

# THE FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, May 17, 2006  
Commencement: 5:35 p.m.

Chair

**COUNCILLOR CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Bradley; Callaghan; Craig; Dupuis; Gainer; Gasparini; Kett (A5:37pm); Rivest; Thompson (A5:40pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; A. Potvin, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; A. Stephen, General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services; C. Mahaffy, Acting CFO/Treasurer; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; G. Clausen, City Engineer; H. Duff, Director of Social Services; K. Shaw, Manager of Construction Services; B. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; M. Murdoch, Coordinator of Emergency Shelters & Homelessness Initiatives; J. Fortin, Curator, Anderson Farm Museum; A. Haché, M. Laalo, Licensing & Assessment Clerk; City Clerk; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life; CBC Radio-Canada; Big Daddy

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS**

Item 2  
Library & Museum  
Progress Report

Mr. Ron Henderson, Director of Citizen Services introduced Mr. Marte Holouka, Chair of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Museum Board who provided the Committee with an electronic presentation entitled "*Greater Sudbury Library and Museum Progress Report to Council*" for information only.

Mr. Holouka outlined the Greater Sudbury Public Library's mandate and services offered such as homebound service, free internet access and free delivery within a few days to the branch of choice. He advised that 1,080,000 items per year were circulated throughout the City of Greater Sudbury.

Mr. Holouka outlined Greater Sudbury Public Library's recent initiatives and accomplishments (provide transportation to school children to visit libraries, acquisition of the Gilardo and Miron photographic collection, computer and internet training for seniors), and 2006 objectives (digitization of the Inco Triangle, "Get the Card" campaign, partnering with "Salon des livres").

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Mr. Holouka outlined the Citizen Service Centres' recent initiatives and accomplishments.

The Greater Sudbury Museums' mandate and accomplishments was provided. At this point, Mr. Holouka introduced Mr. Jim Fortin, Curator, Anderson Farm Museum, and Mr. Bob Murphy, great grand nephew of Mr. John Bowland who was on the first survey crew in 1883 that founded Sudbury. Mr. Bowland's axe, which was presented to the Town of Sudbury Council on June 8, 1921, was unveiled and presented to the Members of the City of Greater Sudbury Priorities Committee. Mr. Holouka stated that the axe is to be exhibited in the CPR train station this summer and then at the Mackenzie Library.

Item 3  
Public Works Week

Mr. Alan Stephen, General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services introduced Mr. Kevin Shaw, Manager of Construction Services National Public Works to the Committee.

Mr. Shaw provided an electronic presentation entitled "*National Public Works Week - The Heart of Every Community*" for information only. He indicated that from May 21, 2006 to May 27, 2006 is Public Works Week and outlined the activities scheduled for the week.

He provided an update on each division under Public Works and what each division entailed.

**POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION**

Item 4  
Cap on RRSP/RESP  
Expense

Report dated 2006-04-21 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Cap on RRSP/RESP Expense for Children Services Needs Test was received for preliminary discussion only.

After some discussion, it was requested that staff look into whether or not there are other deductions that could be used, in addition to the RRSP/RESP, that would affect the City.

The following recommendation was presented:

WHEREAS in 2004 the Ministry of Children and Youth allowed RRSP and RESP contributions as an allowable expense on the Child Care Subsidy Needs Test;

AND WHEREAS the City implemented this policy with no caps on the amount of RRSP/RESP contribution individuals could make, resulting in families entering the child care subsidy system paying zero contribution to their child care costs;

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AND WHEREAS the City is committed to retaining its current child care spaces, and provide access to as many families in need to the licensed system;

AND WHEREAS the City estimates an increase in access for more families if a cap on RRSP/RESP expenses is introduced;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the allowable expense for RRSP's and/or RESP's be capped at \$300 per month per family.

This matter will be included on the next Priorities Committee agenda for a decision.

Item 5  
Childhood Obesity  
Prevention

Report dated 2006-05-01 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Childhood Obesity Prevention in Sudbury and District was received for preliminary discussion only.

*"Obesity Prevention Key Actions Document"* dated July 2005 and the 2004 Chief Medical Officer of Health Report - *"Healthy Weights, Healthy Lives"* was tabled.

Rules of Procedure

Council, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure, and deal with the motion at this time.

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The following recommendation was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION 2006-113: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:**

WHEREAS the Obesity Prevention Coalition provides action plans to reduce the incidence and prevention of obesity;

AND WHEREAS provincial research indicates that the obesity of children is of major concern;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable supports the Obesity Prevention Action Plan 2005;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the Obesity Prevention Action Plan 2005 and its goals and objectives.

**CARRIED**

Item 6  
Emergency Shelters  
& Homelessness  
Initiatives

Report dated 2006-05-09 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Sustainability Strategy for Emergency Shelters and Homelessness Initiatives was received for preliminary discussion only.

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The following recommendation was presented:

THAT Recommendations 1 to 13, as outlined in the report dated May 9, 2006 by the General Manager of Community Development, be accepted.

This matter will be included on the next Priorities Committee agenda for a decision. The Chair requested that staff prepare an electronic presentation outlining each recommendation separately.

Adjournment

**RECOMMENDATION 2006-114: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 7:35 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Caldarelli, Chair

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Angie Haché, City Clerk