



Location:	Centennial Community Centre/Arena, 4333 Centennial Road, Hanmer
Commencement:	6:00 PM
Adjournment:	9:07 PM

Minutes

**For the 29th Priorities Committee Meeting held
Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

COUNCILLOR BARBEAU, IN THE CHAIR

Present: Councillors Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Craig; Caldarelli; Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez (D7:45pm)

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; B. Battison, Acting Fire Chief; E. Stankiewicz, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; R. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; K. Rossi, Coordinator of Seniors' and Health Development Community Services; C. Dent, Manager of Recreation; D. Yachuk, Recreation Co-ordinator; L. Tucker, Community Development Coordinator; J. Pafford, Community Development Coordinator; A. Haché, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media: Sudbury Star; CIGM; Persona 10 News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life

COMMUNITY TOUR

The Community Tour of St. Germaine Farm Museum, which was to take place prior to the meeting, was cancelled due to weather conditions.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: None declared.

Opening Remarks: Councillor Rivest welcomed those in attendance including approximately the 100 people from Ward 6 in the audience to the Priorities Committee meeting.

Recognition of Former Mayor & Councillor: Councillor Gasparini acknowledged Jean Robert, former Mayor of the City of Valley East and Louise Portelance, former Councillor of the City of Greater Sudbury and the City of Valley East.

CIVIC AWARD PRESENTATION

Award Presentation: Mayor John Rodriguez and Councillor Ron Dupuis presented Claudette Lahti-Ouwens with a Civic Award for her volunteer work.

Claudette Lahti-Ouwens thanked everyone for the award stating she was part of a team.

Citizen Delegations

2. Marc Tassé, Chair, Valley East Community Action Network (VECAN), made an electronic presentation regarding VECAN. He listed the major accomplishments including the rebuilding of the Howard's Nature Trail, Valley East Days, partnership between the Youth Centre and City of Greater Sudbury, intra Valley Bus Service, Racing Against Drugs Event and the founding of the VECAN Senior Council. He advised that three VECAN members were recipients of Civic Awards for Volunteerism. He stated some of the ongoing events were the celebration of Valley East days, summer youth dances and community arts project with the Youth Centre. He explained in detail the following priority projects:
 - Local Economic Development & Recognition;
 - Valley East Wall of Fame;

- Community COPS program;
- Valley East Youth Centre;
- Hammer Playground Complex;
- Peace Park Near Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre;
- Langdon Park and Capreol Link Trails;
- Whitson Lake Waterfront Parks;
- Intra Valley Bus Service;
- Senior Services and Residences.

3 . Claudette Lahti-Ouwens, Chair, VECAN Seniors Committee, and Eva Mazerolle, Club âge d'or de la Vallée, made an electronic presentation regarding Seniors Issues and Need for Affordable Housing for Seniors in Ward 6. They stated that the time for action is now as, by 2021, 21.3% of the population in valley east will be 65 years old or over. They outlined their mission statement to provide a voice for many Valley East Seniors facing housing issues. Their goal is to encourage municipal leaders to act on senior housing issues in Valley East. They stated that as part of the Official Plan Review, the City of Greater Sudbury was to access land suitable for the incorporation of housing for citizens. The City was to review initiatives by other municipalities for providing alternative affordable housing geared to income for seniors and develop a 'Seniors Housing Policy'. They stated that the document 'Affordability and Choice Today' in the Official Plan encourages the City and the housing industry to better promote a working relationship to meet affordable housing requirements for seniors in the Valley. They also stated that the document 'Municipal Regulatory Reforms' deals with barriers such as fees, permits and regulations. They listed examples of different types of structural designs such as secondary suites, garden suites, granny flats, etc. and stated they need strong advocates for seniors to bring about some of the 'Municipal Regulatory Reforms'. They listed some of the types of housing accessible to seniors in Valley East from independent living in their own home to long term care facilities. They stated that in a survey of seniors in Valley East, 80% indicated a need for an assisted living residence, geared to income, by a non-profit organization. They also stated that locations have been considered in the proximity of community amenities for an assisted living residences and long term care and palliative care facility. They indicated that the housing issues needs to be addressed to ward off a major crisis in the next few years. They advised of the Seniors Line (673-3636) provided by Greater Sudbury Senior Community Network and Parkside and encouraged seniors to use this service.

4 . Report dated May 2, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Update - City of Lakes Family Health Team.

Dr. Chris McKibbin, Chair, City of Lakes Steering Committee, gave an update on the City of Lakes Family Health Team. Their plan is to incrementally provide service throughout the City of Greater Sudbury. He advised that they identified the Pioneer Manor and Val Caron sites. They have secured funding to renovate the Pioneer Manor site. He also advised that May 22, 2008 will be the official opening of the Val Caron site. Capital funding from the province has provided the operational funds for three nurse practitioners and clerical support. An executive director should soon be in place along with a complement of health care providers. He indicated that the official opening of the Pioneer Manor site is expected in mid June. He stated that, from interest of a few physicians, there is now a number of physicians who are committed. He advised that the next stage of the incremental process is the site in Walden and then Rayside-Balfour. He was happy to report that what was once a promise is now work which is fully in progress and ready for the next steps of expansion. He thanked City Council and staff for their support along with the sponsors of the project and the project manager, Dave Courtemanche. He stated that a family health team provides a fundamental relationship between doctor and patient with continuity, comprehension and commitment.

RECOMMENDATION 2008-25: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

Whereas the City of Lakes Family Health Team is part of a continuum of primary care reform; and

Whereas there are four proposed sites for the City of Lakes Family Health Team and they include, Pioneer Manor, Valley East, Walden and Rayside Balfour; and

Whereas the renovations to Pioneer Manor and Valley East sites are near completion; and

Whereas the City of Lakes Family Health Team returned to Priorities looking for financial support to proceed with the development of the Walden site; and

Whereas there is interest to advance the development due to physician interest; and

Whereas the City of Lakes Family Health Team will advise Council with estimates on capital and service levels for the Walden Family Health Team; and

Whereas there are retention efforts through a purchase of service agreement for the two current family medicine practitioners in Walden which expires June 30, 2008,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of service agreements with Doctors Bayly and Koop be extended for an additional 6 month period from July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 in the value of \$5,000 each; and

That the necessary by-law be passed.

CARRIED

Councillor Briefing Sessions

- 5 . Cindy Dent, Manager of Recreation, and Dan Yachuk, Recreation Co-ordinator, made an electronic presentation to provide an update on the Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre.

The Manager of Recreation advised that the Centre opened in 1983 and in October will celebrate its 25th Anniversary. She stated that membership has greatly increased since 2006 which allowed for programming increases including the increase of two personal trainers, additional fitness and aquacize classes and partnerships with Valley East Minor Soccer, Valley East Waves Swim Club and local schools. She outlined the building improvements and the grounds initiatives. She listed ongoing projects including accessibility, pool viewing area and an update on the current computer system.

RECOMMENDATION 2008-26: Moved by Councillor Dutrisac:

THAT we proceed past the hour of 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY

- 6 . Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services, and Robert Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation, made an electronic presentation regarding the 2008 Ward 6 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Director of Roads & Transportation advised of the resurfacing projects including Notre Dame Avenue, Hamilton Crescent and Guenette Drive. He also advised of a pilot project to resurface the road to the Sanitary Landfill using recycled asphalt shingles. He indicated that new traffic signals will be installed at MR 80 and Desmarais Road. There will also be manhole repairs and rehabilitation of several large storm sewer manholes. He indicated that engineering work for the widening of MR 80 from Frost Street to Notre Dame Avenue is planned for 2009 and a preliminary route planning study of the Barrydowne Road connection from Maley Drive to Notre Dame Avenue is planned for 2009 - 2010.

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services advised that the Water/ Wastewater capital program has prioritized projects to target the most urgent needs. He stated that the water distribution system projects will feature new condition assessment and rehabilitation programs. He also indicated there will also be plant upgrades to the New Valley System Well.

Policy Discussion Papers - Preliminary Discussion

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

Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services, made an electronic presentation regarding the proposed update of the Sewer Use By-law. He indicated that the current by-law dates back to 1973 and is in need of upgrading due to significant changes in community expectations and new standards and regulations. He stated that the existing by-law did not provide for the development of source control programs resulting in a wide range of contaminants being introduced into the collection system. He indicated that fats, oils and grease enter the collection system causing line blockages resulting in backups into homes and spills to the natural environment. He stated another issue in inflow and infiltration control which affects the cost of wastewater service. Clear water dumped into the sanitary sewers through improper connections of downspouts, foundation drains and sumps is treated as sanitary waste increasing the operating cost. He listed certain goals in the updated by-law including ensuring that the health and safety of staff and the public is not put to risk due to contaminants, protecting the municipal infrastructure, protecting the quality of wastewater sludge and protecting public and private property and the natural environment. He stated that the Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment developed a model sewer use by-law for use as a guideline by municipalities. The model provides a strong regulatory foundation; clarifies stakeholder requirements and policies to provide consistent standards, promotes better practices and enables comprehensive

source control programs to evolve. He outlined the benefits of an updated by-law including optimizing wastewater system efficiency and promoting pollution prevention practices.

The following recommendation was presented:

Dupuis: Whereas the City's existing Sewer Use Bylaw 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 Bylaw crafted 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.

The Chair advised that this item is for preliminary discussion only and will be voted on at the next meeting of the Priorities Committee.

RECOMMENDATION 2008-27: Moved by Councillor Dutrisac:

THAT we proceed past the hour of 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY INPUT

Andre Thibert stated that the residents attending the meeting were present to support his proposed housing project. He outlined the steps he has taken since 2004. He indicated he has 120 applications for the 55-unit proposal and 110 letters of support. He requested Council's commitment to the project as there is a great need for such housing in Valley East. He thanked the seniors for attending the meeting to support the project.

Monique Laforge indicated she is attempting to find a retirement home for her mother and asked about government subsidies.

The General Manager of Community Development advised that subsidies depend on circumstances with CCAC determining eligibility. She indicated that retirement homes are not subsidized while long term care facilities are subsidized.

Closing Remarks

Councillor Rivest thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION 2008-28: Moved by Councillor Dutrisac:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Barbeau, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk