

THE FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, August 12, 2009
Commencement: 12:42 p.m.

Chair

COUNCILLOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson; Callaghan; Caldarelli; Gasparini; Landry-Altman; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

D. Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; G. Mazza, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; M. Leduc, Fire Chief; R. Thirkill, Acting Chief of Police; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; C. Dawe, Acting City Solicitor; C. Gore, Manager of Volunteerism & Community Development; B. Gutjahr, Manager of Compliance and Enforcement Services; T. Parmar, Manager of Quality, Administration & Financial Services; M. Simeoni, Senior Planner; J. Ferrigan, Senior Planner; S. Harris, Business Development Officer; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; B. Bigger, Auditor General; A. Haché, City Clerk; J. Nelson, Clerks Services Co-ordinator; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

Others

G. Thibeault, MP, Sudbury

News Media

Le Voyageur; Northern Life; EastLink News; Sudbury Star

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 1 New Three Year Strategic Plan, Art Gallery of Sudbury

Art Gallery of Sudbury Strategic Plan 2009 – 2012 was distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

Alan Nursall, Chair, Art Gallery of Sudbury, made an electronic presentation entitled "Art Gallery of Sudbury, Room to Grow". He advised that in January 2009 they began working on their Strategic Plan to move forward. He stated that City of Greater Sudbury and Laurentian University staff have been supportive and helpful. He indicated that the Art Gallery had more than

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS (continued)

Item 1
New Three Year
Strategic Plan, Art
Gallery of Sudbury
(continued)

11,000 visitors in 2008 – 2009, has a permanent collection of over 1,500 pieces valued at \$3.5 M to \$4 M, eight to ten varied exhibitions each year and over 7,000 people participated in education programs in 2007 – 2008. He outlined their challenges being that the facility can only display a fraction of the collection, the collection cannot be stored safely, the gallery is too small to attract larger, more engaging exhibitions and the facility cannot meet growing demands for educational programming. He stated that the proposed new purpose-built would be constructed within three years, would be a landmark in the community and would give attention to durability and environmental stewardship. It would meet the needs of the Art Gallery and provide opportunities to become a distinction gallery. He advised that the advantages of the new site are a greater display of the permanent collection, more space for exhibitions, more art learning programs and more retail space showcasing local artists which would enhance the overall visitor experience. He listed the benefits to the community including longer tourist stays, significant employment, an enhanced local art and culture sector and civic pride across the City. He advised of their funding plans and stated they are making a bold commitment to change. He concluded by asking the City's support.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 2
Grace Hartman
Amphitheatre Rebuild

Chris Gore, Manager of Volunteerism & Community Development, advised that the City was approached in late fall of 2008 regarding the condition of the Grace Hartman Amphitheatre. The user groups were concerned with the condition of the building and the fact that it could not meet the needs of events being held at the amphitheatre. He indicated that, with the funding received under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, the project can move ahead. He stated that Castellan James & Partners Architects Inc. was awarded the RFP for the conceptual design. The RFP includes a team from Novita Consultants who conducted an extensive survey of user groups, Trow Engineering and a Landscape Architect. He advised they met with key users and will be meeting with a number of user groups. They hope to have a community wide meeting in September for citizen input. He stated that the conceptual plan will be developed by the end of September and it will be presented to Council in October. He indicated the plan is to begin site removal and preparation this fall and construction in the spring with completion in the fall of 2010.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS (continued)

Item 2
Grace Hartman
Amphitheatre Rebuild
(continued)

Dennis Castellan, Castellan James & Partners Architects Inc., made an electronic presentation regarding the Grace Hartman Amphitheatre. He explained the vision of the amphitheatre project as the next generation of significant development on Ramsey Lake and Bell Park. It is a project that respects the lake, the park, the vision and the people and a change that is evolutionary. He stated that the construction of the amphitheatre is a complicated process as it deals with acoustics, audience, equipment, Bell Park and Ramsey Lake. He advised of the broad and specific goals and expectations. He stated that there are twenty specific interest groups involved in the amphitheatre rebuild and they have four broad major notions: experience, Bell Park, tourism and economic development and operations. He advised that in September – October they will go to the public at large to gather information in order to know what other groups require.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item 3
Coalition for a Liveable
Sudbury and Smart
Growth

Report dated July 24, 2009 was received from Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director regarding Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury and Smart Growth for information only.

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 4
Feel Free to Feel Fit / À
votre santé, sans rien
dépenser!

Report dated June 17, 2009 was received from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Feel Free to Feel Fit / À votre santé, sans rien dépenser!

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION #2009-30: Moved by Councillor Cimino.

WHEREAS, on May 20th, 2009, the Priorities Committee recommended that the "Feel Free to Feel Fit/ À votre santé, sans rien dépenser!" initiative be brought forward for consideration with a September start date, thereby concluding in February 2010;

AND WHEREAS the Priorities Committee recommended that public transportation be considered as part of the initiative;

AND WHEREAS funding continues to be available from the Social Services Division for free weekly swimming during a pilot period;

MANAGERS' REPORTS (continued)

Item 4
Feel Free to Feel Fit / À
votre santé, sans rien
dépenser! (continued)

AND WHEREAS the "Feel Free to Feel Fit / À votre santé, sans rien dépenser!" pilot project supports local strategies as well as the efforts of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association and Parks and Recreation Ontario to establish a National Policy on Access to Recreation for Low Income Families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Development Department implement a "Feel Free to Feel Fit / À votre santé, sans rien dépenser!" pilot program offering free weekly swimming at all five municipally owned pools starting Friday, September 18th, 2009 for a 22-week pilot period ending Sunday, February 14th, 2010;

AND THAT Transit Services provide a "two ride" pass for the pilot period, enabling participants to ride the bus home for free and return to the pool again the following week;

AND THAT the success of the program be evaluated by the Healthy Community Cabinet Research Committee to determine the merits of continuing, expanding or terminating the program after the initial pilot phase;

AND THAT the results of the evaluations be brought forward to Council for information.

CARRIED

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION #2009-31: Moved by Councillor Cimino.

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 1:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Doug Craig, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk