

THE SECOND MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

PUBLIC HEARING - 2004 WATER AND WASTEWATER  
RATES AND CHARGES

C-11  
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, January 14, 2004  
Commencement: 6:00 p.m.

Chair

**DEPUTY MAYOR CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Bradley; Caldarelli; Dupuis; Gainer (A 6:03 p.m.); Gasparini (A 6:10 p.m.); Kett (A 6:16 p.m.); Reynolds; Rivest; Thompson (A 6:02 p.m.); Mayor Courtemanche

City Officials

M. Miato, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; D. Wuksinic, General Manager, Corporate Services; R. Swiddle, Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor; S. Jonasson, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; T. Mowry, City Clerk; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E. Local 4705

W. MacKinnon, President

News Media

MCTV; Sudbury Star; Le Voyageur

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Item 2  
Introductory Remarks

The Chair opened the meeting welcoming everyone present and advising those present that the public meeting was being held in accordance with the Municipal Act and Ontario Regulation 244/02 in order to receive public input on the proposed water and wastewater rate increases for 2004.

He stated that in accordance with the City's Water and Wastewater Rates Policy, these rates must be sufficient to recover the costs of providing water and wastewater services. The estimated rates to ensure these services are self-sustaining have been established for 2004.

He advised that notice was hereby given that the City of Greater Sudbury intends to pass a by-law on January 29, 2004 increasing the water rates and related water charges by 9.6% over the 2003 rates; and charging 15% (effectively a 9.5% increase) of the water bill for wastewater services.

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Introductory Remarks  
(continued)

He advised that the rate increases were outlined in a report presented to Council on December 18, 2003 which is posted on the City's website and paper copies of the report and proposed by-law is available in the Clerk's office.

The Chair then stated that any person in attendance would be provided an opportunity to make representation.

### **CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION ONLY**

Item 3  
2004 Water and  
Wastewater Rates and  
Charges

Report dated 2003-12-12, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding 2004 Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges was received for information only.

The General Manager of Public Works advised the Committee that the new rate structure policy provides for a full recovery of both water and wastewater costs which allows for a Sustainable Capital Asset Management Plan (SCAMP). These increases are a result of expenses incurred to upgrade facilities due to compliance with regulations passed by the Province after the Walkerton Inquiry and a number of other factors such as:

- ▶ increases in salaries and benefits due to increase in staffing and the reintroduction of OMERS
- ▶ maintaining the sustainable capital assets management plan
- ▶ increase in energy costs
- ▶ inflationary increases

Under Provincial legislation, and Council policy, 100% of water and wastewater costs are to be recovered through the water and wastewater rates.

The Chair asked if there was any person present who wished to address the Committee on this matter.

Mr. George Barrow  
Wahnapiatae, Ontario

Mr. Barrow advised the Committee that Wahnapiatae only has open drainage systems and he was concerned that water/wastewater revenue were being subsidized for the use of storm sewers in the City of Greater Sudbury.

The General Manager of Public Works advised the Committee that the costs of the storm drainage system is charged only to the General Levy.

There were no other persons present to address the Committee.

Item 4  
Notice of Public  
Meeting, 2004 Water  
and Wastewater Rates  
and Charges

Report dated 2004-01-07, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Notice of Public Meeting, 2004 Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges was received for information only.

Adjournment

2004-01 Bradley-Dupuis: That this meeting does now adjourn.  
Time: 6:55 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Deputy Mayor

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City Clerk