

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

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, September 5th, 2007
Commencement: 5:34 p.m.

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson; Callaghan (A5:38pm); Craig; Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez (A5:38pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; L. Hayes, CFO/Treasurer; D. Donaldson, Fire Chief; G. Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; A. Haché, City Clerk; M. Vezina, Planning Committee Secretary; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; CIGM; Persona 10 News; Le Voyageur

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PART I

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

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 2
Sudbury Children's
Water Festival - 2007

Report dated September 5, 2007 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding Sudbury Children's Water Festival - 2007.

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services provided an electronic presentation. He indicated the goal is to help shape children's attitudes about the importance of water in their lives. He provided a background of the Festival which is now on its third year stating that it is open to Grade 3 students with local high school and college students invited to volunteer. He stated that 800 students participated last year. He advised the co-sponsors are Sudbury and District Health Unit, City of Greater Sudbury and Nickel District Conservation Authority. The Festival educates children by offering hands-on learning. He requested that \$7,500 be allocated to the Sudbury and District Health Unit as the City's contribution towards the Festival; which will have no impact on the budget as the amount was approved in the 2007 Capital Water budget.

Item 2
Sudbury Children's
Water Festival - 2007
(continued)

RECOMMENDATION 2007-43: Moved by Councillor Rivest:

THAT \$7,500 be allocated to the Sudbury and District Health Unit as the City's contribution toward the Sudbury Children's Water Festival - 2007;

AND THAT the necessary grant by-law be approved.

CARRIED

Item 3
WaterWorks: Soak up
the Science

Report dated September 5, 2007 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding WaterWorks: Soak up the Science.

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services provided an electronic presentation. He stated that it is essential to protect water resources for future safe water to provide for a sustainable healthy community. He indicated their outreach objective is to educate the public, promote efficient use of water and responsible environmental behaviour. He stated that by developing a partnership for this project with Science North, which location will offer high exposure, will leverage our resources to maximize public awareness and education. He advised that Science North is developing a 6,000 square foot hands-on exhibition focusing on 'water' at a total cost of \$1.55M which includes a travelling exhibit and well as a legacy portion to remain permanently at Science North. He stated the request is for a three year \$100,000 commitment, which will have no impact on the budget as the full amount was approved in the 2007 Capital Water budget.

When asked of the economic impact of Science North, Guy Labine of Science North advised that an economic impact study was carried out three years ago which indicated that the ten-year average is 600 jobs and \$20M. The figures are higher when the tourism component is taken into account. He advised that the exhibit is expected to open the first week of March, 2008 until after Labour Day weekend and then will tour across Canada and United States of America. This will promote the City throughout these areas.

RECOMMENDATION 2007-44: Moved by Councillor Riveset:

THAT \$100,000 (\$33,500 in 2007, \$33,500 in 2008 and \$33,000 in 2009) be allocated to Science North toward the WaterWorks Soak up the Science project;

AND THAT the necessary grant by-law be approved.

CARRIED

Item 4
Ontario Government
Uploading Cost of the
Ontario Drug Benefits
(ODB) and the
Ontario Disability
Support Program
(ODSP)

The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer made an electronic presentation entitled "*Province's Announcement to Upload Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Costs*". She explained that at the AMO Conference on August 20th, 2007, the Premier announced the upload of these costs should be completed by 2011 at a savings to municipalities of \$935M annually. She explained the four-year unload proposal and the implications to the City of Greater Sudbury during the four-year period estimated at \$16.6M. She stated that the expected savings for 2008 is approximately \$3M.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2007-45: Moved by Councillor Rivest:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk