

**THE FORTIETH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Commencement: 6:03 p.m.

Chair

ANGIE HACHÉ, CITY CLERK, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Rivest; Thompson; Callaghan; Craig; Caldarelli; Gasparini; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

D. Nadorozny, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; R. Henderson, Acting General Manager of Community Development; G. Mazza, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/ Chief Building Official; J. Nicholls, Acting Chief of Emergency Services; M. Leduc, Fire Chief; P. Buchanan, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; E. Labelle, Acting City Solicitor; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; J. Ferrigan, Senior Planner; W. Wagter, Manager of Construction Services; D. Kivi, Coordinator of Transportation & Traffic Engineering Services; D. Shelsted, Roads Engineer; J. Pafford, Community Development Coordinator; A. Haché, City Clerk; K. Bowschar-Lische, Audio/Video Operator; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

CBC Radio; CIGM; KICX, Le Voyageur; Northern Life; Persona 10 News; Sudbury Star

Item 8
Appointment of Priorities
Committee Chair and
Vice-Chair

Report dated January 14, 2009 was received from the Executive Director, Administrative Services regarding Appointment of Priorities Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for the term ending December 31, 2009.

Nominations were held for the position of **Committee Chair**.

NOMINATOR

NOMINEE

Councillor Callaghan
Councillor Caldarelli

Councillor Craig
Councillor Gasparini

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Councillor Gasparini declined the nomination.

The following recommendation was presented:

Item 8
Appointment of Priorities
Committee Chair and
Vice-Chair (continued)

RECOMMENDATION 2009-01: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

THAT Councillor Craig be appointed Chair of the Priorities Committee for the term ending December 31, 2009 or until his successor is appointed, whichever occurs later.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR

Nominations were held for the position of **Committee Vice-Chair**.

NOMINATOR

NOMINEE

Councillor Cimino

Councillor Barbeau

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2009-02: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

THAT Councillor Barbeau be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Priorities Committee for the term ending December 31, 2009 or until his successor is appointed, whichever occurs later.

CARRIED

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 Dutrisac stated that, when she was elected, one of the goals was to work closely with the Ward and establish committees with residents of Azilda and Donovan – Elm West. She is pleased with the response of the residents of the Ward and is proud to see residents (approximately 30) from different parts of the Ward in attendance.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 1
Donovan – Elm West
Community Action
Network (DEWCAN)

Don Brisebois, Co-Chair, Donovan – Elm West CAN and Lori Wall, Secretary, Donovan – Elm West CAN made an electronic presentation regarding the Donovan – Elm West Community Action Network.

Don Brisebois outlined the boundaries of DEWCAN and provided a brief history beginning with the Interest Group Meeting of March 22, 2007 and a list of the Steering Committee members.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS (continued)

Item 1
Donovan – Elm West
Community Action
Network (DEWCAN)
(continued)

Lori Wall advised of the Community Directory which included listings of local business, organizations, schools, etc. was circulated to area households and business. She outlined in detail the success stories including beautification and clean-up projects, guest speakers at each meeting, school partnerships and business partnerships.

Dan Brisebois stated that DEWCAN has various sub-committees including Beautification & Clean-up, Communications, Historical Sites & Families, Property Standards Enforcement and Youth Involvement and explained the work done by each sub-committee.

Item 2
Phase II, Rick McDonald
Memorial Park

Ziggy Zaldiner, Chair, Azilda Let Them Be Kids, made a verbal presentation regarding Phase II, Rick McDonald Memorial Park. He advised that Phase II would involve the development of a Seniors' Park at the site of the old fire hall including the planting of flowering trees, sod, flower gardens, park benches, a gazebo and possibly an outdoor baking chamber. There would also be walking paths linking to the Rick McDonald Park area. He indicated that the Let Them Be Kids committee is prepared to fund the entire project. A 'build day' will be set whereby the community would work on the park together. He envisions the park would be used for outdoor festivals, concerts, baking challenges, etc.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 3
Proposed 2009 Ward 4
Capital Improvement
Projects

Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services and David Shelsted, Roads Engineer made an electronic presentation regarding the proposed 2009 Ward 4 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Roads Engineer advised the proposed Roads and Transportation Projects in Ward 4 include the reconstruction of Parkview Drive, resurfacing of Pilon Street and surface treatment of Montee Rouleau and Gagnon Street. He also advised of the Class Environment Assessments being undertaken for the widening of Municipal Road (MR) 35 from Azilda to Chelmsford and major culvert work on MR 35 and on Landry Street. He indicated where traffic signals will be installed: MR 35 at Montee Principale, MR 35 at Marier Street, Elm Street at Big Nickel Road and Lasalle Boulevard at Frood Road.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 3 Proposed 2009 Ward 4 Capital Improvement Projects (continued)

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services outlined the distribution system program with respect to water including the Val Caron Tank and Booster upgrades and the leak detection and water efficiency programs. He advised of the plant upgrades including two new Valley wells. With respect to wastewater, he explained the collection system including lift station upgrades and inflow and infiltration reduction programs as well as plant upgrades to Azilda/Chelmsford and Sudbury Plant and biosolids treatment.

Item 4 New Azilda Library and Museum

Ron Henderson, Director of Citizen Services, made an electronic presentation regarding the new Azilda Library and Museum. He stated that the old fire hall is being retrofitted to house the Azilda Public Library and Rayside Balfour Museum. He advised the present library is very undersized and in a poor location with limited visibility. He provided a brief history of the Rayside Balfour Museum since its establishment in 1998 at the Lionel E. Lalonde Centre in Azilda to its temporary relocation in 2005 to the Chelmsford Library. He indicated the fire hall has ample space to house both the library and the museum at an ideal location. He advised that the estimated cost of the retrofit is \$500,000 and outlined the sources of funding. He concluded by providing a proposed schematic design of the new library and museum.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

At 7:26 p.m., Councillor Rivest departed having declared an interest in the following matter.

Item 5 Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law

Report dated January 9, 2009 was received from the Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director regarding Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law.

Letter dated January 21, 2009 from Mike Soenens, Chair, Agriculture and Top Soil Advisory Panel regarding the draft top soil removal by-law was distributed to Committee members.

Guido Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official, made an electronic presentation regarding the Top Soil Removal & Site Alteration By-law. He provided a historical background from the establishment of a Top Soil Committee pursuant to City Council Resolution #2006-541 dated February 22, 2006. The Committee's mandate was to examine Council's process, provisions, secondary plans, zoning and Official Plan with respect to top soil preservation, fill placement and grading

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION (continued)

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

of lands and prepare a by-law, if appropriate. He provided a summary of public meeting input sessions and the impacting parameters. He advised of the survey and consultation for input from other communities. He listed some complaints against top soil removal sites including flooding, erosion, degradation of agricultural resources and damage to natural areas, environment and infrastructure. He listed the exemptions from the by-law pursuant to Section 142 of the *Municipal Act 2001*. He explained the permit and appeal processes. He explained the applicants' responsibilities including providing a 'Control Plan', details for protection of surrounding environment and a Rehabilitation Plan. He also explained the fines and enforcement under the by-law. He indicated that a public meeting will be held in February of 2009 and a representation for final decision by the Priorities Committee will be in March of 2009.

Councillor Berthiaume advised the Committee that the last paragraph on the first page of the report should be amended read "After the municipal elections of November 2006, Council re-established the "Agricultural & Top Soil Advisory Panel" with Council represented by Councillor Dutrisac."

Mayor Rodriguez asked how top soil removal will affect the market value of property and the Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official undertook to provide an answer at a later date.

Rules of Procedure

The Committee, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure and vote on the motion at this time.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION #2009-03: Moved by Councillor Cimino.

THAT the Top Soil Removal and Site Alteration By-law report dated January 9, 2009 from the Acting General Manager of Growth & Development/Planning Director, which includes the draft by-law, be accepted in principle;

AND THAT the Top Soil Removal and Site Alteration report and by-law be referred to City staff for a meeting in February, 2009, to be attended by staff and any Members of Council who wish to attend in order to receive feedback from the general public, agricultural community and top soil producers;

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION (continued)

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

AND THAT an updated report and by-law be brought back to the
Priorities Committee for adoption.

CARRIED

At 8:30 p.m., Councillor Rivest returned to the meeting.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – DECISION REQUESTED

Item 6
Traffic Calming Policy

Report dated November 4, 2008 was received from the General
Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding Traffic Calming
Policy.

Proceed Past
9:00 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-04: Moved by Councillor
Cimino.**

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

CARRIED

The following recommendation was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION #2009-05: Moved by Councillor
Cimino.**

THAT the Priorities Committee adopt the Traffic Calming
Warrants and Processes as the City of Greater Sudbury's Traffic
Calming Policy in accordance with the report from the General
Manager of Infrastructure Services dated November 4, 2008.

DEFEATED

The following recommendation was presented:

Moved by Councillor Thompson.

THAT the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure
Services dated November 4, 2008 regarding the Traffic Calming
Policy be received;

AND THAT the Traffic & Transportation Section recommend to
the Traffic Committee locations where traffic calming pilot
projects could be undertaken and, following evaluation, results
presented to the Priorities Committee prior to the end of 2009
for possible adoption of the policy.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – DECISION REQUESTED (continued)

Item 6
Traffic Calming Policy
(continued)

The following amendment to the recommendation was presented:

Amendment

RECOMMENDATION #2009-06: Moved by Councillor Cimino.

THAT the word “received” be changed to “adopted” in the first paragraph.

CARRIED

The Committee agreed to further amend the main recommendation by adding “for a one-year trial period” after “adopted” in the first paragraph.

Main Motion
(as amended)

The following recommendation was presented as amended:

RECOMMENDATION #2009-07: Moved by Councillor Thompson.

THAT the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated November 4, 2008 regarding the Traffic Calming Policy be adopted for a one-year trial period;

AND THAT the Traffic & Transportation Section recommend to the Traffic Committee locations where traffic calming pilot projects could be undertaken and, following evaluation, results presented to the Priorities Committee prior to the end of 2009 for possible adoption of the policy.

CARRIED

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 7
Extension of the
Purchase of Service
Agreement for Drs.
Bayly and Koop with the
Lively Medical Centre

Report dated November 20, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Extension of the Purchase of Service Agreement for Drs. Bayly and Koop with the Lively Medical Centre.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION #2009-08: Moved by Councillor Barbeau.

WHEREAS there are retention efforts through a purchase of service agreement for the two current family medicine practitioners in Walden which expired December 31, 2008,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of service

agreements with Doctors Bayly and Koop be extended for an additional one year period from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 in the value of \$10,000 each;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be passed

CARRIED.

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See pages 1 and 2.

Closing Remarks

Councillor Dutrisac thanked everyone who attended the meeting. She stated that she has received many calls regarding the new assessment forms and information sessions have been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2009 at the Dr. Edgar Leclair Community Centre in Azida and at 7:00 p.m. on January 29, 2009 at the Croatian Hall, Kathleen Street, Sudbury. She invited all residents of Ward 4 and of Greater Sudbury.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION #2009-09: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume.

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor D. Craig, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk