

**THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square**

**Monday, February 26, 2007  
Commencement: 3:35 p.m.**

Chair

**COUNCILLOR TED CALLAGHAN, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A4:20pm); Craig; Caldarelli (D6:55pm); Gasparini; Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; T. Beadman, Acting General Manager of Emergency Services; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Services; G. Clausen, Acting General Manager of Infrastructure; L. Hayes, CFO/Treasurer; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; E. Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; B. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; N. Mihelchic, Operations Engineer; L. McAuley, Executive Assistant to the CAO; P. McCauley, Communications Officer; MB. Gibbons, Director of Strategic Support Services; T. Parmar, Manager of Quality, Administration & Financial Services; G. Prieur, CIP Facilitator; D. Bergeron, Manager of Financial Support & Budgeting; D. Dumontelle, Budget Accountant; K. Moxam, Manager of Parks Services; R. Carré, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services; L. Valle, Director of Social Services; C. Wood, Manager of Operations; A. Haché, City Clerk; M. Laalo, Licensing & Assessment Clerk; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E.

D. Burke, CUPE National Representative; W. MacKinnon, President, CUPE Local 4705

News Media

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

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Public Input Session  
Minutes - Ward 6

Revised minutes of the 2007 Budget Public Input and Information Session of the City of Greater Sudbury - Ward 6 was tabled.

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

### Item 2 2007 Winter Maintenance

Mr. Greg Clausen, Acting General Manager of Infrastructure provided an electronic presentation entitled "*Winter Operations Budget 2007*" which briefly outlined the background for minimum maintenance standards. He advised that the options being presented will be implemented in November 2007.

Mr. Bob Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation, provided information on the current service level performed by winter maintenance crews and comparisons to northern municipalities.

Mr. Clive Wood, Manager of Operations, provided five options:

**Option 1:** Reduce contracted services by 50% - estimated savings \$1.374 million

**Option 2:** City coverage sixteen hours - estimated savings \$746,000

**Option 3:** Bare pavement to snow-packed - estimated savings \$614,000

**Option 4:** Reduce staff positions - estimated savings \$200,000

**Option 5:** Shorter standby season - estimated savings \$81,000

Mr. Wood advised that these options would require discussions and co-operative working partnerships with the CUPE Locals and contractors.

Mr. Falcioni advised that staff was proposing an additional option entitled Customer Service Enhancement. He advised that this would provide public access to a Global Positioning System (GPS) on the City's web site to track real-time progress of winter control units. The installation of video cameras at strategic locations on local roads would provide public access to video surveillance and a Winter Control Centre would improve efficiency of winter roads operations through one centralized GPS tracking station. Mr. Falcioni indicated that this would cost approximately \$200,000.

Councillor Dupuis requested that Senior staff meet with Winter Maintenance employees to obtain their input and how the system works. He also requested that staff provide Council with a list of streets that would be affected by Option 3.

### Report Requested

The Acting General Manager of Infrastructure volunteered to get back into discussions with unions, former employees, etc and report back in June in an attempt to reduce the budget but still provide the same level of service.

Recess

At 5:00 p.m., the Finance Committee recessed.

Reconvene

At 5:30 p.m., the Finance Committee reconvened.

2007 Budget Enhancement Options

A revised package of the 2007 Current Budget Enhancement Options was tabled.

Parking Lot #1 Report Requested Sidewalk Snowplowing Policy

With the consensus of the Committee, Councillor Dutrisac requested a report on a review of the policy for snowplowing of sidewalks. The Chair indicated that this item would be included in the June 2007 report from the Acting General Manager of Infrastructure.

Option 1 - Winter Roads Maintenance 2006-06-28

A comparison chart of the Winter Roads Maintenance Options adopted at the Priorities Committee meeting of June 28, 2006, was distributed to Members of the Committee.

**Option 1:**

	<b>Option #1 End of Winter 2005/2006</b>
<b>Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• legislative changes to hours of work (December 2004) were implemented.</li> <li>• 24 hour service, Monday to Friday, to arterial and collector roads (Class 1 - 3).</li> <li>• potholes and snow removal accomplished with same crews between events.</li> <li>• add 9 additional units.</li> <li>• 13 hour service on rural and residential; overtime after 8 hours.</li> </ul>
Class 1-3 Sanding/Salting/Plowing	\$4,300,000
Class 4-6 Sanding/Salting/Plowing	\$2,300,000
Winter Ditching/ Spring Cleanup	\$900,000
Snow Removal	\$850,000
Winter Miscellaneous	\$900,000
Supervision	\$1,100,000
Training	\$350,000
Materials - Salt/Sand	\$1,400,000
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$12,100,000</b>
<b>2006 Budget</b>	<b>\$10,400,000</b>
<b>Estimated Increase</b>	<b>\$1,700,000</b>

Option 1 - Winter  
Roads Maintenance  
2006-06-28  
(continued)

Councillor Caldarelli stated that some of the rural roads should be plowed earlier than some residential roads because of the distance from a major arterial road, and requested that staff review the service levels provided to the rural and residential areas.

With the consensus of the Committee, staff was directed to review Option 1 and bring back a report with further information on the type of service that could be provided which meets legislated responsibilities and provides winter road maintenance to the satisfaction of the citizens. The review should include Councillor Caldarelli's suggestion to review the service levels to rural and residential areas.

Adjournment

2007-6 Dupuis-Dutrisac: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.  
Time: 6:57 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Ted Callaghan, Chair

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Corrie-Jo Caporale, Council Secretary

**2007 BUDGET PARKING LOT FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

REQUEST #	COUNCILLOR	REQUEST	APPROVED	
			YES	NO
1	Dutrisac	Review policy on snow plowing sidewalks	✓	