

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

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, August 8, 2007
Commencement: 4:05 p.m.

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson; Callaghan; Craig; Caldarelli (A4:07pm); Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez (A4:10pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Growth & Development; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; J. Nicholls, Chief of Emergency Medical Services; B. Lautenbach, Director of Planning Services; B. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; B. Mangiardi, Chief Information Officer; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; E. Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; J. Dolson, Manager of Network and Operations Support; A. Haché, City Clerk; J. Nelson, Clerk's Services Co-ordinator; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; Persona 10 News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PART I

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 2
Information
Technology Strategic
Plan - 2007

Report dated 2007-06-01 from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding Information Technology Strategic Plan - 2007 was received.

The Chief Information Officer provided an electronic presentation. He stated that Information Technology's vision is to "provide quality service in support of Corporate goals by evaluating client needs, encouraging responsible use of technology and building, implementing and supporting innovative solutions". He explained the infrastructure with all its switches, desktop PCs, notebooks and, workstations, copies, telecommunication devices, etc. He listed the names of the members of the Information Technology Committee, which was created in 2005, and outlined the Committee's mandate. He continued with the key recommendations and the implementation strategy of the Strategic Plan.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Item 3 Green Space Advisory Panel

Report dated 2007-08-01 from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Green Space Advisory Panel was received.

The Director of Planning Services provided an electronic presentation. He defined 'green space' and outlined its benefits to society. He stated that local environmentalists advocate that the former City's Natural Asset Report be reviewed and updated for the entire City of Greater Sudbury and the City's Healthy Community Strategy advocates that the City have more linked green space with connecting trails. He provided a background of green space issues. He proposed a Green Space Advisory Panel to assist the implementation of the Parks and Open Space Master Plan and the Official Plan. This panel would have a defined mandate and composition which he outlined.

Rules of Procedure

The Committee, 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:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-38: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

THAT a Green Space Advisory Panel be formed as outlined in the Report dated August 1st, 2007 from the General Manager of Growth & Development and that said Panel report back to City Council with its key findings and recommendations;

AND THAT Council take steps to appoint 12 citizens, one from each Ward, as well as to appoint the 12 expert members named in the said Report to serve on this Panel.

CARRIED

Item 4 Examining the Need for an All Terrain Vehicle By-Law in Greater Sudbury

Report dated 2007-07-31 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Examining the Need for an All Terrain Vehicle By-Law in Greater Sudbury was received.

Cory Smith and Dave Bolton, of the Sudbury Chapter of the North Simcoe ATV Club, provided an electronic presentation. Cory Smith explained they promote safe and responsible riding demonstrating respect for wildlife, private land, landowners, crown land and the people of Ontario. He explained their goals and objectives and, also, the trail insurance. He provided safety statistics and the laws regarding the age of riders. He stated they want to develop an organized provincial trail system with rules and guidelines to ensure the safety and enjoyment of riders and their communities. He outlined the economic benefits of ATV activities.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION (continued)

Item 4
Examining the Need
for an All Terrain
Vehicle By-Law in
Greater Sudbury
(continued)

The Committee, 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:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-39: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

Rules of Procedure

WHEREAS the Constellation City Report recommends the development of a comprehensive by-law to govern the use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs); and

WHEREAS members of the recently formed North Simcoe ATV Club - Greater Sudbury Chapter have also identified the need for an ATV by-law;

THEREFORE be it resolved that an Advisory Panel be created to include members of Council and the public to review issues and options related to an ATV By-Law as outlined in the Report dated July 31st, 2007 from the General Manager of Community Development and that this Panel host a series of public meetings to gather broad community input.

CARRIED

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED

Item 5
Sign By-law Review

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

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-40: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

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 3 month permit to run consecutively for a six month period to allow for a special event.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED (continued)

Item 5
Sign By-law Review
(continued)

RECOMMENDATION 2007-40: (continued)

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.

CARRIED

The General Manager of Growth & Development indicated that further information would be brought to the Committee identifying poles for poster signs and acceptable means of attachment.

Item 6
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.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-41: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

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 11th, 2007 from the Acting General Manager of Infrastructure Services.

CARRIED

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2007-42: Moved by Councillor Callaghan:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk