

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, April 23rd, 2003
Commencement: 4:38 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR TED CALLAGHAN, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Bradley; Courtemanche; Craig; Davey; Dupuis; Gainer; Kilgour (A5:37 pm); McIntaggart; Mayor Gordon (A4:42 pm)

City Officials

D. Belisle, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; T. Beadman, Acting General Manager, Emergency Services; R. Henderson, Acting General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services; C. Sandblom, General Manager of Health & Social Services; D. Wuksinic, General Manager, Corporate Services; R. Swiddle, Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor; S. Jonasson, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; E. Stankiewicz, Co-Ordinator of Current Budget; P. Aitken, Government Relations/Policy Analyst; C. Mahaffy, Manager of Financial Planning and Policy; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; T. Mowry, City Clerk; G. Ward, Council Secretary

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Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Tax Policy
Presentation

Report dated 2003-04-17, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Tax Policy Presentation by Hemson Consulting was received for information.

Mr. John Hughes, Hemson Consulting, addressed the Committee with an overhead presentation on the Review of Issues Concerning Tax Ratios & Optional Classes - Policy Decisions for 2003, including the following topics:

- 2003 Reassessment Impacts
- Discussion of Tax Ratios & Optional Classes
- Summary of Projected 2003 Tax Changes
- Update on 2003 Capping & Clawback
- 2003 Policy Recommendations

Item 3
Property Tax Policy
Issues

Report dated 2003-04-16 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Property Tax Policy Issues was received.

Item 3
(Continued)

The following resolution was presented:

2003-01 Bradley/McIntaggart: WHEREAS all property tax policies which are currently in place were passed under The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990;

AND WHEREAS The Municipal Act, 2001 took effect on January 1, 2003;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury wishes to reaffirm its position relating to property tax policy decisions to conform to The Municipal Act, 2001;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reaffirm

- 1) its adoption of the Large Industrial Optional Class;
- 2) its policy to provide tax reductions for vacant commercial and industrial properties;
- 3) its policy to provide tax rebates to registered charities occupying commercial and industrial property;
- 4) its policy regarding property tax deferrals for low income seniors and low income disabled residential property owners;
- 5) its policy regarding the vacancy rebate program for properties in the commercial and industrial property classes;

AND THAT Council adopt the same tax ratios for 2003 as were approved in 2002 with the exception of the Industrial and Large Industrial Class, which will be set at 2.4463 for the Industrial Class and 2.7518 for the Large Industrial Class;

AND THAT Council adopt the new Multi-Residential Class with a tax ratio of 1.0000;

AND THAT all property tax policy by-laws passed under The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990 be rescinded;

AND THAT the City Solicitor prepare the necessary property tax policy by-laws under The Municipal Act, 2001.

CARRIED

Item 4
2003 Final Property
Tax Rates

Report dated 2003-04-14, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding 2003 Final Property Tax Rates was tabled.

The following resolution was presented:

2003-02 McIntaggart/Bradley: THAT the tax rates for municipal purposes for the City of Greater Sudbury as outlined in the report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated April 22, 2003 be approved and the necessary by-law be prepared.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item 5
Projected 2002
Year-End Position

Report dated 2003-04-17, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Projected 2002 Year-End Position was received for information.

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 6
2002 Capital Variance
Report

Report dated 2003-04-17, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding 2002 Capital Variance Report was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2003-03 Bradley/McIntaggart: THAT additional funding for the following project shortfalls be provided as follows:

| <u>Project</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Funding Source</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1998 Sewage Treatment Plants | \$ 424,664.01 | Upgrade Wastewater Plants Reserve Fund |
| Natural Gas Franchise | 167,555.31 | Capital Financing Reserve Fund - General |
| 2001 Bridge Structures | 146,302.82 | Capital Financing Reserve Fund - Roads |
| Centre for Life | 21,803.45 | Capital Financing Reserve Fund - General |
| 1999 Sewer/Water Projects | 19,386.37 | Upgrade Wastewater Plants Reserve Fund |
| 2001 Cemetery Projects | 4,948.04 | Cemetery Reserve Fund |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING | \$784,660.00 | |

AND FURTHER THAT Council Resolution 2001-20, for the approval of temporary funding for the second phase of the Civic Memorial Mausoleum, be rescinded.

CARRIED

Item 7
2002 Reserve/
Reserve Fund Status
& By-law Amendments

Report dated 2003-04-17, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding 2002 Reserve/Reserve Fund Status and By-law Amendments was received.

Item 7
(Continued)

The following resolution was presented:

2003-04 McIntaggart/Bradley: THAT the report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated April 17th, 2003 regarding the 2002 Reserve/Reserve Fund Status and By-law amendments be approved;

AND THAT By-law 2001-287F be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

Item 8
Outstanding Long
Term Financial Plan
Issues

Report dated 2003-04-17, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Outstanding Long Term Financial Plan Issues was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2003-05 Bradley/McIntaggart: THAT the reserve and reserve fund reallocations, as detailed in the April 16th, 2003 report from the General Manager of Corporate Services be approved.

CARRIED

Item 9
Value for Money
Audits

Report dated 2003-04-11 from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding Value-for-Money Audits was received.

The Committee discussed the three areas of expenditures to be considered for a Value-for-Money Audit; Roads (Winter Maintenance, Water or Wastewater Services and Energy Retrofits.

Motion for Deferral

A motion for deferral, presented by Councillor Davey, pending a report from Staff on the total amount of money spent on roads maintenance was not approved.

The Committee concurred that the Value-For Money Audit be conducted on the Water/Wastewater Services area.

The following resolution was presented:

2003-06 THAT a Value-for-Money Audit be conducted under the direction of the Manager of Internal Audit & Performance Measurement on Water/Wastewater Services.

CARRIED

Adjournment

2003-07 Bradley/McIntaggart: That this meeting does now adjourn.
Time: 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Ted Callaghan, Chair

Clerk