

# THE FORTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, July 8, 2009  
Commencement: 10:30 a.m.

## Chair

## **COUNCILLOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR**

## Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Thompson; Callaghan; Caldarelli; Gasparini; Mayor Rodriguez

## City Officials

D. Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; L. Valle, Acting General Manager of Community Development; B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; M. Leduc, Fire Chief; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; R. Swiddle, City Solicitor; R. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; G. Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official; N. Mihelchic, Manager of Operations; E. Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; L. Larose, Senior Budget Analyst; G. Forget-Rose, Community Development Co-ordinator; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; J. Cosentino, Law Student; A. Haché, City Clerk; J. Nelson, Clerks Services Co-ordinator; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

## News Media

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

## Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

## **CITIZEN DELEGATIONS**

### Item 1 Update on Downtown Village Development Corporation Project

Angela Gilmore, Project Coordinator, Downtown Village Development Corporation, and Sue Thompson, Managing Director, Downtown Village Development Corporation, made an electronic presentation to provide an update on the Downtown Village Development Corporation (DVDC) Project. She stated that the DVDC is a not-for-profit corporation incorporated in 2003 and has a volunteer Board of Directors. It establishes priority projects, creates collaborative partnerships for implementation and its overarching goals are residential and business attraction and urban intensification. She indicated that the DVDC addresses gaps in the existing delivery of services; complements the interests of Downtown Sudbury, the City of Greater Sudbury and Greater Sudbury Development

## **CITIZEN DELEGATIONS (continued)**

Item 1  
Update on Downtown  
Village Development  
Corporation Project  
(continued)

Corporation; and builds public/private partnerships to generate new revenue for downtown revitalization. She listed accomplishments including the Streetscape Design Project, the New Vision for Downtown Policy Document and the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee. She also listed current projects and initiatives including the Downtown Residential and Business Attraction Strategy, their new website and investors' package. She concluded by listing the projects to be completed in 2010 including Downtown Partners Communication Strategy, Downtown Analysis, Master Plan for Elm Street and Urban Design Guidelines.

Item 2  
Update on Telemedicine  
in the City of Greater  
Sudbury

Jennifer Michaud, Regional Director, Ontario Telemedicine Network, made an electronic presentation entitled *Connecting Patients to Care, From All Across Ontario*. She explained that Telemedicine is the delivery of clinical care to patients via two-way videoconferencing systems and tele-diagnostic instruments. She advised that the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) is a provincially funded not-for-profit organization with over 650 sites throughout Ontario used by over 1,500 family physicians and 1,000 specialists. Their vision is to become a mainstream channel for health care delivery and education and their mission is to develop and support telemedicine solutions that enhance access and quality of health care and inspire adoption by everyone. She listed OTN site locations such as hospitals, LHIN offices, community living centres and family physician centres and specific sites across Greater Sudbury. She provided statistics on how many patients are seen, types by care delivered and cost avoidance to Northern Health Travel Grant Program. She outlined the OTN support services including 24/7 help desk, training and network integration and management. She stated that referring providers, specialists and patients are surveyed yearly and provided the results of the 2008 survey. She outlined the OTN activity in Sudbury in 2008 and advised of what is being developed in North East Ontario. She concluded by stating that Telemedicine is changing the way health care and education is delivered in Ontario and should be considered as an option for constituents when accessing health care.

## **POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – DECISION REQUESTED**

Item 3  
Regulation of Trees  
Within Municipal Road  
Rights-of-Way

Report dated July 2, 2009 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding Regulation of Trees Within Municipal Road Rights-of-Way.

Nathalie Mihelchic, Manager of Operations, made an electronic presentation regarding the Tree Policy. She provided background starting with the creation of a Council Committee to

## **POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – DECISION REQUESTED (continued)**

### Item 3 Regulation of Trees Within Municipal Road Rights-of-Way (continued)

review the Tree By-law. She advised of what is involved in the maintenance of City-owned trees on road rights-of-way. She explained the provisions of the previous Tree By-law. She outlined the following provisions in the new Tree By-law:

- Two categories of trees – non-approved species and approved species;
- Removal of healthy trees of a non-approved species under certain conditions;
- Removal of healthy trees of an approved species under certain conditions by application to a Committee of Council;
- Removal of healthy trees of any species under certain conditions.

The Manager of Operations concluded by proposing that the existing by-law be modified with the following recommendations:

- Encompasses the entire City of Greater Sudbury;
- “Request for Tree Service” form;
- Healthy trees not removed unless they meet the conditions previously described;
- Requests for removal of healthy trees of the approved species to be submitted to a Committee of Council for approval;
- All trees removed will be replaced with an approved species tree. Additional funds to be taken from the Tree Reserve fund;
- Committee formed to review by-law periodically;
- Budget option for conservation efforts in the 2010 budget.

The following recommendation was presented:

### **RECOMMENDATION #2009-24: Moved by Councillor Cimino.**

THAT Council adopt the recommendations regarding regulation of trees within municipal road rights-of-way as outlined in the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated July 2, 2009;

AND THAT the necessary By-Law be prepared;

AND THAT a budget option be proposed for the 2010 Operating Budget to carry out necessary repairs that may be required to preserve the life of any tree.

**CARRIED**

It was noted that property owners will be required to apply to the Hearing Committee for removal of healthy trees of a currently approved species where not provided for in the By-law.

## **MANAGERS' REPORTS**

### **Item 4 Investment Policy**

Report dated June 16, 2009 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Investment Policy.

The following recommendation was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-25: Moved by Councillor Dupuis.**

THAT the modifications to the City of Greater Sudbury's Investment Policy as outlined in the report from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer dated June 16, 2009 be approved;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be passed.

**CARRIED**

### **Item 5 Proposed Development Charges By-law**

Report dated June 25, 2009 was received from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Proposed Development Charges By-law.

Report dated July 8, 2009 from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Development Charges Transitional Provision was distributed to Council Members at the meeting.

Development Charges Comparison Chart comparing exemption of institution properties in various Ontario municipalities was distributed to Council Members at the meeting.

Excerpt from Development Charges By-law 2004-200F (Categories of Exempt Institutions) was distributed to Council Members at the meeting.

Draft City of Greater Sudbury Development Charges Rates and Summary was distributed to Council Members at the meeting.

The following recommendations were presented:

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-26: Moved by Mayor Rodriguez.**

THAT the following categories of institutions be exempt from the payment of Development Charges: places of worship, hospitals, colleges or universities.

**DEFEATED**

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-27: Moved by Councillor Thompson.**

WHEREAS the Development Charges Act (hereinafter called "the Act") enables the Council of a municipality to pass by-laws for the imposition of development charges against land within

## **MANAGERS' REPORTS (continued)**

### **Item 5 Proposed Development Charges By-law (continued)**

the municipality for increased capital costs required because of the need for municipal services arising from development in the area to which the by-law applies;

AND WHEREAS the Council has given notice in accordance with Section 12 of the Act of its development charges proposal and held a public meeting on June 15th, 2009;

AND WHEREAS the Council has heard all persons who applied to be heard in objection to, or in support of, the development charges proposal at such public meeting, and provided for written communications to be made;

AND WHEREAS the Council has given said communications due consideration, has made any necessary revisions to the City of Greater Sudbury Development Charges Background Study as a result of those communications;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury approve the Development Charges Background Study of the City of Greater Sudbury, dated May 2009, prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd.;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be passed.

**CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-28: Moved by Councillor Callaghan.**

THAT the proposed Development Charges By-law be amended to include the transitional provision to allow for complete building permit applications received prior to July 9, 2009 to pay rates under By-law 2004-200F.

**CARRIED**

### **Adjournment**

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-29: Moved by Councillor Barbeau.**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 12:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Doug Craig, Chair

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Angie Haché, City Clerk