

Location:	Council Chamber, Tom Davies Square
Commencement:	9:16 AM
Adjournment:	11:47 AM

Minutes

**For the 58th Policy Committee Meeting held
Wednesday, July 14, 2010**

Chair

COUNCILLOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Thompson (A9:20am); Caldarelli; Gasparini; Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez (A9:20am)

City Officials

Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer; Greg Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; Luisa Valle, Acting General Manager of Community Development; Bill Lautenbach, General Manager of Growth & Development; Lorella Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services; Guido Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official; Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; Eliza Bennett, Manager of Communications & French Language Services; Akli Ben-Anteur, Water/Wastewater Projects Engineer; Robert Blackwell, Co-ordinator of Quality Assurance & Performance Measurement; Bruce Drake, Risk Management – Insurance Officer; Ian Wood, Chief of Staff to the Mayor; Martin Lajeunesse, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Angie Haché, City Clerk; Jason Nelson, Clerk's Services Co-ordinator; Franca Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

CBC Radio; EastLink News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life; Sudbury Star

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

Presentations

- Report dated July 8, 2010 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Toward Fiscal Sustainability.

Lorella Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, made an electronic presentation entitled 'Rethink Refocus Rebalance – Toward Fiscal Sustainability'. She stated that at the conclusion of the 2010 Budget deliberation, Council directed staff to review municipal operation and financial results for efficiencies and cost avoidances and to provide regular updates to the Finance Committee. She listed a number of financial challenges including the need for additional capital funding; the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund being at risk; the desire to maintain low property taxes; program expansion, growth related expenditures and Council priorities; and costs of compliance with regulations. She stated that the City's capital assets have a historical cost of \$2.2 B and an estimated replacement value of \$6 B. She outlined the key components of the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) adopted by Council in 2002. She indicated that the municipality would be considered financially sustainable if the following conditions were met: generate reliable and predictable revenues sufficient

to meet current and future expenses, build and replace capital assets to support the City's infrastructure requirements, provide expected level of municipal services efficiently and effectively, achieve stability in property taxes increases and intergenerational equity and ensure sound financial management and health. She listed the nine principles approved by Council in the LTFP which were intended to guide Council and administration in managing financial affairs. She advised the Senior Management Team has developed short term action items and medium and long term action items and provided detailed examples of several action items. She concluded by highlighting the importance of the strategy of rethinking", refocusing, and rebalancing the financial outlook on a continual basis.

The following recommendations were presented:

2010-32 Caldarelli-Cimino: THAT zero base budgeting be implemented, or alternatively another budget method adopted by Council, to be done department by department, starting in 2012, commencing with Infrastructure Services;

AND THAT a report be prepared by the beginning of the 2011 Budget process showing by what percentage each department has reduced their budget for 2011.

CARRIED

2010-33 Cimino-Barbeau: THAT Council receive the report dated July 8th, 2010 from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer entitled "Toward Fiscal Sustainability" and that staff report to the Finance Committee and present any recommendations for consideration and approval during the 2011 and future budget deliberations.

CARRIED

Rules of Procedure

Councillor Landry-Altmann asked concurrence of the Committee to allow Michel Chaloux, a resident of Mountain Street, to address Council at this time.

The Committee unanimously agreed to suspend with the Rules of Procedure, Section 3.02 to hear this delegation which is not on the Agenda.

COMMUNITY DELEGATION

Michel Chaloux

Michel Chaloux advised he is an owner of a Mountain Street property and is speaking on behalf of Flour Mill residents and, in particular, Mountain and Leslie Streets property owners. He wants to inform the Committee of a serious problem and that they are 'fed up' with the 'waterfall' pouring onto their properties. He advised that he purchased the property in the area only to have, years later, water problems in basement, yard and streets. He indicated that the 'waterfall' sounds are quite annoying as there is constant noise and the backyards are no longer viable for gardens or as recreation areas. He stated that the manmade ditch to divert water from the 'waterfall' is never dry and is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. He further stated that the residents feel that, having had several 'waterfall' floodings in the past, the engineering design specifications are not as accurate as realities. He indicated that their properties have lost value as no one would purchase properties in an area subject to flooding. He stated that in the winter ice accumulates, overflows fences, causes noise from cracking and is hazardous for children. He advised he can no longer obtain insurance for his property.

Change of Chair

At 10:45 a.m., Councillor Crait vacated the Chair.

COUNCILLOR JACQUES BARBEAU, IN THE CHAIR

Michel Chaloux advised they are no longer willing to have to stay close to their homes in case it rains. He indicated they are no longer willing to have substandard insurance or pay higher premiums because of conditions out of their control. They are no longer willing to endanger their health because of the pooling water in the manmade ditch that has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. They are not longer willing to put up with the constant noise that the 'waterfall' produces. He stated that, in their opinion, they are no less worthy as taxpayers and want to get back a quiet area free of water.

- 2 . Report dated July 8, 2010 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding Preventative Plumbing Subsidy Program.

Change of Chair

At 10:49 a.m., Councillor Barbeau vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR

Akli Ben-Anteur, Water/Wastewater Projects Engineer, made an electronic presentation regarding the Proposed Preventative Plumbing Subsidy Program. He provided a background stating the program is an initiative of Councillor Landry-Altmann. He explained why basements flood and how to protect

basements from flooding. He outlined the program objectives and eligibility criteria. He explained the proposed funding options and the application process. He concluded by stating the program is beneficial to property owners who suffered damages due to 2009 flooding, those wishing to protect their property, and the City, by reducing inflow/infiltration and saving in operating and maintenance costs.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-34 Cimino-Barbeau: THAT Council support and approve the Preventative Plumbing Subsidy Program as outlined in the report dated July 8, 2010 from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services and that funding Option 2(a) be approved from the 2010 and 2011 Wastewater Capital Annual Rehabilitation Program.

CARRIED

- 3 . Report dated June 30, 2010 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Amendment to Sign By-law 2007-250.

Guido Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official, made an electronic presentation regarding the amendment to Sign By-law 2007-250. He advised the amendment will consolidate and standardize the commercial and advertising sign provisions in the existing zoning by-laws and have a comprehensive sign by-law in place once the new zoning by-law is passed and the former zoning by-laws are repealed. He indicated a public hearing was held on May 27, 2010, as directed by the Policy Committee on May 19, 2010, where issues were brought forward by industry stakeholders. He indicated there were no objections to the proposed amendment.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-35 Barbeau-Cimino: THAT Council accept the report dated June 30, 2010 from the General Manager of Growth & Development to complete and adopt the new proposed amendment to Sign By-law #2007-250 which addresses amendments required to consolidate the sign provisions from the existing seven Zoning By-laws which presently regulate commercial and advertising signs, and permit a more liberal regulation of signs as found in the former City of Sudbury By-law;

AND THAT staff review the suggested industry modifications to the established community standards as it relates to commercial and advertising signs and provide Council with recommendations by the end of this year.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

Furniture Auctioneers

Councillor Cimino advised that furniture vendors, who are not taxpayers, are coming into the City and renting hotel space for auctions during holidays, i.e. Canada Day when local furniture stores are closed. This affects local business owners who pay property taxes. He requested a report, in September, on how to address this concern.

The Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official advised staff will look into this matter.

Hot Dog Vendors on Bike Path

Councillor Gasparini stated that on Canada Day there was a hot dog vendor on the bike path on Paris Street in the Science North vicinity and cyclist could not get by. She asked if there was some way of dealing with this matter as By-law Officers are only available during regular business hours.

Temporary Garages

Mayor Rodriguez asked if there have been any complaints with respect to temporary garages, especially in front yards.

The Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official advised that most of the complaints have been received during the winter months. He indicated they do not require a building permit but there are zoning requirements to ensure they are kept out of site triangles. They investigate complaints and issue compliance orders if required.

Parking Tickets Canada Day

Councillor Dutrisac indicated she had complaints from residents being charged parking tickets on Canada Day when attending the fireworks display.

The Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official advised that, without knowing the specifics, the City does license private owners to issue tickets on their property and, also, Police Services may have been out on that day. He indicated By-law Officers were not working that day.

Backwater Valves

Councillor Landry-Altmann advised that the Province of Alberta model requires all new subdivisions install backwater valves. She stated that, because of developments on mountaintops, it is a good idea to pursue this. She asked if this could be part of the Planning Act if the matter was lobbied.

The Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official indicated that every five years there is a new Provincial building code and various lobby groups are allowed to comment to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The next review is in 2012. He suggested that AMO would probably have the strongest voice.

Councillor Landry-Altmann requested a follow up on this matter.

Adjournment

2010-36 Barbeau-Cimino: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 11:47 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Doug Craig, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk