

THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Monday, November 24, 2008
Commencement: 4:30 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR TED CALLAGHAN, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac (A6:30pm); Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson; Craig (A4:32pm); Caldarelli; Gasparini, Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez (A4:33pm)

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; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; M. Leduc, Fire Chief; I. Davidson, Chief of Police, Greater Sudbury Police Services; 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; K. Shaw, Director of Engineering Services; R. Sauve, Director of Transit Services; R. Carré, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services; L. Valle, Director of Social Services, Ontario Works; E. Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; D. Dumontelle, Manager of Financial Support and Budgeting; L. Webster, Manager of Finance & Facility Administration; C. Mathieu, Manager of Environmental Services; B. Arbuckle, Manager of Income Support, Ontario Works; C. Dempsey, Manager of Finance, Ontario Works; S. Turner, Manager of Financial & Support Services; E. Bertrand, Manager of Fleet Services; K. Moxam, Manager of Parks Services; R. Dixon, Facilities and Building Co-ordinator; R. Blackwell, Co-ordinator of Quality Assurance & Performance Measurement; J. Canapini, Co-ordinator of Strategic Initiatives & Policies; L. Larose, Senior Budget Analyst; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; A. Haché, City Clerk; K. Bowschar-Lische, Law Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

Others

B. Rogers, Chair, NDCA Board; P. Sajatovic, Director of Corporate & Watershed Management Services, NDCA; A. Bonnis, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, NDCA; P. Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health, SDHU; Dr. R. Koka, Chair, GSPS Board; F. Elsner, Deputy Chief of Police, GSPS; S. Baiden, Director of Corporate Services, GSPS; M. O'Callaghan, Manager, Materials & Resources, GSPS; M. Bamberger, Assistant Manager, Materials & Resources, GSPS

CUPE

W. MacKinnon, Former President, CUPE Local 4705

News Media

Le Voyageur, Northern Life; Persona 10 News; Sudbury Star

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gasparini declared an interest in the option for funding to the Social Planning Council of Sudbury as the Social Planning Council is her employer and an interest in the option for the Physician Recruitment Program as her daughter is a physician.

Councillor Rivest declared an interest in the option for Habitat for Humanity Sudbury District) as he is on the Habitat for Humanity Sudbury District Board.

OUTSIDE BOARDS PRESENTATIONS

Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) Board

Bob Rogers, Chair of the Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) Board, made an electronic presentation regarding the NDCA's 2009 Budget Overview. He provided an overview of Ontario's Conservation Authorities, the NDCA watershed area, key program activities and the 2008 program highlights. He also outlined the progress under the Source Water Protection Plan. He explained the 2008 capital maintenance issues including the Nickeldale Dam Concrete Rehabilitation, Junction Creek Emergency Access Structure, Junction Creek Erosion Control Structure and Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. He outlined the 2009 operating budget pressures such as the flat-lined annual provincial grant allocations since 2000, the total provincial grant deficit; the escalation of general insurance costs, staff wage and benefit costs and rising utility costs. The NDCA requested a 3% increase over the approved 2008 levy and the continuation of the capital allocation of \$250,000 to allow them to maintain their infrastructure.

Bob Rogers advised that Dr. John Gunn has received the 2008 Conservation Pioneer Award and asked Mayor Rodriguez to present the award at a Council meeting.

Sudbury and District Board of Health

Councillor Janet Gasparini, Chair of the Sudbury and District Board of Health, introduced Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health, who provided an electronic presentation entitled "*Sudbury & District Board of Health – 2009 Cost-Shared Operating Budget*".

Penny Sutcliffe advised that the 2009 budget totals \$21,207,239 representing a 5% overall increase over 2008 and a 3.5% municipal increase. She provided budget background information including the following:

- Provincial funding envelope provides for an overall growth allocation of no more than 5% to boards of health

Sudbury and District
Board of Health
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- New Ontario Public Health Standards effective January 1, 2009
- Planning in 2009 for the transition to the new Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion
- Provincial grant request includes budget for competencies required to implement the 'blue rectangle' foundation of the Ontario Public Health Standards
- Breakdown of the 5% overall increase

She also provided budget details on expenditures. She explained the legislative basis of the public health funding process. She concluded by stating the increase will maintain the 2008 program and service level.

Greater Sudbury Policy
Services (GSPB) Board

Dr. Rayudu Koka, Chair of the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board, and Chief Ian Davidson, Greater Sudbury Police Services gave an electronic presentation entitled "*Operating Budget 2009, Capital Plan 2009 – 2011*".

Chief Davidson listed the key guiding principles for the budget preparation including current and long range operating needs, business plan, contractual obligations, regulatory requirements, inflation where applicable and financial control and accountability. He explained their priorities including police visibility, response times to calls for service, computer crimes, target on serious and violent crime and youth initiatives and reduction in criminal behaviour. He provided details of the Citizen's on Patrol (COPs) program. He listed their challenges including evolving criminal justice system, major case management, transcribing witness statements, high risk offender management and the large geographic area.

Chief Davidson indicated that the 2009 base budget is \$42,452.464 which is 4.6% over the 2008 budget. He advised that the key cost drivers are labour and fuel and outlined the 2009 expenditure allocation stating that salaries and benefits are 88.6% of the budget. He outlined the Capital Plan 2009 – 2011 providing an expenditure summary and a revenue summary.

Recess

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

Reconvene

At 6:30 p.m., the Committee reconvened.

REVIEW OF OPTIONS

Growth & Development

The General Manager of Community Development continued (from the Finance Committee meeting of November 17, 2008) the electronic presentation outlining the 2009 Budget Options for Community Development, including required staffing, permanent cost and/or one-time cost, as follows:

Growth & Development
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COUNCIL REFERRALS

- Play station replacement at Victory Playground
- Upgrades to the Elmview Playground
- Lively Ski Hill water line upgrades
- Architect for Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre and capital funding
- One staff at Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre (conversion from part time hours)
- Main entrance improvements at McClelland Arena
- 2009 unfunded capital arena upgrades

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

- City of Lakes Family Health Team – Walden and Rayside sites
- Homelessness top up
- Rockhaven Beyond the Rock funding
- Social Planning Council funding
- Habitat for Humanity funding
- Joe MacDonald Youth Football for improvements to James Jerome Sports Complex
- Northern Water Sports Centre funding
- Outdoor Pond Hockey Tournament funding
- Rainbow Routes trail development projects
- Sudbury Action Centre for Youth funding
- Sudbury Bicycle Advisory Panel funding
- Volunteer Sudbury Organization funding
- Phase II Laurentian Track upgrades

DEPARTMENTAL SUBMISSIONS

- Five nursing positions
- Assistant pool operator at Nickel District Pool (conversion of part time to permanent)
- Parks superintendent
- MMMS clerk
- Increase Parks services temporary summer staff levels
- Preventative maintenance program, inspection/electrical upgrades
- Aging trees removal program
- Youth centre development and enhancement
- Integrated pest management program
- Jim Gordon Boardwalk upgrades – Bell Park
- Mechanical helper
- Back-up generator for Sudbury Arena

Parking Lot #1
Family Health Team

Councillor Barbeau requested an analysis of request for funding by Family Health Team i.e. number of doctors who are willing to practice at these locations; convenience of proposed sites in Walden and Rayside-Balfour to residents of these areas; responsibility for operating costs.

Homelessness Top Up

Councillor Caldarelli asked what other municipalities are doing with respect to homelessness funding (top up).

Homelessness Top Up
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The Director of Social Services advised that some other municipalities have this type of arrangement; however it varies from year to year. She advised she would obtain this information and provide the same to the Committee.

Parking Lot #2
Unfunded Capital
Arena Projects

Mayor Rodriguez requested an option for funding 2009 unfunded capital arena projects – wait for announcement regarding potential Federal and Provincial infrastructure grants.

Parking Lot #3
Barrydowne Arena

Councillor Landry-Altman requested an option to re-open Barrydowne Arena.

Parking Lot #4
Laurentian University
Track Upgrades

Mayor Rodriguez requested a report from Fundraising Committee regarding the Laurentian University Track Upgrades.

Parking Lot #5
Sudbury Arena Backup
Generator

Councillor Craig requested a report with additional information on backup generator for the Sudbury Arena.

Parking Lot #6
Joe MacDonald Youth
Football

Councillor Barbeau requested further analysis regarding the \$200,000 for Joe MacDonald Youth Football, improvements to James Jerome Sports Complex.

Fire Services

The Fire Chief made an electronic presentation outlining the 2009 Budget Options for Fire Services, including required staffing, permanent cost and/or one-time cost, as follows:

DEPARTMENTAL SUBMISSION

- Breathing Air Technician
- Clerical Position

Parking Lot #7
Breathing Air Technician

Councillor Callaghan requested firmer numbers (i.e. maintenance of equipment, vehicle) regarding the option to hire Breathing Air Technician.

PARKING LOT REVIEW

November 24, 2008

The Committee reviewed the November 24, 2008 Parking Lot and voted on the items. (see attached)

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION TABLED

Report dated November 24, 2008 was received from the Acting General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Energy Efficiencies Strategy – Addendum.

Presentation of Options
Next Meeting

In order to expedite discussions, Committee Members agreed that staff would not be required to make electronic presentations on the remaining options. Committee Members would review the

Presentation of Options
Next Meeting (continued)

remaining options prior to the November 27, 2008 meeting and ask questions at the meeting.

Reports on Options

The Committee discussed the various reports they had requested on options and agreed that the options would proceed to the next round of voting, even if the reports were not prepared by the next meeting to be held on November 27, 2008.

Adjournment

2008-11 Craig-Rivest: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.
Time: 8:45 p.m.

Councillor Ted Callaghan, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk

2009 BUDGET PARKING LOT ✓					
REQUEST #	COUNCILLOR/MAYOR	DEPT.	INFORMATION REQUEST (November 24, 2008)	APPROVED	
				YES	NO
1	Barbeau	Community Development	Analysis of request for funding by Family Health Team i.e. number of doctors who are willing to practice at these locations; convenience of proposed sites in Walden and Rayside-Balfour to residents of these areas; responsibility for operating costs	✓	
2	Rodriguez		Option for funding 2009 unfunded capital arena projects – wait for announcement regarding potential Federal and Provincial infrastructure grants		✓
3	Landry-Altman	Community Development	Prepare Option to re-open Barrydowne Arena		✓
4	Rodriguez	Community Development	Laurentian University Track Upgrades – Report from Fundraising Committee	✓	
5	Craig	Community Development	Report – Additional information on backup generator for the Sudbury Arena	✓	
6	Barbeau	Community Development	\$200,000 for Joe MacDonald Youth Football, improvements to James Jerome Sports Complex – Further analysis	✓	
7	Callaghan	Fire Services	Option to hire Breathing Air Technician – firmer numbers i.e. maintenance of equipment, vehicle	✓	