

THE FIFTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Commencement: 6:04 p.m.

Chair

ANGIE HACHÉ, CITY CLERK, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson; Callaghan; Craig; Caldarelli; Gasparini (A6:10pm); Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

Catherine Matheson, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; Nick Benkovich, Acting General Manager of Infrastructure Services; Stephen Monet, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; Rob Smith, Acting Chief of Emergency Services; Ron St. Onge, Acting Executive Director, Administrative Services; Lorraine Larose, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; Martin Lajeunesse, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; David Shelsted, Roads Engineer; Ginette Forget-Rose, Community Development Co-ordinator, Angie Haché, City Clerk; Poppy Pelletier, Video-Audio Operator; Franca Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

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

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

APPOINTMENT OF POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Item 5 Appointment of Policy Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Report dated December 8, 2009 was received from the Executive Director, Administrative Services regarding Appointment of Policy Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for the term ending November 30, 2010.

Nominations were held for the position of Committee Chair.

NOMINATOR

NOMINEE

Councillor Barbeau

Councillor Craig

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

APPOINTMENT OF POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR (continued)

Item 5
Appointment of Policy
Committee Chair and
Vice-Chair (continued)

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-01 Dupuis-Cimino: THAT Councillor Craig be appointed Chair of the Policy Committee for the term ending November 30, 2010 or until his successor is appointed, whichever occurs later.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR

Nominations were held for the position of Committee Vice-Chair.

NOMINATOR

NOMINEE

Councillor Dupuis

Councillor Barbeau

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-02 Dupuis-Dutrisac: THAT Councillor Barbeau be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee for the term ending November 30, 2010 or until his successor is appointed, whichever occurs later.

CARRIED

OPENING REMARKS – COUNCILLOR CIMINO, WARD 1

Councillor Cimino listed the accomplishments in Ward 1 which were achieved with the residents of the Ward including new playgrounds on Travers Street, at Princess Anne Public School, at Quinn and Logan Streets, at Marcel and Bouchard Streets and at Hélène Gravel Public School; improvements at Delki Dozzi Park; plans for new playground on Corsi Hill; links to the Rainbow Routes Trail; establishment of Citizens on Patrol (COPS) Program and the Ward 1 Community Action Network (CAN) projects.

COMMUNITY DELEGATIONS

Item 1
Ward 1 Community
Action Network (CAN)
Update

Tom Murphy, Chair, and Colleen Zilio, Fundraising Chair, Ward 1 CAN, made an electronic presentation regarding Ward 1 CAN - 2009 Projects. He indicated that some of the projects have come to fruition and some are still ongoing. He stated that the CAN executive meetings are held on the first Monday of every month and are open to the public. He listed the members of the executive. He outlined in detail the 2009 projects including May Clean Up Blitz, new website, Lorne Street enhancement project,

COMMUNITY DELEGATIONS (continued)

Item 1 Ward 1 Community Action Network (CAN) Update

community barbeque at Weston Bakery, STC Fundraising, support of Dalron Construction's application for Federal/Provincial stimulus funds for affordable senior housing, community workshops, application for funding for a community garden and Southview Drive traffic calming pilot project.

Colleen Zilio explained the community workshop held in November which featured key speakers.

Tom Murphy listed the community and civic partnerships. He also listed 2010 projects including further affordable housing initiatives, additional traffic calming measures, spring newsletter, spring clean up blitz and community involvement.

Item 2 Update – Greater Sudbury Celtic Festival and Highland Games

Donald Donaldson, Chieftain, and Derek Young, Greater Sudbury Celtic Festival and Highland Games made an electronic presentation regarding the Celtic Festival and Highland Games.

Donald Donaldson provided a festival background from its inaugural event, which celebrated local history, during Greater Sudbury's 125th Anniversary. He outlined the events of the 2008 and 2009 Festivals. He explained the governance including the volunteer committee and advisors, ongoing evaluation and education and community partners and vendors who take an active role in feedback. He provided a list of community supporters and a partial list of participants in the festival.

Derek Young provided a financial overview for 2008 which had an operating budget of \$18,000 and 2009 which had an operating budget of \$40,000. He outlined the 2010 financial overview and goals including revenue of \$67,000; expenses for increased marketing, increased logistical costs and enhanced programming) and \$25,000 in-kind marketing and logistic support. With respect to the tourism impact of the Festival, he indicated that Sudbury Tourism is an associate partner, listed the cities and towns who participate and advised of tourism packages with Travelodge and negotiations with Merit Travel. He concluded by outlining plans for the 2010 Festival will be held on May 22 and 23, 2010.

PRESENTATIONS

Item 3 Proposed 2010 Ward 1 Capital Improvement Projects

David Shelsted, Roads Engineer, and Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services, made an electronic presentation regarding Proposed 2010 Ward 1 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Roads Engineer advised the proposed Roads and Transportation Projects in Ward 1 include road improvements to

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Item 3 Proposed 2010 Ward 1 Capital Improvement Projects (continued)

Regent Street from Bouchard Street to Caswell Drive, Stephen Street, Rowat Street at Glover and Kelly Lake Road. Bridge inspections, legislated every two years by an independent professional engineer, will continue. With respect to traffic signal improvements, he listed the locations of LED conversions, uninterrupted power supply installations, audible pedestrian signals and advanced left turn conversions. He also advised of the St. Clair yard upgrades.

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services advised of the water projects including the distribution system projects on Regent Street and Long lake Road in conjunction with roads projects. He also advised of plant upgrades at David Street Filtration Plant and Wanapitei Water Treatment Plant. With respect to wastewater, he advised of the collection system project being the Gatchell Outfall Sewer Environmental Assessment Study and of plant upgrades to the Sudbury Waste/Wastewater Treatment Plant and the continuing work on the bio-solids treatment project.

Item 4 Living Landscape – A Biodiversity Action Plan for Greater Sudbury

Report dated January 6, 2010 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Living Landscape – A Biodiversity Action Plan for Greater Sudbury.

Stephen Monet, Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives, made an electronic presentation regarding the Biodiversity Action Plan. He stated that the United Nations designated 2010 as the 'International Year of Biodiversity' and showed short video message from United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon. He stated that the Biodiversity Action Plan is a guiding framework for improving the community's environmental health. He explained in detail the findings of the Ecological Risk Assessment which was part of the Sudbury Soils Study and how the Assessment was addressed. He listed the top priorities of community members starting with greening and followed closely by education and wildlife habitat creation. He outlined some of the contents in the draft Plan. He identified a number of interventions including expanding with the proven formula of liming, fertilizing, seeding and tree planting; increasing diversity of the forest floor plants; new research; and monitoring changing forests which will be the focus of a 5-year Operations Plan. He advised that VETAC, City Council's Advisory Panel on Regreening, will oversee the Biodiversity Action Plan in conjunction with the Regreening Program. He stated that the community will be consulted regularly to ensure that the Biodiversity Action Plan, the 5-Year Operations Plan and the Annual Operations Plan are aligned with community priorities. With respect to funding, he advised that, over the next five years, Vale Inco and Xstrata Nickel will provide \$2.25M towards

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Item 4
Living Landscape – A
Biodiversity Action Plan
for Greater Sudbury
(continued)

biodiversity recovery. He stated that an important part of the Biodiversity Action Plan is raising awareness and education with events including an annual Biodiversity Forum which, on February 17, 2010, will feature Lawrence Poole with 'Lessons from the Jungle'. He also advised that the Kratt Brothers, who are known for their children's educational programs on wild creatures, will make two presentations on April 10, 2010. He explained in detail the importance of watching wildlife. He concluded by stating that the Biodiversity Action Plan is available on the City's website with hard copies being available at all City public libraries.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-03 Cimino-Callaghan: WHEREAS the Ecological Risk Assessment of the Sudbury Soils Study found that terrestrial plant communities and wildlife habitat in large areas of Greater Sudbury have been and continue to be impacted by the presence of certain metals in the soil;

AND WHEREAS a Biodiversity Action Plan provides a comprehensive way to address the risks to plant communities and wildlife habitat identified by the Ecological Risk Assessment; AND WHEREAS the Biodiversity Action Plan for Greater Sudbury was developed with the help of community members for the benefit of our shared community;

AND WHEREAS Vale Inco and Xstrata Nickel, as involved members of this community, have committed to the long-term support of ecological recovery efforts, starting with a combined budget of \$2.25 million over the next five years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Biodiversity Action Plan for Greater Sudbury dated December 23, 2009.

CARRIED

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 5
Appointment of Policy
Committee Chair and
Vice-Chair

See pages 1 & 2.

CLOSING REMARKS – COUNCILLOR CIMINO, WARD 1

Councillor Cimino thanked the citizens of Ward 1 and stated that, with the help of the CAN and other community groups, the Ward is doing well and will continue to move forward.

Adjournment

2010-04 Dupuis-Cimino: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.
Time: 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Doug Craig, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk