

**THE FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE  
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, October 18, 2006  
Commencement: 5:44 p.m.**

Chair

**COUNCILLOR CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Bradley; Callaghan (D7:05pm); Craig (D7:05pm); Dupuis; Gainer (D7:05pm); Gasparini; Kett; Reynolds (D7:05pm); Rivest; Thompson; Mayor Courtemanche (D7:05pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; A. Stephen, General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services; L. Hayes, CFO/Treasurer; H. Salter, Deputy City Solicitor; G. Clausen, City Engineer; S. Harris, Business Development Officer; C. Gore, Manager of Community Partnerships; D. Mathe, Manager of Supplies & Services; C. Mahaffy, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; S. Monet, Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives; A. Haché, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E. Local 4705

W. MacKinnon, President

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life; 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  
Paris Street Bridge  
Flag Project

Report dated 2006-10-10 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Paris Street Bridge Flag Project was received.

Mr. Dan Lee, Vice-Chair of the Paris Street Bridge Committee, provided an electronic presentation to Council. He advised that an engineering assessment indicated that it was viable to mount flag poles along the Paris Street bridge at a cost of \$100,000 for sixty (60) flag poles. He also advised, that as of today, that price has been decreased by \$40,000.

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Paris Street Bridge  
Flag Project  
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The Committee approached the community to determine the level of support. The community response has been very encouraging with forty-three nations indicating a desire to participate and confirming financial contributions towards the purchase of flag poles and flags.

Mr. Lee indicated that local businesses are willing to donate their time and equipment to assist with the installation of the brackets and poles as well as with the placement of the flags on the poles for each year at no additional cost. The cultural group/person(s) will be responsible for it's initial cost and for yearly replacement/maintenance costs of their flag.

He advised that the Committee will solicit the citizens of the city in an open manner for an appropriate name for the bridge and will report back to Council.

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.

Item 2  
Paris Street Bridge  
Flag Project  
(continued)

The following recommendation was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION 2006-151: Moved by Councillor Bradley:**

THAT City Council approve the allocation of \$20,000 within the existing Corporate budget (to be matched by community donations) to allow a pilot project of 30 flags to be installed on the Paris Street Bridge;

AND THAT this funding be reserved in 2006 to allow the project to proceed in 2007.

**CARRIED**

Item 3  
Investment Policy

Report dated 2006-10-11, with attachments, from the CFO/Treasurer regarding Investment Policy was received.

The Committee requested that further information regarding ONE Fund be provided at the next Priorities Committee meeting.

The following recommendation was presented:

Bradley: THAT the Investment Policy Statement attached to the report dated October 11, 2006 from the CFO/Treasurer be adopted;

AND THAT the appropriate by-law be prepared.

Item 4  
Purchasing By-law

Report dated 2006-10-11, with attachments, from the CFO/Treasurer regarding Purchasing By-law 2006 was received.

The Committee requested that a further report be brought back in two weeks providing information on the following:

- the rationale for increasing RFPs from \$100,000 to \$200,000
- how many RFPs would fall under \$200,000
- examples of end-users who have raised concerns and the types of RFPs involved
- delineate the advantage of RFPs
- how many contracts, RFPs, purchase orders we issue in contrast to other municipalities

**POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED**

Item 5  
Arts & Culture Policy

Report dated 2006-09-22 from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Arts and Culture Charter, Strategy and Grant Policy - Final Draft was received.

The following recommendation was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION 2006-152: Moved by Councillor Gasparini:**

WHEREAS the Economic Development Strategic Plan for Greater Sudbury identifies a vision for Greater Sudbury to become “A city for the creative, curious and adventuresome”;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury recognizes the important economic and social benefits of the Arts and Culture Sector;

AND WHEREAS it is in the City’s best interest to have an Arts and Culture Charter and Strategy to provide guidelines for a coordinated approach to developing and growing the Arts and Culture Sector;

AND WHEREAS it is important for the City to invest in the Arts and Culture Sector and to have a Grant Policy that supports the new Charter and Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury’s Arts & Culture Charter, Strategy, Grant Policy be approved, and that, implementation of individual projects by the City of Greater Sudbury proceed, subject to budget approvals.

**CARRIED**

Item 6  
Nurse Practitioners

Report dated 2006-10-12 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Nurse Practitioners - Part of the Solution was received.

The following recommendation was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION 2006-153: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:**

WHEREAS the Nurse Practitioner functions as a member of the primary care team in the provision of primary care services;

AND WHEREAS the Nurse Practitioner provides community based comprehensive primary health care with a focus on health promotion and disease prevention;

AND WHEREAS the role of the Nurse Practitioner is seen as optimizing the healthcare delivery in Greater Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS there are approximately 30,000 unattached patients in Greater Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS there are eight (8) RN (EC)'s currently unable to access employment locally and are considering migrating to other communities;

AND WHEREAS in 2003 Provincial funding was provided for 117 new NP(EC) in Ontario and to date many of those positions remain unfilled;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Minister of Health and Long Term Care be requested to respond to the unique and immediate needs of our underserviced community by redistributing provincial funding that would allow the City of Greater Sudbury the provision to retain local nurse practitioners;

AND FURTHER THAT Mayor Courtemanche and Councillor Caldarelli meet with the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to find a satisfactory solution that will allow nurse practitioners to become a key component in our health care community.

**CARRIED**

**PART II**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**CITIZEN DELEGATIONS**

Item 7  
Lively Ski Hill

Report dated 2006-10-12 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Lively Ski Hill was received.

Mr. Ron Carscadden, Lively Ski Hill Sub-Committee of the Walden CAN, provided an electronic presentation. He briefly outlined the history of the Walden Ski Centre and stated the benefits of having this facility up and running. He advised that with increased use, there would be increase fundraising by the community, a partnership with the City of Greater Sudbury would provide for capital improvements such as rebuilding a chalet, snow making, etc.

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:

**RECOMMENDATION 2006-154: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:**

THAT Council approve the realignment of \$13,360 within the existing Leisure Services operating budget to fund the Lively Ski Hill Operation.

**CARRIED**

Recess

At 7:05 p.m. Council recessed.

Reconvene

At 7:22 p.m. Council reconvened.

Item 8  
Lawn & Garden  
Pesticides

Mr. Ken Pavely of Landscape Ontario (commercial users of pesticides) provided the Committee with an electronic presentation entitled "*Integrated Pest Management Accreditation*".

Landscape Ontario

He explained what Landscape Ontario was and their position on pesticide use. He stated that they were advocates for healthy lawns and landscapes, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as the means to best protect greenspace, and devoted to educating the public on smart choices.

He outlined what a healthy greenspace was and indicated that IPM was the only scientifically proven method of environmentally sound pest management. IPM was also supported by EPA and Health Canada as a preferred method of pest management.

He stated that IPM "uses all necessary techniques to suppress pests effectively, economically, and in an environmentally sound manner to sustain healthy landscapes". Mr. Pavely provided the program components and examples of IPM at work.

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He stated that highly restrictive pesticide bans have no authority to regulate retail sales, force homeowners to take action on their own, and promote underground use of pesticides.

Mr. Pavely indicated that education helps the public to make smarter choices that are more environmentally sound and safer for the public.

Organic Landscape Alliance

Mr. Mark MacKenzie, President of the Organic Landscape Alliance (OLA) provided an electronic presentation. He gave a background on OLA, why a by-law is needed, and how organic lawn care works.

He stated that children were vulnerable to the risks of pesticides because they eat, drink and breathe more pesticides per kilogram of body weight than adults and are unable to process and eliminate chemicals as adults do. He outlined the flaws in the registration and enforcement process of pesticides. With repeated exposure, pesticides destroy the vitality and diversity of lawns and soil.

Mr. MacKenzie listed and explained the organic practices for lawns. He stated that organic law fertilizers are a healthy way to nourish your lawn, release nutrients slowly over long periods, are less water soluble and less likely to wash away, and improve soil structure and water retention.

He explained organic weed control and good versus bad bugs. He stated that there were over 120 communities with a pesticide by-law and that many pesticide users favour a by-law.

Delegation Request

The Chair advised that the City Clerk received a request from Mrs. Josephine Rainville, owner/operator of Josephine's Vegetables, to address Council regarding the above matter.

Two-thirds majority of Council was not received to deal with the above Delegation at this time.

Letter dated October 18, 2006 from Josephine's Vegetables No Herbicide since 1982 was distributed at the meeting.

Adjournment

**RECOMMENDATION 2006-155: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:27 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Caldarelli, Chair

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Angie Haché, City Clerk