconsideration and how that would impact on a request to review the decisions made during the 2017 Budget process in regards to funding for the Social Planning Council.

Procedure By-Law 2011-235 (<http://www.greatersudbury.ca/inside-city-hall/by-laws/>)

Article 2.21 Definitions – Motion to Reconsider

“Motion to Reconsider”, as set out in Article 34, means a motion pertaining to a decision of the current Council which alters the core purpose or intent of the decision, and excludes an amendment, as defined herein.

Article 34.01 – Motion to Reconsider

Once a motion has been voted on, any Member who voted on the prevailing side may bring a motion to reconsider and, if such motion is seconded, it shall be open to debate and dealt with.

Article 34.03 – Reconsider at a Subsequent Meeting

Where a motion to reconsider is made at a meeting subsequent to that at which the question to be reconsidered was dealt with, the motion shall be initiated by a notice of motion given pursuant to Article 20 and shall require the support of two-thirds of the Members present in order for the motion to be carried.

Article 34.09 – Reconsideration of a Council Decision by Committee

Once Council has decided a motion, a Committee may not seek to reconsider the same issue, nor consider any other issue which could create a result inconsistent with Council's decision, unless a motion to reconsider is authorized by a two-thirds majority of Council Members.

Chronology:

A Business Case entitled “Reduction in Funding Provided to the Social Planning Council” was prepared and included in the 2017 City of Greater Sudbury Budget book on pages 185 – 187. The Business case recommended a “reduction of \$50,000 in funding provided to the Social Planning Council”. (<http://www.greatersudbury.ca/inside-city-hall/budgetfinancial-reports/2017-budget/>).

During the 2017 Budget process, members of Council were afforded the opportunity to pull specific business cases from the list on page 143 of the Budget Book, for separate discussion and/or vote to determine if the item was to remain on the list.

Councillor Kirwan requested that the Social Planning Committee item be pulled and presented an amendment to the Main Motion as follows:

*FA2016-43-A7 Kirwan/Dutrisac” THAT the Social Planning Council as shown on summary page 143 and detailed on pages 185-187 of the 2017 budget document be removed from the package of service level changes. **DEFEATED***

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&lang=en&id=976>)

The Livestream for that meeting showed that Councillors Vagnini, Montpellier, Dutrisac, Kirwan and Landry-Altman supported the resolution, Councillors Signoretti, Lapierre, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh and Reynolds voted against the resolution and the Mayor abstained from the vote. In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act (S.246 (2)) and the Procedure By-Law, an abstention is counted in the negative.

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01m25>)

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&lang=en&id=1198>) – The motion is read at 4:32 on the video.

Subsequently, on December 14, 2016 the Finance and Administration Committee passed the Main Motion as amended:

FA2016-43 Sizer/Bigger: THAT the recommended tax supported service level changes with a gross cost of \$586,111 and a net cost of \$433,611 as detailed on pages 143 to 205 of the 2017 budget document be approved, subject to the following amendments:

FA2016-43-A1 - Remove HARC Swim Lesson Fees Business Case

FA2016-43-A6 - Remove acceleration of 4 Multi Function Plows Business Case

FA2016-43-A8 - Remove CIP Funding Business Case

FA2016-43-A10 - Add Option C Sidewalk Maintenance

FA2016-43-A11 - Funding for Place des Arts

FA2016-43-A13 - Add \$150,000 for Physician Recruitment Business Case

FA2016-43-A15 - Add Livestream Accessibility for Advisory Panel

CARRIED

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&lang=en&id=1198&minutes=1>)

Later that same evening, during a Special Meeting of Council, Chair Jakubo presented the Rise and Report from the Budget Meetings, including the following motion:

*CC2016-402 Jakubo/McIntosh: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves Finance and Administration Committee resolutions FA2016-40 to and including FA2016-53 from the meetings of December 6th and December 14th, 2016. **CARRIED***

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