

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, July 11, 2007
Commencement: 1:08 p.m.

Chair

COUNCILLOR BARBEAU, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Berthiaume; Dutrisac (A1:25pm); Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A1:15pm); Callaghan; Craig; Caldarelli; Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Valle, Acting General Manager of Community Development; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Growth & Development; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Services; L. Hayes, CFO/Treasurer; R. Swiddle, City Solicitor; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; B. Gutjahr, Manager of By-law Enforcement Services; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; T. Romanyszyn, By-law Enforcement Officer Assistant; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; D. Brouse, By-law Enforcement Officer; L. Taskinen, COPs Administrator, Greater Sudbury Police Services; Insp. Zimmerman, Greater Sudbury Police Services; D. Bergeron, Manager of Financial Support & Budgeting; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; A. Haché, City Clerk; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E.

D. Burke, CUPE National Representative; W. MacKinnon, President, CUPE Local 4705

News Media

MCTV; Channel 10 News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PART I

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Civic Pride

Letter from the Minnow Lake Community Action Network (CAN) regarding City involvement in the National Pitch-In and Civic Pride Campaign was received.

Mr. John Lindsay, Co-Chair, Minnow Lake CAN provided a verbal presentation and stated that Pitch-In Canada is a national non-profit organization which involves volunteers in various action programs such as initiating recycling and composting programs, cleaning up, and beautifying streams, wilderness and urban areas.

Item 2
Civic Pride
(continued)

He stated that one new approach being implemented is "*The Civic Pride Program*". This program involves citizens, businesses, volunteer organizations, schools, the media, etc. At a community level, Civic Pride manages waste, develops pride and assists cash-strapped communities to manage their waste management and litter problems.

He also indicated that the City of Ottawa was one of many Canadian municipalities involved in the Program. Garbage bags and gloves were donated by local businesses, cost for staff and equipment was approximately \$2,100, and 16,000 participants cleaned 259 different sites throughout the City.

Mr. Lindsay advised that further information can be obtained on the website at www.pitch-in.ca.

The General Manager of Infrastructure Services advised that staff will be bringing this matter to the Waste Diversion Committee. Two options are to be prepared for the 2008 Budget process: an option to fund the above Program and an option for standardization of garage receptacles throughout the City.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 3
COP's Program

Inspector Zimmerman, Greater Sudbury Police Services, provided an electronic presentation entitled "*Greater Sudbury Police Services Citizens on Patrol*". He advised that the one year pilot phase has been completed, a Program Coordinator, Ms. Lucia Taskinen, has been hired.

He provided the rules and responsibilities of the Program Coordinator and future endeavors. He also outlined the development of the COP's Facilitation Group and organizational chart.

Inspector Zimmerman advised that at least ten volunteers are required to start up a program, one Captain, one sub-Captain, scheduler, dispatcher, and two individuals per patrol team. He outlined the application process and advised of information provided to the members to utilize in their patrols. The COP's Program has been established in the following locations: storefronts (Capreol and Coniston/Garson), satellite police storefronts, and Place Balmoral storefront to be used as the Communication Center.

He concluded by advising that by September 2007, a COP's Program should be established in Walden, Copper Cliff, Levack, Gatchell, and the Flour Mill.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Item 4 Sign By-law

Report dated 2007-06-26, with attachments, from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Sign By-law Review was received.

After some discussion, the following recommendation was presented:

THAT Council direct staff to draft a new Sign By-law that would include the staff recommendations as outlined in the report dated June 26, 2007 from the General Manager of Growth & Development:

PORTABLE SIGNS - Option 3

Review the current provisions and include a provision to allow properties with more than 600 feet of frontage to obtain additional permits, as well introduce a height restriction for portable signs and allow a three month permit to run consecutively for a six month period to allow for a special event.

BANNER SIGNS

That banner sign provisions be included in the new Sign By-law.

POSTER SIGNS - Option 1

Poster signs will be allowed on public property but limited to certain light standards and hydro poles and certain streets. Poster provisions will also include size, means of attachment, location and duration.

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

Item 5 Municipal Drinking-Water Licensing Program

Report dated 2007-07-11 from the Acting General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding Municipal Drinking-Water Licensing Program was received.

Mr. Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services provided an electronic presentation entitled "*Drinking Water Licensing*".

He advised that municipalities are required to develop a Quality Management System (QMS) based on the requirements of the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS). The Operational Plan will document the QMS and must be accepted by the Ministry. This new program and standard will change the licensing, management and operation of municipal residential drinking water systems. Four key elements of the Quality Management Standard are: plan, do, check, improve.

Item 5
Municipal
Drinking-Water
Licensing Program
(continued)

Mr. Benkovich advised that the above regulations were announced in May 2007 and the requirements will be phased in over an eighteen month period. He also advised that the City must submit their operational plans and applications for various approvals such as permits and licenses by February 1, 2009.

Mr. Benkovich outlined the various steps to be taken in order to meet the standards: recruit and hire a DWQMS Officer, complete a Gap Analysis, establish the QMS and implement, internal audits, management reviews, etc. He also stated that in order to implement these steps, additional costs will be incurred and ongoing annual funds required.

The following recommendation was presented:

THAT Council authorize the recruitment and hiring of a permanent full time staff member as well as 900 hours of clerical support to facilitate compliance with the requirements emanating from the recently proclaimed Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Regulation (O.Reg 188/07) under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002;

AND THAT Council approve a 2007 unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$80,000 funded from Capital Financing Reserve Fund - Water as necessary;

AND THAT the ongoing annual funding requirement of \$144,000 be incorporated into the 2008 base budget, as outlined in the report dated July 11, 2007 from the Acting General Manager of Infrastructure Services.

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

Item 6
Community
Consultation - 2008
Budget

Report dated 2007-07-04, with attachments, from the CFO/Treasurer regarding Community Consultation for 2008 Budget was received.

The following three options were presented:

Option 1: Thirteen (13) public input meetings, one in each ward and one (1) at Tom Davies Square.

Option 2: Six (6) public input meetings, spread evenly throughout the City of Greater Sudbury.

Option 3: One (1) public input meeting at Tom Davies Square (TDS).

After a brief discussion, Option 3 was chosen.

Item 6
Community
Consultation - 2008
Budget
(continued)

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.

The following recommendation was presented:

THAT staff be directed to plan and coordinate one public input meeting at Tom Davies Square (TDS) for the 2008 budget;

AND THAT Council be given the discretion to manage all budget options less than \$10,000 using CIP/NPP funds.

Friendly Amendment

With the concurrence of the mover, Councillor Craig requested that the recommendation be amended by adding the following words to the first paragraph:

“with the understanding that if there are a significant number of delegations, two evenings be scheduled for public input.”

Main
Recommendation
(as amended)

The following recommendation was presented as amended:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-36: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

THAT staff be directed to plan and coordinate one public input meeting at Tom Davies Square (TDS) for the 2008 budget, with the understanding that if there are a significant number of delegations, two evenings be scheduled for public input;

AND THAT Council be given the discretion to manage all budget options less than \$10,000 using CIP/NPP funds.

CARRIED

Schedule of Budget
Meetings

The Finance Committee Chair advised that staff would provide a schedule of budget meetings in September.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2007-37: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 3:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Barbeau, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk