

**THE FORTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, June 17, 2009
Commencement: 6:00 p.m.

Chair

COUNCILLOR DOUG CRAIG (D8:10pm), 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; B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director; R. Smith, Acting Chief of Emergency Services; M. Leduc, Fire Chief; R. Thirkill, Acting Police Chief; E. Stankiewicz, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; E. Labelle, Acting City Solicitor; R. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; G. Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official; R. Hotta, Director of Pioneer Manor; H. Mulc, Manager of Business Development; P. Baskcomb, Manager of Community & Strategic Planning; J. Ferrigan, Senior Planner; B. Johns, Facilities Engineer; B. McDougall, Community Development Co-ordinator; P. Reid, Business Development Officer; K. Sheppard, Web/Marketing Assistant; B. Bigger, Auditor General; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Video-Audio Operator; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

EZ Rock; Le Voyageur; Northern Life; Persona 10 News; Sudbury Star

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest and
the General Nature
Thereof

Councillor Rivest declared an interest in Item 7 (Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law Update) as he and his family are in the top soil and landscaping business.

Opening Remarks

Councillor Dupuis thanked those in attendance from Ward 5 for participating in this meeting.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 1
Results of "Clearing the
Air: Air Quality Trends in
Sudbury 1998 – 2007"

Clearing the Air Report #2, Air Quality Trends in Sudbury 1998 to 2007 dated June 2009 was distributed to Committee Members under separate cover.

Laura Mucklow, Co-ordinator, Clean Air Sudbury, made an electronic presentation regarding Clean Air Sudbury. She stated that it is a non-profit community group focused on community air quality issues in Greater Sudbury. She listed the

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS (continued)

Item 1

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three components of air quality trends reporting: trends over time which is the first report from 1953 to 2002; comparison to ambient air quality criteria which is the subject report from 1998 to 2007; and comparison to other Ontario cities. She highlighted the key trends including air quality index which was rated very good to good 94.1% of the time, sulphur dioxide emissions which have dramatically reduced over the years, sulphur dioxide air concentrations, sulphur dioxide exceedences which have not occurred since 1976, ground level ozone, ozone exceedences, particulate matter and the metals (nickel, lead and copper) concentrations which have decreased. She concluded by outlining comparisons with other Ontario cities noting that Sudbury sits in the middle of the group as it relates to various aspects of air quality.

Item 2

The Use of Roundabouts

Lionel Rudd, C.E.T., provided a DVD on modern roundabouts. The presenter on the DVD stated that roundabouts are better for the environment, save lives, require no traffic signals or stop signs, calm traffic and reduce delays. She explained how to manoeuvre a modern roundabout. She advised that insurance companies found roundabouts at an intersection reduce accidents by 75% and fatal accidents by 90%.

Lionel Rudd stated there are two kinds of roundabouts: large roundabouts for vehicles such as transports and intersections such as Lasalle and Notre Dame; and mini roundabouts for smaller intersections. He indicated that the cost of a roundabout is a fraction of that of a signaled intersection. He advised that 'side-swiping' is almost always the only kind of accident in a roundabout. He recommends that the City begin to implement roundabouts.

Councillor Cimino advised that the Traffic Committee is working on a substantial traffic calming policy and requested consensus from the Committee to come back to the Priorities Committee with proposals and sites for roundabouts.

Item 3

Update on Junction
Creek

Franco Mariotti, Co-Chair, Junction Creek Stewardship Committee, made an electronic presentation providing an update on Junction Creek. He advised that the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee, which was formed in 1999 and incorporated in 2008, is a community based non-profit group with open membership. He outlined in detail the four goals of the Committee: restore the creek ecosystem through tree planting and creosote cleanup; co-ordinate citizen participation in cleanups and trout releases; raise public awareness through the bug search program, the friendly car wash, quarterly newsletter, brochures and media; and conduct research in water quality, benthic biomonitoring, sedimentation and salt inputs.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS (continued)

Item 3
Update on Junction
Creek (continued)

He explained the improvements in the last ten years in the increased number of species of minnows captured in various locations of the creek. He listed the recognition received by the Committee. He advised of the goals for the future and the upcoming film project. He also advised that the total funds raised in ten years is \$960,000 including funding from City of Greater Sudbury from 2006 to 2008 and requested continued funding from the City. He concluded by listing the 2008 funders.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 4
Proposed 2009 Ward 5
Capital Improvement
Projects

Robert Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation, and Brad Johns, Facilities Engineer, Water/Wastewater Services, made an electronic presentation regarding the proposed 2009 Ward 5 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Director of Roads & Transportation advised the proposed Roads and Transportation Projects in Ward 5 include road construction on MR 80 from Valleyview Road to Donaldson Crescent and MR 15 from MR 80 to Belisle Drive, surface treatment on Martin Road from Peter Street to Vern Drive. He also advised of the engineering work for intersection improvements at Lasalle Boulevard and Notre Dame Avenue and the Maley Drive Extension and Widening. He further advised of the installation of the traffic signals at MR 15 and Marie Avenue and pedestrian countdown timers and uninterruptible power supply at MR 80 and Dominion Drive. He indicated that one of the projects approved under the Infrastructure Stimulus Funding is Lasalle Boulevard from Notre Dame Avenue to Falconbridge Road. He concluded by explaining the work to be done on the Val Caron Municipal Drain.

The Facilities Engineer advised of the water projects including the distribution system program with respect to the concrete pressure pipe and the Valley System looping. With respect to wastewater, he advised the collection system program will include lift station upgrades. He also advised of plant upgrades to the Valley East Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Item 5
Ward 5 Development
Activity

H. Mulc, Manager of Business Development, made an electronic presentation regarding Ward 5 Development Activity in Val Caron, Blezard Valley, Cambrian Heights and McCrea Heights. She highlighted some of the businesses at the Valley East Industrial Park including new businesses: Coco's Towing and Talbot Automotive. She stated that there are rich and fertile agricultural lands in Blezard Valley the home of Valley Growers and Rucher Bee-Care-Full Apiary. She advised that, in 2008, there were 65 new home permits in Ward 5 with 174

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS (continued)

Item 5 Ward 5 Development Activity (continued)

renovations or additions. She stated that the rise in residential properties has created a demand for retail and other services. She advised there are a number of elementary schools in the Ward including Valley View Public School, the first green school in the area, and three secondary schools. Ward 5 is also home to Collège Boréal, one of two French language post-secondary institutions in Ontario. She indicated the college includes Le Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario and a green house for fish, wildlife and forestry projects. She advised of the recreation areas in the Ward and of the health facilities including the City of Lakes Family Health Team and the Elizabeth Centre. She listed some other notable properties including the Inco Frood-Stobie Mine, Tracks and Wheels, Aggie's Restaurant, Parthenon Restaurant and the Taxation Centre. She stated that a significant amount of road work has been done to meet the needs of the area. She concluded by stating that Ward 5 is a urban and rural part of a large city which provides country living and is rich in history.

Item 6 Pioneer Manor Update

R. Hotta, Director of Pioneer Manor, made an electronic presentation entitled *North East Centre of Excellence for Seniors' Health*, the new name of the Pioneer Manor complex. He listed the Committee of Management and stated that the centre includes Pioneer Manor Long-term Care Home, North East Specialized Geriatric Services, Sudbury/Manitoulin Alzheimer Society and City of Lakes Family Health Team. He provided facts and figures regarding Pioneer Manor including the number of beds and staff. He stated that the anticipated completion date of the 64-bed second storey Dementia Unit is the summer of 2010 at a projected cost of \$14.6 M. With respect to North East Specialized Geriatric Services which was completed on June 10, 2009, the Geriatrician, Dr. J. Clarke, has a manager and ten additional staff with the 2009 operation budget being \$850,000.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – DECISION REQUESTED

Item 7 Topsoil Removal & Site Alteration By-law Update

Report dated May 25, 2009, 2009 was received from the Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director regarding Topsoil Removal & Site Alteration By-law Update.

G. Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official, made an electronic presentation regarding the Topsoil Removal & Site Alteration By-law. He stated that topsoil is an important resource for agriculture, property development and topsoil industry. He advised of the Priorities Committee and Public Meetings held since the draft by-law was presented in January 2009. He stated that a wide range of perspectives were considered including:

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – DECISION REQUESTED (continued)

Item 7
Topsoil Removal & Site
Alteration By-law Update
(continued)

1. Topsoil is important today and in the future.
2. How was the Agricultural Reserve set?
3. Prohibit removal on all good agricultural land.
4. Recognize existing topsoil removal operations.
5. Control Plan is too prescriptive and costly.
6. Regulation will eliminate some businesses.
7. Regulation will increase topsoil costs.
8. Exempt mining activities.
9. Exempt landscaping activities.

He explained in detail that, in moving forward, there are three key elements or challenges: recognizing existing operations, creating a system to transition existing operations and applying the by-law on a go forward basis. He concluded by stating that the by-law will provide a balance solution for the topsoil industry, the agricultural community and the City of Greater Sudbury.

Change of Chair

At 8:10 p.m., Councillor Doug Craig vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR JACQUES BARBEAU, IN THE CHAIR

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION #2009-22: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume.

THAT Council prohibit new topsoil removal operations within the Agricultural Reserve, as defined in the new Official Plan;

AND THAT Council permit new topsoil removal operations in the Rural Area and Valley East Urban Expansion Reserve, as defined in the new Official Plan, subject to a Site Alteration Permit

AND THAT Council approve the definition of an “existing operation”, including the nine sites located within the Agricultural Reserve;

AND THAT Council allow stockpiles to be removed from all existing operations, subject to an Existing Operations Permit;

AND THAT Council allow five hectares of additional removal activity on all existing operations, subject to an Existing Operations Permit;

AND THAT Council approve a two-stage permit process that would give existing and new topsoil removal operations 30 days from the passage of the by-law apply for a conditional permit, and an additional 90 to 180 days, respectively, to file any necessary plans;

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – DECISION REQUESTED (continued)

Item 7
Topsoil Removal & Site
Alteration By-law Update
(continued)

AND THAT Council allow any removal activity beyond five hectares and/or exceeding five years on all existing operations, subject to a Site Alteration Permit;

AND THAT Council direct staff to finalize the draft Topsoil Removal and Site Alteration By-law for approval.

CARRIED

Councillor Rivest, having declared an interest in the foregoing matter, did not take part in the discussion, vote on any matter or try to influence the vote in respect thereof.

Closing Remarks

Councillor Dupuis thanked his colleagues for recognizing the need of the road work on MR 80 and the traffic signal at MR 15 and Marie Street. He asked the citizens to be patient with the traffic delays a little longer as the road work will be finished soon. He recognized that the citizens were inconvenience for five years but stated that they will now have a new road that is much safer and will have no potholes for a number of years. He is also pleased with the number of kilometres of sidewalk done on MR 80 and MR 15 providing safe pedestrian access. He thanked everyone for their participation in the Ward 5.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION #2009-23: Moved by Councillor Dupuis.

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Jacques Barbeau, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk