

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Monday, December 6, 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; B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Economic Development and 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; J. Van de Rydt, Co-ordinator of Capital Budget and Risk Management; J. Cameron, Senior Budget Analyst; G. Clausen, Director of Engineering Services; R. Carre, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services; P. Wilson, Manager of Administrative Services; B. Mangiardi, Director of Information Technology; R. St. Onge, Web Administrator/Developer; C. Ouellette, Director of Children Services; R. Ahola, Manager of Municipal Arenas and Community Centres; K. Moxam, Manager of Parks Services; R. Sauve, Director of Transit Services; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications and French Language Services; P. Demers, Community Relations and Policy Advisor; T. Mowry, City Clerk; A. Haché, Deputy City Clerk; M. Burtch, Licensing and Assessment Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary

C.U.P.E. Local 4705

W. MacKinnon, President

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; Northern Life; Channel 10 News

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION ONLY

Item 2
Bond Rating

Report dated 2004-12-03, with attachments, was received for information only from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Bond Rating.

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION ONLY (cont'd)

Item 3
Economic
Development/
Community Loan
Reserve Fund

Report dated 2004-12-02 was received for information only from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Economic Development/Community Loan Reserve Fund.

Item 4
M.R. #80
McCrea Heights

Report dated 2004-11-29, with attachments, was received for information only from the General Manager of Public Works regarding M.R. #80, McCrea Heights.

A request by Councillor Gasparini for a report from the Chief of Police regarding the use of photoradar at the McCrea Heights portion of M.R. #80 received the concurrence of the Committee.

The Chair advised the Committee a copy of the report would be obtained from the Greater Sudbury Police Service for Members of the Committee.

2005 CURRENT BUDGET REVIEW

Item 5
Demonstration of
the Voting Process

Ron. St. Onge, Web Administrator/Development, provided a demonstration on the electronic voting process.

Item 6
Voting on
2005 Current
Budget Options

The Committee electronically voted on 2005 Current Budget Options.

Recess

At 7:00 p.m., the Finance Committee recessed.

Reconvene

At 7:25 p.m., the Finance Committee reconvened.

Item 7
Review of Results
of Voting and
Determination
of Funding Line

The results of the voting on the current options were distributed to Members of the Committee. The Committee reviewed the results of the voting exclusive of the impact of the capital levy.

The Chair advised that the proposed 2.3% road levy would be dealt with when the Committee votes on the capital budget.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to draw the current budget funding line at a 3.3% tax increase. It was noted that the options above the funding line would be implemented and no action taken on those below the funding line.

Item 7
Review of Results
of Voting and
Determination of
Funding Line (cont'd)

**A COPY OF VOTING RESULTS ARE ATTACHED AS SCHEDULE
("A")**

A motion by Councillor Rivest to send the budget back to Staff for further review was defeated.

2005 CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW

Item 8
Presentation
2005 Capital Budget

The General Manager of Corporate Services provided a presentation indicating the order in which the Committee would deal with the 2005 Capital Budget as follows:

- Review of the Roads Criteria and Overview of the 2005 Roads Program
- Review of the Capital Funding Options
- Direction on COMRIF funding and Managed Debt
- Approval of 2005 Capital Budget
- Review of the 2005 Capital Budget Options

Item 9
Criteria for Capital
Roads Prioritization

Report dated 2004-11-30, with attachments, from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Criteria for Capital Roads Prioritization.

A request from Councillor Rivest for a report on the monies spent in each ward over the last three years was defeated by the Committee.

Councillor Rivest distributed a report he had prepared on the total approximate spending by ward from 2001 to 2004 on roads and drainage.

A motion by Councillor Rivest to amend the criteria for prioritizing roads to include equal distribution in each ward was defeated.

Councillor Kett requested that the criteria be amended. The first four categories (safety, associated with water/wastewater projects, economic development opportunity, and environment and traffic congestion) be combined for a total of 70% and called sustainability. The percentage assigned to each category be amended as follows: safety - 20%, associated with water/wastewater projects - 20%, economic development opportunity - 15% and environment and traffic congestion - 15%.

Item 9
 Criteria for Capital
 Roads Prioritization

The evaluation and rating weighted criteria is set out in the following chart:

EVALUATION & RATING WEIGHTED CRITERIA	
Sustainability	Points
Safety: are there any safety concerns that a project would solve	25
Associated with water/wastewater projects: where water/wastewater construction or rehabilitation is required, the road would be restored/upgraded	20
Economic development opportunity: this could be site specific, such as the Trinity development on the Kingsway, or general, such as M.R. #35 widening	15
Environment and traffic congestion: it has been demonstrated that reducing bottlenecks and resulting idling can reduce carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide between 50% and 80%	10
Cost Benefit	Points
Condition rating/cost benefit: this is where the roads are physically examined in terms of structural condition, ride smoothness, truck traffic, traffic volumes, drainage. The raw data is fed into a computerized Pavement Management System (PMS), which generates recommended rehabilitation strategies and costs, by road classification, and at pre-established budget scenarios.	30

The General Manager of Public Works indicated that the percentages could be amended as requested. The Committee agreed to the amendment requested by Councillor Kett. The following recommendation as amended was presented:

2004-65 Gainer-Dupuis: THAT Council approve the criteria as amended for prioritizing Capital Road projects, as outlined in the report dated November 30, 2004.

CARRIED

Adjournment

2004-66 Callaghan-Gainer: That this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Eldon Gainer, Chair

Deputy City Clerk