

**THE THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE  
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, September 17, 2008  
Commencement: 4:30 p.m.

Chair

**COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau (A4:34pm); Berthiaume; Dutrisac (A4:37pm); Dupuis; Rivest (A4:43pm); Thompson; Callaghan (A4:35pm, D5:30pm); Craig (D5:30pm); Caldarelli; Landry-Altman; Mayor Rodriguez (A4:35pm, D7:12pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Growth & Development; R. Smith, Acting Chief of Emergency Services; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; G. Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; David Shelsted, Roads Engineer; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; H. Mulc, Manager of Business Development; K. Bowman, Business Development Officer; J-M Chenier, Business Development Officer; J. Brunette, AMCTO Municipal Intern; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Mail Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

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

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

None declared

Opening Remarks

Councillor Caldarelli, Ward 10, welcomed those in attendance. She indicated that the agenda contains items which affect Ward 10. She also spoke to a number of residents who are interested in being heard and making comments this evening.

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS**

Item 1  
2008 Ward 10 Capital  
Improvement Projects

Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services, and David Shelsted, Roads Engineer, made an electronic presentation regarding the 2008 Ward 10 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Roads Engineer advised that the two major capital improvement projects are the resurfacing of Shields Street and the Larch Street bridge rehabilitation. He also advised of the

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engineering projects being Paris Street from Walford Road to York Street and the Lake Nepahwin Sediment Control with storm water treatment stations.

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services outlined the distribution system program with respect to water which includes coordination with roads projects, condition assessment programs, enhanced infrastructure maintenance and general upgrades as well as supply plan upgrades and improvements. With respect to wastewater, he explained the collection system which includes coordination with roads projects, rock tunnel, condition assessment programs and enhanced infrastructure maintenance as well as plant upgrades.

**CITIZEN DELEGATIONS**

Item 2  
Northern Ontario School  
of Architecture (NOSOA)  
– Capital Contribution

Report dated September 2, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Northern Ontario School of Architecture – Capital Contribution.

Blaine Nicholls, Chair, Northern Ontario School of Architecture Committee, made an electronic presentation regarding the Northern Ontario School of Architecture. He stated that the school will have a unique and powerful impact on the educational, cultural and economic fabric of Greater Sudbury and Northern Ontario. He introduced the members of the Steering Committee. He provided an overview of presentation and expanded on each topic:

- The Cambridge Model
- What is Architecture?
- What is a School of Architecture?
- What will NOSOA be?
- Need/Impact
- The Market
- Economics
- Investments by Other Communities

He outlined the schedule stating that Phase II (Feasibility Study) has now been completed and Phase III is planned as follows:

- Curriculum Development – Fall 2008
- Community Engagement – Ongoing
- Site Selection and Predesign – 2009
- Construction – 2010 – 2011
- First Class – Fall of 2011

He concluded by stating that the school is an investment that provides tremendous returns at many levels and will strengthen

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the community. He indicated that the support of City Council has been and will continue to be critical to the project's success. The Committee is requesting that the City of Greater Sudbury invest \$10 million in the capital funding of the project. The following recommendation was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION #2008-51: Moved by Councillor Gasparini.**

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Architecture (NOSOA) Committee has completed the feasibility study for a new school of architecture, which confirms, in detail, the need for a new school of architecture, at a local, regional, provincial, and national level and demonstrates the business case for the project;

AND WHEREAS the proposed location for the project being Downtown Sudbury, will have significant impact on the continued revitalization of the downtown core;

AND WHEREAS the capital cost for the project is estimated to be \$35 million and the economic impact of the capital project, plus the related planning and program effects as a result of spending the \$35 million is estimated at up to an additional \$40 million;

AND WHEREAS by adding over 420 students, faculty and staff, NOSOA will increase local direct expenditure by over \$10 million annually;

AND WHEREAS the Committee has demonstrated that indirect spending and the multiplier effect will boost the annual regional income by approximately \$15 million additional dollars;

AND WHEREAS the project is moving forward into the Implementation Phase based on the positive feasibility study results;

AND WHEREAS this project will be undertaken by Laurentian University upon successful Senate approval in co-operation with the Northern Ontario School of Architecture;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Greater Sudbury Development Corporation supports the municipal capital funding request from the Northern Ontario School of Architecture Corporation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury support the creation of the NOSOA and further

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that staff be directed to prepare a budget option for the capital funding request of \$10M to be considered during the 2009 budget deliberations and further that this funding is conditional on the following:

- Approval from Laurentian University Senate and Board of Governors;
- Approval from the Province of Ontario, specifically the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities;
- Secured funding commitments in the amount of \$25 million from senior levels of government and private sector.

**CARRIED**

Item 3  
Option For Homes –  
Greater Sudbury

Michel Labbé, President of Options for Homes Non-Profit Corporation, made an electronic presentation entitled '*The Options Model*'. He advised that it is a non-profit delivery network which provides start-up financing to members who become condominium owners. He explained cost effective housing. He advised of the accomplishments of *Options for Homes* including the over 2,500 homes sold to date and 2,000 under development, the awards and the eight affiliations. He showed various designs in various cities. He stated that this model can provide access to resources and expertise and create a perpetual social equity pool targeted at cost effective housing in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Councillor Gasparini advised of a video showing this model and requested that it be placed on the City's website.

Tom Corbett, Options for Homes – Greater Sudbury, indicated that, when he saw the *Options* video, he was convinced that this should happen in Greater Sudbury. He feels that every family should experience the dignity of owning their own home. He stated this program provides a home without the developer's mark-up as profits are scaled down. He indicated that the people involved in the co-op become a community. He advised he went to Kitchener-Waterloo to see what was done and was impressed by the quality of homes built for the amount of the selling price. He indicated that the first project which is 124 condominium units is in the planning stages and the objective is to have people moving in by December 2009.

Item 4  
Spay/Neuter Clinic

Jennifer Higgs made an electronic presentation regarding spay/neuter clinics. She explained a low cost, high volume spay/neuter clinic stating that it is a humane alliance model which is 90% monetarily self-maintained. She indicated they are successfully operating across U.S.A. and the first one in Canada will be opening in December 2008. She advised of the prices for spays and neuters for dogs and cats. She stated

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there is a need for a Spay/Neuter Clinic in Greater Sudbury due to the large amount of strays and owner surrendered animals. She stated that strays breed at an alarming rate and provided statistics. She explained the reasons why a Spay/Neuter Clinic would help the community of Greater Sudbury including the health and safety of animals and residents, keeping business in Greater Sudbury and helping local animal groups.

Rules of Procedure

Council, 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 (Motion presented by Councillor Cimino regarding Spay/Neuter Clinic).

### **MOTION**

Item 6  
Spay/Neuter Clinic

The following recommendation was presented by Councillor Cimino:

#### **RECOMMENDATION 2008-52: Moved by Councillor Cimino:**

WHEREAS area residents are concerned about stray dogs and cats as these strays suffer from disease, starvation, animal attacks, etc.;

WHEREAS many low income residents who wish to spay and neuter their pets are unable to afford the procedure;

WHEREAS other communities are implementing progressive pet population strategies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proponents of the Spay/Neuter Clinic meet with staff to develop options to provide a high volume, low cost spay/neuter clinic in Greater Sudbury.

**CARRIED**

Proceed Past 7:30 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION #2008-53: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume.**

THAT we proceed past the hour of 7:30 p.m.

**CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

Item 5  
Bears in Our Community

Information sheet regarding Bear Wise Community Funding to the City of Greater Sudbury was distributed to the Committee.

Email from the Clerk of the City of Elliot Lake including their Garbage By-law was distributed to the Committee

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Don Mark, Sudbury Area Supervisor, Sudbury District Ministry of Natural Resources, made an electronic presentation entitled '*Dealing with Our Bears*'. He provided statistics of calls to Bear Wise for several Northern Ontario cities as well as the province. He stated that black bear problems occur when bears associate people with food. He advised that black bears are attracted by household garbage, commercial garbage, bird feeders, pet and livestock food, poorly cleaned barbeques, food items in vehicles, compost bins, fruit trees, garden produce and landfill sites. He provided facts on bears including how dangerous black bears are to people, their size, life expectancy and their excellent senses. He explained prevention measures including municipal by-law setting out curbside garbage restrictions, design of landfill sites and bear-resistant garbage containers. He listed the staff of the Sudbury District Bear Wise program. He concluded by stating that information is available at Ministry of Natural Resources offices and on-line.

The Committee discussed municipal by-laws containing measures as outlined in Mr. Mark's presentation. Councillor Dupuis advised the Solid Waste Advisory Panel would be meeting next week and this matter could be discussed.

**CITIZEN PETITIONS**

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**COMMUNITY INPUT**

Dario Zulich and John  
Zulich

Dario Zulich and John Zulich advised of blue-green algae blooms on Lake Ramsey near their residences. They were advised by the Sudbury & District Health Unit they should not use the water as algae blooms can produce toxins. For the safety of the area residents, they requested that sewer and water services be installed. They advised that, five years ago, the area residents said 'no' to sewer and water service and they feel that now saying 'no' should not be an option as residents are very limited as to what they can do with their water.

Councillor Caldarelli advised there was a meeting last week regarding this issue. She stated that past practice was that 80% of the residents had to accept the services with the City paying one-half the cost and the owner paying one-half. She stated that, because of the blue-green algae problem, this policy has to be reviewed. She further stated that staff has been reviewing it for some months.

Dario and John Zulich  
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The General Manager of Infrastructure Services advised that this has been a long outstanding issue for the entire City of Greater Sudbury as well as the south shore of Lake Ramsey. He indicated that staff has prepared a proposed policy change and will be meeting with the area residents next month to advise them what the City of planning with respect to financing options. He advised that the cost of the City's share for services in that part of the City has been placed in the 2009 base capital budget for water services.

Adjournment

**RECOMMENDATION #2008-54: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume.**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

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Angie Haché, City Clerk