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| Location: | Council Chamber, Tom Davies Square |
| Commencement: | 5:03 PM |
| Adjournment: | 6:32 PM |

Minutes

**For the 54th Policy Committee Meeting held
Wednesday, March 24, 2010**

Chair

COUNCILLOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson; Callaghan; Caldarelli; Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer; Greg Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; Denis Desmeules, General Manager of Community Development; Bill Lautenbach, General Manager of Growth & Development; Jennifer Amyotte, Acting Chief of Emergency Services; Marc Leduc, Fire Chief; Eliza Bennett, Acting Executive Director, Administrative Services; Tony Derro, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; Paul Baskcomb, Acting Director of Planning Services; Guido Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official; Bryan Gutjahr, Manager of Compliance and Enforcement; Stephen Walker, Manager of Compliance and Enforcement; Eric Taylor, Senior Planner; Ian Wood, Chief of Staff to the Mayor; Angie Haché, City Clerk; Poppy Pelletier, Video-Audio Operator; Franca Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

CBC Radio; EastLink News; EZ Rock; KICX, Le Voyageur; Northern Life; Sudbury Star

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

Presentations

- 1 . Report dated March 11, 2010 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding EarthCare Sudbury Action Plan 2010.

Stephen Monet, Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives, made an electronic presentation regarding the Action Plan which was developed by the Coordinator of EarthCare Sudbury, EarthCare Sudbury Advisory Panel and 111 EarthCare Sudbury Partners. He provided a background of the first Action Plan released in 2003. He stated that the 2010 Action Plan builds on the 2003 Action Plan, reflects the progress made since 2003 and incorporates input by the EarthCare Partners. He indicated that the new Action Plan features an electronically based document that can be easily updated and that is graphically appealing. Also, it highlights the successes of the EarthCare Partners. He advised that the Plan has a dual purpose communication strategy: to increase engagement and perceived value among the EarthCare Partners and public outreach including EarthCare Minute and Green Living insert in Northern Life and Le Voyageur. He concluded by showing the features of the Action Plan on the City's website. The website can be viewed at www.greatersudbury.ca/earthcare.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-09 Cimino-Callaghan: WHEREAS EarthCare Sudbury has been forging a course for local environmental action on behalf of the Greater Sudbury community since 2000;

AND WHEREAS with the release of the EarthCare Sudbury Local Action Plan in 2003, Greater Sudbury became one of only a few Canadian communities that had formally committed to becoming more sustainable;

AND WHEREAS the 2010 EarthCare Sudbury Action Plan, which was developed in consultation with the over 110 EarthCare Sudbury Partners, represents a renewal of our community's commitment to sustainability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the 2010 EarthCare Sudbury Action Plan.

CARRIED

- 2 . Report dated March 10, 2010 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Rooming House Licensing By-law.

Bill Lautenbach, General Manager of Growth & Development, stated that Council, in October 2009, requested a policy report regarding the licensing of rooming houses. He thanked the team of staff members who worked in preparing the report and indicated the following decisions are required: whether to have a Rooming House Licensing By-law or keep the Status Quo; the establishment of a subcommittee; and the choosing of a Licensing By-law option.

Bryan Gutjahr, Manager of Compliance and Enforcement made an electronic presentation regarding options and potential issues for a Rental House Licensing By-law. He stated that rooming houses involve the renting of rooms in dwellings where tenants share kitchen and/or bathroom facilities, are not currently permitted under the Zoning By-law except in downtown Sudbury and have been established illegally in certain areas of the City. He indicated the complaints received include safety, nuisance and parking concerns as well as poor upkeep of residential properties. He advised of the provisions under the current zoning by-laws and those proposed in the draft Zoning By-law. He stated that a licensing by-law would outline specific types of rental units and areas, application requirements, appeal process and fines. He provided information on Licensing By-laws of other municipalities. He listed the issues in considering a Licensing By-law for Greater Sudbury. He outlined the following licensing Options

- Option 1 – Status Quo;
- Option 2 – Approve a Rooming House and Boarding House Licensing By-law;
- Option 3 – Approve a City Wide Rental House Licensing By-law;
- Option 3(a) – Approve a Scoped Rental House Licensing By-law.

He indicated that a Working Group would be required if Option 2, 3 or 3(a) is selected and outlined the composition of the Working Group and the key issues it would address.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-10 Cimino-Callaghan: THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury approve Option 3(a) – Creation of a Scoped Rental Housing Licensing By-law with respect to the issue of licensing rooming houses at outlined in the report from the General Manager of Growth and Development dated March 10, 2010;

AND THAT a Licensing By-law Working Group be established to develop a licensing by-law, licensing requirements, fees, an enforcement policy and other requirements;

AND THAT Councillors Joscelyne Landry-Altmann and Ted Callaghan and Members of Staff be appointed to the Working Group for a term ending November 30, 2010;

AND THAT the General Manager of Growth and Development prepare a report naming the representatives from the various stakeholder groups to the Working Group.

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ontario Labour Relations
Board – Bad Faith Bargaining

Councillor Berthiaume indicated that the Ontario Labour Relations Board will be meeting at the end of March to deal with bad faith bargaining (Vale Inco and USW Local 6500). He stated that they can make a decision to postpone the hearing if it is not completed. He requested that a letter be sent to the Board, tomorrow, by the Mayor on behalf of Council asking that they have a continuous hearing to complete this matter rather than postponing. He further requested that a copy of the letter be sent to local MPs and MPPs, Ontario Federation of Labour and the Sudbury Labour Council.

The Committee, by consensus, approved Councillor Berthiaume's request.

Adjournment

2010-11 Callaghan-Cimino: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Doug Craig, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk