

MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Commencement: 4:01 p.m.

COUNCILLOR MIKE JAKUBO, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Signoretti, Vagnini, Montpellier, Kirwan, Lapierre, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh, Cormier, Reynolds, Landry-Altmann, Mayor Bigger

City Officials

Bob Johnston, Interim Chief Administrative Officer; Paul Baskcomb, General Manager of Growth & Development; Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Infrastructure Services (A4:10); Lorella Hayes, General Manager of Assets and Finance/Chief Financial Officer (A4:06); Trevor Bain, Chief of Fire and Paramedic Services; Ed Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning/Budgeting; Ron Henderson, Acting General Manager of Citizen and Leisure Services; Brigitte Sobush, Deputy City Clerk; Eliza Bennett, Manager of Corporate Communications & French Language Services; Bruno Mangiardi, Chief Information Officer; Meredith Armstrong, Manager of Tourism and Culture; Marnie Seal, Legislative Compliance Co-Ordinator; April Antoniazzi, Committee Assistant

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None declared

PRESENTATIONS

2015 Property Tax Policy

Report dated April 29, 2015 from the General Manager of Assets and Finance / Chief Financial Officer regarding 2015 Property Tax Policy.

Ed Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning/Budgeting, provided an electronic presentation outlining the 2015 Property Tax Policy.

The following recommendations were presented:

FA2015-21 McIntosh/Kirwan: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves property tax ratios as follows:

- Multi-Residential - 2.184489;
- Commercial - 2.139699;
- Industrial – 3.103772;
- Large Industrial - 3.517957;
- Pipeline – 2.171503;

PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)

2015 Property Tax
Policy (cont'd)

AND THAT the necessary Tax Ratio by-law and Tax Rate by-law be presented.

CARRIED

FA2015-22 Kirwan/Lapierre: WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury continues the practice of having as many properties as possible pay their fair share of property taxes based on the Current Value Assessment (CVA);

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has provided tax tools to achieve this outcome;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury use these tools to the maximum, resulting in more properties paying true CVA taxes, and the tools are as follows:

- a) Implement a 10% tax increase cap rather than the mandatory 5% minimum cap,
- b) Implement a minimum annual increase of 5% of CVA level taxes for capped properties,
- c) Move capped and clawed back properties within \$250 of CVA taxes directly to CVA taxes;
- d) eliminate properties that were at Current Value Assessment in 2014 from the capping exercise;
- e) eliminate properties that crossed between capping and clawback in 2015 from the capping exercise;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be presented;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario under Bill 140 has a maximum tax increase policy (capping) for business properties (Multi-Residential, Commercial and Industrial);

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury, through past practice, has funded this cap on taxes by clawing back from properties realizing reduced taxation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following clawback percentages, as calculated by the Online Property Taxation Analysis (OPTA) System, be adopted by the City of Greater Sudbury:

- Multi-Residential – 0%;
- Commercial – 44.0117%;
- Industrial – 3.4097%;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be presented.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

The following motion was presented:

FA2015-23 Lapierre/ Kirwan: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury receives items C-1 to C-3 inclusive for information only.

CARRIED

The following are the Consent Agenda Items:

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item C-1 2014 Investment Report

Report dated April 21, 2015 from the General Manager of Assets and Finance/Chief Financial Officer regarding 2014 Investment Report.

FA2015-24 Kirwan/Lapierre: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury receives report dated April 21, 2015 from the General Manager of Assets and Finance/Chief Financial Officer regarding 2014 Investment Report for information only.

CARRIED

Item C-2 Status of Large Corporate Projects

Report dated April 14, 2015 from the Executive Director, Administrative Services/City Clerk regarding.

FA2015-25 Kirwan/McIntosh: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury receives the report dated April 14, 2015 from the Executive Director, Administrative Services/City Clerk regarding Status of Large Corporate projects for information only.

CARRIED

Item C-3 2015 Property Tax Administration

Report dated April 28, 2015 from the General Manager of Assets and Finance/Chief Financial Officer regarding 2015 Property Tax Administration.

FA2015-26: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury receives report dated April 28, 2015 from the General Manager of Assets and Finance/Chief Financial Officer regarding 2015 Property Tax Administration for information only.

CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item R-1 Destination Marketing Fees

Report dated March 30, 2015 from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Destination Marketing Fees.

MANAGERS' REPORTS (cont'd)

Item R-1
Destination Marketing
Fees (cont'd)

The following recommendation was presented:

FA2015-27 Kirwan/McIntosh: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury receives report dated March 30, 2015 from the General Manager of Growth and Development regarding Destination Marketing Fees for information only.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

Project 6M Team

Councillor Kirwan asked the status of the report regarding the goal of saving \$6 million.

The Chief Administrative Officer responded that he has been focused on meeting with the Project 6M Team. He noted attrition is a significant part of achieving savings and that many positions are currently being posted as temporary while the group looks for efficiencies in the way the City delivers services. He added the team is looking to engage stakeholders including citizens and employees to seek ideas in order to achieve this goal.

The General Manager of Assets and Finance/Chief Financial Officer responded that a briefing note could be circulated to council to outline actions that have been taken to date. She noted that at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of June 16, 2015 an update would be provided on the progress towards the goal and staff would be soliciting feedback and ideas from Council.

Audit Committee/
Review of Contracts

Councillor Landry-Altmann asked when the Audit Committee will be meeting next, what audits are being scheduled and when will they be looking at contracts, specifically those of longstanding length and renewal contracts.

The General Manager of Assets and Finance/Chief Financial Officer responded that the purchasing department will be presenting a comprehensive report providing facts on contracts to the Finance and Administration Committee or City Council in early June.

The Chair responded that the next regular scheduled Audit Committee meeting is June 16, 2015 and that the Auditor is working on an audit report regarding building services. He noted that if the report is complete before June 16th, an Audit Committee meeting may be held prior to a Council meeting.

QUESTION PERIOD (cont'd)

Transportation Study

Councillor Landry-Altmann asked if the transportation study would be available to the public on Friday with the agendas.

The General Manager of Infrastructure Services responded that the intent is to have the document available to the public online on Friday. He noted there would be other opportunities for the public to comment on the study.

Concession Tenders

Councillor Sizer asked about the status of tenders being sent out for concessions at ball fields and Bell Park.

The Acting General Manager of Citizen and Leisure Services responded that the process had begun and that he would confirm with staff.

Adjournment

Signoretti/McIntosh: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 5:34 p.m.

CARRIED

Brigitte Sobush, Deputy City Clerk