THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber Tom Davies Square
Monday, November 29, 2004 Commencement: 5:30 p.m.

Chair
COUNCILLOR ELDON GAINER, IN THE CHAIR

Present
Councillors Berthiaume; Bradley; Caldarelli; Callaghan; Craig; Dupuis; Gasparini; Kett; Reynolds; Rivest; Thompson; Mayor Courtemanche

City Officials
M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; C. Hallsworth, General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; C. Matheson, General Manager of Health & Social Services; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services; A. Stephen, General Manager of Emergency Services; D. Wuksinic, General Manager of Corporate Services; S. Jonasson, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; E. Stankiewicz, Co-ordinator of Current Budget; C. Mahaffy, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; H. Salter, Deputy City Solicitor; G. Clausen, Director of Engineering Services; R. Carre, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services; I. Davidson, Chief of Police, Greater Sudbury Police Service; S. Baiden, Greater Sudbury Police Service; R. Sauve, Director of Transit Services; P. Wilson, Manager of Administrative Services; G. Lamothe, Manager of Corporate Communications & French Language Services; P. Graham, Manager of Environmental Innovation & Energy Initiatives; C. Ouellette, Director of Children Services; M. Blanchard, Call Centre Lead; P. Demers, Community Relations and Policy Advisor; R. LeBouthillier, Assistant Manager, Arenas & Community Centres; J. Cunningham, Deputy Chief of Policy, Greater Sudbury Police Service; L. Mazza; Greater Sudbury Police Service; M. Bamberger, Greater Sudbury Police Service; I. Taskinen, Greater Sudbury Police Service; A. Haché, Deputy City Clerk; M. Burch, Licensing and Assessment Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary

C.U.P.E. Local 4705
D. Burke, CUPE National Representative; F. Posadowski, Recording Secretary

News Media
Sudbury Star; MCTV; Northern Life; Channel 10 News

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Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Greater Sudbury Police Board
2005 Budget

A copy of the Presentation dated November 29, 2004 was distributed to Members of the Committee at the meeting.

Mr. Andy Humber, Chair, and Chief Ian Davidson, Greater Sudbury Police Service, provided an electronic presentation of the Board’s 2005 Budget as well as an overview of the capital budget for 2005 to 2007 projecting a $5.4 million shortfall. Chief Davidson explained the enhancement option to hire 15 new officers and the Board approved Officer Phase-In Over 3 Years. As there are no specifics from the Province with respect to the funding formula or timing, the Board’s recommendation is to hire five officers in 2005 reducing the budget impact from 5.8% to 4.9% over 2004. They would then come back to Council once they have further details regarding Provincial funding.

Item 3
NDCA Board
2005 Budget

A copy of the Presentation dated November 29, 2004 was distributed to Members of the Committee at the meeting.

Councillor Ron Bradley, Chair, and Paul Sajatovic, Resource Planner, Nickel District Conservation Authority gave an electronic presentation. They outlined the 2004 program highlights and 2005 budget pressures due to flat-lined annual provincial grant allocations and rising costs of insurance, utilities, etc. The City share of the operating budget reflects a 3% increase over 2004. He also indicated the Board is requesting a special capital allocation for $250,000.00.

Item 4
Sudbury and District Health Unit Board
2005 Budget

A copy of the Presentation dated November 19, 2004 was distributed to Members of the Committee at the meeting.

Councillor Janet Gasparini, Chair and Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health, Sudbury and District Health Unit gave an electronic presentation of the 2005 SDHU Operating Budget. They reviewed factors which determined the 2005 Board-approved budget and reviewed the details of the budget. They pointed out that 2005 Board-approved Budget...
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Sudbury and District Health Unit Board
2005 Budget (cont'd)

totals $16.493 million which is a 10.1% increase over 2004, however there will be no municipal levy increase over 2004 because of changes in the funding formula from the Province - being 55% funded by Province and 45% funded by the municipalities.

The Committee noted this does not increase the municipal portion of the Health Unit’s budget but may increase the City’s bottom line because it could affect the CRF funding formula.

Recess
At 8:12 p.m., the Finance Committee recessed.
Reconvene
At 8:25 p.m., the Finance Committee reconvened.

2005 BUDGET REVIEW

Item 6
Further Options

The Committee agreed that, prior to reviewing the 2005 Current Budget options, Councillors introduced further options for inclusion in the Voting Package. These additional options would not be discussed at this meeting but would be placed in the parking lot. Staff would cost and provide background information on the additional options and they would be included in the options to be voted on by the Committee at a subsequent meeting. The options presented by Councillors are outlined on Schedule “A”. (COPY ATTACHED)

Item 5
2005 Current Budget Options Review

The following budget options were reviewed:

• Provide $350,000 to the Economic Development Envelope in each of years 2005 to 2007 by allocating this amount from the Community Loan Fund Reserve.

  Councillor Caldarelli requested that a report regarding the expenditure from the Economic Development/Community Loan Fund be prepared.

• Provide funding to the Dynamic Earth Project of $1,000,000 over a 3 year period from the Community Project Support Envelope

• Provide a one-time-fund in the amount of $350,000 in order to pursue Council’s Healthy Community Priority with funding provided from the anticipated 2004 surplus

• Create a permanent tourism position in the amount of $50,000 funded by internal reallocations to work with local industries and volunteers to maximize opportunities for the City
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2005 Current Budget Options Review (cont’d)  

• Hire a Property Administrator in the amount of $65,000.00 funded by the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund for a period of 1 year.  

• Hire a Hall Booking Clerk and provide for appropriate resources to coordinate community hall rental arrangements. The committee had previously agreed that an option be developed to split this option into four parts.  

• Provide $450,000 of annual funding for Rainbow Routes for trail development.  

The Committee agreed that a budget showing how the funds will be spent and what is proposed for each of the six wards be submitted at the meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 1st, 2004 meeting.  

The Committee redirected funding to bring the impact of the option to 0% increase - $200,000 from Citizen & Leisure Capital and $250,000 from Healthy Communities Fund Option.  

Voting  
The Committee agreed that the voting would take place at the meeting to be held on Monday, December 6th, 2004.  

Adjournment  
2004-62 Caldarelli-Bradley: That this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 10:00 p.m.  

Councillor Eldon Gainer, Chair  
Deputy City Clerk