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Update on Individual Councillor Priorities

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Background

At the Special Meeting of Council held on January 11 and 12, 2008, the facilitator asked each Member of Council to identify their top two individual priorities. That information was summarized for the Priorities Committee meeting of February 20, 2008.

The attached Chart summarizes the status of each of those priorities as of the middle of October 2008.

Individual Councillor Ward Priorities - Identified at the Special Meeting of Council – January 12, 2008

Councillor	Priorities	Department	Comments
J. Barbeau	Distribution of roads maintenance & services by total kms of road	IS	Roads maintenance is carried out City-wide on a priority needs basis. Budget is distributed to each Section based on Section inventory.
	Legacy Projects	CD/GD	Strategic Projects presented to Council October 15, 2008.
C. Berthiaume	Review Portable Sign By-Laws	GD	The Portable Sign By-law was reviewed and some minor amendments were approved by Council. Related by-laws regarding Clearing of Lands and Property Maintenance will be presented in the very near future to address the revitalization of the community through stronger by-laws.
	Planning to improve MR35	IS	The four-laning of MR35 from Azilda to Chelmsford is number 3 on the capital new roads list behind Maley Drive and the "S" curve realignment on the Kingsway.
T. Callaghan	Identify fund to meet needs of individual constituents	FS/CD	A funding source is to be identified for Council approved budget options.
	Commit to Maley Drive extension	IS	Strategic Projects presented to Council October 15, 2008.
F. Caldarelli	Sewer/Water to Ramsey Lake South Shore	IS	Staff will include an option in the base capital budget related to this project.
	Improve Loach's Road	IS	Spot areas will be improved as part of maintenance budget. Watermain replacement will drive sections of road reconstruction.
J. Cimino	Traffic Calming	IS	Policy is being developed and pilot project is in the works.
	Improved communications between PWD and citizens	IS/ HR&OD	HR&OD is developing a customer service training module for delivery to all staff.

D. Craig	Upgrade Leisure and Playground including new South Branch Library	CD	The Library Board is committed to the expansion of South Branch Library and are currently exploring options that include expanding in the existing location or building at a new location in the four corners area. It is anticipated that the Board will make a final decision later this year or early 2009. The department has the following capital projects for 2009: playground , outdoor rink , basketball / tennis court upgrades / park upgrades = \$804,754; building upgrades = \$1,679,000.
	Long Lake Road Improvements	IS	The current improvements at Long Lake Road (By-Pass to Ester Road) do not address the need of the proposed development in this area and there will be further improvements required as these developments proceed. The work currently being done however will not be lost as a result of those improvements.
	Improve traffic at Lasalle/NotreDame	IS	Budgeted for 2010.
R. Dupuis	Complete Maley Drive extension	IS	Strategic Projects presented to Council October 15, 2008.
E. Dutrisac	Improve infrastructure/roads/sewers across City equally	IS	All infrastructure work is maintained based on needs. Staff will present further information to Council this fall.
	Improve quality of life youth, seniors, disabled	ALL	An increase in transit service ensured that all students could get to school on time from all parts of the City. The City purchased five new lowfloor accessible buses. These buses will help seniors and the disabled community with barrier free transportation. Handi transit service hours were increased to ensure transportation for those with physical disabilities. Service levels were increased on Sundays to ensure transportation for all three groups to attend work and social events. Free transportation was provided during the summer

J. Gasparini	months for youth through the transportation grant program. New travel guides were developed to make them more user friendly. The Accessibility Advisory Panel provides input and advice on how to make CGS programs and services more accessible to all. The Accessible Playground Project as approved by Council on September 10 will improve quality of access to integrated play. Training in providing service to citizens with disabilities will be delivered as the City comes into compliance with the Customer Services Standard under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. Housing Services is working with two non-profit providers under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP) to develop 2 projects - a 20 unit seniors project in Capreol and an 80 unit mixed project in Sudbury. Both providers are hopeful that they will reach building permit stage by October 1, 2008. If achieved, the projects would be ready for occupancy in late 2009. Housing Services issued a 4th Request For Proposals under the AHP in the hopes of developing another 42 units. The RFP closes next week. The results will be presented to Council by early November. Also under the AHP, Housing Services was successful in securing 57 units in the private sector under the Housing Allowance initiative. The funds are short term (5 yrs). The program provides a fixed amount of monthly subsidy to help make rents more affordable. Applicants from the Registry list have taken advantage of this initiative. Under the AHP's Home Ownership initiative, Housing Services has issued 9 down payment loans to qualified applicants to assist in their purchase of a home. As the purchaser must also be a current renter, the movement of the renter to the home
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J. Landry-Altman		has created a rental vacancy. The Program is currently seeking applicants. Deadline for applications is October 31, 2008. An Options For Homes affiliate has been established in Greater Sudbury. Options For Homes is a not-for-profit housing developer providing cost-effective home ownership through an innovative concept that allows people with incomes as low as \$25,000 to purchase their own home. Potential sites are being explored with the intention to begin construction of the units by the spring of 2009.
	Balance needs of older/younger citizens and of specific Wards/whole City	ALL This issue will be included as policies related to services and programs delivered in the community are presented to Council.
	Enhance safety	ALL Emergency Management is working to increase public awareness of and preparedness for community emergencies through the promotion of the 72 Hour Emergency Survival Kit and Family Emergency Plan. Emergency information is circulated at community events and through the Citizen Service Centres, as well as through the City's website. Continued efforts are being made to improve our community's disaster-resiliency by establishing additional evacuation centres and investigating public alerting system options. Emergency Medical Services is an active community partner undertaking a number of safety oriented programs on an annual basis. • In conjunction with the Greater Sudbury Paramedic Association, Dairy Queen and Canadian Tire, Greater Sudbury paramedics distribute hundreds of coupons each year promoting the importance of wearing a bicycle helmet. The "Awesome" coupon entitles the recipient to a free ice cream cone while the "Busted" coupon can be used towards the

	purchase of a bicycle helmet. At the request of community members, paramedics visit local schools and events to encourage personal safety, demonstrate emergency equipment and promote the field of paramedicine. • In conjunction with the Sudbury & District Health Unit, EMS also hosts child care seat clinics on a biweekly basis at the Centre Lionel E. Lalonde Centre instructing parents and caregivers about the correct installation of car seats. • New this year was the deployment throughout the City of Greater Sudbury of twenty automated external defibrillators (AED). These AEDs will help our citizens increase the odds of surviving an out of hospital cardiac arrest. As part of the program, a number of City personnel were trained to assist in the event of a cardiac arrest and a mass CPR blitz for community members was held at Centre Lionel E. Lalonde Centre. As more automated external defibrillators are deployed within the community, more training is anticipated. • Each Hallowe'en, EMS patrols local neighbourhoods between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. to watch for children who may need help and to report suspicious activities. Marked emergency vehicles can be flagged down at any time by citizens in need of assistance. These collaborative initiatives highlight EMS' commitment to enhancing community safety and increasing public awareness. Community and Strategic Planning has assisted Council in establishing a Heritage Advisory Committee under the Act and has provided planning support and training for committee members and developing the Committee terms of Reference. The Committee is beginning the process of identifying Heritage features which should be considered for conservation. Jason Ferrigan is the Planner assigned for immediate staff support with Paul Baskcomb and Guido Mazza also assisting as required.
Revitalize community via stronger by-laws & recognition of heritage	GD

A. Rivest	Senior's affordable housing	CD	See AHP regarding Capreol. Also note that seniors can apply to live in the mixed project as well. Under the current AHP RFP, we anticipate receiving a proposal to develop seniors housing in Hanmer. Should that proposal be received and meet the program criteria, it will be brought to Council for recommendation to the Province for a funding allocation.
	Barrydowne extension	IS	Route Planning Study to be done in 2009. Environmental Impact Study will be carried out when traffic flows on MR80 warrant.