

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

Dr. Edgar Leclair Community Centre
158 St. Agnes Street, Azilda

Wednesday, October 17th, 2007
Commencement: 6:03 p.m.

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume (D7:25); Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Craig; Caldarelli; Landry-Altmann

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; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; D. Donaldson, Fire Chief; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Services; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; R. Carré, Director of Leisure Services; C. Gore, Manager of Community Partnerships; J. Pafford, Community Development Coordinator; R. Skelly, Manager of Tourism, Culture and Marketing; R. Humeniuk, Marketing Officer - Physician Recruitment; A. Haché, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Persona 10 News; Northern Life

COMMUNITY TOUR

Lionel E. Lalonde
Centre

Prior to the meeting, the Members of the Priorities Committee participated in a tour of the Lionel E. Lalonde Centre.

PART I

6:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed the thirty-five (35) people in attendance to the Priorities Committee meeting.

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gasparini declared a conflict regarding Item 4 (Physician Recruitment and Retention Program 2008 - 2010, as her daughter is graduating from medical school this year.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Rayside-Balfour
Community Action
Network Update

Carole Champagne provided an electronic presentation regarding the Rayside-Balfour Community Action Network (CAN). She provided a history of the CAN from an interest group meeting on January 17, 2005 to the inaugural meeting of the CAN on April 5, 2005. She listed the members and the various sub-committees of the CAN. She indicated that a survey received close to 300

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responses. Its purpose was to understand the needs of Rayside-Balfour residents and to confirm if the CAN was working in the right direction. She stated the survey revealed that the priorities of the residents include more activities for local youth and better utilization of local recreational facilities. She encourage Council to take action regarding the abandoned water slide sight as it is an eyesore and a safety issue for children.

Carole Champagne submitted a petition to the City Clerk signed by approximately 1309 people which will be forwarded to the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding the 4-laning of Municipal Road 35 from the eastern entrance of Notre-Dame Street in Azilda to Chelmsford.

Azilda Let Them Be Kids

Ziggy Zaldiner, Chair of Azilda Let Them Be Kids Organized Committee, presented a video of the Azilda Let Them be Kids project to revitalize Rick McDonald Memorial Park. He indicated that September 23, 2007 was 'build day' at the Park, named in honour of Rick McDonald and in memory of Danny McDonald, with the help of 300 people including members of the armed forces, police and citizens. He stated that this facility will be well used. He thanked City Council and staff for the services provided. He indicated the community response was phenomenal with businesses providing help and the community raising \$60,000 to \$70,000 in order to complete this project.

Certificates and tokens of appreciation were presented to the Co-Chairs and Member of the Azilda Let Them Be Kids Committee.

Rules of Procedure

Council, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure, to alter the order of the Agenda and deal with Item 7 (Fair Wage Policy).

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED

Item 7
Fair Wage Policy

Report dated 2007-10-10 was received from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding Fair Wage Policy.

The revised Fair Wage Policy was circulated to the Committee Members.

Paragraph 2 of Section 7(b) of the policy was revised at the meeting by changing the word 'may' to 'shall'.

RECOMMENDATION 2007-52: Moved by Councillor Barbeau:

WHEREAS on June 13, 2007, the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury agreed in principle to adopt a Fair Wage Policy for Municipal Construction Projects;

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AND WHEREAS Councillors Cimino and Berthiaume worked with staff in consultation with community stakeholders to develop a Fair Wage Policy for the City of Greater Sudbury;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report dated September 26, 2007 from the Executive Director of Administrative Services on Fair Wage Policy;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fair Wage Policy be adopted as revised and the necessary by-laws be prepared.

CARRIED

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Change of Chair

At 6:50 p.m., Councillor Gasparini vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR BARBEAU, IN THE CHAIR

Item 4
Physician
Recruitment and
Retention Program
2008 - 2010

Report dated 2007-10-09 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Physician Recruitment and Retention Program 2008 - 2010.

An information package provided through their recruitment initiatives was distributed to the Committee Members.

Rob Skelly, Manager of Tourism, Culture and Marketing, provided an electronic presentation regarding the draft Strategic Physician Recruitment and Retention Program 2007 - 2011. He stated the status of health care in the City of Greater Sudbury and outlined the current major initiatives such as Physician and Family Appreciation Day, Docs on Greens Golf Tournament and MedNorth Conference. He stated that 2007 in the end of the mandate for the Mayor's Roundtable on Physician Recruitment and Retention and it needs to be continued and extended to include medical learners, physicians in outlying communities and representation from City of Lakes Family Health Team. He outlined the current incentives. He listed and explained the plans for moving forward as:

- Priority 1 - Providing Accessible Primary Care
- Priority 2 - Northern Ontario School of Medicine
- Priority 3 - Homegrown Human Resources
- Priority 4 - Ensuring Continuity of Care for our Citizens.

He outlined the two enhancement options being the City of Greater Sudbury Medical Student Bursary Fund and the Medical Residents Purchase of Service Agreement. He summarized setting out the costs and the net yield of the program. He concluded by stating that it is necessary to revitalize the approach to physician recruitment and asked for Council's support to improve the recruitment program.

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Retention Program
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The following recommendation was presented:

WHEREAS, satisfying the health care needs of local citizens is a priority of the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS competition between municipalities for recruitment and retention of physicians has intensified in recent years;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Greater Sudbury to have a competitive and effective Physician Recruitment and Retention program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Draft Strategic Physician Recruitment and Retention Program 2007 - 2011 dated October 9th, 2007 be approved and implemented subject to available funding in 2007;

AND FURTHER that budget options be prepared for funding in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

The Chair advised that this item is for preliminary discussion only and will be voted on at the Priorities Committee meeting of November 21, 2007.

Change of Chair

At 7:47 p.m., Councillor Barbeau vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Item 5
Graffiti Abatement
Program

Report dated 2007-10-11 was received from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Graffiti Abatement Program.

Councillor Landry-Altmann asked that the program be revised to provide for legal graffiti billboards in parks, stronger requirements under the Property Standards By-law and charges against persons under 18 years of age being found with spray paint.

Councillor Dutrisac recommended that the City work with "Myths and Mirrors" and the Chair suggested they be invited to make a presentation to the Priorities Committee at their meeting of November 21, 2007.

The following recommendation was presented:

THAT Council approve the development of a By-law to restrict the sale of spray paint to unaccompanied minors (persons under the age of 18);

AND THAT a budget option be prepared to address:

- a) the cost of communications and advertising of the By-law;
- b) the development of the Adopt-A-Spot program;

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- c) the allocation of dollars for the continuation of two (2) annual Graffiti Eradication Days; and
- d) the development and implementation of a program to address the removal of graffiti on municipal buildings and facilities, and approve the annual funds required for implementation.

The Chair advised that this item is for preliminary discussion only and will be voted on at the Priorities Committee meeting of November 21, 2007.

Item 6
Appointment of
Closed Meeting
Investigator

Report dated 2007-10-09 was received from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding Appointment of Closed Meeting Investigator.

The following recommendation was presented:

THAT City Council chose Option 2 with respect to appointing a Closed Meeting Investigator:

AND THAT staff be authorized to enter into the necessary agreements to implement the option selected;

AND THAT the necessary by-laws be passed.

The Chair advised that this item is for preliminary discussion only and will be voted on at the Priorities Committee meeting of November 21, 2007..

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item 9
Constellation City
Report - Workplan

Report dated 2007-10-10 was received from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding Constellation City Report - Workplan.

C. Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Services provided a verbal presentation regarding the Constellation City Report - Workplan. She indicated that progress has been made on all of the 35 recommendations contained in the report.

The Chair stated that the public should be made aware of all the work that has been done and suggested that it be placed on the City website, forwarded to Members of the Community Solutions Team and provided to the Chairs of the Community Action Networks.

Newsletter

With respect to the newsletter distributed to all households four time a year, which is one of the Constellation Report recommendations, Councillor Dutrisac asked that Councillors be advised of the dates the newsletters are being provided and Councillors be permitted to include information in the flyer about things going in their respective wards.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Jeff Perreault stated he own a business, called MEDIA, that removes graffiti. He stated that while a by-law is a good idea, it is 'a small patch to fix a big leak'. He stated that the people who are doing the graffiti are not buying the spray paint; they are stealing it. He offered his assistance in providing solutions.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2007-53: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk