

# THE THIRTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square

Thursday, February 19, 2009  
Commencement: 4:33 p.m.

Chair

**COUNCILLOR TED CALLAGHAN, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac (A4:41pm); Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A3:34pm); Craig (A3:34pm); Caldarelli; Gasparini (A3:34pm); Landry-Altman; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

D. Nadorozny, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director; J. Nicholls, Acting Chief of Emergency Services; M. Leduc, Fire Chief; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; P. Thomson, Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development; R. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; R. Carré, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services; R. Sauve, Director of Transit Services; K. Shaw, Director of Engineering Services; R. Henderson, Director of Citizen Services; L. Valle, Director of Social Services, Ontario Works; E. Bennett, Manager of Communications & French Language Services; C. Mathieu, Manager of Environmental Services; E. Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; D. Dumontelle, Manager of Financial Support and Budgeting; E. Bertrand, Manager of Fleet Services; S. Turner, Manager of Financial & Support Services; L. Webster, Manager of Finance & Facility Administration; B. Gutjahr, Manager of Compliance and Enforcement Services; L. Larose, Senior Budget Analyst; R. Blackwell, Co-ordinator of Quality Assurance & Performance Measurement, E. Shelsted, Roads Engineer; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; L. McAuley, Executive Assistant to the CAO; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Audio-Visual Operator; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

CBC Radio; Northern Life; Persona 10 News; Sudbury Star

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Item 1 2009 Federal Budget - Opportunities for the City of Greater Sudbury and Finalization of the 2009 Operating Budget**

Doug Nadorozny, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Lorella Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer made an electronic presentation regarding 2009 Federal Budget - Opportunities for the City of Greater Sudbury and Finalization of the 2009 Operating Budget.

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer stated that the purpose of the meeting was:

1. Approval of the capital levy and adoption of 2009 Budget (Decision 1);
2. Overview of 2009 Federal Budget and the opportunities for the City of Greater Sudbury and Council's direction regarding the priority infrastructure themes (Decision 2);
3. Direction on the next steps regarding the Major Infrastructure Component of Building Canada Plan and Council's direction regarding the Maley Drive Project (Decision 3).

He outlined the three options in the finalization of the 2009 Budget: Option 1 with a capital levy of 0.5% resulting in a tax increase of 4.1%, Option 2 a capital levy of 1.0% resulting in a tax increase of 4.6% and Option 3 a capital levy of 2.3% resulting in a tax increase of 5.9%.

The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer highlighted the key infrastructure announcements of the 2009 Federal Budget including the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, the Green Fund, the Recreational Fund and the Social Housing Fund. She explained the opportunities for City of Greater Sudbury and the planning for sources of funding. She also explained the funding available under the Building Canada Plan. She explained increases under each of the three options for 2009 Budget. She concluded by stating that the next step was to obtain Council's decision on the three items set out above.

Chair Callaghan indicated that the first direction to be provided to staff is to devise a plan on how to maximize the City's portion of funding projects to be submitted under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and the Building Canada Fund. The Committee agreed that reserve funds be used and staff immediately begin reviewing areas in next year's budget where cuts can be made in order to maximize our portion of the funding and a report presented to the Committee in June 2009.

Recess

At 6:01 p.m. the Finance Committee recessed.

Reconvene

At 6:43 p.m. Council reconvened.

## **MANAGERS' REPORTS**

Item 2  
2009 Federal Budget -  
Opportunities for the  
City of Greater Sudbury

Report dated February 12, 2009 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding 2009 Federal Budget - Opportunities for the City of Greater Sudbury for direction.

### Decision 2 (Direction on Priority Infrastructure Themes)

Committee Members suggested projects and themes to be included in the report of 'shovel ready' projects to be prepared staff and submitted to senior levels of government. The projects and themes include South End library, arena upgrades, fire halls renewal, roads, sewer and water project on south shore of Lake Ramsey, amphitheatre, housing, soccer field development, shave and pave, blue-green algae, energy retrofits, Azilda library, transit garage, skateparks, water on Fielding Road, etc. Staff will develop and prioritize the 'shovel ready' list of projects and submit a report to City Council next week.

The Committee agreed that 75% of the project funding under the Stimulus Projects would be for roads and water/wastewater projects and the remaining 25% on other projects.

### Decision 3 (Direction re Maley Drive)

The Committee agreed that the Maley Drive Extension project be submitted under the Building Canada Plan.

Item 3  
Finalization of the 2009  
Operating Budget

Report dated February 9, 2009 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Finalization of the 2009 Operating Budget.

### Decision 1 (Approval of Capital Levy and Adoption of 2009 Budget)

The Finance Committee agreed that there would be no capital levy and that staff come back with options on where funds can be found to leverage the City's one-third share. These options can include, gas tax, reserves and efficiencies in all departments.

2009-03 Barbeau-Dupuis: THAT the 2009 Budget be approved in the gross amount of \$509,696,098 and in the net amount of \$186,540,038 which represents a 3.6% tax increase;

**MANAGERS' REPORTS (continued)**

Item 3  
Finalization of the 2009  
Operating Budget  
(continued)

AND THAT City Council accept the following Boards' budgets:

- The City's share of the Nickel District Conservation Authority's operating budget in the amount of \$544,930;
- The City's share of the Sudbury and District Health Unit's operating budget in the amount of \$5,208,791;
- The Greater Sudbury Police Service's operating budget in the amount of \$42,452,464;

AND THAT Council approve an additional \$500,000 (0.3% tax increase) to the annual allocation for the Northern Ontario School of Architecture in the 2010 budget for a total of \$1 million annually until 2018 and provide a final grant of \$500,000 in 2019.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Item 4  
Update on Federal Gas  
Tax Allocation for 2010  
to 2014

Report dated February 12, 2009 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Update on Federal Gas Tax Allocation for 2010 to 2014 for information.

Adjournment

2009-04 Barbeau-Dupuis: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.  
Time: 7:33 p.m.

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Councillor Ted Callaghan, Chair

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Angie Haché, City Clerk