

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Thursday, November 13, 2008
Commencement: 4:35 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR TED CALLAGHAN, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Berthiaume; Dutrisac (D6:05pm); Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A5:05pm); 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; M. Leduc, Acting Fire Chief; J. Nicholls, Acting Chief of Emergency 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; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; R. Carré, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services; E. Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; D. Dumontelle, Manager of Financial Support and Budgeting; S. Turner, Manager of Financial & Support Services; L. Larose, Senior Budget Analyst; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Mail Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

CUPE

F. Posadowski, Vice-President, CUPE Local 4705; R. Leroux, Sectional Chair, CUPE Local 4705 Outside

News Media

KICX; Northern Life; Persona 10 News; Sudbury Star

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PRESENTATIONS

2009 Budget Overview

The Chair of the Finance Committee stated that the 2009 Budget will have many challenges. He indicated that one-half of the budget is consumed by mandatory programs dictated by the Province. He pointed out that the budget is two weeks earlier than last year.

The 2009 Budget Schedule was distributed to Committee members at the meeting and the Chair noted changes to the schedule.

2009 Budget Overview
(continued)

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer made an electronic presentation to provide an overview of the 2009 Budget.

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer stated that the budget being presented reflects Council's priorities and outlined Council's Strategic Focus in community growth and development, infrastructure investment, fiscal responsibility and excellence in governance. He also outlined the key highlights of the 2009 Budget with a base tax increase of 4% after including an assessment growth of 1.6%. He advised the overall tax increase including the capital levy will be 5% to 6.3% before enhancements. He reviewed the key principles of the base budget indicating that an Internal Budget Preparation Policy was developed to clearly define what should be included in the base budget.

The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer advised the 2009 budgeted expenditures are \$507 M and budgeted revenues are \$316 M for a net levy of \$191 M compared to expenditures of \$514 M, revenues of \$337 M and a net levy of \$177 M in 2008. This represents a 7.9% increase from 2008 including the capital levy of 2.3%. She advised that excluding the capital levy and the assessment growth results in an increase of 4% in the base budget. She outlined the assessment growth from 2002 to 2009 and highlighted the key major tax levy variances. She explained how the 2009 operating dollars will be spent and the sources of revenue for 2009. She stated that mandatory services represent 42% of the budget with discretionary services being 55.7% and the capital levy 2.3%. She explained the 2009 Municipal Partnership Fund forecasted at \$53.7 and the 2008 and 2009 provincial uploads. She explained the impact on a typical residential taxpayer for increases of 4%, 5% and 6.3%. She outlined amounts for the enhancement options which emanated from Council Resolutions, Council referrals, public input submissions and departmental options on which Council will be voting. She concluded by presenting the 2009 budget schedule.

Parking Lot #1
Reserve Funds

Councillor Berthiaume requested a report on reserves including forecasted change as a result of the 2009 budget.

Recess

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

Reconvene

At 6:05 p.m., the Committee reconvened.

Budget Document

The Budget Document was distributed to Committee Members at the meeting. He pointed out that an Executive Summary of the budget is contained in pages 1 to 13 of the Budget Document.

2009 Budget Options

The 2009 Budget Options sheet was distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

2009 One-Time Funding Opportunities

Report dated November 13, 2008 from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding One-Time Funding Opportunities for the 2009 Budget was distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer made an electronic presentation regarding the 2009 One-Time Funding Opportunities.

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer stated that direction from Council is required before the end of November regarding the Roads Resurfacing Project and the proposed allocation of \$15 M Provincial Capital Grant. He outlined the two scenarios for the Roads Resurfacing Project: one at \$30 M and the over at \$20 M.

The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer explained the funding for both scenarios of the Roads Resurfacing Project and the investing of the \$15 M Provincial Capital Grant. She reiterated that Council's direction is required by the end of November.

2009 Capital Levy – Maley Drive

Report dated November 13, 2008 from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding 2009 Capital Levy – Maley Drive Project was distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer made an electronic presentation regarding the 2009 Capital Levy – Maley Drive. He stated that direction from Council is required before the end of November regarding the 2009 Capital Levy and the proposed allocation of the 2009 Capital Levy. He outlined the Maley Drive Project costs of \$115 M and the capital financing plan for this project. He concluded by stating that, if the Maley Drive Project is approved by Council, discussions will commence with senior levels of government regarding Building Canada funding.

PARKING LOT REVIEW

November 13, 2008

The Committee reviewed the November 13, 2008 Parking Lot. (see attached)

Proposed Capital Roads Resurfacing Program

A preliminary list of roads under the Proposed Capital Roads Resurfacing Program was distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

Adjournment

2008-09 Rivest-Dupuis: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Ted Callaghan, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk

