

Request for Decision City Council




Type of Decision							
Meeting Date	April 9, 2008			Report Date	March 27, 2008		
Decision Requested		Yes	No	Priority	X	High	Low
	Direction Only		X	Type of Meeting	X	Open	Closed

Report Title
Transit Stop Announcements

Budget Impact / Policy Implication		Recommendation	
X	This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.		
<p>At this stage, there are no financial implications. If Options 2 or 3 are chosen, we will bring costs of implementation back to Council.</p>		<p>At this time we are recommending Option #1 as follows:</p> <p>Make no changes to our initial letter and move forward with transportation standards put forward by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, (the AODA).</p>	
X	Background Attached		Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department	Recommended by the C.A.O.
 Doug Nadrozny General Manager of Growth and Development	 Mark Mieta Chief Administrative Officer

Date: March 27, 2008

Report Prepared By	Division Review
 Roger Sauvé Director of Transit Services	Name Title

BACKGROUND

In October 2007, the Ontario Human Rights Commission requested that Greater Sudbury Transit provide information regarding stop announcements. Some of the information requested was:

- ▶ Whether all stops are currently and consistently being announced;
- ▶ Any policies and/or practices currently in place for announcement of stops; and,
- ▶ Steps taken to ensure the policy or practice is carried out.

Further to that, the Commission requested that the City provide a plan for the implementation of the Lepofsky v. TTC decision and that it be included in our letter. (The Lepofsky v. TTC decision stated that all stops must be announced in Toronto.)

In December 2007, Greater Sudbury Transit responded and provided all the information required. We indicated that Greater Sudbury Transit's current practice is to identify specific stops upon requests from passengers. This system has and continues to work in meeting and responding to community needs. We further advised that we are working on an interface solution which would integrate our AVL system and our Fareboxes. The new solution will allow us to consider the possibility of electronically announcing "audibly and visually" all stops. Our response was consistent with the position of the Transit industry indicating it is committed to growing accessible public transit services for Sudbury residents and is supportive of the development of all the standards under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.

Greater Sudbury Transit has subsequently received another letter from the Commission requesting that our plan be amended. Specifically the Commission would like to know when we will be announcing all stops. The Commission indicated that it will take all necessary steps to ensure that transit providers are meeting their obligations under the Code, including initiating complaints. Such a complaint would result in a proceeding before the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal.

An interim response has been provided to the Commission, and Transit staff continue to participate in ongoing consultation with other Transit properties regarding this issue.

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At this point, the following are options Council may wish to consider:

Option #1

Make no changes to our initial letter and move forward with transportation standards put forward by the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, (the AODA). This position may result in the Commission initiating a complaint against the City.

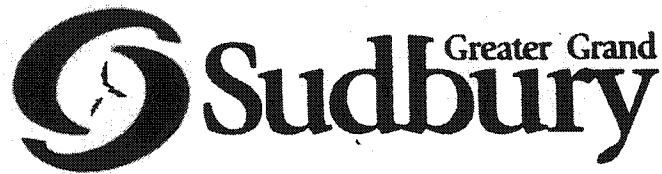
Option #2

Comply with the request of the Commission and set dates to begin manually announcing all stops. This option would require significant time, planning, and resources. There would be many challenges as every stop would need its own name which would then need to be memorized by all operators. It is also staff's position that this would create an unsafe practice because it would distract operators and would shift the focus away from driving the bus. Other Transit properties have estimated the cost of implementing this option at \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Option #3

Advise the Commission that we will maintain our current practice but will move towards an automated solution. Council will direct staff to put out an RFP for this type of solution and would return to Council for Approval. The estimated costs cannot be determined at this time.

Transit staff recommends Option 1, that we maintain our position as stated in our December 7, 2007 letter which is to identify specific stops upon requests from passengers as the system continues to work well in meeting and responding to community needs.



December 7, 2007.

Ms. Barbara Hall
Chief Commissioner
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Dear Ms. Hall:

Re: October 16, 2007 Letter – Transportation Services and Human Rights

Thank you for your letter of October 16, 2007.

As evidenced by the progress Greater Sudbury Transit has made over the past 10 years and our plans for the future, our commitment to growing accessible public transit services for Sudbury residents, and in turn for Ontario, is apparent. Our commitment has and continues to be predicated on providing for clear, measurable and sustainable progress in the delivery of accessible public transit services, balancing the needs and expectations of all customers and stakeholders with fiscal realities.

Greater Sudbury Transit considers the Standard relating to the delivery of public transit services, as set out in the initial proposed transportation standard developed under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), when viewed in its entirety, reasonable in terms of requirements and associated implementation timelines, noting the requirements and timelines are minimum standards, and there is nothing precluding service providers from exceeding same. This includes the requirements associated with the calling of stops. The proposed standard provides the necessary flexibility to respond to the issue of accommodation reflecting the differences in local capacity and community needs. The latter point is critical recognizing the collective expectations of all standards being developed under the AODA and other significant pressures and/or expectations facing the municipalities relating to other municipal services and infrastructure needs, etc.

Greater Sudbury Transit is supportive of the inclusive process that has and continues to be followed with respect to the development of all the Standards under the AODA, an extended process involving individuals with disabilities, government and respective industry representatives and the public at large, with the latter being part of the public consultation process. The continuation of this process will be critical as Standards are established for the four identified common standards. Further, the process through its planned 5 year review provides the means to assess continued progress taking into account such factors as progress to date, technology and economic considerations.

In terms of stop announcements, Greater Sudbury Transit's current practice is to identify specific stops upon requests from passengers. The system has and continues to work well in meeting and responding to community needs. Greater Sudbury Transit does not have on file any complaints respecting the calling of stops or the practice set out above.

In 2006, the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury approved the purchase and installation of an automatic vehicle location system and a new fare collection system at a budgeted cost of over \$2 million. Greater Sudbury Transit is currently working on an interface solution to integrate the new systems. The new solution, scheduled to be operational by the fall of 2008, will allow us to consider the possibility of electronically announcing "audibly and visually" all stops.

Yours truly,

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Roger Sauve,
Director of Transit Services
Greater Sudbury Transit


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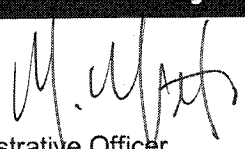


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Report Title
Allocation of Funds to the Pioneer Manor Capital Reserve Fund

Budget Impact / Policy Implication		Recommendation
X	This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.	That funding in the amount of 7.8 million dollars received from the Provincial Government for construction of Long-Term Care beds at Pioneer Manor and any insurance settlement or advance related to beds lost as a result of fire at Pioneer Manor on October 26, 2006 be placed in the Pioneer Manor Capital Reserve Fund until such time such funds are required to be utilised.
Background Attached		Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department
 Catherine Matheson General Manager Community Development

Recommended by the C.A.O.
 Mark Mieto Chief Administrative Officer

Date: April 9, 2008

Report Prepared By	Division Review
 Tony Parmar Manager of Quality, Admin. & Fin. Services	Name Title

Background

On November 28, 2007 Council approved the construction of a 31 bed LEED Silver certified building with a design to meet the needs of residents with dementia and the recommissioning of an additional 25 beds in K-Wing. The cost of construction and recommissioning was to be funded through an insurance settlement, Pioneer Manor reserves and or existing capital envelopes.

On January 23, 2008 Council approved an application under the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative for the construction of an additional 32 beds at Pioneer Manor. The proposed additional beds were to be constructed through the introduction of a second storey structure to the previously approved beds in November 2007.

The City has been recently notified that our application in the amount of 7.8 million dollars has been approved as submitted.

Design considerations for the introduction of a second storey has also allowed the main floor to be increased from 31 to 32 beds within the original approved budget. It is anticipated that construction of the 64 beds will commence in the coming months with a completion date of late 2009 or early 2010.


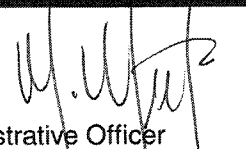
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Report Title
Appointment - Taxi By-law Review Advisory Panel

Budget Impact / Policy Implication	Recommendation
<div> <div>This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.</div> <div> <p><u>BUDGET IMPACT</u></p> <p>There is no financial impact associated with this Request for Decision.</p> </div> </div>	<div> <p>That Councillor(s) _____ be appointed to the Taxi By-law Review Advisory Panel for the term ending December 31, 2008.</p> </div>
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Recommended by the Department	Recommended by the C.A.O.
 Caroline Hallsworth Executive Director, Administrative Services	 Mark Mieto Chief Administrative Officer

Date: April 2, 2008

Report Prepared By	Division Review
 Angie Haché City Clerk	

BACKGROUND

A report dated February 7, 2008 was submitted to City Council at their meeting of February 27, 2008 and the following resolution was passed:

"That Council accept the taxicab tariff review report dated February 7, 2008 from the General Manager of Growth and Development as submitted and approve the recommendations as set out by the Chief Tax Inspector, specifically:

That a taxi tariff increase is not recommended at this time and that a further review be undertaken and a report be prepared for Council in July 2008;

And further that Council appoint a Taxi By-law Review Committee to examine the current Taxi By-law 2003-3 and report back to Council prior to September 1, 2008 with recommendations and possible amendments."

With respect to membership of the Committee (Advisory Panel), the report recommends that at least one Councillor be appointed, along with staff from Compliance and Enforcement Services and Legal Services. The Taxi By-law Review Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting to discuss possible changes to the by-law and report back to Council prior to September 1, 2008.

It is being requested that a Member(s) of Council be appointed to the Taxi By-law Review Advisory Panel for the term ending December 31, 2008.

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Report Title
Greater Sudbury's 125 th Anniversary Update

Budget Impact / Policy Implication		Recommendation
x	This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.	
<p>The expenditures identified in the plan for Greater Sudbury's 125th anniversary have been budgeted for in the 2008 budget.</p>		<p>WHEREAS in 2008 the City of Greater Sudbury is celebrating the 125th anniversary of the founding of the communities that are today the City of Greater Sudbury; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Resolution # 2007-479 was passed on October 24, 2007 with a proposed budget and list of signature events prepared by the 125 organizing committee;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the attached revised budget and list of signature events be approved for the 125th anniversary celebrations;</p> <p>AND THAT Council approve the distribution of projected revenue generated from the sale of "Healing the Landscape - 125th anniversary edition" book to assist the anticipated implementation of the three largest projects outlined in the Heritage Canada - Communities Historical Awareness Grant Application.</p>
X	Background Attached	Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department
 Catherine Matheson General Manager, Community Development

Recommended by the C.A.O.
 Mark Mieto Chief Administrative Officer

Date: March 26, 2008

Report Prepared By	Division Review
 Cindi Briscoe Community Development Coordinator	

Greater Sudbury 125th Anniversary Signature Events:

A signature event has been added to the 125th program since the last update to Council on February 13, 2008. The event is highlighted and the revised Signature events are as follows:

1. February 17, 2008 - Community Bonfire - 18 playground associations participated in the Community Bonfire. Excellent feedback was received from the community.
2. April 5 & 6, 2008 - Northern Aboriginal Festival - coordinated by the Laurentian University / Cambrian College Native Student's Associations to be held at the Sudbury Arena. The theme of this Festival is "Coming Together".
3. June 7, 2008 - Greater Sudbury 125th Anniversary Party - a celebration will be taking place from noon to 8 pm in the downtown corridor utilizing various venues such as Tom Davies Square, Memorial Park, Farmer's Market, CP Rail Station and Church of the Epiphany. An invitation has been extended to the community requesting their participation in areas such as entertainment and vendors. The 125 organizing committee has also extended an invitation to Downtown Sudbury to encourage all of the merchants to participate.
4. **June 19, 20, 21, 24, 2008 - St-Jean-Baptiste** - coordinated by Fete-St-Jean Sudbury; several events have been coordinated to celebrate the rich francophone heritage within the community.
5. July 18 & 19, 2008 - Doors Open/Heritage Tour of Historical Buildings to include all of the communities that encompass the Greater Sudbury area.
6. November 15, 2008 - Santa Claus Parade - The theme of the parade will be "Christmas Past/Noel d'antan" honouring the 125th anniversary.

The addition of St Jean Baptiste event has no impact on the budget.

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Budget:

Item	Amount Budgeted
January 1 - Science North - Children's Craft Table	\$550
February 17 - Community Bonfire	\$4,000
April 5 & 6 - Northern Aboriginal Festival	\$10,000
June 7 - Greater Sudbury's 125 th Anniversary Celebration	\$20,000
June 19, 20, 21, 24 - St-Jean-Baptiste	\$10,000
July 18 & 19 - Open Doors Heritage Tour	\$5,000
November 15 - Santa Claus Parade	\$10,000
Rental of Blueberry Bear Mascot for 125 signature events	\$1,000
Flags, Lamp post and horizontal banners	\$12,000
Pins, bags, stickers, balloons, pens	\$12,875
Communications/ advertising	\$35,000
Healing the Landscape 125 th anniversary book	\$24,020
Historical dvd of Sudbury	\$9,000
Salary	\$15,000
Miscellaneous	\$555
Total	\$169,000

Forecasted Revenue generated from Healing the Landscape 125th Anniversary edition Book

Healing the Landscape 125 th Anniversary Edition Book	Projected Budget
Cost to print 2000 books	\$24,020
Revenue generated from the sale of 1500 books @ \$39.95 each	\$59,925

The remaining five hundred books will be distributed to Libraries and Schools within our community.

The Communities Historical Anniversary projects listed below are pending financial approval from the Heritage Canada Grant application that the Museum Board submitted in January 2008. The committee would like to provide the three largest historical projects funding in order to move them forward in a timely fashion to be completed within our anniversary year. External community groups have identified a number of projects that they are seeking funding for through the Heritage Canada - Communities Historical Awareness Grant.

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A synopsis of the activities and the dollar amount requested from Heritage Canada for historical projects are as follows:

1. La ville invisible / Site Unseen - a joint publication of photographs and text. La ville Invisible / Site Unseen, which expresses in an original way the unique personality of the heritage of the City of Greater Sudbury in a symbolic year, its 125th anniversary. The basic features of this release will include: a collection of photographs from local artist Mariana Lafrance, with text/ poetry of original literary works of fifteen local writers depicting areas of the community that would not normally be promoted. This project is an urban bilingual book from Franco-Sudbury.
Total Projected Expense - \$39,060 Funding Request - \$18,000
2. Heritage Routes and Reflections Walking Tour - Walking tours of historical areas of the community to include Heritage signs posted of what the area looked like in the past as well as the ability to dial in and listen to a period voice describing the walking tour. This tour will be located in Copper Cliff, Capreol, The Grotto area, Little Italy, the Mackenzie corridor and the Flour Mill area.
Total Projected Expense - \$24,075 Funding Request - \$13,000
3. My Sudbury! Our Heritage Exhibit - local artists' heritage art, historic photograph and artifact display promoting the local talent of our community.
Total Projected Expense - \$24,000 Funding Request - \$16,000
4. The Greater Sudbury Heritage Mosaic Quilt Exhibit and Tour - featuring a six theme based community quilting project.
Total Projected Expense - \$6,500 Funding Request - \$3,500
5. Celebrating Early Finnish Community Life - a celebration of the influences of Finnish immigrants in the community.
Total Projected Expense - \$6,500 Funding Request - \$2,500
6. Carving Through the North - The Railway Story - a photo exhibit and railway car show telling the story of a century of rail service and passenger service in Northern Ontario.
Total Projected Expense - \$2, 250 Funding Request - \$1,100
7. Voices of Our Past - a cemetery walk in one of the oldest cemeteries.
Total Projected Expense - \$2,050 Funding Request - \$1,450
8. A Night with Aeneas McCharles - re-enactments of a former Sudbury area prospector from his book entitled "bemocked of Destiny".
Total Projected Expense - \$1,750 Funding Request - \$1,250
Total Cost - \$106,185 Total Grant Application = \$56, 800

The Firefighter's Association are producing a heritage book. The cost of the book / dvd set is approximately \$125,000. The Association is currently seeking funding through various sources within the community. All of the historical aspects that will be included in the book such as articles and pictures are from the career and volunteer firefighters from across the community. This information will also be set into a francophone dvd. A fire prevention program dvd will be inserted into the back sleeve of this historical research book. This book / dvd set is the first of its kind being produced in Canada.

Funding Request - \$5,000

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An outline for the distribution of potential revenue to historical projects that could commence planning given advanced distribution of revenue of "Healing the Landscape - 125th anniversary edition" is as follows:

Project	Heritage Canada Funding Request	125 Funding
La ville invisible / Site Unseen Book	\$18,000	\$10,000
Heritage Routes and Reflections Walking Tour	\$13,000	\$10,000
My Sudbury! Our Heritage Exhibit	\$16,000	\$5,000
Firefighter's Heritage Book	n/a	\$5,000
Total	\$47,000	\$30,000