

**THE FORTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2006
Commencement: 5:48 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Bradley; Callaghan; Gainer; Gasparini; Kett; Reynolds; Rivest; Thompson; Mayor Courtemanche (D9:15pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; A. Stephen, General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services; L. Hayes, CFO/Treasurer; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; G. Clausen, City Engineer; B. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; C. Wood, Manager of Operations; K. Moxam, Manager of Parks Services; D. Desmeules, Manager of Housing Services; C. Mahaffy, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; N. Mihelchic, Operations Engineer; K. Matthies, Co-ordinator of Human Resources; T. Fabris, Traffic Control Foreperson; A. Haché, City Clerk; M. Laalo, Licensing & Assessment Clerk; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E.

D. Burke, CUPE National Representative; F. Posadowski, Vice-President, CUPE 4705

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life; Big Daddy

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PART I

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

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Item 2
Winter Operations
Implementation
Update 2007

Report dated 2006-06-16 from the General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services regarding Winter Operations Implementation Update 2007 was received for preliminary discussion.

Alan Stephen, General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services, Clive Wood, Manager of Operations, and Bob Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation, gave an electronic presentation which provided the Committee with approval timelines, background, a review of the City of Greater Sudbury winter roads service

standard, review of the winter 2005-2006 deployment plan, review of the 2006 revised action plan, snow accumulation review, maintenance standards comparisons to northern Ontario municipalities, and municipality comparison of winter maintenance costs of roadways per lane kilometre.

Four winter roads maintenance options were presented:

Option #1: is the 2005 beginning winter model. Most cost effective model which exceeds the Ontario Winter Maintenance Standard. The difference in this option compared to the others is the time to deploy resources and then to clean-up from a storm.

Option #2: is the 2005/2006 end-winter model.

Option #3: is an enhanced 2005/2006 end-year model which reacts to challenges in last years model by increasing routes and increasing the use of contractors on our Class 4-6 (residential and rural) routes.

Option #4: the Route Optimization Model is the most expensive option meeting all the criteria and which provides an enhanced service level by further reducing cycle times on Class 1 - 3 roads.

Three sidewalk winter maintenance options were presented:

Option A: maintain current service levels with sidewalks serviced within 24 hours, under normal conditions.

Option B: existing sidewalks maintained with enhanced service times to complete plowing of sidewalks within 8 hours and snow blowing within 12 hours, under normal conditions.

Option C: re-design sidewalk routes to include sidewalks on one side of all roads where they exist and both sides of arterial roads where they exist. This option addresses the areas that do not currently receive sidewalk maintenance. Increase service time to 8 hours under normal conditions.

They provided the Committee with estimated costs for winter roads and sidewalk maintenance ranging from \$11,500,000 to \$15,300,000 for roads and \$900,000 to \$1,500,000 for sidewalks.

Mr. Stephen addressed the concerns of the Union such as overtime after 8 hours to a maximum of 13 hours, weekend coverage being at overtime without an agreement, agency employees as a contracting out option, etc. He indicated that the Union requires ratification of their membership prior to July 1, 2006.

Item 2
Winter Operations
Implementation
Update 2007
(continued)

Public Works staff requested that Committee members provide direction with respect to developing options which would provide acceptable winter roads and sidewalk maintenance. The following input was provided by Committee members:

Councillor Gainer requested that the options for sidewalk winter maintenance coincide with the winter roads maintenance options.

Councillor Thompson requested that roads be plowed wider, snow removal around the fire hydrants be addressed, have a snow plow located in Capreol for the Capreol area only, and which could be deployed to the Valley East. He indicated that the residents of Falconbridge feel they are receiving a substandard level of service and suggested that the RFP be revisited to allow the smaller local contractor to bid on specific areas such as Falconbridge in order to improve the level of service.

Councillor Kett requested that staff combine Options 2 and 3 of the winter roads maintenance to read as follows:

- legislative changes to hours of work (December 2004) were implemented
- 24 hour service, Monday to Friday, to arterial and collector roads (Class 1 - 3)
- potholes and snow removal accomplished with same crews between events
- 13 hour service on rural and residential; overtime after 8 hours
- 8 to 13 hour sanding on Class 4 - 6 roads
- extend rural and residential service levels by providing plow coverage 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, using alternate service delivery
- and including local control over call-out time

With the consensus of the Committee, Councillor Gasparini requested that staff look at a potential blend of Options 2 and 3 of winter roads maintenance for the next meeting of Council on June 28, 2006.

Councillor Callaghan requested that the level of service for the sidewalk winter maintenance coincide with the winter roads maintenance option.

With the consensus of the Committee, it was agreed to hold a Priorities (Special) Committee meeting on June 28, 2006, prior to the Council meeting, in order to deal with the foregoing matter.

Change of Chair

At 7:40 p.m., Councillor Caldarelli vacated the Chair.

COUNCILLOR THOMPSON, IN THE CHAIR

Item 3
South End Rock
Tunnel

Report dated 2006-06-16, with attachments, from the CFO/Treasurer regarding South End Rock Tunnel was received for preliminary discussion.

Mr. John Hughes of Hemson Consulting provided the Committee with an electronic presentation of background information indicating that the construction cost of the rock tunnel will be \$31.1 million, with a net cost to the City of \$22.7 million after the \$8.4 million from the Provincial government. It was directed by Council for staff to examine a cost recovery from new development set at a \$4.0 million recovery target.

Mr. Hughes indicated that at the March 8, 2006 Priorities Committee meeting, staff were requested to examine recovery options involving the "ICI" sector.

He outlined the waste water flows indicating that this would be the most appropriate basis for calculating multi-land use charges because a common measurement is required for apportioning costs among different land uses, usage of rock tunnel by type of property is fair basis for apportionment, and estimates of an average daily waste water flow by land use type can be made.

A map of the Rock Tunnel sewer catchment area - land use was provided, along with graphs and charts of the estimated shares of tunnel flows and total costs based on flows.

Proceed Past
8:30 p.m.

2006-122 Berthiaume: THAT we proceed past the hour of 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY

Item 3
South End Rock
Tunnel
(continued)

Ms. Hayes provided options for the financing of the South End Rock Tunnel for Council's reconsideration:

Option 1: \$7.229 M from Residential and ICI Sector

Option 2: \$4 M from Residential and ICI Sector

Option 3: \$4 M from Residential and Commercial / Industrial

Option 4: (a) \$4 M (b) \$3 M © \$2 M from Residential Class

Rules of Procedure

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

Proceed Past
9:00 p.m.

2006-123 Berthiaume: THAT we proceed past the hour of 9:00 p.m.

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Item 3
South End Rock
Tunnel
(continued)

The Priorities Committee voted by a show of hands on each option and **Option 1** having received the largest number of votes, the following motion was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2006-124: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

THAT Council approve financing of the \$7.229 million of the Rock tunnel project from the Capital Financing Reserve Fund - Wastewater;

AND THAT Council approve **Option 1**, in order to recover the portion of the costs of the project financed through the Capital Financing Reserve Fund - Wastewater in the amounts of \$4,621 per single family dwelling, \$2,772 per unit for multi-family dwellings, \$16.96 per square metre for Commercial/Industrial, \$6,106 per bed for Hospitals, \$475 per student for University and Schools, and \$4,681 per unit for Student Residences, for new properties to be constructed on the benefiting lands, subject to a public hearing to be held not before twenty-one days after Council approves the Priorities Committee recommendation;

AND THAT such fees would be collected at the building permit stage;

AND THAT the fees would be credited back to the Capital Financing Reserve Fund - Wastewater, as outlined in the report dated June 16, 2006 from the CFO/Treasurer and the report dated June 2006 from Hemson Consulting Ltd.

CARRIED

Option 1
\$7.229 M from
Residential and ICI
Sector

Option 1 is attached.

Item 4
Affordable Housing
Strategy

Report dated 2006-05-26 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Affordable Housing Strategy was received for preliminary discussion.

Report entitled "The City of Greater Sudbury Affordable Housing Strategy" dated June 2006 was circulated under separate cover.

Denis Desmeules, Manager of Housing Services provided a brief electronic presentation advising that the Affordable Housing Strategy was taken from studies, stats and research from the Official Plan, Housing study and Municipal data review.

Item 4
Affordable Housing
Strategy
(continued)

He indicated that the goal of the Affordable Housing Strategy is to list existing services and continue to support the community based delivery of housing, identify gaps in the overall housing continuum, and develop strategies.

Mr. Desmeules provided an overview of the housing market with respect to temporary shelters and permanent housing (absolute homeless, shelters & hostels, transitional beds/units, rental units, mortgaged homes, debt free homes).

Rules of Procedure

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

Item 4
Affordable Housing
Strategy
(continued)

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2006-125: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

THAT the Affordable Housing Strategy be adopted;

AND THAT the Affordable Housing Strategy be used in establishing local recommendations regarding the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program.

CARRIED

Item 5
Pesticide Reduction
Strategy

Report dated 2006-06-05, with attachments, from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Pesticide Reduction Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury was received for preliminary discussion.

Stephen Monet, Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives and Member of the Sudbury Pesticide Reduction Partnership, comprised of the Ministry of Environment, Sudbury & District Health Unit and City of Greater Sudbury Representatives, provided an electronic presentation entitled "*Pesticide Reduction Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury*".

Mr. Monet stated that the purpose and scope of the Sudbury Pesticide Reduction Partnership is as follows:

- to develop a local collaborative support network related to the issue of cosmetic pesticide use in the City of Greater Sudbury
- to promote a better understanding of the environmental and human health risks associated with the cosmetic use of pesticides in the City of Greater Sudbury
- to identify, evaluate and prioritize potential strategies for the reduction of cosmetic pesticide use within the City of Greater Sudbury

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Pesticide Reduction
Strategy
(continued)

- to promote implementation of those strategies deemed to be of priority

Mr. Monet stated that pesticide registration for use in Canada is administered by the Federal government and that pesticides approved for use in Canada undergo an extensive approval process by regulating the sale, transportation, storage, disposal and licensing of commercial applicators of pesticides.

He advised that educating the public is necessary whether or not a municipal by-law is enacted.

He stated that 96% of pesticides sold in Canada are used for non-urban use (forestry, agricultural, right-of-ways), 3.2% used by urban professional applicators, and 0.8% used by homeowners. No pesticides have been detected in the City of Greater Sudbury's municipal drinking water, either before or after treatment.

Mr. Monet advised that the majority of studies reveal no association between pesticides and health effects and reveal weak positive associations between pesticide exposure and some health effects. He stated that "as a whole, the scientific evidence remains inconclusive on the topic of pesticides and health".

The following recommendation was presented:

THAT the City adopt a public position in favour of a reduction in the cosmetic use of lawn and garden pesticides on all properties to a level that is as low as is reasonably achievable;

AND THAT the City establish community targets for that reduction and a timeline for their achievement;

AND THAT the City develop and implement a plan to reduce the cosmetic use of lawn and garden pesticides on all municipally-owned properties;

AND THAT the City employ targeted education and/or advocacy to promote reduced cosmetic pesticide use on properties used primarily by susceptible populations (i.e., day-care centres, schools, hospitals, long-term care facilities);

AND THAT a community outreach and education campaign be conducted with the purpose of increasing the proportion of property owners who choose to care for their lawn and gardens using low-risk alternatives to pesticides;

Item 5
Pesticide Reduction
Strategy
(continued)

AND THAT the City continue to monitor the experiences and lessons learned in other jurisdictions related to this issue, especially those pertaining to the effectiveness of various pesticide reduction methods;

AND THAT the City continue to monitor Federal and Provincial legislation changes related to the regulation of pesticides;

AND THAT Council consider funding this initiative during the 2007 budget deliberation.

Amendment to the
Recommendation

Councillor Kett requested the following amendment to the foregoing recommendation:

Kett: THAT a community consultation be held on lawn and garden pesticides;

AND THAT a timeline for a Pesticide Free Sudbury be determined.

Division of a Question

With the concurrence of the Committee, the foregoing amendment was divided into two amendments and voted on separately.

Amendment to the
Recommendation

The following amendment was presented:

2006-126 Kett: THAT a community consultation be held on lawn and garden pesticides.

CARRIED

Amendment to the
Recommendation

The following amendment was presented:

2006-127 Kett: THAT a timeline for a Pesticide Free Sudbury be determined.

DEFEATED

Main
Recommendation
(as amended)

The main recommendation was presented as amended:

THAT the City adopt a public position in favour of a reduction in the cosmetic use of lawn and garden pesticides on all properties to a level that is as low as is reasonably achievable;

AND THAT the City establish community targets for that reduction and a timeline for their achievement;

AND THAT the City develop and implement a plan to reduce the cosmetic use of lawn and garden pesticides on all municipally-owned properties;

Item 5
Pesticide Reduction
Strategy
(continued)

AND THAT the City employ targeted education and/or advocacy to promote reduced cosmetic pesticide use on properties used primarily by susceptible populations (i.e., day-care centres, schools, hospitals, long-term care facilities);

AND THAT a community outreach and education campaign be conducted with the purpose of increasing the proportion of property owners who choose to care for their lawn and gardens using low-risk alternatives to pesticides;

AND THAT the City continue to monitor the experiences and lessons learned in other jurisdictions related to this issue, especially those pertaining to the effectiveness of various pesticide reduction methods;

AND THAT the City continue to monitor Federal and Provincial legislation changes related to the regulation of pesticides;

AND THAT Council consider funding this initiative during the 2007 budget deliberation;

AND THAT a community consultation be held on lawn and garden pesticides.

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

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED

Item 6
3-1-1 Service

Report dated 2006-06-13 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Seniors' Information and Referral Line (3-1-1 Service) was received for information only.

Report dated 2006-05-30 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding 3-1-1 Service for the City of Greater Sudbury was received.

Councillor Callaghan requested that a representative of the Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Seniors' Issues be invited to be a part of any discussions regarding the Seniors' Information and Referral Line.

The General Manager of Community Development advised the Committee that they will meet with the Roundtable in order to meet the needs of the seniors.

Item 6
3-1-1 Service
(continued)

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2006-128: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

WHEREAS City Council directed staff to investigate the value of a 3-1-1 telephone service for the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS a 3-1-1 telephone service will provide citizens greater convenience by eliminating many individual municipal telephone numbers;

AND WHEREAS a 3-1-1 telephone service will permit citizens to easily report or make inquiries about a vast array of city services;

AND WHEREAS a 3-1-1 telephone service is a major service enhancement for a minimal budget increase;

AND WHEREAS CGS operates a successful municipal call centre with customer relationship management software;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury agrees to implement 3-1-1 telephone service with a target date of November 1, 2006;

FURTHER THAT initial start-up costs of \$27,500 be funded from the Information Technology Reserve Fund; and operating costs be budgeted in the 2007 and future Current Budgets;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to enter into the necessary agreements to implement this service.

CARRIED

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2006-129: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Caldarelli, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk

ITEM 3 - SOUTH END ROCK TUNNEL - PAGE 5

Option 1 - \$7.229 M from Residential and ICI Sector

	Recovery Target	Type	Fees	Share of Cost
Recover 100% of the costs attributable to future development from all sectors - residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional and thus reduce future contributions from Capital envelopes by \$3.229 M (From \$6.3 M to \$3 M to be funded in the years 2006/2007/2008) Pg 15 of the Hemson Report dated June 2006	\$ 7.229 M over a 40 year period	Residential		
		Singles, Semis & TH's	\$4,621 per unit	\$4,771,000
		Apts / Multis	\$2,772 per unit	
		Commercial/Industrial	\$16.96 per sq. m	\$1,659,000
		Hospitals	\$6,106 per bed	\$ 529,000
		Schools	\$475 per student	
		University	\$475 per student	\$ 126,000
		Student Residences	\$4,681 per unit	\$ 144,000