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Agenda

Ordre du jour

Councillor / Conseillère
Janet Gasparini

Chair / Président(e)

Councillor / Conseiller
Jacques Barbeau

Vice-Chair / Vice-président(e)



For the **Priorities Committee** meeting to be held
Pour la réunion du **Comité des priorités** qui aura lieu

Wednesday, September 3rd, 2008

mercredi 3^e septembre 2008

at 5:30 pm à 17h 30

Council Chamber, Tom Davies Square

dans la Salle du Conseil, Place Tom Davies



PRIORITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

For the 34th Priorities Committee Meeting
to be held on **Wednesday, September 3, 2008**
Council Chamber, Tom Davies Square at 5:30 pm

COUNCILLOR JANET GASPARINI, CHAIR

Jacques Barbeau, Vice-Chair

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1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

PART I - 5:30 PM TO 6:00 PM

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED

MANAGERS' REPORTS

2. Report dated August 27, 2008 from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Heritage Advisory Panel Mandate. **8 - 17**
(ELECTRONIC PRESENTATION) (RECOMMENDATION PREPARED)
- Paul Baskcomb, Manager of Community & Strategic Planning
- (Report and presentation describing Greater Sudbury's Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel's proposed mandate.)

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

ADDENDUM

PART II 6:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M. (POLICY MATTERS ONLY)

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

1. Report dated August 27, 2008 from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Downtown Streetscape Study, Phase II Report. **18 - 22**
(ELECTRONIC PRESENTATION) (RECOMMENDATION PREPARED)

- Maureen Luoma, BIA
- Jeff Laberge, J. L. Richards

(Presentation by Downtown Sudbury (BIA) and Downtown Village Development Corporation regarding the second phase of planning for improvements to the downtown streetscape.)

CITIZEN PETITIONS

MOTIONS

8:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT (RECOMMENDATION PREPARED)

(Two-thirds majority required to proceed past 8:30 pm)

Councillor Gasparini
Chair

Franca Bortolussi
Council Secretary

COMITÉ DES PRIORITÉS ORDRE DU JOUR

Pour la 34^e réunion du Comité des priorités
qui aura lieu le **3 septembre 2008**
dans la Salle du Conseil, Place Tom Davies, à 17h 30

CONSEILLÈRE JANET GASPARINI, PRÉSIDENT(E)

Jacques Barbeau, Vice-président(e)

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1. Déclaration d'intérêt pécuniaire

Partie I - 17h 30 à 18h

SÉANCES D'INFORMATION DES CONSEILLERS

DOCUMENTS DE TRAVAIL SUR LES POLITIQUES – DISCUSSION PRÉLIMINAIRE

DOCUMENTS DE TRAVAIL SUR LES POLITIQUES – DEMANDE DE DÉCISION

RAPPORTS DES GESTIONNAIRES

2. Rapport directeur général des Services de la croissance et du développement, daté du 27 août 2008 portant sur Mandat du Comité consultatif municipal sur le patrimoine. **8 - 17**

(PRÉSENTATION ÉLECTRONIQUE) (RECOMMANDATION PRÉPARÉE)

- Paul Baskcomb, gestionnaire de la Planification communautaire et stratégique

(Rapport et présentation décrivant le mandat proposé pour le Comité consultatif municipal sur le patrimoine.)

CORRESPONDANCE À TITRE DE RENSEIGNEMENTS SEULEMENT

ADDENDA

Partie II 18 h à 20 h 30 (Questions de politique seulement)

DÉLÉGATIONS DE CITOYENS

1. Rapport directeur général des Services de la croissance et du développement, daté du 27 août 2008 portant sur Rapport sur l'étude sur le paysage urbain au centre-ville, phase II. **18 - 22**

(PRÉSENTATION ÉLECTRONIQUE) (RECOMMANDATION PRÉPARÉE)

- Maureen Luoma, ZAC
- Jeff Laberge, J. L. Richards

(Présentation de Downtown Sudbury (ZAC) et de la Downtown Village Development Corporation au sujet de la seconde phase de la planification en vue d'améliorations au paysage urbain au centre-ville.)

PÉTITIONS DE CITOYENS

MOTIONS

LEVÉE DE LA SÉANCE À 20 H 30 (RECOMMANDATION PRÉPARÉE)

(Une majorité des deux tiers est requise pour poursuivre la réunion après 20h 30.)

La Conseillère Gasparini,
Présidente

Franca Bortolussi,
Secrétaire du conseil



Request for Recommendation
Heritage Advisory Panel Mandate

Presented To:	Priorities Committee
Presented:	Wednesday, Sep 03, 2008
Report Date	Wednesday, Aug 27, 2008
Type:	Managers' Reports

Recommendations

- 1. That Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Greater Sudbury Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel, included as Attachment #1;
- 2. That Council direct staff to prepare the necessary by-law to establish the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel as the Municipal Heritage Committee for the City pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, and attach the approved Terms of Reference to said by-law; and,
- 3. That Council direct staff to prepare a budget option in the amount of \$20,000 on the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel's financial need for 2009, for consideration through the 2009 budget process.

Finance Implications

An option for \$20,000 to fund an operating budget for the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel will be presented in the 2009 budget.

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BACKGROUND

On December 12, 2007, Council passed Resolution #2007-554 to establish the first Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel for Greater Sudbury (the Heritage Advisory Panel) to assist and advise it on heritage matters across the city.

On April 9, 2008, Council appointed fourteen individuals with a wide range of backgrounds and expertise/interest in local history, culture, architecture, geography, archaeology and planning to sit on the Heritage Advisory Panel. The Heritage Advisory Panel members are:

Mr. Mike Ladyk (representing the Northern Ontario Society of Architects);

Ms. Amber Salach (representing the Northern Ontario Society of Architects);

Mr. Oryst Sawchuk (representing the Sudbury District Archives Interest Group);

Ms. Susan Thompson (representing the Downtown Village Development Corporation);

Councillor Joscelyne Landry-Altman;

Councillor Evelyn Dutrisac;

Mr. Joe Drago;

Ms. Alicia Hawkins;

Mr. Edouard Landry;

Ms. Jeannine Larcher-Lalande;

Ms. Sheila Prusila;

Ms. Suzanne Shawbonquit;

Ms. Mercedes Steedman; and,

Ms. Mary Stefura.

Since this time, the Heritage Advisory Panel has educated itself on the existing municipal heritage conservation system, and has considered how it can best advise and assist Council with respect to heritage matters. On June 5, 2008, the Heritage Advisory Panel participated in a day-long Orientation Session with Ministry of Culture staff that was designed to provide a full and complete understanding of cultural heritage value, the municipal framework for heritage conservation, and establishing and sustaining an effective municipal heritage committee. Building on this understanding, the Heritage Advisory Panel held a Strategic Visioning Session on June 26, 2008 to consider the state of heritage in the community today and how to further strengthen Greater Sudbury's existing heritage conservation framework. This latter session was facilitated by City staff.

THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

The provincial guide for establishing and maintaining an effective municipal heritage committee indicates that municipalities are best served by their municipal heritage committee when there is a complete understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the committee and its duties to the municipal council. This guide recommends that a "terms of reference" for a municipal heritage committee be developed for approval by Council. Responding to this recommendation, City staff, in consultation with the Heritage Advisory Panel, have developed a proposed terms of reference for the Panel (see Attachment #1).

The proposed terms of reference articulate the Heritage Advisory Panel's vision, mission and goals, relating to the identification, protection and promotion of Greater Sudbury's built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeology. These elements of the terms of reference are based on the June 26, 2008 Strategic Visioning Session. They provide the Heritage Advisory Panel with a framework to guide future efforts, and are consistent with the Council's goals and policies for heritage resources, as articulated in the new Official Plan.

The proposed terms of reference also outline the Heritage Advisory Panel's legislative responsibilities (if it is to be constituted as a municipal heritage committee under the Ontario Heritage Act) and includes guidance with respect to various procedural and administrative matters (e.g. preparation and distribution of agendas, roles and responsibilities of members).

CONCLUSION

The Heritage Advisory Panel has developed a terms of reference that describes its potential role in advising and assisting Council with respect to the identification, protection and promotion of heritage across the City. The proposed terms of reference are based on best practices and are consistent with Council's objectives and policies relating to heritage conservation. Staff recommend that Council approve the attached terms of reference.

The Heritage Advisory Panel is currently constituted as an Advisory Panel of Council, pursuant to Council's Procedural By-law. Section 28 of the Ontario Heritage Act gives Council the ability to establish a "municipal heritage committee" to advise and assist council on matters relating to the conservation of property of cultural heritage value or interest, heritage conservation districts and such other heritage matters as Council may specify in the by-law. Given the similarity in objects between the Heritage Advisory Panel and a municipal heritage committee, staff recommend that Council give direction to staff to prepare the necessary by-law to establish the Heritage Advisory Panel as the municipal heritage committee for the City pursuant to Section 28 of the Ontario Heritage Act. If approved, staff recommend that the proposed terms of reference be attached to this by-law.

It is anticipated that the Panel will develop an annual action plan and budget that is designed to help realize the goals outlined in the proposed terms of reference, and submit the action plan and budget to Council for approval, through the annual budget exercise. Due to timing constraints, the Panel's first work program and budget will be submitted in the Fall of 2009 for consideration during the 2010 budget process. In the meantime, the Panel requires a modest annual operating budget for 2009 of \$20,000 to cover items such as membership in provincial and national heritage organizations and research of built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. Staff recommend that this need be considered as part of the 2009 budget exercise.

Greater Sudbury Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel

Terms of Reference

August 27, 2008

1. BACKGROUND

Greater Sudbury's heritage and history are important, and can strengthen the City's identity and appeal, instill a greater sense of understanding and pride within the local community and attract the interest of visitors. The Greater Sudbury Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel advises and assists Council with matters relating to the designation and conservation of property of cultural heritage value or interest, involving individual properties and heritage conservation districts, as well as those other matters articulated in these Terms of Reference.

2. VISION

Greater Sudbury understands, values and protects the rich and varied history of its people and places.

3. MISSION

To enhance appreciation of Greater Sudbury's cultural heritage by promoting and raising awareness of our built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeology.

To support heritage preservation by helping identify and protect Greater Sudbury's built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeology.

4. GOALS

4.1. IDENTIFY

- 4.1.1. Assist with the creation and implementation of an effective system to identify built heritage resources that have cultural heritage value or interest across Greater Sudbury.
- 4.1.2. Assist with the examination of Greater Sudbury's communities to identify potential heritage conservation districts and other cultural heritage landscapes.
- 4.1.3. Assist with the definition of Greater Sudbury's areas of archaeological potential.

4.2. PROTECT

- 4.2.1. Assist with the research of properties and places to help establish their cultural heritage value.
- 4.2.2. Recommend potential properties for inclusion as "listed" buildings in the City's register of heritage properties.

- 4.2.2. Recommend potential properties for inclusion as “designated” buildings in the City’s register of heritage properties.
- 4.2.3. Recommend that potential areas be considered for designation as “designated” conservation districts.
- 4.2.4. Provide input to city staff during their review of land use planning applications on or adjacent to a built heritage resource with cultural heritage value or interest, a heritage conservation district and a cultural heritage landscape.
- 4.2.5. Assist with the creation and implementation of a financial incentive program to assist and encourage the preservation and enhancement of designated heritage properties.

4.3. PROMOTE

- 4.3.1. Create a package of communication materials that tells the story of Greater Sudbury’s built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeological potential.
- 4.3.2. Contribute to the heritage dialogue in Greater Sudbury through presentations, newspaper articles and media interviews.
- 4.3.3. Promote Greater Sudbury’s history and heritage to others through conference presentations and journal articles.
- 4.3.4. Participate in international, national and provincial events that are designed to raise the level of awareness for heritage.
- 4.3.5. Recognize and celebrate the efforts of property owners who protect our heritage resources through an annual “heritage awards” program.
- 4.3.6 Support other individuals, groups and organizations that are raising the level of awareness of Greater Sudbury’s history and heritage.

5. ORGANIZATION

The Greater Sudbury Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel (the Panel) consists of people with various backgrounds, skills and interests from all of our communities. Members have a strong interest in and commitment to our built and cultural heritage resources.

5.1. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

The Panel consists of up to 14 members, as follows:

- two local representatives from the Northern Ontario Society of Architects;
- one representative from the Sudbury District Archives Interest Group;
- one representative from the Downtown Village Development Corporation;
- two City of Greater Sudbury councillors; and,

- eight citizens with expertise in local history, culture, geography or anthropology.

The size and composition of the Panel may be varied by City Council from time to time, as necessary. The size of the Panel will meet the minimum requirement established in the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as amended from time to time.

5.2. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Members of the Panel are appointed by City Council. The term of an appointee coincides with the term of City Council that made the appointment. City Council will, as soon as practical following a municipal election, make appointments to the Panel. Existing appointees will continue to serve on the Panel until appointments are made by the newly elected City Council.

5.3. RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

A member may apply for re-appointment for any number of consecutive or non-consecutive terms.

5.4. VACANCIES

City Council will fill any vacancy on the Panel as soon as possible.

5.5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Panel appoints a Chair and a Vice Chair at the first meeting of every year, who serve in these capacities for that year and until a new Chair and Vice Chair have been appointed by the membership. Nothing in this document shall prohibit a member from being appointed Chair or Vice Chair, as the case may be, for up to two consecutive terms.

5.6. AD-HOC COMMITTEES

The Panel may appoint Ad Hoc Committees from time to time by way of a motion to address specific matters. The motion appointing an Ad Hoc Committee shall include: the name of the Ad Hoc Committee; the members forming the Ad Hoc Committee; the purposes and objectives of the Ad Hoc Committee; the date by which the Ad Hoc Committee shall report to the Panel; the term of the Ad Hoc Committee and the date its mandate expires.

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 CHAIR

The Chair ensures that the Panel functions efficiently and effectively by:

1. Creating an agenda for each meeting, in consultation with Municipal Staff.
2. Calling meetings.
3. Chairing meetings.
4. Acting as the official spokesperson for the Panel.

5. Representing the Panel on other organizations, when necessary and appropriate.
6. Casting a vote in instances where the Panel reaches a tie vote (otherwise the Chair does not cast a vote).

6.2. VICE CHAIR

The Vice Chair has the same responsibilities as the Chair, when acting in the Chair's absence.

6.3. MEMBERS

Members contribute to the efficient and effective functioning of the Panel by:

1. Attending all scheduled meetings (Members will notify the Chair and Municipal Staff in the event that they are unable to attend a meeting).
2. Preparing for all scheduled meetings.
3. Publicly supporting all Panel recommendations.

6.4. MUNICIPAL STAFF

Municipal staff contribute to the efficient and effective functioning of the Panel by:

1. Facilitating an orientation session for each new Panel;
2. Facilitating a strategic planning session for the Panel in the fall of each year;
3. Synthesizing the results of the strategic planning session into an annual action plan;
4. Helping the Chair create an agenda for each meeting.
5. Distributing the agenda and other materials prior to the meeting.
6. Taking minutes during meetings.
7. Maintaining a record of the Panel's meetings (including agenda, reports and minutes).
8. Acting as a resource during meetings.
9. Liaising with City Departments and Divisions on matters that may affect a built or cultural heritage resource.
10. Preparing reports on those matters that fall within the Panel's areas of responsibility and submitting the Panel's reports to Planning Committee and City Council for their consideration.
11. Preparing an annual report, work program and budget for the Panel, and submitting the Panel's annual report, work program and budget to Council for their consideration.
12. Administering the Panel's annual budget.

7. PANEL MEETINGS

The Panel meets every month, with the exception of July and August, for a total of ten meetings per year. Panel meetings are open to the public. Additional meetings may be held, as required, at the call of the Chair.

A majority of Panel members constitute a quorum for the transaction of Panel business.

The date and times of regular business meetings for the year are established at the first meeting of the Panel in the New Year. Every attempt will be made to hold each regular business meeting on a consistent day, time and location throughout the year.

Agendas and information packages (including the minutes from the previous meeting) are sent to the Panel at least one week before the regularly scheduled business meeting. This schedule may be varied for any special business meeting called by the Chair.

8. LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

8.1. Individual Properties

Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* requires that the Panel advise Council on matters relating to the conservation of property of cultural heritage value or interest. This is accomplished by advising Council before:

1. Council adds or removes a *listed property* to or from the register of *property* that is of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. Council gives notice of its intention to designate a *property* to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
3. Council passes a by-law to enter into an agreement or covenant for the conservation of a *designated property*.
4. Council, on application of an owner, makes a decision regarding the alteration of the heritage attributes of a *designated property*.
5. Council, on application of an owner, makes a decision regarding the demolition or removal of a *designated property*.
6. Council gives notice of its intention to amend a *designating by-law*, and, before Council gives notice of the same proposed amendment to the *property* owner.
7. Council, on its own initiative, repeals all or part of a *designating by-law*.
8. Council, on application of an owner, makes a decision regarding the repeal of all or part of a *designating by-law*.

8.2 Heritage Conservation Districts

Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* requires that the Panel advise and assist Council on matters relating to Heritage Conservation Districts by advising Council with respect to:

1. A proposed Heritage Conservation District Study.
2. A proposed Heritage Conservation District Plan.
3. Applications to demolish or remove a building or structure on a *property* in a Heritage Conservation District.

9. REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

The Panel advises Council by:

1. Submitting reports on those matters that fall within the Panel's areas of responsibility to the Planning Committee and City Council.
2. Submitting its meeting minutes to the Planning Committee and Council.
3. Submitting an annual report describing the Panel's activities to Council in the fall of each year, together with a work plan and budget for the upcoming year.

In addition, the Council representatives on the Panel can represent the Panel's views on Committees and Council.

10. BUDGET

The Panel prepares a proposed budget to implement its annual action plan and submits the proposed budget to Council for its consideration and approval. Municipal staff will administer the approved budget.

11. OTHER

The Panel's actions are consistent with the City's policies, procedures, protocols and practices, including those relating to conflict of interest and confidentiality.

12. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following definitions apply to these terms of reference:

"designated property" means a property that has been designated in accordance with Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as amended from time to time.

"designating by-law" means a by-law passed under and in accordance with Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as amended from time to time.

“listed” means a property included in the register of property situated in the municipality that is of cultural heritage value or interest, for which a *designating by-law* has not been passed.

“property” means real property and includes all buildings and structures thereon.



Request for Recommendation
Downtown Streetscape Study, Phase II Report

Presented To:	Priorities Committee
Presented:	Wednesday, Sep 03, 2008
Report Date	Wednesday, Aug 27, 2008
Type:	Citizen Delegations

Recommendations

- 1. That Council receive and approve in principle the Downtown Sudbury Streetscape Project Phase II: Site Amenity Design specifications and Cost and Costing prepared by JL Richards and Associates and dated July 23, 2008.
- 2. That Council direct staff to create an interdepartmental team to develop an implementation plan and budget, as described in this report, for Council’s future consideration and, in the meantime, have regard for how to achieve the recommended design through any existing planned capital works and other decision making.
- 3. That Council direct staff to prepare a budget option in the amount of \$250,000 for priority streetscape improvements, for consideration through the 2009 budget process.

Finance Implications

An option for \$250,000 to fund priority streetscape improvements will be presented in the 2009 budget.

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BACKGROUND

Downtown Sudbury is the historic core of Greater Sudbury and is the centre of retail, arts and culture, government and business services. Downtown Sudbury's health and vitality is shaped by a broad array of variables occurring at different scales and undertaken by many actors. Experience in Greater Sudbury and other communities show that the quality of the Downtown public realm, in particular the streetscape, plays a key role in shaping the Downtown's health and vitality, as well as the City's image and competitiveness.

Downtown Sudbury's streetscape was revitalized almost 20 years ago through the Community Improvement Plan for the Sudbury Metro Centre: Street and Streetscaping Improvement Component. At that time, the commercial streets in the downtown were unattractive and lacked a coherent design and unifying identity. Some streets required complete reconstruction, while others required improvements. Responding to these issues, this Plan called for \$7.4 million of comprehensive and coordinated improvements to better the function, condition, image and appearance of streets and the streetscape within the Downtown Business Improvement Area. This involved activities such as the replacement of underground infrastructure, roadway redesign, installation of interlocking stone, introduction of traffic calming measures, and installation of new lighting, planters and street trees.

These activities, which were phased over a number of years and substantially complete, improved the quality and character of streets and the streetscape Downtown. The pedestrian realm (e.g. sidewalks) have been delineated and unified through the use of interlocking stone. Pedestrian safety has been improved through the use of bulbouts and crosswalks at key intersections. The raised planters provide informal opportunities for seating and add an important green element to the Downtown.

However, these improvements are becoming older and are showing signs of their age. Below grade electrical wiring is deteriorating in some locations, which impacts the ability of above grade electrical outlets to support some of the Business Improvement Area's beautification initiatives, such as the seasonal lighting and decoration program. Most curbs have deteriorated and are in need of replacement. The raised planting beds are experiencing mixed success. The existing "downtown" light standard has been discontinued, affecting maintenance costs and replacement. New street furniture (e.g. benches, bicycle racks and trash/recycling receptacles) are required. Improvements should also be extended to those streets that were not able to be improved in the past and to reflect the Business Improvement Area's current boundaries.

DOWNTOWN SUDBURY STREETScape PROJECT

The Downtown Sudbury Business Improvement Area (BIA), Downtown Village Development Corporation (DVDC), City of Greater Sudbury and Greater Sudbury Development Corporation (GSDC), with the support of FedNor, have examined ways to further improve the Downtown streetscape in the last several years. This work was undertaken in two phases.

The first phase, which occurred in 2005, resulted in the creation of eight guiding themes and a conceptual plan to revitalize the streetscape. Council endorsed the final report for this first phase at its April 24, 2006 meeting through resolution 2006-605.

The second phase of work occurred between January and July of this year. This latter phase, which was undertaken by a consultant overseen by a Steering Committee (consisting of representation from the BIA, DVDC, GSDC and the Planning Services Division) and involving an interdepartmental Technical Committee, focussed on the creation of a more detailed streetscape improvement plans and specifications.

The result of this phase is the report Downtown Sudbury Streetscape Project Phase II: Site Amenity Design Specifications and Cost and Costing prepared by JL Richards and Associates and dated July 15, 2008

(attached under separate cover). This report was accepted and supported in principle by the BIA and DVDC at a joint meeting held on July 23, 2008 (see Attachment #1).

The Phase II Report is aimed at growing the vitality of the Downtown by enhancing its image, and attracting people and investment. The proposed streetscape design is based on three principles: landscape; mining; and, community history. Six key moves are suggested to further strengthen the quality and character of Downtown Sudbury, including:

Marking gateways through special landscaping treatments, entry markers, signage, lighting and public art to create a stronger sense of arrival;

Upgrading the existing sidewalks and extending sidewalk improvements throughout the Downtown;

Planting new, alternating birch and maple tree species to augment existing and healthy street trees to further green and strengthen the pedestrian realm;

Installing new street furniture (e.g. benches, bicycle racks, trash receptacles) using a consistent palette of materials (i.e. brushed nickel and cedar);

Installing new street light standards that are reflective of the community's mining heritage and do not detract from the night sky; and,

Using mechanisms such as a boreal wall and trellis' to define the edges of the area and to buffer the pedestrian realm.

The Phase II Report also provides recommendations in other areas (e.g. container plants; parking metres; street banners and flags; public art; signage; and, awnings) and provides detailed design specifications for certain streetscape elements (e.g. street signs, bicycle racks).

The Phase II Report provides some suggestions to implement the proposed improvements and recommends that a five-year implementation plan be developed. City staff agree that a phased implementation plan should be developed for Council's future consideration. This plan should be developed by an interdepartmental staff team, led by the Planning Services Division. The intent of the plan would be to review and confirm the required improvement work, and develop a phased implementation plan and budget for Council's future consideration. The plan would take into account anticipated capital works and be based on the following key principles:

Improvements should build on the strengths of the Downtown's streets and streetscapes;

Improvements should be tailored to each street, giving priority to those streets in greater need of improvement;

Improvements should be planned in a logical and coordinated sequence, taking into account anticipated public and private sector developments;

Improvements should be planned to minimize disruptions to the local business community;

Improvements should respect the proposed design intent and emphasize final design solutions over interim ones; and,

Improvements should yield the highest possible value for money.

In the meantime, it would be appropriate for the City to have regard to the recommended design through any existing planned capital works and other decision making.

The Phase II Report estimates that \$17 million will be required to upgrade Downtown Sudbury's streetscape. The historic streetscape improvements were funded through a partnership involving the province (50

percent), the municipality (25 percent) and the BIA (25 percent). The program that facilitated provincial involvement in funding streetscape projects no longer exists. Therefore, any future recommendations with respect to funding the proposed improvements should be based on a shared funding arrangement between the City and BIA. It should be noted that the BIA Board approved the allocation of \$100,000 towards the implementation of the proposed streetscape improvements at its Annual General Meeting earlier this year. The attached resolution seeks \$250,000 from the City for the implementation of priority streetscape projects to match these allocated funds. This request should be referred to the 2009 budget exercise for consideration. It should also be noted that the DVDC has secured additional FedNor funding to develop a marketing plan that will be used to attempt to secure private sector sponsorship funding for non-municipal infrastructure streetscape elements (e.g. public art).

CONCLUSION

Downtown Sudbury Streetscape Project Phase II: Site Amenity Design Specifications and Cost and Costing represents an important milestone in the community's ongoing efforts to revitalize Downtown Sudbury's streets and streetscapes. It is recommended that Council receive and approve the report in principle, and give direction to staff to develop the implementation plan as described above. It is also recommended that the BIA's funding request be referred to the 2009 budget exercise for consideration.

*A copy of the Downtown Sudbury Streetscape Project Phase II: Site Amenity Design Specifications and Cost and Costing prepared by JL Richards and Associates is available at the City Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, 200 Brady Street, Tom Davies Square, Sudbury. A copy of the report can also be downloaded from <http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca> by selecting the agenda for the Priorities meeting dated September 3, 2008.

DOWNTOWN SUDBURY MEETING

Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Res. #: 08-140

WHEREAS Downtown Sudbury, Greater Sudbury's First Neighbourhood, continues to evolve and change;

AND WHEREAS Downtown Sudbury's streetscape is ageing and requires improvement that continues to enhance the look and feel of Sudbury's Historic Downtown;

AND WHEREAS 'Downtown Sudbury' (the Business Improvement Area), in partnership with the 'Downtown Village Development Corporation', and with the support of the City of Greater Sudbury, Greater Sudbury Development Corporation and FedNor, have developed a plan to improve the streetscape;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Boards of Directors of both 'Downtown Sudbury' and the 'Downtown Village Development Corporation' accept and support in principle the Downtown Streetscape Project Phase II Amenity Design Specifications and Costing Final Report, as presented by the project Consultant J.L. Richards & Associates;

AND FURTHER THAT this Report be presented to the Priorities Committee of the City of Greater Sudbury, with the request that funds be assigned for 2009 in the amount of \$250,000 for the implementation of priority streetscape projects, in partnership with 'Downtown Sudbury's' allocated funds;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Greater Sudbury confirm their partnership to this project and the long term commitment to ensure its implementation over a phased process.

CARRIED