

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

Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, February 18, 2009  
Commencement: 6:02 p.m.

Chair

**COUNCILLOR CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson; Callaghan; Caldarelli; Gasparini (A6:03pm, D7:15pm); 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; J. Nicholls, Acting Chief of Emergency Services; P. Buchanan, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; R. Swiddle, City Solicitor; R. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; K. Shaw, Director of Engineering Services; S. Monet, Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives; C. Gore, Manager of Volunteerism & Community Development; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; B. Johns, Water/Wastewater Engineer; G. Prieur, Continuous Improvement Program Facilitator; J. Pafford, Community Development Coordinator; C. Briscoe, Community Development Co-ordinator; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Mail Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

Others

P. Sajatovic, Director of Corporate & Watershed Management, Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA); N. Gara-Boivin, Communications Specialist, Drinking Water Source Protection Program, NDCA

News Media

Big Daddy, CIGM; KICX, Le Voyageur; Northern Life; Persona 10 News; Sudbury Star

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Opening Remarks

Councillor Doug Craig welcomed the approximate 90 people in attendance to the Priorities Committee Ward 9 Community meeting. He stated that Ward 9 covers a large geographical area and listed the various communities of the ward. He indicated he is pleased to have represented this part of the City for the past fifteen years.

## **CITIZEN DELEGATIONS**

### **Item 1**

#### **Blue-Green Algae**

##### **Friends of McFarlane Lake Stewardship Group**

David Young, Member of the Steering Committee, Friends of McFarlane Lake Stewardship Group, made an electronic presentation entitled "Blue-Green Algae: Presenting an Action Plan to Preserve McFarlane Lake". He stated that the Ministry of the Environment identified blue-green algae blooms in McFarlane Lake in October of 2008 at which time a health advisory was issued. He indicated a public information meeting was attended by 150 people. He outlined in detail their action plan:

1. McFarlane Lake to be categorized as a unique 'study lake';
2. Non-use of cosmetic fertilizers for law care;
3. Septic system testing, maintenance and inspection;
4. Assertive shoreline education visitations and stronger Advisory Panel leadership;
5. More effective inclusion of private water intake from lakes under Clean Water Protection Act.

##### **Laurentian University**

Charles Ramcharan, Department of Biology and Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit, Laurentian University, made an electronic presentation entitled "Controlling Blooms of Blue-Green Algae". He stated that blue-green algae are a type of bacteria dating back 3.5 billion years and provide oxygen, a radiation shield up in space and all the nitrogen for plant growth. They have evolved toxins for defense against predators which toxins can be harmful to wildlife, livestock and people. He stated that algae blooms increase as nutrient levels increase. He outlined where nutrients come from and how their levels can be kept low and what conditions promote blooms.

##### **Sudbury and District Health Unit**

Ed Gardner and Al MacDougall, Environmental Health Division, Sudbury and District Health Unit made an electronic presentation entitled "Blue-Green Algae in Sudbury and Districts".

Al MacDougall explained blue-green algae and algae bloom-scum. He outlined the roles of the Ministry of the Environment and the Health Unit and the Health Unit's recommendations in the event of algae blooms. He advised of three exposure routes: drinking water, fish consumption and recreational exposure.

## **CITIZEN DELEGATIONS (continued)**

Item 1  
Blue-Green Algae  
(continued)

Sudbury and District  
Health Unit  
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Ed Gardner stated that their precautionary principle is captured in cautionary expressions such as 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.' and 'Look before you leap'. He explained the different types of cyanotoxins and their symptoms. He stated that blue-green algae are found worldwide and throughout Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts in Chapleau, Manitoulin Island, Sudbury East and City of Greater Sudbury. He advised that the Sudbury and District Health Unit issued two advisories on blue-green algae in 2006 and thirteen in 2008.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

The Committee agreed to deal with a presentation by Natalie Corsi at this time.

Natalie Corsi

Natalie Corsi, Ward 9 resident, advised that notwithstanding the physician recruitment program, Coniston has been unable to attract a doctor. She indicated there are many elderly people in the area who are unable to travel to obtain care. She stated there is a medical clinic presently available for two doctors. She advised a petition is now being circulated regarding this matter and, on behalf of all residents, urged Council to give the matter the urgent attention it deserves.

Change of Chair

At 7:15 p.m., Councillor Doug Craig vacated the chair.

## **COUNCILLOR JACQUES BARBEAU, IN THE CHAIR**

## **COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS**

Item 2  
Proposed 2009 Ward 9  
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 9 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Director of Roads & Transportation advised the proposed Roads and Transportation Projects in Ward 9 include the road and drainage projects on Long Lake Road – East side Urbanization and Rockwood Trunk Outlet Storm Sewer and surface treatment on Silver Lake Road and Treeview Road. He also advised of the detailed engineering for the Allan Street Bridge and major culvert work on CKSO Road, Long Lake Road, Mill Road in Wahnapiatae, Jumbo Road in Wanup and Norma Avenue.

Change of Chair

At 7:15 p.m., Councillor Jacques Barbeau vacated the chair.

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

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

### **Item 2 Proposed 2009 Ward 9 Capital Improvement Projects (continued)**

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services outlined the water distribution system projects for Ward 9 including the alternate trunk watermain design at the Wanapitei Water Treatment Plant, the watermain replacement on East Street in Coniston and the condition assessment for the Wanapitei Trunk watermain as well as the plant upgrades to the Wanapitei Water Treatment Plant. With respect to wastewater, he explained the collection system projects including the Rock Tunnel and the Lo-Ellen Park Inflow and Infiltration Study as well as plant upgrades to lift station, Wahnapiatae Lagoon and biosolids treatment.

### **Item 3 Biosolids Master Plan Update**

Report dated February 3, 2009 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding Biosolids Master Plan Update.

Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services made an electronic presentation to provide an update on the progress towards the development of the long term sustainable disposal solution for solids generated as a by-product from the City's wastewater treatment facilities. He indicated that Waste Activated Sludge is produced as a solids by-product of the treatment processes at nine City of Greater Sudbury wastewater treatment facilities and nearby wastewater facilities such as the Vale INCO Copper Cliff Wastewater Plant, Espanola Wastewater Plant and Blind River Wastewater Plant use the same disposal location. He stated that, for many years, the preferred method for sewage sludge disposal was to thicken the sludge and incorporate it into the tailings disposal operation at Vale INCO in the Lively area. The 2005 and 2007 odour episodes made it apparent that this legacy disposal solution was no longer acceptable. A Biosolids Master Plan Environmental Assessment Study was carried out to look for technologies which are capable of producing a 'beneficial use' end product and available technologies were reviewed using key evaluation criteria. He outlined the Study's key recommendations. He advised the Notice of Completion was posted February 11, 2009 with a 30-day period for written comments or concerns. He provided a schematic diagram of the existing process and new components and major process items needed to move to biosolids treatment. He stated that preliminary numbers for the new components range to approximately \$40 M. He indicated they will determine if this project qualifies for federal or provincial funding programs. This new facility may produce a beneficial use end product that has a potential market value and may provide an opportunity for the City to explore alternative construction and financing models that make use of private sector partners. They will also explore the advantages in using the Design – Build – Operate (DBO) model. He advised the next steps are to hire a project technical consultant and a

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

Item 3 Biosolids Master Plan <u>Update</u> (continued)	project financial consultant and to convene a Technical Steering Committee. After that, the final selection of solution treatment technology will commence, Council's authorization to proceed will be sought and a project execution plan and final detailed schedule will be developed.
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## **POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION**

Item 4 All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Advisory Panel Community Consultation <u>Process</u>	Report dated December 11, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Community Development regarding All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Advisory Panel Community Consultation Process.
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David Bolton, Chair, ATV Advisory Panel made an electronic presentation regarding their community consultation process. He advised that the Priorities Committee, in August of 2007 recommended the creation of an ATV Advisory Panel to review a potential all terrain vehicle by-law for the City of Greater Sudbury through public meetings and report key findings and recommendations back to City Council. He listed the panel members. He provided the location, date and attendance of the seven community meetings. They also met with the following stakeholders: Sudbury Trail Plan, Rainbow Routes Association, Community Action Networks and Sudbury Tourism Partners. He provided a community meeting overview and the highlights of a questionnaire completed by 272 respondents. He advised the main issues identified were: speed of ATVs using roads, noise of ATVs; drivers without proper license or insurance and unauthorized use of private land. He listed the elements of an ATV by-law including time of day and time of year ATVs can legally ride along municipal roads and where ATVs are prohibited. He provided a case for an ATV by-law including the Constellation City Report calling for the development of a by-law and the amount of monies spent on ATVs. He advised of the Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle Clubs (OFATV) developments including a reciprocation agreement with the Province of Quebec's ATV Federation (FQCQ) for access to all FQCQ trails by OFATV members with valid permits. He concluded by stating that the next step is to work with City staff, the Greater Sudbury Police Services and other key stakeholders to draft an ATV by-law to be brought to City Council for review and consideration.

The following recommendation was presented:

## **POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION (continued)**

Item 4  
All Terrain Vehicle  
(ATV) Advisory Panel  
Community Consultation  
Process (continued)

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-10: Moved by Councillor Barbeau.**

WHEREAS the All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Advisory Panel has been mandated to host a series of public meetings to gather broad community input and report key findings and recommendations back to City Council regarding a potential All Terrain Vehicles By-Law for the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS, through the community consultation process, it is evident that there is public support for the development of an ATV By-law;

AND WHEREAS it is the recommendation of the ATV Advisory Panel that the development of an ATV By-law would address issues relating to unauthorized land use, speeding and noise;

AND WHEREAS the Constellation City Report recommends the development of a comprehensive by-law to govern the use of ATVs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to work with members of the ATV Advisory Panel to draft an All Terrain Vehicle By-law, addressing the concerns and issues identified during the community consultation process, for the Priorities Committee's review and consideration.

**CARRIED**

## **CITIZEN PETITIONS**

Animal Control

Councillor Landry-Altmann submitted a petition to the City Clerk signed by approximately 1,208 citizens which will be forwarded to the Manager of Supplies & Services and the Manager of Compliance and Enforcement Services. The petition is requesting change in standards of care in the contract for animal control.

Community Input

Councillor Craig advised those in attendance that community input was being sought for only Ward 9 community issues

Marvin Julien

Councillor Craig advised that Marvin Julien was not able to attend this meeting due to other commitments. He stated that Mr. Julien is a hard worker for the community and is concerned with the community centre and arena, the lack of leisure services in Ward 9 and the condition of the public library in the south end. Mr. Julien is excited about the retail development in the south end.

Closing Remarks

Councillor Craig thanked everyone attending the Priorities Committee Ward 9 Community meeting.

Adjournment

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-11: Moved by Councillor Cimino.**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:58 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Doug Craig, Chair

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Angie Haché, City Clerk