

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

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, April 22, 2009
Commencement: 6:00 p.m.

Chair

COUNCILLOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Callaghan; Gasparini; Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

D. Nadorozny, Acting, 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; B. Battison, Acting Fire Chief; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; E. Labelle, Assistant City Solicitor; R. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; R. Carré, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services; D. Braney, Director of Asset Services; R. Henderson, Director of Citizen Services; E. Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; P. Baskcomb, Manager of Community & Strategic Planning; C. Gore, Manager of Volunteerism & Community Development; D. Dumontelle, Manager of Financial Support and Budgeting; E. Bennett, Manager of Communications & French Language Services; R. Blackwell, Co-ordinator of Quality Assurance & Performance Measurement; L. Larose, Senior Budget Analyst; W. Mannerow, Water/Wastewater Engineer; B. Johns, Water/Wastewater Engineer; D. Shelsted, Roads Engineer; J. Pafford, Community Development Coordinator; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; L. Oldridge, Acting City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Audio-Visual Operator; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

CIGM; KICX, 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 6 (Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law Update) as he and his family are in the top soil and landscaping business.

Rules of Procedure

The Committee, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure, to alter the order of the Agenda and deal with Item 6 (Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law Up-date).

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – DECISION REQUESTED

Item 6 Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law Up-date

Report dated April 3, 2009 was received from the Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director regarding Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law Up-date.

Letter dated April 22, 2009 from Mike Soenens, Chair, Agriculture and Top Soil Advisory Panel regarding the draft top soil removal and site alteration by-law was distributed to Committee Members.

The Committee agreed to Councillor Berthiaume's request to defer Item 6 (Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law Update) to provide an opportunity for producers to review the draft by-law with staff and to hold a public meeting.

Opening Remarks

Councillor Claude Berthiaume welcomed the approximate fifteen people to the Ward 3 Community Priorities meeting. He stated Ward 3 is along the Highway 144 corridor and consists of five communities – Levack, Onaping, Dowling, Chelmsford and Vermilion Lake. He stated they have very active citizens in Ward 3 and listed projects currently being undertaken including ice rink in Levack, the splash park in Cote Park, the passive park at the corner of Main and Errington Streets and an apartment building in Dowling. He stated there is a lot of economic growth in the Ward.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 1 Rayside Balfour Youth Action Network

Patty Taylor, President, Rayside Balfour Youth Action Network, and Cathy Castanza, Board Member, Rayside Balfour Youth Action Network, made an electronic presentation entitled "Empowering Youth".

Patty Taylor advised of the challenges facing youth today and the changes from the 50's and 60's. She outlined adolescent development, trends and statistics and the risk continuum. She explained the barriers to participation that youth face. She stated that the mission statement of the Youth Action Network is that they are "dedicated to empowering a youth agenda that will ultimately improve the quality of life for the Youth of Rayside-Balfour". She listed what the youth want and their major goals and how the Centre meets their needs. She provided information on the operations of the Centre, the programs and services and community partnerships. She advised that the Supervisor in Training Program is in development. She stated that the Network's goal is to keep young people from spending their leisure time on the streets.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS (continued)

Item 2 Onaping Falls Community Action Network

Lorne Taylor, Co-Chair, Onaping Falls Community Action Network, and Mike Taylor, Onaping Falls Community Action, made an electronic presentation regarding the Onaping Falls Community Action Network (CAN).

Lorne Taylor advised that the Onaping Falls CAN is one of two CANs in Ward 3. He stated it is in many ways the most beautiful area in the City of Greater Sudbury and highlighted some specific sites. He outlined his concerns regarding the lack of signage in the Ward. He advised they produce three newsletters a year and have produced four YouTube promotions for the community. He advised of the community cleanup work and fundraising. He stated his concerns that the I. J. Coady Memorial Arena in Levack is not used as a skateboard park in the summer, the ATV by-law is not localized, the lack of lighting and landscaping of the connecting pathway between Levack and Onaping.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 3 Proposed 2009 Ward 3 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 3 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Director of Roads & Transportation advised the proposed Roads and Transportation Projects in Ward 3 include the resurfacing of Gerard Street from Arlington Drive to Highway 144 and major culvert work on Municipal Road 8 and Gordon Lake Road. He also advised of the drainage projects on the Lavallee Drain and the Joannette Drain.

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services outlined the plant upgrades, with respect to water, to Levack/Onaping Water Supply, Dowling Wells and Chelmsford Tank. With respect to wastewater, he advised the collection system program will include improvements to the Main Street and Belanger lift stations. He also advised of plant upgrades to the Chelmsford and Dowling Water/Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Item 4 Development Charges – 2009 Background Study

The BMA Municipal Study 2008 – Development Charges was distributed to Committee Members.

John Hughes, Hemson Consulting, made an electronic presentation regarding 2009 Development Charges Background Study. He stated that development charges are fees levied against new development to pay for the capital costs of servicing growth. He explained the elements of the Development Charges process, by-law timeframes under the

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS (continued)

Item 4

Development Charges –
2009 Background Study
(continued)

Development Charges Act and growth forecast growth-related capital costs. He listed costs that are 100% recoverable, costs that are partially recoverable and services that are excluded. He further outlined service levels and maximum funding envelopes. He explained growth-related capital projects, general service projects and engineered services projects. He advised of new policies that could be considered. He indicated that Sudbury's current Development Charges rate is comparatively low to that of other municipalities. He concluded by outlining the next steps including calculation of charges, Council review and input, stakeholders consultation and public meeting; ending with the passage of a new by-law.

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 5

Infrastructure Stimulus
Fund Application

Report dated April 20, 2009 was received under separate cover from the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer regarding Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Application.

Appendix C – Shovel Ready Projects was distributed to Committee Members.

Doug Nadorozny, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, made an electronic presentation regarding the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund – May 1, 2009 Application Intake.

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer outlined the basics of the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund stating that the deadline is May 1, 2009, it is a web-based application form and there are no limits to the number of applications submitted. The criteria are that the projects be 'shovel ready', incremental, completed by March 2011, fit the definition of 'eligible' projects and funded one-third by the municipality. He outlined the decision process and advised that decisions are expected by the end of May. He indicated no other funding programs will be dealt with tonight. He discussed the financing of the City's portion of the cost of the projects and future opportunities.

Proceed Past
9:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION #2009-17: Moved by Councillor Rivest.

THAT we proceed past the hour of 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Item 5

Infrastructure Stimulus
Fund Application
(continued)

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer outlined the strategy for this meeting and outlined the total project summary. He concluded this portion of the presentation by explaining the proposed decision making process.

MANAGERS' REPORTS (continued)

Change of Chair

At 9:22 p.m., Chair Doug Craig vacated the chair.

VICE-CHAIR JACQUES BARBEAU, IN THE CHAIR

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer explained why certain projects were not on the list including 'bundled' projects and projects that could be funded under other programs.

Change of Chair

At 9:28 p.m., Vice-Chair Jacques Barbeau vacated the chair.

CHAIR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR

Proceed Past 10:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION #2009-18: Moved by Councillor Cimino.

THAT we proceed past the hour of 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Item 5 Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Application (continued)

The Committee reviewed Appendixes A, B and C and, after discussion and by show of hands, agreed that the following is the list of Shovel Ready Infrastructure Projects to be submitted under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund:

- MR 86 (Falconbridge Highway) Rehabilitation Project
- MR 55 (Old Highway 17/Lorne/Douglas/Brady/Kingsway) Rehabilitation Project
- MR 80 (Paris/Notre Dame) Rehabilitation Project
- MR 71 (LaSalle Boulevard.) Rehabilitation Project
- MR 15 Rehabilitation Project
- Bell Park/Grace Hartman Amphitheatre & Park Entrance Upgrades

RECOMMENDATION #2009-19: Moved by Councillor Cimino.

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has a significant Infrastructure funding shortfall of approximately \$500 million over the next 10 years;

WHEREAS the 2009 Federal Budget has announced opportunities for infrastructure funding for municipal assets;

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has already identified in excess of \$200 million capital infrastructure projects that can be constructed within the next one to two years;

MANAGERS' REPORTS (continued)

Item 5
Infrastructure Stimulus
Fund Application
(continued)

WHEREAS these local projects if funded by the three levels of government, would require Canadian materials and labour, thus being an effective economic stimulus tool;

WHEREAS infrastructure investments would generate new jobs and spin off benefits which would greatly benefit the local and Canadian economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the list of Shovel Ready Infrastructure Projects and that staff be directed to complete the required Infrastructure Stimulus Fund applications, with a copy to the local MPPs.

CARRIED

See Shovel Ready Infrastructure Projects approved by the Committee on Page 5.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – DECISION REQUESTED

Item 6
Top soil Removal & Site
Alteration By-law Up-date

See pages 1 and 2.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION #2009-20: Moved by Councillor Dupuis.

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 10:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Doug Craig, Chair

Lisa Oldridge, Acting City Clerk