

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Thursday, December 6, 2007
Commencement: 3:35 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR TED CALLAGHAN, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino (D8:00pm); Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A4:30pm); Caldarelli; Gasparini (A3:52pm); Landry-Altman; Mayor Rodriguez (A3:45pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Growth & Development; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; D. Donaldson, Fire Chief; R. St. Onge, Acting Executive Director, Administrative Services; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; P. Thomson, Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development; R. Henderson, Director of Citizen Services; R. Carré, Director of Leisure Services; D. Braney, Director of Asset Services; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; L. Valle, Director of Social Services, Ontario Works; P. Chiesa, Acting Director of Engineering Services; T. Parmar, Manager of Quality, Administration & Financial Services; Carmen Ouellette, Manager of Children Services; D. Dumontelle, Manager of Financial Support and Budgeting; E. Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; C. Mathieu, Manager of Environmental Services; K. Moxam, Manager of Parks Services; D. Desmeules, Manager of Housing Services; N. Mihelchic, Manager of Operations; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Services; C. Wood, Manager of Operations; V. Martin, Manager of Employment Support, Ontario Works; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; P. Giroux, Web Administrator/Developer; A. Sweetman, Sewer and Water Engineer; J. Autio, Accountant, Tax Department; B. Johns, Water/Wastewater Engineer; R. Sauve, Director of Transit Services; B. Sedgwick, Roads Engineer; W. Mannerow, Water/Wastewater Engineer; G. Comin, Supervisor, Water Treatment Plant; A. Haché, City Clerk; T. North, Deputy City Clerk; K. Bowschar-Lische, Law Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

Others

W. MacKinnon, President, CUPE Local 4705

News Media

Sudbury Star; Northern Life, Persona 10 News

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gasparini declared a conflict regarding Physician Recruitment as her daughter is graduating from medical school.

Councillor Rivest declared a conflict regarding Top Soil By-law as he and his family are in the landscaping business.

2008 CURRENT BUDGET REVIEW

PRESENTATIONS

WATER-WASTEWATER RATES

Report dated 2007-12-04 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding 2008 Water & Wastewater Rates and Changes for information only.

Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services, made an electronic presentation providing an overview of the proposed 2008 Water/Wastewater Budget. He outlined the planned programs and activities for 2008, the rate increases since 2001 and the proposed 2008 operating budget of \$52.4 M. He also outlined the enhancement options.

Lorella Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, explained the proposed increases for water and wastewater and their effect on the average residence. She also explained the proposed increases including all enhancement options.

Parking Lot #1
Report Requested
Infrastructure
Services & Financial
Services

With the consensus of the Committee, Councillor Rivest requested a comprehensive analysis which will provide options for Council's consideration on water and wastewater rates structure.

Recess

At 5:30 p.m. the Finance Committee recessed.

Reconvene

At 6:07 p.m. the Finance Committee reconvened.

REVIEW OF BUDGET OPTIONS

The Chair of the Finance Committee reviewed the Proposed Enhancement Options - Council/Committee Resolutions and Public Submissions.

With the consensus of the Committee, Councillor Cimino requested an increase of the tax relief for seniors from \$150 to \$200.

Parking Lot #2
Report Requested
Fire Services &
Financial Services

With the consensus of the Committee, Councillor Cimino and Mayor Rodriguez requested further discussions regarding Area Rating, New Firefighters and the establishment of Committee.

DEMONSTRATION ON VOTING PROCESS

R. St. Onge, Manager of Software & Business Applications, gave a demonstration on the voting process.

PRELIMINARY VOTING ON STAFF BUDGET OPTIONS

Councillor Gasparini concurred that funding for GSDC would be from the Community Support Envelope.

With the consensus of the Committee, the Physician Recruitment option would be considered one time funding.

The Committee voted on the staff option. Councillors Rivest and Gasparini, having declared conflicts, did not debate or vote on the options on which they had declared conflicts.

Up-dated 'Budget Options' package was distributed to the Committee Members.

REVIEW OF VOTING RESULTS

The Committee reviewed the results of the vote on staff budget options.

2008 PARKING LOT REVIEW

Parking Lot

The Parking Lot for December 6, 2007 was reviewed by the Finance Committee. (See Attached)

REPORTS TABLED

Report dated 2007-12-05 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Fire Area Rating - New Firefighters for information only.

Report dated 2007-12-05 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Area Rating - Transit for information only.

Report dated 2007-12-05 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Tax Relief for Seniors for information only.

Report dated 2007-12-05 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding 2001 - 2006 Operating Surpluses for information only.

Report dated 2007-12-06 was received from the Fire Chief regarding 2007 Budget - Fire District and Situation Call Volume Report for information only.

Report dated 2007-12-06 was received from the Fire Chief regarding 2007 Budget - Clerk and Air Tech Report for information only.

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Report dated 2007-12-05 was received from the P. Thomson, Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development regarding Ratio of Management Staff to Employees at CGS for information only.

Adjournment

2007-26 Dupuis-Rivest: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.
Time: 8:43 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Ted Callaghan, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk

2008 BUDGET PARKING LOT

RESPONSIBILITY	REQUEST #	COUNCILLOR	REQUEST (December 6, 2007) ✓	APPROVED	
				YES	NO
Benkovich/Hayes	1	Rivest	Comprehensive analysis which will provide options for Council's consideration on water and wastewater rates structure	✓	
Donaldson/Hayes	2	Cimino/ Rodriguez	Further Discussions, Area Rating, New Firefighters - establishment of Committee	✓	
Matheson	3	Gasparini/ Caldarelli	Report on Geese	✓	