

THE FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Commencement: 6:02 p.m.

Chair

COUNCILLOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dupuis (A6:03pm) (D8:46pm); Rivest; Thompson (A6:06pm) (D8:49pm); Callaghan; Caldarelli; Gasparini (A6:04pm); Landry-Altmann (A6:06pm); Mayor Rodriguez (A6:09pm)

City Officials

D. Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; R. Carre, Acting General Manager of Community Development; B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director; J. Nicholls, Acting Chief of Emergency Services; M. Leduc, Fire Chief; R. Thirkill, Acting Chief of Police; J. Canapini, Acting Executive Director, Administrative Services; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; B. Bigger, Auditor General; B. McDougall, Community Development Co-ordinator; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Video-Audio Operator; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

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

Committee Change of Name

The Chair explained that, with the passage of the new Procedure By-law on August 12, 2009, the name of the Priorities Committee was changed to Policy Committee. He stated that the primary responsibility of the former Priorities Committee was to develop new policy and review existing policies. Following consultation with Members of City Council and staff and in order to provide more clarity as to the primary role of the Committee, the name was changed to the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee continues to create and enhance policies, be the primary forum for public participation, receive community delegations and monitor and evaluate service delivery.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

Rules of Procedure

Council, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure, to alter the order of the Agenda and deal with Item 1 – “Home for a Hero” Campaign.

COMMUNITY DELEGATIONS

Item 1 "Home for a Hero" Campaign

E-mail dated September 2, 2009 was received from Tammy Richer, Northern Joint Council/Retail, Wholesale Department Store Union regarding "Home for a Hero" Campaign.

"Hike for a Hero" posters and pledge forms were distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

Gerry Loughheed, Jr., made a verbal presentation regarding the Campaign. He indicated that the campaign is for Corporal William Kerr who was seriously wounded in Afghanistan and the funds raised will assist with the cost of an accessible home. He advised that the event will take place at the new Highway 69 4-lane extension south of Sudbury on October 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. prior to this road opening for vehicular traffic. He asked for everyone's support through donations or participating in the event.

The Committee noted that the pledge form would be placed on the City's website.

Opening Remarks

Councillor Thompson advised that the representative from the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre was not able to attend tonight but will make a presentation at a later date. He stated the Centre is a hidden gem and encouraged everyone to visit it. He complimented the Capreol Community Action Network and the Garson Falconbridge Community Action Network for their great work. He also stated that the Citizens on Patrol (COP) Program began in this area of the City.

Item 2 Update on the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre

The representative from the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre was not able to attend the meeting.

Dave Kilgour, Chair, Capreol Community Action Network, provided a brief background on the Museum which began in 1976 and, in 1996, moved into the old CN superintendent's home in Capreol. He advised the Museum is now using rooms at the Millennium Centre.

Item 3 Capreol Community Action Network (CAN)

Dave Kilgour, Chair, Capreol, CAN, made an electronic presentation regarding the CAN's activities this past year and future initiatives and priorities. He listed some of the work done by the Capreol CAN including assuming leadership in providing community road and park cleanup; caring for their cemetery; establishing committees to operate a playground outdoor rink and a "community closet"; developing and operating a community walking program; working with the City to reopen the rooms at the Millennium Centre; supporting various Capreol organizations; and requesting the City establish "community safety zones. He stated that future plans include establishing an eco park in vacant

COMMUNITY DELEGATIONS (continued)

Item 3
Capreol Community
Action Network (CAN)
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lot across from VIA station; re-developing Centennial Park with the community and the City; upgrading the Millennium Fitness Centre; establishing a committee to seek doctors or nurse practitioners; re-developing the Vermillion Beach; continuing to survey the community for ideas. He stated that the citizens who attended the Community Forum in June requested the following: better snow clearing; having relevant City staff attend a meeting to listen and explain why streets and sidewalks cannot be made safer; repair curbs and sidewalks; repair walkway on river; a drop off spot for snowmobiles in winter and mountain biking on ski trails in summer. He outlined the projects they wish to complete within the next five years. He concluded by thanking Dave Bateman who developed the local newspaper, The Capreol Press, and distributed a copy to Committee Members at the meeting.

Item 4
Garson Falconbridge
Community Action
Network (CAN)

Jean-Guy Charette, Secretary, Garson Falconbridge, CAN, made an electronic presentation regarding the CAN's activities this past year and future initiatives and priorities. He stated that the CAN's mandate is to provide resources to bring people together to building a better community. He advised they communicate through the website, newsletter, mailouts and info card. He indicated their activities include monthly meetings, strategic vision session, collaboration with community stakeholders and addressing community concerns. He outlined the CAN's current initiatives including the recent strategic visioning session, partnering with the Garson Lions Club; collaborating with Vale Inco; COPs program; speed watch and the Garson Trail. He explained that the CAN's recent strategic visioning session identified their strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. It also identified their priority areas including creating more walking and cycling trails in Garson-Falconbridge; engaging youth and creating more opportunities and activities for youth; a community welcome sign; encouraging increased collaboration from local businesses, service clubs and groups and enhance information available to newcomers.

PRESENTATIONS

Item 5
2009 Ward 7 Capital
Improvement Projects

Greg Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services, and Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services, made an electronic presentation regarding the 2009 Ward 7 Capital Improvement Projects.

The General Manager of Infrastructure Services advised the proposed Roads and Transportation Projects in Ward 7 include the Falconbridge Highway reconstruction project under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund program including intersection improvements at Maley Drive, Penman Avenue, Margaret Street

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Item 5 2009 Ward 7 Capital Improvement Projects (continued)

and Garson-Coniston Road/Church Street. He also advised of the engineering design work for the Maley Drive Extension. He indicated that the 2010 proposed works including culverts on West Bay Road and resurfacing of portions of Young Street and Maureen Street.

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services advised of the water projects including the distribution system projects and the plan upgrades to Wanapitei Water Treatment Plant and the Skead Heritage Homes water system. With respect to wastewater, he advised of the collection system projects and the plant upgrades to the Garson Lagoon and Sudbury Sewer Treatment Plant.

Item 6 Audit Charter

Report dated August 4, 2009 was received from the Auditor General regarding Audit Charter.

Brian Bigger, Auditor General, made an electronic presentation regarding the Audit Charter and By-law. He stated he is seeking Council's support in approving the Audit Charter, establishing a base budget to fulfill his mandate and recommending the adoption of the Auditor General By-law. He advised that, in preparing the Audit Charter and By-law, he reviewed charters and by-laws of other municipalities, met with a number of Auditor Generals and City Auditors and worked with the City Solicitor to develop the draft by-law. He stated that the By-law establishes the Office of the Auditor General and formally communicates the roles and responsibilities and the Charter ensures conformity with Institute of Internal Auditor (IIA) standards and provides further details on management duties and responsibilities. He listed the elements of the Charter that specifically relate to IIA standards. He outlined in detail key points of clarification including appointment or dismissal, scope of audit activities, annual audit activity report, minimum annual operating budget amount and the Auditor General's independence and authority. He also outlined the responsibilities of Management. He concluded by advising of the next steps including an annual audit plan in November and the annual report in June, 2010.

The Committee denied Councillor Rivest's request that majority vote be required for appointment or dismissal rather than 2/3 majority vote as recommended in the Audit Charter.

The Committee agreed to Councillor Caldarelli's request that Section 4 b. (Accountability) and Section 5 a. (Responsibilities) of the Audit Charter be amended to read: To report his/her findings, conclusions, recommendations to Finance Committee, audited parties and management.

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Item 6 Audit Charter (continued)

The following recommendation was presented:

2009-32 Cimino-Barbeau: THAT the Charter of the Office of the Auditor General as outlined in the report dated August 4, 2009 from the Auditor General be approved, as amended;

AND THAT the 2010 annual budget for the Auditor General's Office be set at 0.065% of the 2009 annual operating budget;

AND THAT the Auditor General By-law be placed on the September 23, 2009 Council agenda for adoption.

CARRIED

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 7 Proposed By-law for Out-of-Town Purchasers of Gold

Report dated September 8, 2009 was received from the Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director regarding Proposed By-law for Out-of-Town Purchasers of Gold.

The following recommendation was presented:

2009-33 Barbeau-Cimino: THAT Council direct staff to amend the Business License By-law 2004-350, being a By-law to License and Regulate Various Businesses, by including a provision that would implement a license fee for out-of-town purchasers of gold

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION

Amendment to Procedure By-law – Announcements on City Council Agenda

The following Notice of Motion was presented by Councillor Landry-Altmann:

WHEREAS it has been the past practice for Members of City Council to make announcements regarding community events, citizens achievements and volunteer group activities at the City Council meeting as part of Question Period;

AND WHEREAS the new Procedure By-law which was passed by City Council on August 12, 2009 permits announcements to be made only at Policy Committee meetings;

AND WHEREAS the Policy Committee meets once a month, which does not provide sufficient opportunity to make announcements to familiarize the general public with what is going on in our vast community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Procedure By-law be amended to include announcements on the City Council agenda.

NOTICES OF MOTION (continued)

Amendment to
Procedure By-law –
Announcements on City
Council Agenda

This Motion will be dealt with at the City Council meeting of
September 23, 2009.

Adjournment

2009-34 Cimino-Barbeau: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.
Time: 8:58 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Doug Craig, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk