

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

Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, March 4, 2009  
Commencement: 6:04 p.m.

Chair

**COUNCILLOR BARBEAU, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Cimino; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest;  
Caldarelli; Landry-Altmann

City Officials

D. Nadorozny, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; K. Shaw, Acting General Manager of Infrastructure Services; R. Carré, 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; D. Dumontelle, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; E. Labelle, Acting City Solicitor; R. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; G. Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official; J. Ferrigan, Senior Planner; D. Shelsted, Roads Engineer; J. Canapini, Co-ordinator of Strategic Initiatives and Policies; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Mail Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

CIGM; KICX; Northern Life; Persona 10 News; Sudbury Star

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest and  
the General Nature  
Thereof

Councillor Rivest declared an interest in Item 5 (Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law) as he and his family are in the sand, gravel and landscaping business.

Opening Remarks

Councillor Jacques Barbeau stated that Ward 2 covers a large geographical area with 800 kilometres of road. It is many different communities within a community and each being diverse and rich in culture. He advised that the Beaver Lake group is very active and has created its own sub-CAN. He stated that the Ward has two very strong, efficient and well-engaged CANS. He advised that Joanne Renzoni, Chair of the Copper Cliff CAN, was unable to attend and listed events and projects they have undertaken including the annual Christmas Party, town garage sale, teen dances, spring clean-up and 'Welcome to Copper Cliff' sign. He welcomed approximately thirteen people in attendance at the Priorities Committee Ward 2 Community meeting.

## **CITIZEN DELEGATIONS**

### **Item 1**

#### **Walden Community Action Network (CAN) Update**

Neeltje Van Roon, Vice-Chair, Walden CAN, provided a verbal update on the Walden CAN since they last presented to the Priorities Committee in May 2007. She stated they are a group of community volunteers who agree on the importance of working together towards sustaining Walden as a Healthy Community. She listed the CAN's 2007 – 2008 achievements including the establishment of an Education Task Force, the Walden COP Program, the expansion and development of their Communication Tools. She stated they responded to numerous requests for action from residents in Walden including litter on Main Street Business Block and Lively business centres, noise, etc. at Long Lake Boat Launch/Park and continued problems at the Lively Citizen Centre/Walden Seniors end of the building. She indicated that the priorities of the CAN for 2008 – 2009 are the Walden CAN Community Conference, a Walden Community Directory and a Walden Youth for Youth Centre

### **Item 2**

#### **Challenges of Aging**

Report and Recommendations was received from Friendly to Seniors Group regarding Greater Sudbury Challenges of Aging.

John Lindsay, Chair, Friendly to Seniors Group, provided background on the *Challenges of Aging* report which was funded through Human Resources and Social Development Canada to determine areas of concern and possible solutions. He stated it is the voice of seniors (55 to 95 years of age) in Greater Sudbury and area who contributed to the project through an extensive telephone survey, focus groups and public meetings and presentations. He stated that some of the recommendations in the report are not expensive and are common sense. He outlined some concerns and recommendations. He advised that only five per cent of seniors use public transit and one recommendation is that free transit be provided to anyone 50 or 55 and over between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. when buses are not full. He also mentioned membership sharing between recreational centres and roads and sidewalk safety. Another concern is housing. He stated that seniors want smaller living units preferably with no stairs. Another concern is that seniors, especially shut-ins, do not have access to information and are suggesting enhanced seniors' telephone line and enhanced *Leisure Guide* to include more civic information, more tourist information and more arts information.

## **COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS**

### **Item 3**

#### **Proposed 2009 Ward 2 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 2 Capital Improvement Projects.

## **COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS (continued)**

### **Item 3 Proposed 2009 Ward 2 Capital Improvement Projects (continued)**

The Director of Roads & Transportation advised the proposed Roads and Transportation Projects in Ward 2 include road rehabilitation on M.R. 55 north-east of Magil Street to the Interchange, traffic signals at Magil Street and M.R. 55, resurfacing of Old Soo Road and surface treatment of Finnwoods Road, various locations on M.R. 3 and M.R. 4 west of Crean Hill Road. He also advised of major culvert work on Graham Road, Sixth Avenue and perhaps C. Johnson Road in conjunction with Vale Inco.

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services outlined the distribution system projects with respect to water including M.R. 55 water main crossing at Duhamel Road and the leak detection and water efficiency programs. He advised of the plant upgrades including Whitefish Re-chlorination Station and Walden Tank Rehabilitation. With respect to wastewater, he advised of the collection system programs will be piping and structure condition assessment, the Lively/Walden Plan Environmental Assessment Study, Walden Plan upgrades and biosolids treatment.

### **Item 4 Road Budget Allocation Procedure**

Report dated February 26, 2009 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding Road Budget Allocation Procedure.

Robert Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation, made an electronic presentation regarding Road Budget Allocations Procedure. He outlined the funding guidelines presently used which were established by a previous Council to ensure there would be funding available for all categories. He provided the 2009 Capital Budget Allocation which was prepared following the guidelines. He indicated staff developed the Overall Condition Index (OCI) criteria in order to prioritize projects within each category.

The Committee directed staff to incorporate into the criteria input from Members of Council on prioritizing local road projects.

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

### **Item 5 Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law**

Councillor Rivest, having declared an interest in the foregoing matter, departed the meeting at 7:22 p.m., did not take part in the discussion, vote on any matter or try to influence the vote in respect thereof.

Report dated February 23 2009 was received from the Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director regarding Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law.

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

### **Item 5 Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law (continued)**

Guido Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official, made an electronic presentation regarding the Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law. He explained the impacting parameters of the new by-law including the new *2001 Municipal Act*, the new Official Plan, the reduction of Agricultural Reserve, the Provincial mandate to retain and protect prime agricultural land and citizen complaints and input. He detailed the structure of the draft by-law including moratorium on top soil removal in the new Agricultural Reserve, permits, Control Plan, protection of surrounding environment and Rehabilitation Plan. He provided the results of the public meeting held on February 10, 2009 and attended by approximately 35 to 40 people. He outlined the proposed modifications to the draft by-law. He explain the two recommendations being presented and concluding by stating that the next steps include the continuation of consultations, presentation of the revised by-law to the Priorities Committee on April 22, 2009 and the final proclamation of the by-law by Council on April 29, 2009.

The following recommendations were presented:

#### **RECOMMENDATION #2009-12: Moved by Councillor Cimino.**

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury maintain prohibition of removal of top soil within the Agricultural Reserve outlined in the draft Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law presented on January 21, 2009.

**CARRIED**

#### **RECOMMENDATION #2009-13: Moved by Councillor Caldarelli**

THAT provision be developed within the draft by-law which would allow the City of Greater Sudbury to "grandfather" existing top soil stock piles in the Agricultural Reserve which were established prior to January 1, 2009.

**CARRIED**

The Committee agreed that a report with additional recommendations about "grandfathering" existing operations be prepared for the Priorities Committee meeting April 22, 2009.

At 8:12 p.m., Councillor Rivest returned to the meeting.

### **Item 6 Shoreline Water Safety and Rescue**

Report dated February 25, 2009 was received from the Executive Director, Administrative Services regarding Shoreline Water Safety and Rescue.

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

Item 6  
Shoreline Water Safety  
and Rescue (continued)

The following recommendation was presented:

**Moved by Councillor Rivest.**

THAT Priorities Committee thank the members of the Junction Creek Safety Committee for their diligence and hard work in bringing the issue of shoreline safety to their attention and making recommendations which are the foundation for a city-wide shoreline safety and rescue program;

AND THAT the Priorities Committee recommend to Council that the City of Greater Sudbury establish an education and awareness campaign for shoreline and swift-water safety and a swift-water rescue training program as the first priorities for action in accordance with the recommendations set out in the report from the Executive Director, Administrative Services dated February 25, 2009;

AND THAT the \$110,000 in one-time funding for implementation of safety and public education for creeks and water bodies be allocated as described in the said report;

AND THAT staff be directed to implement the said report and to keep Council apprised of the status of that implementation.

Amendment

The following amendment to the motion was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-14: Moved by Councillor Landry-Altmann.**

THAT Councillors Joscelyne Landry-Altmann and Joe Cimino continue their involvement with this project along with the assigned staff member.

**CARRIED**

Main Motion  
(as amended)

The main motion was presented as amended:

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-15: Moved by Councillor Rivest.**

THAT Priorities Committee thank the members of the Junction Creek Safety Committee for their diligence and hard work in bringing the issue of shoreline safety to their attention and making recommendations which are the foundation for a city-wide shoreline safety and rescue program;

AND THAT the Priorities Committee recommend to Council that the City of Greater Sudbury establish an education and awareness campaign for shoreline and swift-water safety and a

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

Item 6  
Shoreline Water Safety  
and Rescue (continued)

swift-water rescue training program as the first priorities for action in accordance with the recommendations set out in the report from the Executive Director, Administrative Services dated February 25, 2009;

AND THAT the \$110,000 in one-time funding for implementation of safety and public education for creeks and water bodies be allocated as described in the said report;

AND THAT staff be directed to implement the said report and to keep Council apprised of the status of that implementation.

AND THAT Councillors Joscelyne Landry-Altmann and Joe Cimino continue their involvement with this project along with the assigned staff member.

**CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Constellation City Report  
– Workplan Update

Report dated February 24, 2009 was received from the Executive Director, Administrative Services regarding Constellation City Report – Workplan Update for information.

Closing Remarks

Councillor Barbeau thanked the volunteers in Ward 2 stating that without team work things would not happen.

Adjournment

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-16: Moved by Councillor Rivest.**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:32 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Jacques Barbeau, Chair

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Angie Haché, City Clerk