

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2007
Commencement: 5:30 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A5:48pm); Callaghan; Craig; Caldarelli; Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez (A5:36pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Valle, Acting General Manager of Community Development; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Growth & Development; G. Clausen, Acting General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Services; L. Hayes, CFO/Treasurer; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; R. Henderson, Director of Citizen Services; J. Lindquist, French Language Service Coordinator/Translator; C. Gore, Manager of Community Partnerships; K. Makela, Community Development Officer; S. Cundari, Technical Coordinator of Culture, Tourism, Marketing; I. Wood, Business Development Officer; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; C. Riutta, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor; A. Haché, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E.

D. Burke, CUPE National Representative

News Media

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

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PART I

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

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Greater Sudbury CST

Report from the Greater Sudbury Community Solutions Team (CST) entitled "*Constellation City - Building a Community of Communities in Greater Sudbury*" was received.

Mr. Floyd Laughren, Chair of the Greater Sudbury Community Solutions Team introduced the following members of the CST to the Committee:

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Mr. Jack Oatway
Ms. Martha Cunningham Closs
Mr. Keir Kitchen
Mr. Barry Brett
Ms. France Bélanger-Houle
Mr. Marc Tassé
Ms. Gisèle Chrétien (absent)

He provided an electronic presentation to the Committee members and gave a brief history of the creation of the City of Greater Sudbury and outlined the results of amalgamation (fewer politicians, elusive savings, dramatic changes at local level).

He indicated that the City faced enormous challenges such as loss of identity, complex operations, resulting in a faceless city and growing disaffection. He also stated that in the face of these concerns, the former Council appointed local citizens' to a Community Solutions Team (CST) to review the impacts, both real and perceived, of amalgamation on the smaller municipalities surrounding the former city.

Mr. Laughren outlined the course of action taken by the CST and stated that with two rounds of community meetings and working group sessions, it was determined that the community is committed to looking forward. They have displayed an interest in seeing their city change for the better and indicated a willingness to work in a constructive way to make this change happen.

He provided an explanation for the title "Constellation City" and also a list of identified core values that guided the development of the report, which should form the basis of the relationship between the city and its citizens:

- Inclusiveness - all communities must feel part of the whole
- Preservation and celebration of community history - to create shared experiences
- Openness and accessibility - there must be good links between citizens and policy makers
- Transparency and accountability - to enhance democracy and ensure that citizens get information on how and why decisions are made
- High quality, responsive customer service
- Fairness - not necessarily equality - respect for individual circumstances
- Superb communications - two way flow of information using multiple media and access points

- Decentralization as appropriate - finding the balance between local decision-making and cost effective management

He stated that the recommendations outlined in the report are grouped into categories that emphasize their intent to help build Greater Sudbury into a true *Constellation City*: a city that is connected, caring, empowered and equitable.

Mr. Laughren summarized each section (The Connected City; The Caring City; The Empowered City; The Equitable City) and outlined recommendations from each section. He stated that there is a great deal of information in the report including the rationale and background for each recommendation.

He concluded that the CST found residents who were frustrated and disillusioned. There was also an undercurrent of hope and willingness to work together to develop solutions and build a better city "Community by Community". These recommendations and core values can form the foundation for a "Constellation City that is caring, connected, equitable and empowered".

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-1: Moved by Councillor Barbeau:

WHEREAS the Greater Sudbury Community Solutions Team was created by City Council "to conduct an extensive consultation that will identify issues and recommend solutions to City Council" as they relate to outlying areas which had "expressed a desire for the City of Greater Sudbury to be more responsive to their needs";

AND WHEREAS the Greater Sudbury Community Solutions Team has completed that extensive consultation, holding thirty public meetings and consulting communities within our community;

AND WHEREAS the Greater Sudbury Community Solutions Team has prepared a report, which includes thirty-five recommendations for building a community of communities in Greater Sudbury;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury thank Floyd Laughren, Chair, Barry Brett, France Bélanger-Houle, Gisèle Chrétien, Martha Cunningham Closs, Keir Kitchen, Jack Oatway and Marc Tassé, who are the members of the Community Solutions Team and the hundreds of citizens who have attended the public meetings and provided input to this process and receive the report entitled "Constellation City: Building a Community of Communities in Greater Sudbury";

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AND FURTHER THAT given the significance of this report, that the Priorities Committee of Council be considered as the Implementation Committee which will guide and monitor the progress of implementation of this report.

CARRIED

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2007-2: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk