

**THE TWENTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Tuesday, December 16, 2008
Commencement: 4:30 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR TED CALLAGHAN, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A4:35pm); Craig; Caldarelli; Gasparini, 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; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; P. Thomson, Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development; M. Leduc, Fire Chief; R. Sauve, Director of Transit Services; R. Carré, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services; L. Valle, Director of Social Services, Ontario Works; R. Henderson, Director of Citizen Services; E. Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; D. Dumontelle, Manager of Financial Support and Budgeting; R. St. Onge, Manager of Software & Business Applications; E. Bennett, Manager of Communications & French Language Services; R. Blackwell, Co-ordinator of Quality Assurance & Performance Measurement; L. Larose, Senior Budget Analyst; Paul Giroux, Web Administrator/Developer; Kevan Moxam, Manager of Parks Services; Chantal Mathieu, Manager of Environmental Services; Kevin Shaw, Director of Engineering Services; Jamie Brunette, AMCTO Municipal Intern; Ian Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; Shawn Turner, Manager of Financial and Support Services; Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; Lynne Webster; Manager of Finance & Facility Administration; Robert Falcioni, Director of Roads and Transportation; Danielle Braney, Director of Asset Services; Franca Bortolussi, Council Secretary; Poppy Pelletier, Audio-Visual Operator; Angie Haché, City Clerk

News Media

Northern Life; Persona 10 News; Sudbury Star

Other

Steve Speck, President, CUPE Local 4705; Gil Prieur, Continuous Improvement Program Facilitator, CUPE Local 4705

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gasparini declared an interest in the funding option for the Social Planning Council of Sudbury as it involves her employer and an interest in the funding 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.

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Potential Reductions to the 2009 Base Budget

Report dated December 10, 2008 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (CFO) regarding potential reductions to the 2009 base budget.

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer gave an electronic presentation outlining proposed reductions to the 2009 budget which result in a 1.1% decrease to the proposed levy.

The Acting CAO advised that the proposed levy increase (excluding the capital levy) was \$10M. Almost one-half of the levy increase is attributed to salary and benefit increases in accordance with collective bargaining agreements with the remainder being for revenue and other expense categories, including police. The Acting CAO highlighted the principles used for the 2009 budget reductions. The Committee noted proposed reductions to the 2009 budget total \$1.9M and if accepted, the tax increase would be 2.9% prior to any enhancement options being voted upon.

The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer summarized the proposed 2009 budget reductions including inflation adjustments, fuel, etc.

With respect to water/wastewater, the same process was used and when inflationary assumptions were revised as well as a historical analysis of utility costs, a reduction of 0.8% would result in a water/wastewater increase of 5%.

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MANAGERS' REPORTS (Cont'd)

Potential Reductions to the 2009 Base Budget (Cont'd)

The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer pointed out that the budget enhancement options are still under consideration by Council. The options are outlined on Pages 15 to 19 of the agenda, are sorted based on the number of votes received and there may be options the Committee may move above the funding line. The options are categorized by one-time and permanent budget enhancements. Permanent options total \$4.7M and one-time options total \$6.1M. This evening the Committee is voting and prioritizing the list of budget enhancements and, in January, staff will return with recommended funding sources for certain one-time budget options.

The CFO provided three scenarios for illustrative purposes to the Committee showing the tax percentage increase and different amounts of funding for enhancement options and the capital levy.

2008-16 Dupuis-Berthiaume: That the Finance Committee approve the proposed reductions to the 2009 Tax Levy in the amount of \$1,867,000 and the proposed reductions to the 2009 Water/Wastewater Budget in the amount of \$408,896 as outlined in the report dated December 10, 2008 from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY VOTING RESULTS

The Committee reviewed the results of the preliminary voting and agreed to the following:

Parking Lot #1 Waste Transfer Site in Onaping/Dowling Area

Councillor Berthiaume requested that the option to hire one permanent staff, small vehicle waste transfer site in the Onaping/Dowling area be removed. This option to be further reviewed by staff and included as an option in the 2010 budget.

Parking Lot #2 Family Health Team

Councillor Barbeau requested that the funding option of \$500,000 for the Family Health Team be removed and a report prepared when there is a firm commitment from physicians and more definitive timelines determined, including financing options.

Option #52 (Existing Level with expanded services –sidewalks)

The Committee agreed by consensus to a request by Councillor Cimino to remove Option #52 (Maintain existing level with expanded services – sidewalks) in the amount of \$750,000.

Option #33 (Geese Management Program)

The Committee agreed by consensus to a request by Mayor Rodriguez to reduce Option #33 (Geese Management Program) to \$100,000.

Option #55 (Additional Permanent Funding to Arts and Culture Program)

The Committee agreed by consensus to a request by Mayor Rodriguez to reduce Option #55 (Additional Permanent Funding to the Arts and Culture Program) to \$85,000.

Option #57 (Upgrade Water Lines at the Lively Ski Hill)

The Committee agreed by consensus to a request by Councillor Barbeau to reduce Option #57 (Upgrade Water Lines at the Lively Ski Hill) to \$49,500.

Parking Lot #3 Accessible Neighbourhood Playground Equipment

Councillor Barbeau requested that the one-time funding for accessible neighbourhood playground equipment be reduced in half to \$50,000 and that staff prepare a report which identifies where there is the most need.

Parking Lot #4 Ridership Growth Fund

Councillors Callaghan and Barbeau requested a report on the Ridership Growth Fund which outlines funds which have been committed. Options #6, (Provide permanent funding to add another Lively Route 701 at 10:30 a.m. to reduce a four hour service gap) #7 (Provide permanent funding to increase transit service from Garson to Downtown in the morning) and #36 (Hire two permanent staff and provide funding to add double and express buses to relieve pressure on New Sudbury Routes) could possibly be funded from remaining monies in Ridership Growth Fund.

Recess

The Committee recessed at 6:30 p.m.

Reconvene

The Committee reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

VOTING ON 2009 BUDGET OPTIONS

Demonstration of Voting Process

The Manager of Software and Business Applications reviewed the electronic voting process for the 2009 Budget Options to the Committee.

Voting on 2009 Budget Options

Committee Members voted on the 2009 Budget Options electronically.

Correspondence on the results of the voting on the 2009 Budget options was distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

Finance Committee Members reviewed the results of the voting on the 2009 Budget Options and agreed to the following.

VOTING ON 2009 BUDGET OPTIONS (Cont'd)

Voting on 2009 Budget Options (Cont'd)

The Committee by concensus agreed to a request by Mayor Rodriguez to move #67 (Transcab service to RR#15, between Chelmsford (Slots and Mall) at the Val Caron Boundary, be moved above the Accepted Council Priorities Funding Line.

The Chair of the Finance Committee advised a report would be prepared in January as to how to fund each of the items which were above the Accepted Council Priorities Line.

VOTING RESULTS ON 2009 BUDGET OPTIONS (SEE ATTACHED)

Proceed Past 8:30 p.m.

2008-17 Dupuis-Dutrisac: That we proceed past the hour of 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

VOTING ON 2009 WATER/WASTEWATER OPTIONS

Committee Members voted on the 2009 water/wastewater options and agreed to the hiring of one permanent staff – Project Engineer in water/wastewater division.

VOTING RESULTS ON 2009 WATER/WASTEWATER OPTIONS (SEE ATTACHED)

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

Funding Sources for 2009 Budget Options

Report dated December 10, 2008 from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding funding sources for 2009 Budget Options was received for information.

Reserve and Reserve Funds Balance

Report dated December 10, 2008 from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding reserve and reserve funds balance was received for information.

2009 Operating Budget Variance Report - September

Report dated December 3, 2008 from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding 2008 Operating Budget Variance Report – September was received for information.

CORRESPONDENCE TABLED

2003 to 2008 Capital Road Program Map

City of Greater Sudbury 2003 to 2008 Capital Road Program Map was distributed to Members of the Committee at the meeting.

PARKING LOT REVIEW

December 16, 2008

The Committee reviewed the December 16, 2008 Parking Lot and voted on the items. (see attached)

Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to cancel their meeting of January 5, 2009. The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Monday, January 12, 2009.

Adjournment

2008-18 Berthiaume-Dupuis: That this meeting does now adjourn. TIME: 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Ted Callagan Presiding

Angie Haché, City Clerk

**CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY
2009 OPERATING BUDGET ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS**

Vote	Adjustments	Cumulative Adjustments	Net Levy	%
MODIFIED CURRENT BUDGET 2009				
126	Hire 5 permanent staff - nursing positions at Pioneer Manor funded through the Local Health Integration	-	185,274,062	2.9
125	Provide one time funding for the Azilda Library and Rayside Balfour Museum	50,000	185,324,062	3.0
124	Provide permanent funding to increase transit service from Garson to downtown in the mornings	23,500	185,347,562	3.0
121	Provide funding for the 2011 Canadian Francophone Games (\$125,000 for 2009 and \$125,000 for 2010)	125,000	185,472,562	3.0
118	Provide permanent funding to the Club 50 - Chelmsford, required to obtain MoHLC funding	12,000	185,484,562	3.0
	Provide permanent funding to add another Lively route 701 around 10:30am to reduce a 4 hour service gap	55,000	185,539,562	3.1
116	Provide one time funding to St. Joseph's Health Centre	-	185,539,562	3.1
115	Provide funding to the Northern Ontario School of Architecture (\$1,000,000 annually for 10 years)	1,000,000	186,539,562	3.6
114	Provide one time funding for emergency shelter services	690,000	187,229,562	4.0
113	Provide funding to install traffic signals at Marie Street and Main Street (MR15)	130,000	187,359,562	4.1
113	Provide one time funding for the Phase II Laurentian Track upgrades	200,000	187,559,562	4.2
112	Provide funding to promote the use of the Seniors' Information Line	25,000	187,584,562	4.2
	Hire 2 permanent staff and provide funding to add double and express buses to relieve pressure on New Sudbury routes	331,560	187,916,122	4.4
112	Provide funding to upgrade the water lines at the Lively Ski Hill	49,500	187,965,622	4.4
111	Provide funding for Lorne Street re-greening and beautification project	75,000	188,040,622	4.5
108	Provide one time funding for the Strategic Recruitment and Retention Program	340,000	188,380,622	4.7
107	Provide funding for the Cedar Park Pathway Railings and winter maintenance	85,000	188,465,622	4.7
	Provide permanent funding for the Geese management program to continue program and expand to other sites	100,000	188,565,622	4.8
103	Provide one time funding for the replacement of the play structure at the Victory playground	10,000	188,575,622	4.8
98	Hire 1 permanent staff - convert part time hours at Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre	1,255	188,576,877	4.8
96	Provide permanent funding for increased levels of services for summer roads maintenance	750,000	189,326,877	5.2
96	Provide funding for Phase 2 of the Laurentian playground in Val Caron	20,000	189,346,877	5.2
94	Hire 2 temporary students to provide seasonal relief - Building Services	-	189,346,877	5.2
93	Provide permanent funding for waste collection at residential units in multi-type building / properties	98,000	189,444,877	5.2
93	Provide one time funding for Ridgcrest playground accessibility equipment	30,000	189,474,877	5.3

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Vote	Adjustments	Cumulative		%	
		Adjustments	Net Levy		Incr.
92	Provide funding for the Rainbow Routes Trail Development Projects for development and operating costs	50,000	4,250,815	189,524,877	5.3
91	Provide one time funding to the Naughton Cross Country Trails Association for trail upgrades	10,000	4,260,815	189,534,877	5.3
91	Provide additional permanent funding to the Arts & Culture Grant Program	85,000	4,345,815	189,619,877	5.3
90	Provide one time funding for the Northern Water Sports Centre	250,000	4,595,815	189,869,877	5.5
90	Provide one time funding for the Volunteer Sudbury Organization to promote volunteerism	5,700	4,601,515	189,875,577	5.5
90	Provide one time funding to the Sudbury Bicycle Advisory Panel for operating costs	10,000	4,611,515	189,885,577	5.5
89	Hire 2 permanent staff - Training Officers for Emergency Medical Services	-	4,611,515	189,885,577	5.5
88	Provide permanent funding for annual operational grant for Kukagami Campers' Association	14,000	4,625,515	189,899,577	5.5
87	Provide permanent funding for the maintenance of communication towers	50,000	4,675,515	189,949,577	5.5
87	Provide one time funding for Beaver Lake Community Centre to construct a wheelchair ramp and fix accessibility issues	20,000	4,695,515	189,969,577	5.5
86	Provide permanent funding for the Youth Summer Transit Pass #1 - provide 2,000 transit 5 ride cards for distribution to youth 12-22	25,000	4,720,515	189,994,577	5.6
85	Hire 1 permanent staff - Sign Installer Helper - convert part time hours	13,600	4,734,115	190,008,177	5.6
84	Provide one time funding to develop a passive park in Chelmsford	40,000	4,774,115	190,048,177	5.6
83	Hire 2 temporary permit services clerks - Building Services	-	4,774,115	190,048,177	5.6
83	Provide funding to establish a Barrydowne Road North Extension Reserve Fund for an environmental assessment	100,000	4,874,115	190,148,177	5.6
83	Provide one time funding for the Junction Creek Safety Committee - implementation strategy	49,500	4,923,615	190,197,677	5.7
83	Provide permanent funding to increase work week from 35 hours to 40 hours for Roads Engineering section	190,000	5,113,615	190,387,677	5.8
82	Hire 2 permanent staff - Finance - Capital Assets, conversion of part time positions	-	5,113,615	190,387,677	5.8
82	Provide permanent funding to the Social Planning Council	50,000	5,163,615	190,437,677	5.8
81	Provide one time funding for the upgrades to the Pine Heights park in Lively	40,000	5,203,615	190,477,677	5.8
81	Provide one time funding to support the Outdoor Pond Hockey Tournament	-	5,203,615	190,477,677	5.8
80	Provide one time funding to the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel for operational needs	20,000	5,223,615	190,497,677	5.8
79	Provide one time funding to repair and upgrade tennis courts at Lo-Ellen Park	60,000	5,283,615	190,557,677	5.9
77	Hire 1 permanent staff - Deputy Chief Building Official position - Building Services	-	5,283,615	190,557,677	5.9
77	Provide permanent funding for the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth to hire an additional youth centre councillor	49,120	5,332,735	190,606,797	5.9
76	Provide funding to enhance litter collection - Option 2 - purchase one litter collection unit and operate 7 months per year	85,500	5,418,235	190,692,297	5.9

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Vote	Adjustments	Cumulative Adjustments	Net Levy	%	
				Incr.	Incr.
73	100,000	5,518,235	190,792,297		6.0
72	60,000	5,578,235	190,852,297		6.0
67	15,000	5,593,235	190,867,297		6.0
ACCEPTED COUNCIL PRIORITIES					
71	50,000	5,643,235	190,917,297		6.1
69	-	5,643,235	190,917,297		6.1
69	163,000	5,806,235	191,080,297		6.2
64	2,645,500	8,451,735	193,725,797		7.6
61	20,000	8,471,735	193,745,797		7.6
60	-	8,471,735	193,745,797		7.6
59	-	8,471,735	193,745,797		7.6
59	115,331	8,587,066	193,861,128		7.7
59	100,000	8,687,066	193,961,128		7.8
58	7,729	8,694,795	193,968,857		7.8
55	75,000	8,769,795	194,043,857		7.8
53	7,700	8,777,495	194,051,557		7.8
51	85,429	8,862,924	194,136,986		7.9
51					
49	20,000	8,882,924	194,156,986		7.9
45	28,264	8,911,188	194,185,250		7.9
41	100,000	9,011,188	194,285,250		7.9
41	-	9,011,188	194,285,250		7.9
40	-	9,011,188	194,285,250		7.9
35	85,000	9,096,188	194,370,250		8.0
	-	9,096,188	194,370,250		8.0

**CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY
2009 OPERATING BUDGET WATER/WASTE WATER ENHANCEMENT OPTION**

	Adjustments	Net Levy	Incr.
		54,986,347	5.0
Hire 1 permanent staff - Project Engineers in Water / Wastewater division	115,331	55,101,678	5.2

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2009 BUDGET PARKING LOT

REQUEST #	COUNCILLOR / MAYOR	DEPT.	INFORMATION REQUEST (December 16, 2008)	APPROVED	
				YES	NO
1	Berthiaume	Mathieu/ Clausen	Remove option to hire one permanent staff-small vehicle waste transfer site in the Onaping/Dowling area. This option to be further reviewed by staff and included as an option in 2010 budget.	✓	
2	Barbeau	Matheson/ Hayes	Remove funding option of \$500,000 for the Family Health Team and report prepared when there is a firm commitment from physicians and more definitive timelines determined, including financing options.	✓	
3	Barbeau	Hallsworth	Reduce one time funding for accessible neighbourhood playground equipment in half to \$50,000 and that staff prepare a report which identifies where there is the most need.		✓
4	Callaghan/Barbeau	Hayes	Report on Ridership Growth Fund which outlines funds which have been committed. Possibly fund options #6, #7 and #36 from remaining funds.	✓	