

THE FIFTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, September 6, 2006
Commencement: 5:37 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Bradley; Callaghan; Craig; Dupuis; Gainer; Gasparini; Reynolds; Rivest; Thompson; Mayor Courtemanche

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, 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; C. Mahaffy, Acting CFO/Treasurer; R. Sauve, Director of Transit Services; R. Gauthier, Supervisor of Transit; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; A. Haché, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E.

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

News Media

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

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PART I

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

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Item 2
2006 Accessibility
Plans

Report dated 2006-09-07 from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding 2006 Accessibility Plans was received.

A bound report entitled "*2006 Accessibility Plans*" was distributed under separate cover.

Ms. Elizabeth Lounsbury, Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Panel provided the Committee with an electronic presentation. She stated that the City of Greater Sudbury has a strong history of accessibility planning by implementing a Sudbury Transit Full Accessibility Plan in 1993, creating various committees for accessibility issues and developing a policy on universal access.

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She listed five types of disabilities that are recognized in the Ontarians with Disabilities Act and stated that 16% of Ontarians have disabilities, with 18,000 residents of the City of Greater Sudbury having a long-term disability.

Ms. Lounsbury stated that the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005 (AODA) is to be implemented over the next twenty years and until AODA has been implemented, municipalities are required to complete annual accessibility plans.

She indicated that the Accessibility Advisory Panel worked on two plans, City of Greater Sudbury Accessibility Plan and Greater Sudbury Transit Accessibility Plan.

She briefly outlined the steps that were taken to develop a five year Harmonization Plan for a handi-transit service in the City of Greater Sudbury and its results. She also stated that the Panel has hosted numerous workshops such as 2004 Barrier Free Design Training.

Ms. Lounsbury stated that access to arenas and government buildings have been improved, along with services at Pioneer Manor with the implementation of the Gentle Care Model for residents with dementia.

She provided examples of barriers and actions taken to correct such barriers and the Accessibility Advisory Panel's next steps.

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.

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Plans
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The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2006-139: Moved by Councillor Rivest:

THAT Council thanks the Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for developing the 2006 City of Greater Sudbury Accessibility Plan and the 2006 Greater Sudbury Transit Accessibility Plan;

AND THAT the 2006 City of Greater Sudbury Accessibility Plan and the 2006 Greater Sudbury Transit Accessibility Plan be accepted as presented;

AND THAT copies of the two Plans be forwarded to the Province of Ontario as required by the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001.

CARRIED

Item 3
Council Remuneration

Report dated 2006-08-31 from the Citizens' Panel on Council Remuneration regarding Review on Council Remuneration for the City of Greater Sudbury was received for information only.

Mr. John Filo, Chair of the Citizens' Panel on Council Remuneration gave an electronic presentation to the Members of the Committee and introduced the members of the Citizens' Panel.

He outlined the approach and methodology the Panel took, also the findings and observations during the review and analysis of the survey completed by Members of Council and information received from the comparator-municipalities. He stated that the observations and findings were divided into two sections, Mayor's position and Councillor's position.

Mr. Filo provided their recommendations in terms of the Mayor's position and the Councillor's position.

The Chair advised that a review of the Code of Ethics would be undertaken and a report brought back in October 2006.

Councillor Gainer indicated that the recommendations outlined in the report should be brought forward to the following meeting of the Priorities Committee for consideration.

The Chair advised that staff would prepare a report regarding the Panel's recommendations for the next Priorities Committee meeting of September 20, 2006

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..

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Council Remuneration
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The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2006-140: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT the report dated August 31, 2006 of the Citizens' Panel Review on Council Remuneration for the City of Greater Sudbury be received.

CARRIED

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2006-141: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Caldarelli, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk