

THE THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, June 4, 2008
Commencement: 5:35 p.m.

Chair

ANGIE HACHÉ, CITY CLERK, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson; Callaghan (A6:46pm); Craig (D7:45pm); Caldarelli; Mayor Rodriguez (D6:46pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Growth & Development; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; D. Dumontelle, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; M. Leduc, Acting Fire Chief; J. Nicholls, Deputy Chief of Emergency Services; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; P. Baskcomb, Manager of Community & Strategic Planning; J. Ferrigan, Senior Planner; D. Shelsted, Roads Engineer; J. Pafford, Community Development Coordinator; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Mail Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; CIGM; MCTV; Persona 10 News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PART I

5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Appointment of Chair

As Councillor Gasparini, Chair of the Priorities Committee, and Councillor Barbeau, Vice-Chair of the Priorities Committee, were not in attendance, nominations were held for the position of Committee Chair.

NOMINATOR

NOMINEE

Councillor Cimino

Councillor Dupuis

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

RECOMMENDATION 2008-29: Moved by Councillor Caldarelli:

THAT Councillor Dupuis be appointed Chair of the Priorities Committee meeting of June 4, 2008.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 2 Supporting Heritage in the Community

Report dated May 14, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Supporting Heritage in the Community.

P. Baskcomb, Manager of Community & Strategic Planning, introduced Chris Mahood and Bert Duclos, Outreach Consultants, Ministry of Culture who made an electronic presentation entitled *Supporting Heritage in Your Community*.

Chris Mahood advised that heritage is not just about the past and does not have to be old. He stated it is about the places, spaces and stories valued today and preserved for tomorrow such as museum and library collections, bridges and railway stations, artifacts and photographs and stories and folktales. He outlined the benefits heritage has on the community:

- ▶ it is a big part of what makes communities unique;
- ▶ it contributes to quality of life and fosters local identity and pride;
- ▶ well-maintained heritage streetscapes and landscapes contribute to safe, comfortable communities;
- ▶ it brings in tourist dollars;
- ▶ adaptive reuse of heritage resources is good for the environment and economy.

He stated that supporting heritage attracts cultural tourism and saves landmarks and landfill space. He provided a comparison between rehabilitation and new construction showing that 'heritage pays'.

Bert Duclos explained some roles that Municipal Councils can have such as establishing a Municipal Heritage Committee and designating properties or districts that have heritage value. He further explained some roles that Municipal Heritage Committees can play such as researching and compiling inventories of heritage resources and assisting in heritage planning. He outlined the key steps:

- ▶ Identify by supporting Municipal Heritage Committee, evaluating properties of heritage value and maintaining a municipal register;
- ▶ Protect by designating heritage properties and districts, creating planning policies that support heritage conservation and offering incentives to property owners;
- ▶ Promote locally, provincially and nationally.

He listed some examples of goals such as a municipal register and heritage property tax relief and some examples of support that may be required such as resources and technical support.

Item 3
Greater Sudbury
Bicycle Advisory
Panel Update

Nathalie Gara-Boivin and Clee Lieverse, City of Greater Sudbury Bicycle Advisory Panel, made an electronic presentation to provide an update.

Ms. Gara-Boivin outlined the benefits of cycling (active living, environmental, economic and civic engagement) stating that they address four pillars identified in the City's Healthy Community Strategy.

Mr. Lieverse stated the mandate of the Bicycle Advisory Panel and listed the Advisory Panel Members. He indicated that their objectives are to assist in the implementation of route recommendations, promote safe cycling and develop recommendations for infrastructure/support facilities. He stated there are three Sub-committees: marketing and Share the Road Campaign; education, skill development, safety and health benefits; and infrastructure. He advised of the *Ramsey Lake Cycle Tour* to be held on June 21, 2008.

Ms. Gara-Boivin advised of the *Sustainability Joy Rides*, which are rides around Ramsey Lake held monthly from May to October, and the *Rack and Roll Program*, which provides for bike racks on City buses. She also advised that they are conducting an inventory of City facilities and major destination points with existing bike parking and endorsing the *Bicycles at Rest* guidelines regarding bike rack choices and site planning. She indicated they assist in other community events such as Salon de Livre ride and bike rodeos.

Mr. Lieverse advised they are increasing their knowledge through webinars, the Bike Summit 2008 and the Putting Ontario on Two Wheels Conference. Also, they are promoting their events on their website. He indicated the next steps are to finalize route recommendations for approval, provide CAN bike training and education courses and develop budget recommendations for bike infrastructure.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED

Item 4
Sewer Use By-law -
Proposal for Update

Report dated April 22, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding Sewer Use By-law - Proposal for Update.

RECOMMENDATION 2008-30: Moved by Councillor Craig:

WHEREAS the City's existing Sewer Use By-law was developed in 1973 and is in need of updating;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be authorized to proceed with a substantial rewrite of the Sewer Use By-law crafted

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to facilitate with regulatory requirements and current industry standards and achieve the following specific goals:

- ▶ Protect municipal staff and infrastructure;
- ▶ Enable optimum wastewater system efficiency and use;
- ▶ Prevent stormwater and other 'clear' water from entering the system;
- ▶ Protect wastewater sludge quality;
- ▶ Protect public and private property; and,
- ▶ Protect the natural environment;

All in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated April 22, 2008.

CARRIED

PART II
7:00 P.M.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 5
Alternative Level of
Care Pressures

T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services, Vickie Kaminski, CEO, Hôpital régional de Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) and Richard Joly, Executive Director, Community Care Access Centre (CCAC), made an electronic presentation regarding Alternative Levels of Care Pressures in the City of Greater Sudbury.

The Chief of Emergency Services advised he made a presentation to Council on December 12, 2007 on ambulance off-loading delays. He has now invited Sudbury Regional Hospital (HRSRH) and the North East Community Care Access Centre (NE CCAC) to outline the effects Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients are having on our local health system from each perspective.

Ms. Kaminski advised that ALC patients no longer require hospital care but can not be discharged because they are awaiting some other appropriate form of care such as long term care, palliative care, home care, etc. They are therefore occupying acute care beds which impacts on emergency department wait times, surgical cancellations and wait times and ambulance off-loading delays. She stated that, although not unique to, it is worse in the northeast. She indicated that, on average, 30% of the hospital's acute beds are occupied by ALC patients.

Mr. Joly advised that NE CCAC is one of fourteen CCACs across Ontario. He listed the work performed by the CCACs on a daily basis. They provide comprehensive case management, nursing services, multiple therapy services and personal support services in homes. He stated that, on any given day, the NE CCAC serves approximately 4,000 clients in the Manitoulin-Sudbury area alone.

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He indicated that caseloads for clients over 65 years of age have increased significantly since 2006 with 60% of active clients being seniors. He advised that enhanced case management assists with the flow of patients and prevents hospitalization. He stated that, when clients are not longer able to remain at home, they assists in exploring options, i.e. long-term care home placement, retirement homes, etc. He advised that current long-term care bed capacity in Manitoulin and Sudbury Districts is 1,765 beds with 229 clients awaiting placement. They are providing enhanced service levels to support clients awaiting placement from home to avoid hospitalization.

The Chief of Emergency Services provided an overview of response time for the years 2001, 2004 and 2007 and ambulance off-loading delays for the years 2005 to 2008 on a monthly basis. He advised of current mitigation strategies such as the Ambulance Off-Loading Task Force, revisions of the City's System Status Plan for delivery of land ambulance services and EMS up-staffing daily to address call volumes, response time and off-loading delays. He further advised that HRSRH is continuing to increase non-urgent transfer service hours and has implemented several internal strategies to improve patient bed flow. They are also seeking funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) for nursing hours to support EMS. He advised that future challenges, three items must be taken into consideration: Northeast Local Health Integrated Network has the highest rate of ALC patients in acute care beds in Ontario; the area has a higher aging population than the rest of the Province; and, when the MOHLTC designated the number of acute care beds for the one-site hospital to be completed in 2010, it was contingent on no ALC patients in the system.

Councillor Callaghan noted that the number of acute care beds designated by the MOHLTC for the one-site hospital did not take into consideration ACL patients in the system. He stated that citizens are concerned about health care in the community. The Committee, by consensus, directed staff to prepare a report to develop a policy framework to ensure plans are appropriate to meet the needs of the community to be submitted to the MOHLTC. The report is to include potential additional capacity for the hospital, possible interim measures and the demonstrated need to retain the interim long term care beds.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2008-31: Moved by Councillor Dutrisac:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:02 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor R. Dupuis, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk