

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

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Commencement: 6:00 p.m.

Chair

COUNCILLOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino (D7:13pm); Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A6:24pm); Callaghan (A6:05pm); Caldarelli; Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez (D7:13pm)

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; J. Nicholls, Acting Chief of Emergency Services; M. Leduc, Fire Chief; R. Thirkill, Acting Police Chief; P. Buchanan, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; R. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; C. Dent, Manager of Recreation; B. Walicki, Co-ordinator of Community Initiatives; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; G. Forget-Rose, Community Development Co-ordinator; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Video-Audio Operator; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

105.3 EZ Rock; Northern Life; EastLink News; Sudbury Star

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest and
the General Nature
Thereof

None declared.

Opening Remarks

Councillor Rivest welcomed approximately 15 people to the Ward 6 Community Priorities meeting. He showed the boundaries of Ward 6 and provided some information on the Ward. He spoke on the proposed Barrydowne Extension and reviewed a map showing the Extension.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 1
Valley East Community
Action Network

Denis St. Pierre, Co-Chair, Valley East Community Action Network (VECAN) made an electronic presentation regarding the VECAN. He advised that the VECAN encompasses two Wards and is one of the largest geographical areas in the City with a population in excess of 30,000 residents with diverse demographics. He indicated that the VECAN consists of a steering committee of ten community members and a number of sub-committees, namely Valley East Days, Kids and Cops Program, Racing Against Drugs, Valley East Trails, Seniors and Intra-Valley Transit. He outlined in detail the work done by each

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS (continued)

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of the sub-committees. He listed other the VECAN activities including developing a Fall 2009 Newsletter, redesigning the VECAN web page, providing on-going support to the Valley East Youth Centre, organizing a Community Safety Forum and introducing the Citizens on Patrol Program (COP) in Valley East. He explained their long terms goals which include developing a Peace Park to honour veterans and fallen police officers, fire fighters and EMS personnel; working with Police Services to help Greater Sudbury obtain a listing in Maclean Magazine's Top Ten Safest Communities in Canada; developing a working rapport with local business to encourage their participation in community affairs; and identifying and promoting local heritage sites.

Item 2
Smart Growth

Naomi Grant, Chair, and Lilly Noble, Communications, Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury, made an electronic presentation regarding the Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury and Smart Growth.

Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury Accompanying Written Report dated May 20, 2009 was distributed to Council Members at the meeting.

Lilly Noble indicated that the Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury is a grassroots network of citizen groups and individuals who share a vision of Greater Sudbury as a green, healthy and engaged community and provided a list of those involved. She stated that the Coalition is working towards environmental, social and economic sustainability in the City through a Smart Growth model. She further stated that the City has a strong vision as a green, healthy and engaged community which is expressed in the Official Plan, the Healthy Community Strategy, the EarthCare Sudbury declaration and other guiding documents. She advised that Smart Growth protects green space, farmland and ecologically sensitive areas; increases green infrastructure and stormwater management; engages citizens in their community; creates vibrant, complete, walkable communities, affordable housing; and provides a range of transportation options. She provided the Pembina Institutes, 2007 Community Sustainability Index Rank, with Greater Sudbury being #27 and the Smart Growth Index Rank with Greater Sudbury being #35.

Naomi Grant advised that Greater Sudbury has come a long way but needs to go further and explained the two tools to make in happen. She explained in detail Tool #1 which is accessing and implementing land-use planning tools that best support sustainability and Smart Growth and Tool #2 which is an integrated community sustainability plan and outlined the

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS (continued)

Item 2 Smart Growth (continued)

benefits. She listed the reasons it should be done now and concluded by recommending that an Advisory Panel be created regarding Smart Growth or that it become part of the Healthy Community Cabinet.

The Committee discussed referring this matter to staff to review the materials and provide recommendations on the best possible way to proceed.

The Chief Administrative Officer indicated that staff would review the matter and provide recommendations within the next couple of months.

Item 3 Conservation Programs Offered by Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.

Paula Tarini, Supervisor of Conservation, Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc., made an electronic presentation entitled 'Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. Conservation and Demand Management Programs'. She outlined Ontario's electricity supply and stated that conservation is necessary as coal facilities are to be phased out by December 31, 2014, many existing facilities are reaching the end of their operating lives and if no new facilities are built, there will be a huge gap between available and required capacity by 2025. She outlined in detail the four programs exclusive to Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. being Electric Thermal Storage Heating Program, Parking Lot Controller Program, Vending Machine Power Controllers Program and LED Traffic Light Conversion Program. She also explained the conservation programs with Ontario Power Authority being Demand Response (Peaksaver™) Program, Refrigerator Roundup, Power Saving Blitz and the Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program. She concluded by advising where to obtain additional information.

Item 4 Pond Hockey Festival on the Rock Update

Jeff Perry, Committee Chair, Pond Hockey Festival on the Rock Organizing Committee, made an electronic presentation what took place at the Pond Hockey Festival on the Rock. He listed some of the key sponsors, thanked the Councillors who donated to the event and thanked all the volunteers who helped with the event. He advised that they expected 50 teams but 73 teams applied and 120 teams are expected next year. He stated this is a 'festival type' event and they expect to add several other events next year. He concluded by advising that a cheque for \$25,000 was delivered to the Northern Water Sports Centre from monies raised by the event which exceeded expectations. He stated they hope to lever on this year's success to make future events even better and are looking to Council for their support in any way.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 5 Proposed 2009 Ward 6 Capital Improvement Projects

Robert Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation, and Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services, made an electronic presentation regarding the proposed 2009 Ward 6 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Director of Roads & Transportation advised the proposed Roads and Transportation Projects in Ward 6 include the bridge rehabilitation on Desmarais Road crossing Vermillion River, the resurfacing of Dugas Street from MR 80 to East Street and surface treatment on Notre Dame Avenue from Bodson Drive to Dominion Drive. He also advised of the drainage projects on the Tributary 9 (Rivest) Drain and the Whitson/Paquette Drain. He further advised of the engineering work on the Barrydowne Road Route Planning Study and the four-laning of MR 80 from Frost Avenue to Glenn Street.

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services advised of the water projects including distribution system project with respect to the Valley System looping and plant upgrades to Valley Wells. With respect to wastewater, he advised the collection system program will include lift station upgrades and assessment programs as part of asset management. He also advised of plant upgrades to the Valley East Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant and biosolids treatment.

Item 6 Proposed Development by Corporation Développement Communautaire

Bill Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director, made an electronic presentation regarding the proposed 55-unit seniors' housing project by Corporation développement communautaire in Hanmer Town Centre. This development is at the site of the former Hanmer Hotel at the corner of MR 80 and Notre Dame Avenue. He showed architectural renderings of the proposed complex. He stated this development will provide for much needed seniors' accommodations in the area and will significantly improve the centre of a community.

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 7 Feel Free to Feel Fit / À votre santé, sans rien dépenser!

Report dated April 2, 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:

Moved by Councillor Rivest.

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury through the Community Development Department has funding available to offer free swimming once a week at five municipally owned pools for a pilot period;

MANAGERS' REPORTS (continued)

Item 7

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

AND WHEREAS this initiative is in keeping with the goals of the Healthy Community Strategy (Active Living/ Healthy Lifestyle), the Human Services Strategy (Social Inclusion), the Community Strategy to Reduce Poverty (Determinants of Health), and the Children First Charter (Quality of Life);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a "Feel Free to Feel Fit/ À votre santé, sans rien dépenser!" five month pilot project, offering free weekly swimming at Dow Pool, Onaping Pool, Nickel District Pool, Gatchell Pool and the Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre be implemented starting Friday June 19th, 2009 for a 23-week pilot period ending Sunday November 22nd, 2009;

AND THAT the success of the program be evaluated to determine the merits of continuing, expanding or terminating the program after the initial pilot phase.

The Committee agreed to refer this matter back to staff review a fall start date and the possibility of partnering with Transit Services.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

Open Concrete Ditch
Sections, Raymond
Street and Jeanne d'Arc
Street

Councillor Rivest submitted a petition to the City Clerk signed by fourteen residents of Raymond Street and Jeanne d'Arc Street which will be forwarded to the General Manager of Infrastructure Services. The petition is requesting that the open concrete box ditch sections at the back of their properties be covered with precast concrete caps and that the caps be backfilled and the affected areas landscaped.

COMMUNITY INPUT FOR WARD 6

Richard Godin

Richard Godin thanked Councillor Rivest for submitting the petition. He stated that there are eight households affected and they understand the tributary is to prevent flooding. They also understand that an earth ditch would have been larger and the concrete ditch was the only solution. He indicated that the residents are concerned about the safety hazard caused by this structure as children play in the concrete ditch. He stated the concrete structure was not installed as per the plans. He advised the residents are requesting that a temporary fence to erected to minimize risk, that the City move quickly to purchase property for the easements from the residents and that the City cover the sections with precast concrete caps. He considers covering the ditch the only permanent solution.

COMMUNITY INPUT FOR WARD 6 (continued)

Richard Godin
(continued)

The General Manager of Infrastructure Services stated that staff is meeting with the residents and Councillor Rivest on May 21, 2009 and is confident that they will reach a solution.

Closing Remarks

Councillor Rivest provided some information on future projects in Ward 6. He thanked Council for the \$125,000 budgeted for the environmental assessment for the Barrydowne Extension and hopes that it will be looked at for 2012 rather than 2013. With respect to the Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre (HARC), he stated it is doing well and they are in the planning stages of having some type of shovel ready project for the building to apply for government recreation programs. He stated that work has to be done on the outside of the building and the weight room needs to be expanded. He stated it is the best revenue maker in Sudbury and expect to break even this year or next. He also stated, as mentioned by VECAN, they are looking for a passive park next to the parking lot with the concurrence of the public. He would like some type of pavilion structure with washroom facilities for the users of the soccer fields. He stated that the location of the soccer fields at the HARC, which is the former Valley East town centre, has been deemed the hub for soccer in Greater Sudbury. He apologized for not mentioning the Nature's Haven development in Ward 6 which is a \$100 M project and includes a seniors' complex. He thanked those in attendance and those who 'tuned in'.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION #2009-21: Moved by Councillor Rivest.

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Doug Craig Barbeau, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk