

THE THIRTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, June 18, 2008
Commencement: 5:34 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Rivest; Thompson; Callaghan; Craig; Caldarelli; Landry-Altmann

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; A. Potvin, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; M. Leduc, Acting Fire Chief; J. Nicholls, Acting Chief of Emergency Services; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; L. Valle, Director of Social Services; C. Ouellette, Manager of Children Services; C. Gore, Manager of Community Partnerships; C. Mathieu, Manager of Environmental Services; C. Dent, Manager of Recreation; R. Norton, Drainage Engineer; R. Blackwell, Co-ordinator of Quality Assurance & Performance Measurement; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Mail Clerk, F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Northern Life; CBC Radio

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Rules of Procedure

The Priorities Committee, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure, to alter the order of the Agenda and deal with Item 4 (Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital Vertical Expansion).

Item 4
Hôpital régional de
Sudbury Regional
Hospital Vertical
Expansion

Report dated June 10, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital Vertical Expansion.

RECOMMENDATION 2008-32: Moved by Councillor Callaghan:

WHEREAS, the Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) has identified an urgent need for an immediate expansion;

AND WHEREAS, the HRSRH will be pursuing funding for vertical expansion of the Centre Tower to accommodate the urgent needs;

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Sudbury Regional
Hospital Vertical
Expansion (continued)

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury recognizes and supports the health care services for the citizens of our community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury support and advocate for the HRSRH in securing funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for the vertical expansion of the new hospital site.

CARRIED

Item 2
Junction Creek Safety
Committee Report

Report dated June 18, 2008 from Councillor Joscelyne Landry-Altman regarding Junction Creek Safety Committee Report was distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

Councillor Joscelyne Landry-Altman, Chair, Junction Creek Safety Committee made an electronic presentation regarding the Junction Creek Safety Committee. She provided background stating that Adam Dickie drowned in Junction Creek on August 25, 2007. A petition was submitted to City Council requesting that the City of Greater Sudbury erect and block off the culvert along Junction Creek or erect fencing topped with barbed wire around the boxed culvert. On October 10, 2007, Council created the Junction Creek Safety Committee whose mandate was to establish educational and public safety programs, review infrastructure criteria and capacities under extreme events and review safety/rescue procedures. She advised of the Committee's work to date:

- ▶ Dividing the Committee into 3 Sub-committees
 - ▶ Infrastructure
 - ▶ Safety/Rescue
 - ▶ Communications/Education
- ▶ Site visits
- ▶ Public consultation on April 17, 2007
- ▶ Review of existing programs
- ▶ Develop recommendations

She outlined the Terms of Reference and recommended actions of each Sub-Committee. She concluded by naming the persons who drowned in Junction Creek since 1921.

RECOMMENDATION 2008-33: Moved by Councillor Landry-Altman:

THAT the report from the Junction Creek Safety Committee be received;

AND THAT the short and long term recommendations be referred to staff and agencies for a report outlining costs and implementation dates, and that this report be submitted at the July 9, 2008 Priorities Committee meeting;

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Junction Creek Safety
Committee Report
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AND THAT the following recommendations which have been identified by the committee be implemented without delay:

- ▶ Parks Department to remove fallen trees that hinder creek current and provide unsafe balance beam for children;
- ▶ Introduce a grocery cart by-law that controls carts being stranded, especially in the creek;
- ▶ Conduct fencing safety assessment to determine necessary repairs;
- ▶ Install snow fence along Louis Street to beyond playground until fencing policy is complete;
- ▶ Locking pins and locks installed on all City owned and Sudbury Housing access gates to the creek, as was implemented at Hnatyshyn Park and assess reversing hinge action on gates to provide additional entry resistance.

CARRIED

Item 3
Best Start Update

Report dated May 6, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Best Start Update.

Lois Mahon, Chair, Best Start Network, made an electronic presentation regarding the Best Start Program. She indicated that City of Greater Sudbury is a leader in the Best Start Network. It was the first to build a system of Best Start Hubs and has exceeded all targets for expansion of licenced child care. She stated the Best Start Network is the coordination and planning for children services throughout the City with 36 organizations represented on the Best Start Network. She indicated that there are 12 Best Start Hubs. The next steps for Best Start Hubs are to open the remaining three hubs, increase opportunities for parent involvement, standardize and coordinate services and programs and bring in additional services for families. The hubs are used as a venue for more integration of services. She outlined the progress in Licensed Child Care including continued support in child care expansion (489 new spaces in 2007/2008) and infant spaces (48 new spaces since 2005). The program is approaching 5,000 spaces community-wide. She stated the next steps in Licensed Child Care include priority for new infant spaces, maximizing wage enhancements for child care workers, launching of a centralized registry and waitlist for child care and supporting a community strategy to recruit and retain qualified Early Childhood Educators.

RECOMMENDATION 2008-34: Moved by Councillor Craig:

WHEREAS Best Start is Ontario's plan for integrated early learning and child care services and the City of Greater Sudbury is the lead partner in the local Best Start initiative;

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Best Start Update
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AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) has requested a Best Start Integrated Status Update, to describe progress implementing the 2007/2008 Best Start Community Plan and to outline next strategies for continuing to implement the plan;

AND WHEREAS the Children Services Section has consulted widely with all Best Start Partners in developing the Best Start Integrated Status Update which will provide direction for 2008-2009 and beyond;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury Council approve the City of Greater Sudbury Best Start Integrated Status Update and direct staff to submit it to MCYS.

CARRIED

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Change of Chair

At 6:38 p.m., Councillor Gasparini vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR BARBEAU, IN THE CHAIR

Item 5
City-wide Residential
Curbside Green Cart
Organics Program

Report dated June 9, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding a City-wide Residential Curbside Green Cart Organics Program.

Change of Chair

At 6:42 p.m., Councillor Barbeau vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Chantal Mathieu, Manager of Environmental Services, made an electronic presentation regarding the implementation of a City-wide Residential Green Cart Organics Program. She stated that in 2005 City Council accepted the waste diversion plan in principle. She indicated that the Technical Steering Committee approved the collection containers and listed what could go in the "Green Cart" containers including all food waste, household plants and non-recyclable paper products such as disposable paper cups, napkins and plates, waxed paper and soiled newspaper. She indicated a pilot project was launched in October 2006 with 1,110 households across Greater Sudbury. The purpose was to test the containers, liners and bags; determine the quality or identify contamination issues; determine participation and recycling rates; and identify educational requirements. She outlined the results of the pilot project and waste audit relating to the approved containers and bags, outdoor composting at the Sudbury Landfill Site and the pilot households. She explained the City-wide proposal including projected investments costs and the implementation plan. She also

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explained the benefits of the program, the two options for the Committee's consideration and the reasons why the Solid Waste Advisory Panel and staff were recommending Option 1.

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, to approve Option 1, was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2008-35: Moved by Councillor Craig:

THAT a residential 'Green Cart' organics curbside co-collection system be approved for approximately 57,000 households;

AND THAT the program be launched once the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) approvals to process the materials are received (anticipate in mid 2009 if program is approved in mid 2008);

AND THAT funding for the approved collection containers, sample compostable bags, distribution, staffing and educational materials be funded from the Capital Financing Reserve Fund - Solid Waste at an estimated cost of \$1.72 million;

AND THAT the organic pilot project collection service continue until the City-wide residential collection program is implemented and that this cost be funded from the Capital Financing Reserve Fund - Solid Waste at an estimated cost of \$28,200 per month or \$338,400 per year;

AND THAT once the pilot project is completed, the Industrial Commercial & Institutional (IC&I) pilot project participants be permitted to deliver source-separated organics to the designated organic composting area within the Sudbury Landfill Site at no charge until Council reviews the recommendations from the IC&I Waste Diversion Study;

AND THAT staff organize an annual 1 tonne compost giveaway program;

AND THAT replacement containers be provided at no cost to encourage continued participation;

AND THAT residents purchase or provide their own approved compostable liner bags;

AND THAT the annual operating cost plus inflation be incorporated in future base operating budgets, with an estimated tax levy of 0.2%.

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All in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated June 9, 2008.

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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 #8 (Summerfest Update) at this time.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Summerfest Update

Information package from Summerfest Foundation was distributed to Committee Members at the meeting.

A montage of photos taken during Summerfest was electronically displayed.

Elaina Groves, Summerfest Foundation, made a presentation regarding Summerfest. She stated their first event in 1998 was on one stage and on one day. In 2007, it became a 4-day event. She stated that this event is 100 per cent organized by a team of volunteers who fundraise all year round. Fundraising includes operating the Moonlight Beach Concession and the Ramsey Lake Skating Trail, provincial and federal grants, have partnered with Ontario Lottery Corporation and Molsons and others and donations from Vale Inco.

Summerfest promotes accessibility and actively lobbies for policies that will enhance inclusivity. She indicated that the City of Greater Sudbury has been active and asked that they try to expand the hours of Handitransit operation. She also indicated that the City is allowing the use of barricades from the arena and provides bus passes. She stated that charitable groups are allowed to set up booths at no charge.

She stated that Summerfest provides this community of diverse taste with all kinds of music. She indicated it is a significant tourist event which is promoted in Northeastern Ontario and the Muskokas.

She asked that the City consider the needs of the community when dealing with the amphitheatre as the needs of all citizens must be taken into account.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Item 6
Community Action
Networks Terms of
Engagement

Report dated June 6, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Community Action Networks Terms of Engagement.

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C. Gore, Manager of Community Partnerships, made an electronic presentation regarding the *Community Action Networks Terms of Engagement*. He provided background stating that the *Constellation Report* identified Community Action Networks (CANs) as the best option for community engagement and empowerment. A report was presented to the Priorities Committee in December of 2007 and revisions were requested. He stated that the terms should recognize variations of CANs, use clear language, provide revised funding options, identify support provided and ensure mutually respectful relationship with Council, CANs and staff. He indicated that the Terms of Engagement were prepared by a group of Council representatives and staff with comments from the CANs. He stated that CANs should be community driven, represent the broad interests of the community, encourage active participation and participate in educational/training opportunities. He outlined how the City of Greater Sudbury engages CANs and provides administrative support. He also outlined the recommended financial support of \$2,500 annually for each CAN and staff support.

Proceed Past
8:30 p.m.

2006-37 Berthiaume: THAT we proceed past the hour of 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY

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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 2008-37: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

THAT Council approve the adoption of the Terms of Engagement for Community Action Networks as outlined in the report dated June 6, 2008 from the General Manager of Community Development in recognition of recommendations made within the Constellation City Report (January 2007) and consultation with Community Action Network representatives;

AND THAT annual funds be allocated to help address the administrative costs of Community Action Networks in the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND THAT one additional full time Community Development Co-ordinator be approved for support for community partnership initiatives.

CARRIED

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Ontario Child Benefit

Report dated June 10, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Ontario Child Benefit.

RECOMMENDATION 2008-38: Moved by Councillor Callaghan:

WHEREAS the introduction and implementation of the Ontario Child Benefit has resulted in the restructuring of the social assistance benefits, impacting the way benefits will be delivered for families with children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff bring forward in the fall for Council's consideration, recommendations on the allocation of the savings of approximately \$210,000 (Ontario Works \$130,000 and Ontario Disability Support Program \$80,000) resulting from the implementation of the Ontario Child Benefit.

CARRIED

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2008-39: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk