
**SEVENTH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2004 AT 5:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOM DAVIES SQUARE**

(DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCILLORS' LOUNGE)

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COUNCILLOR CALLAGHAN, CHAIR

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

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(The Greater Sudbury Police Services Board will make their presentation at the 2004-03-24 Finance Committee meeting.)

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION ONLY

(Items # 3 and 4 were carried over from the Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 10, 2004.)

2. Report dated 2004-03-19 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Notice of Adoption of the 2004 Budget. **1 - 2**
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(Section 291 of the Municipal Act, 2001 requires public notice before Council may hold a meeting to adopt a budget, or to amend one.)

3. Report dated 2004-03-10 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Current Budget - 2004 Public Input Session 2 Update. **3 - 5**
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(This report updates the 2004-02-27 report, which dealt with the Wards 1 through 4) Public Input Meetings.)

4. Report dated 2004-03-10 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Tax Relief to Low Income Earners and Seniors. **6 - 10**
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(On 2004-02-24, Finance Committee requested a report relating to property tax relief available for low income families and seniors. This report outlines both the relief that the City currently provides and additional options for Council's consideration.)

5. Report dated 2004-03-19 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding City of Greater Sudbury Debt Position at December 31, 2003. **11 - 13**
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(At a recent meeting of the Finance Committee, Councillor Bradley requested information as to the City's debt position.)

6. Report dated 2004-03-19 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding 2004 Sudbury & District Health Unit Budget West Nile Contingencies. **14 - 17**
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(At the Finance Committee meeting of 2004-03-10 Council requested a report on the West Nile virus program, and alternatives to funding same.)

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION ONLY (continued)

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7. Report dated 2004-03-19 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Materials and Operating Expenses. **18 - 29**
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(At the Finance Committee meeting of 2004-03-03, Council requested a report identifying the items which are contained in the "Materials and Operating Expense" category.)

8. Report dated 2004-03-19 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Comparison of Pre-amalgamation Staffing and Current Levels of Staffing. **30 - 34**
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(Council at a previous Finance Committee meeting requested a chronology of staffing comparing year 2000 pre-amalgamation to the current 2004 base budget.)

9. Report dated 2004-03-12 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Human Resources Division Legal Costs Review. **35 - 41**
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(As a result of discussions at the 2004-03-03 Finance Committee meeting, Council requested a report on the use of outside legal counsel in both the Legal Services Division and the Human Resources Division.)

10. Report dated 2004-03-08 from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Convergence of Utilities. **42 - 45**
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(A report entitled "Strategic Alternatives for City of Greater Sudbury Electric Utilities", dated 2000-06-16, commonly known as the *Navigant Report*, covered many aspects associated with the electrical utility, ranging from the sale of the utility, to the continued participation in telecommunications (fibre optics), and on to the amalgamation of water, wastewater, and hydro services.)

11. Report dated 2004-03-09, with attachments, from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Sewer & Water Servicing. **46 - 78**
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(During the Finance Committee meeting of 2004-03-03, the Chair requested that an option be prepared to provide communal sewers to approximately 10 homes on Falconbridge Hwy., between Donnelly Drive and Metcalfe Avenue.)

12. Report dated 2004-03-15, with attachments, from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Budget Enhancements - Snow Clearing for Churches & Community Service Groups. **79 - 88**
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(This report refers to Priorities Recommendation #2003-55, Priorities Committee meeting of 2003-09-22.)

{NONE}

MOTIONS

13. Presented by Councillor Gasparini:

WHEREAS many residents in the City of Greater Sudbury both throughout the election and during the budget consultation process have requested that Council consider the re-opening of recreational facilities that were closed in 2003;

AND WHEREAS these facilities contribute significantly to the overall quality of life in Greater Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS opportunities for active, physical recreation are essential to our overall health and well being given that we are facing a crisis of increased obesity amongst our population and have poor indicators of cardiac health;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury direct staff to prepare a report outlining options with alternative management and development models for the Adanac Ski Hill, the Falconbridge Arena and the Dow Pool which will engage the community and involve interested citizens, including, for example, the possible creation of a not for profit corporation or the creation of a citizen management Board which could be mandated to market the facilities, increase utilization and fund raise in support of the facilities;

AND FURTHER THAT \$650,000 be committed to a reserve fund for capital expenditures for those facilities (\$500,000 - chair lift at Adanac Ski Hill; \$90,000 - Dow Pool; \$60,000 - Falconbridge Arena) through a reallocation of existing reserve funds, and that these funds remain in reserve until such time as this Council directs, following consideration of the above mentioned report and the approval of business plans and operating budgets for each facility.

14. Presented by Councillor Caldarelli:

WHEREAS Members of Council, management and employees of the City of Greater Sudbury are all responsible to the taxpayer for the use of public resources;

AND WHEREAS local government auditors can contribute to identifying improvements in service delivery, cost savings and improved accountability;

AND WHEREAS citizens are requesting continued services with taxes being increased no more than is absolutely necessary;

AND WHEREAS cost savings and additional revenue generated through the auditing process are value added benefits that cannot be ignored;

AND WHEREAS economy and efficiency audits and performance audits of local government can enhance municipal government accountability by independently reviewing and reporting on programs, functions, activities and organizations;

14. Presented by Councillor Caldarelli (Cont'd):

AND WHEREAS by conducting independent audits, auditors provide the public, elected officials and management with a fair, objective and reliable assessment of local government performance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City Greater Sudbury retain the services of an independent auditor who shall be responsible only to Council, for a one year trial period;

AND FURTHER THAT this Council appoint a the following Members of Council to an Ad Hoc Committee which will report back to Council by May 30th, 2004 with the recommended terms and conditions of such appointment:

1. Councillor Caldarelli
2. Councillor _____
3. Councillor _____
4. Councillor _____
5. Councillor _____;

AND FURTHER THAT this Committee set out a time line to have the Council Auditor appointed and "in-place" prior to the start of the 2005 Budget process.

15. Motion by Councillor Caldarelli:

WHEREAS Members of Council have been told very clearly by the taxpayers of this city that roads should be our number one priority this year;

AND WHEREAS any monies that may be forthcoming from the provincial and federal governments will likely not been seen by municipalities in this calendar year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City Greater Sudbury impose a freeze on all capital spending other than road projects until the end of 2004;

AND FURTHER THAT this Council continue to lobby the provincial and federal governments for monies to be used to rebuild our deteriorating infrastructure.

16. Presented by Councillor Caldarelli:

WHEREAS Members of Council, management and employees of the City of Greater Sudbury are all responsible to the taxpayer for the use of public resources;

AND WHEREAS tax increases have to be kept to the lowest possible level without sacrificing essential services;

AND WHEREAS to achieve this it is necessary to stop the dramatic increases which have been occurring in our operating budgets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City Greater Sudbury requests staff to bring in a budget for Materials and Operating expenses for 2004 which is no more than \$28,187,967, that being 5% more than the amount budgeted in 2003.

AND FURTHER THAT this reduction in the amount requested for the 2004 budget be made with no decrease in the number of full time employees and with as little disruption to citizen services as is possible.

17. Presented by Councillor Caldarelli:

WHEREAS Members of Council, management and employees of the City of Greater Sudbury are all responsible to the taxpayer for the use of public resources;

AND WHEREAS it is incumbent upon all parties to practice fiscal responsibility and economic restraint;

AND WHEREAS keeping spending under control is essential for good fiscal management;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all employees be instructed that budget cost centers are not to be overspent without the express permission of Council;

AND FURTHER THAT before any cost center is overspent there must be a report to Council which explains all the reasons the expenditure must be made and why it cannot be delayed until the next fiscal year.

2004 BUDGET REVIEW

- 18. a. The Chair of the Finance Committee will continue the review of the Base Budget of the 2004 Budget document continuing at Page 157.
- b. Review of the reduction and enhancement options.
 - Councillor Ted Callaghan, Chair, Finance Committee

2004 PARKING LOT REVIEW

19. The Chair of the Finance Committee will review each of the items placed in the Parking Lot during the meeting. The consensus of Council will be required for each item listed in the Parking Lot.

- 1. Outstanding requests from the Parking Lot March 3, 2004 **89**
 - 2. Outstanding requests from the Parking Lot March 8, 2004 **90**
 - 3. Outstanding requests from the Parking Lot March 10, 2004 **91**
 - 4. Outstanding requests from the Parking Lot March 22, 2004
- Councillor Ted Callaghan, Chair, Finance Committee

10:00 P.M. ADJOURNMENT (RESOLUTION PREPARED)

(TWO THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY REQUIRED TO PROCEED PAST 10:00 P.M.)

NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2004
TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER

2004-03-19

**COUNCILLOR TED CALLAGHAN
CHAIR, 2004 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**CORRIE-JO CAPORALE
COUNCIL SECRETARY**