

**THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE FIREARMS REGULATION TASK FORCE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Committee Room C-40
Tom Davies Square**

**Tuesday, June 22nd, 2005
Commencement: 4:00 p.m.
Adjournment: 5:23 p.m.**

DR. DARREN STINSON IN THE CHAIR

<u>Task Force</u>	Councillor Bradley (D. 4:55 p.m.); Councillor Dupuis (D. 4:55 p.m.); G. Lampi; M. Pilon, R. Polsky; J. Rivet
<u>Resource Personnel</u>	Bryan Gutjahr; Steve Massé
<u>Others</u>	F. Bortolussi, Committee Secretary
<u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interest</u>	None declared.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Brian Ramako Brian Ramakko, Ramakko's Tackle World, gave a presentation regarding the sale of firearms and other sporting equipment and the variety of consumers who purchase equipment from his retail outlet. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes.

He indicated that hunters are very avid about the hunting activity and they are very conscience of the rules and regulations. When questioned, he indicated that there are many places in the City of Greater Sudbury where hunting takes place; i.e. Chelmsford, Walden, etc. He also indicated there is hunting near golf courses to rid the course of geese. He indicated that a restrictive by-law would force hunters elsewhere. He indicated there are many hunters from out-of-town and, although they come equipped, they do spend a considerable amount of money for food, gas and licences. His shop sells between \$20,000 and \$30,000 of non-resident licences per year and the three Canadian Tire Stores in the City each sell more than him. He stated that hunters are a dedicated group and they will go elsewhere if they are not allowed to hunt here.

Mr. Ramakko asked the Task Force that they keep the wording simple when preparing any by-law as he very often has to explain the by-laws to hunters.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Oliver Barriault

Oliver Barriault gave a presentation regarding safety training. He indicated that he has been teaching the Hunter Education Course for 41 years. He also teaches the Canadian Firearms Safety Course. He is also involved with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. He indicated that Ontario has the best instructors across America. He stated that all instructors are audited every year.

Mr. Barriault indicated that a person can take the Hunters Firearms Course, which is a 16-hour course, at the age of 12 after which he will receive an apprenticeship licence and can hunt with a licenced hunter and one firearm. At the age of 15, he takes the Canadian Firearms Safety Course and he will receive a minors licence and can carry his own firearm. At 18, he can receive a PAL (possession and acquisition licence). He stated that these courses are intensive hands-on courses.

Mr. Barriault indicated that he will provide the Task Force with the rules and regulations which are very strict.

Mr. Barriault indicated that many people are going back to hunting and many women are becoming hunters and it would be a shame for them not to be able to continue to hunt in the Sudbury area.

Mr. Barriault indicated that in the Province of Ontario in 1967 there were between 130 and 138 hunting accidents with 30 people killed. In the past five years, there might have been one or two accidents with no fatalities.

MINUTES

The minutes were amended by removing B. Gutjahr, Manager of By-law Enforcement Services from the attendance list and by showing the mover and seconder of recommendation 2005-6 as Rivet-Polsky.

The following recommendation was presented:

2005-7 Rivet-Dupuis: That Report #3, Firearms Regulation Task Force Minutes of June 1st, 2005, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Advertising

The Task Force discussed advertising and the consensus was to advertise in the Northern Life and Le Voyageur now and in the Northern Life, Le Voyageur and the Sudbury Star closer to the time of the public input meetings.

Dates for Public Input Meetings

The Task Force agreed to the following dates for the Public Input Meetings:

Ward 1 - September 7th, 2005
Ward 2 - September 7th, 2005
Ward 3 - September 8th, 2005
Ward 4 - September 8th, 2005
Ward 5 - September 12th, 2005
Ward 6 and General Public - September 13th, 2005

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been set for September 21st, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

2005-8 Polsky-Pilon: THAT we do now adjourn.
Time: 5:23 p.m.

SECRETARY

DR. DARREN STINSON

Hello...My name is Brian Ramakko and I've been asked to do a presentation on "Who is Buying Firearms?"

These are my observations based on my position as owner of Ramakko's.... We sell sporting firearms, x-bows, bows....

We also sell, kayaks, canoes, camping equipment, clothing etc.... To clientele that are not hunters.

My first observation is that the two groups are very complimentary.

A large percentage of Hunter's are 'outdoors' people, Who either fish, camp, canoe, hike or do other activities outside.

My second observation is that we are selling product to "new" Sudburians. People coming back to work in Sudbury (i.e. new Hospital)...one of the attractions is lifestyle...the outdoors... and some of these people are buying new firearms.

The firearms consumer right now is 35 to 55 years old and is

- a committed hunter
- has above average income
- is a family person
- a smarter consumer because they have taken courses and has jumped through the hoops
- has limited free time....wants quality experiences
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What type of firearms...

We sell sporting firearms, rifles mostly (we don't sell handguns or paramilitary type stuff):

- Bolt action (most popular)
- Semi-autos
- Pumps
- Levers

The average price of a rifle is from \$750 - \$850

By the time it leaves the store it's \$1250 - \$1500 with scope, etc...

Shotguns:

- Pumps (most popular)
- Semi-autos

A lot of people are upgrading shotguns to handle 3" or 3½" shells with removable chokes to knock down geese or get into turkey hunting.

Younger hunters generally start out with a 12 GA. pump shotgun...(\$350.00 to \$450.00)

RE: X-Bows

This group here is more diverse in age:

1. Younger guys buying X-Bows who don't have as much time to practice.
2. Older guys buying x-bows who don't want to get a PAL
3. People with physical problems who cannot pull a bow.

4. those disillusioned with the moose draw system...adding a bow hunt for deer instead.
(X-bow sales are going up every year)

RE: Bows

-Mostly younger demographic 20 to 45

Since Saturday, Here is a list of names of people of whom you may know who are buying or using:

Paul Rheault – physician
Brent Zuck – financial advisor
Hub Bray – Lawyer
Hardo Ives – Surgeon
Bert Legault – retired teacher
Pete Bonin – physician
Dan Dion – owner of Basco Collision
Peter Villgreen – Industrial Fabrication (president)
Darryl Rautianen – Industrail Fabrication(vice-president)
Glen Poirier – Carrier Industries –(sales)
Mark Andrews – Carrier Industries (
Harry Chadwick – Maslack (sales)
Rick Giommi – financial advisor
Mark Laberge – accountant
Mark Allen – Drifteck (owner)
Grant McVittie – plumber

Also our clientele includes police officers, judges,miners, sales
reps,pharmacists,etc...

My point is that firearms are all over this community.
And, in general, belonging to very responsible people, who are committed to the
'hunting' activity,who arecommitted to it legally.