

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

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, August 13, 2008
Commencement: 10:35 a.m.

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dupuis; Thompson (A10:40pm); Callaghan; Craig; Caldarelli; Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; R. Henderson, Acting General Manager of Community Development; B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; B. Battison, Acting Fire Chief; R. St. Onge, Acting Executive Director, Administrative Services; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; D. Braney, Director of Asset Services; S. Monet, Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives; E. Bertrand, Manager of Fleet Services; P. McCauley, Acting Manager of Communications; B. McDougall-Murdoch, Program Co-ordinator of Community Initiatives; K. Forrester, Real Estate Co-ordinator; B. Drake, Risk Management/Insurance Officer; V. Morrow, EarthCare Sudbury Intern; J. Brunette, AMCTO Municipal Intern; A. Haché, City Clerk; J. Nelson, Clerks Services Co-ordinator; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

CIGM; Persona 10 News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Item 1
Idling Control Policy

Report dated July 30, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding Implementation of an Idling Control Policy.

Danielle Braney, Director of Asset Services, made an electronic presentation regarding the proposed Idling Control Policy. She stated that in addition to the environmental and health benefits of an idling control policy, a reduction in unnecessary vehicle idling will result in significant cost savings for the municipality. She indicated the policy will limit idling time to three minutes for gasoline fueled vehicles. However, some exception will apply for emergency vehicles, vehicles requiring power for attachments and transit vehicles under certain conditions. She further indicated that idling does not warm up a vehicle nor is it better than restarting a vehicle. She also stated that if municipal employees set the example, the public is likely to follow suit.

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Idling Control Policy
(continued)

The Director of Asset Services stated that the first green initiative of Fleet Services was the purchase of seven hybrid Toyota Prius resulting in fuel consumption of 20 to 40 litres per week compared to 80 to 100 litres per week for conventional full-sized cars. Also, they will recommend the purchase of more hybrids in the coming years. She advised that the next green initiative is the Idling Control Policy. She further advised that, in 2007, the City spent \$4.5 M for fuel and a new fuel management system is needed to monitor fuel consumption. A report to Council is forthcoming. She further stated that vehicles can be equipped with devices to eliminate the need for a vehicles to idle such as auxiliary power units and LED lighting. She outlined the implementation steps: communication with all employees; signage at all municipal facilities; decals on all vehicles and equipment; and key fobs attached to every set of keys. She indicated that periodic evaluations will be conducted and the policy may require amendments from time to time based on feedback from the operators.

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 #2008-45: Moved by Councillor Dupuis.

THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury adopt the Idling Control Policy as outlined in the report dated July 30, 2008 from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services.

CARRIED

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 2
Recommendations of
the Junction Creek
Safety Committee

Report dated August 5, 2008 was received from the Executive Director, Administrative Services regarding Recommendations of the Junction Creek Safety Committee.

The Committee directed staff to take the following actions immediately:

- remove the trees in the creek shown in the photographs provided by Councillor Landry-Altmann
- install locking pins and locks on all City owned and Sudbury Housing access gates to the creek, as was implemented at Hnatyshyn Park, and access reversing hinge action on gates to provide additional entry resistance

The Committee requested that the new Procedure By-law is to provide that employees manage or co-ordinate Citizen based committees and Councillor based committee and their recommendations.

Item 2
Recommendations of
the Junction Creek
Safety Committee
(continued)

The following recommendation was presented:

Landry-Altmann: THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury review the comments submitted to-date regarding the recommendations of the Junction Creek Safety Committee;

THAT a Staff Committee be established to co-ordinate, prioritize and report back to the Priorities Committee on the work contemplated by this initiative.

Friendly Amendment

With the concurrence of the mover, the Chair requested that the foregoing motion be amended by adding the following paragraph:

AND THAT Councillors be involved in this Committee.

RECOMMENDATION #2008-46: Moved by Councillor Landry-Altmann.

THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury review the comments submitted to-date regarding the recommendations of the Junction Creek Safety Committee;

THAT a Staff Committee be established to co-ordinate, prioritize and report back to the Priorities Committee on the work contemplated by this initiative;

AND THAT Councillors be involved in this Committee.

CARRIED

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION #2008-47: Moved by Councillor Dupuis.

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 11:50 a.m.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk