

**THE THIRD SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Tuesday, 2001-04-17
Commencement: 7:02 p.m.**

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR JAMES GORDON, IN THE CHAIR

Present Councillors Bradley; Callaghan; Courtemanche; Craig; Davey; Dupuis; Gainer; Kilgour; Lalonde; McIntaggart; Petryna; Portelance

City Officials J. Rule, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; H. Duff, Acting General Manager of Health & Social Services; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Economic Development & Planning; D. Wuksinic, General Manager of Corporate Services; R. Swiddle, Director of Legal Services; R. Johnston, Acting General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; A. McCauley, Chief of Police, Sudbury Police Services; G. Clausen, Director of Engineering Services; M. Gauvreau, Manager of Current Account Operations; D. Braney, Property Negotiator/Appraiser; A. Potvin, Manager of Development Services; P. Aitken, Government Relations/Policy Analyst; K. Fyfe, Office Manager - Health & Social Services; C. Riutta, Administrative Secretary to Mayor; S. Hotti, Recording Secretary; N. Charette, Manager of Corporate Communications and French-language Services; G. Polano, Executive Advisor to the Mayor; L. Moulaison, Planning Technician; A. Haché, Deputy Clerk; G. Ward, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E. Officials D. Burke, President

News Media MCTV; The Box; Sudbury Star

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest None declared.

Change of Chair At 7:05 p.m., His Worship Mayor James Gordon vacated the Chair in order to address Council.

Chair **DEPUTY MAYOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR**

Greater Sudbury Utility Mayor Gordon addressed Council advising the purpose of the meeting was to respond to various articles in the media regarding the resignation of the President & CEO of the Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. and four members of the Board of Directors.

Mayor Gordon reviewed the achievements of the former Sudbury Hydro under the leadership of its elected Commission and the areas of concern under the current leadership and management.

Following a lengthy discussion, the following resolutions were presented:

2001-207 McIntaggart/Dupuis: WHEREAS Section 100(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.45, as amended, provides that where the council of a municipality passes a resolution requesting a judge of the Superior Court of Justice to inquire into or concerning any matter connected with the good government of the municipality or the conduct of any part of its public business, including any business conducted by a commission appointed by the municipal council or elected by the electors, the judge shall make the inquiry and for that purpose has all the powers of a commission under Part II of the Public Inquiries Act, which Part applies to such investigation as if it were an inquiry under that Act, and the judge shall, with all convenient speed, report to the council the result of the inquiry and the evidence taken;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a by-law for council's consideration to engage a Judge of the Superior court of Justice to conduct a public inquiry concerning the governance and management of Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. and related boards for the period from January 1, 2001 to April 17, 2001.

SIMULTANEOUS WRITTEN RECORDED VOTE:

YEAS

Davey
Dupuis

NAYS

Bradley
Callaghan
Courtemanche
Gainer
Kilgour
Lalonde
McIntaggart
Petryna
Portelance
Gordon
Craig

MOTION LOST

McIntaggart/Dupuis: WHEREAS Council has provided business direction and vision in partnership with the Commissioners of the former Utility Board;

AND WHEREAS Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc., with the support of Council over five years, has developed a new industry in Sudbury resulting in the creation of over 3000 jobs;

AND WHEREAS Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc., in partnership with Council, invested in the Sudbury District Energy Corporation, providing telecommunication companies with the requisite cooling

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and guaranteed source of electricity for their businesses, and enabling downtown businesses to reduce costs when they retrofit;

AND WHEREAS our fibre-optic network provides the basis for future industrial and commercial development opportunities including support for community-based tele-health networks throughout Northeastern Ontario, support for the film and music industry in Sudbury; and has been the catalyst for the development of partnerships with major telecommunications companies to establish Sudbury as a telecommunications hub;

AND WHEREAS the Northern medical school depends on an e-business model and the requisite telecommunications;

AND WHEREAS Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. has taken pro-active measures to reduce costs, and is now debt free;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury directs the Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc., through their elected Councillors and the appoint Board, to operationalise the approved business plan for the Utility, with priority given to the development of the software and information-technology telecommunications opportunities;

AND FURTHER THAT Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. continue to deliver their core services to the residents and businesses of the community with the same efficiency and customer service.

Motion for Deferral

Councillor Davey requested a **deferral** of the foregoing motion pending receipt of audited financial statements from Sudbury Hydro for the past years.

The majority required to support the deferral request was not received.

Business Plan

Discussion took place regarding Members of Council obtaining a copy of the Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. business plan. Council concurred the foregoing motion be **referred** to the City Council meeting scheduled to take place on April 24th, 2001 following receipt of the business plan.

Adjournment

2001-208 Dupuis/McIntaggart: That this meeting does now adjourn.
Time: 8:58 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk