

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

Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, November 7, 2007
Commencement: 5:30 p.m.

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A5:50pm); Callaghan; Caldarelli; Landry-Altmann; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Growth & Development; C. Mathieu, Acting, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; J. Nicholls, Chief of Emergency Services; 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; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; R. Skelly, Manager of Tourism, Programs & Partnerships; C. Dent, Manager of Recreation; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; T. Parmar, Manager of Quality, Administration & Financial Services; M. Simeoni, Senior Planner; A. Haché, City Clerk; M. Laalo, Licensing & Assessment Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

Others

W. MacKinnon, President, CUPE Local 4705

News Media

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

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

LEGACY PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORTS

Introductory Remarks

Mayor Rodriguez addressed the Committee to provide context for the presentations examining the potential for a Performing Arts Centre and Multi-use Recreational Centre. At a special meeting of Council in January, they discussed priorities and identified the development of a Multi-sports Recreational Complex and a modern Performing Arts Centre as the centerpiece for what they see Greater Sudbury becoming over the next ten years. In February the two advisory panels were created and came back to Council in July with interim reports. Tonight they are here to provide more detailed reports.

Final Report -
Performing Arts
Centre Advisory
Panel

Report dated 2007-11-01, with attachments, was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Final Report - Performing Arts Centre Advisory Panel.

Diane Salo, Chair, and Dennis Castellan, Member, Performing Arts Centre Advisory Panel, made an electronic presentation regarding the final report of the Performing Arts Centre Advisory Panel.

Diane Salo listed the member of the Panel. She outlined what should be built - an economically viable multi-faceted theatre complex with 1,800 seats.

Dennis Castellan stated that the Performing Arts Centre concept is based on notions of cultural legacy, a 'district concept, which will attract partners and a multi-faceted model.

Diane Salo indicated that a downtown location is the right location, it is supported by stakeholders and the City's Official Plan and the City's arts and cultural strategy. She stated the cost of the proposed development is \$75 million from land acquisition to opening night. She stated that the next steps are to prepare a detailed business plan including resources from traditional and non-traditional revenue sources and there is a need to involve every area of the City of Greater Sudbury.

Recreational
Complex Advisory
Panel's Vision for
a Multi-Use
Recreational
Complex in the City
of Greater Sudbury

Report dated 2007-11-01, with attachments, was received from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Recreational Complex Advisory Panel's Vision for a Multi-Use Recreational Complex in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Cory McPhee made an electronic presentations regarding the Advisory Panel's vision for a multi-use recreational complex. He listed the members of the Panel. He explained the community consultation process and the key themes resulting therefrom. He detailed the different components of the facility. He outlined the next steps including the investigation of potential sites, capital financing plan and analysis of the impact of a new facility on existing recreational facilities. He indicated there is a need and demand for such a facility because of the aging infrastructure of existing facilities and the lack of a tournament and special events centre. He outlined the benefits to the community of the proposed facility such enhancing quality of life and community image and sports tourism. He requested continuing support, ongoing participation, and expertise and guidance from Council and the community.

Closing Remarks

Mayor Rodriguez stated that the decision to be made tonight is not whether or not to commit funds to these facilities. It is whether or not to fully investigate their potential and develop a financial package to allow the projects to go forward.

Documentation submitted by Councillor Callaghan was distributed to the Committee Members.

The following recommendation was resented:

WHEREAS Council of the City of Greater Sudbury identified the development of a Multi-use Recreational Complex and a Performing Arts Centre as priority projects for our community;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of reference provided by Council, the Multi-use Recreational Complex Advisory Panel and the Performing Arts Centre Advisory Panel have recommended concepts for both projects which will both meet the current and anticipated needs of the City of Greater Sudbury in the areas of recreation, entertainment and the arts, and reflect our city's position as a regional capital;

AND WHEREAS, the anticipated success of these legacy projects requires strong municipal leadership and a commitment that will trigger community and government support;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury approves in principle the development of a Multi-use Recreational Complex and a Performing Arts Centre for the City of Greater Sudbury and directs staff, in consultation with the members of both advisory panels to report back by April 30, 2008 for final consideration of the projects. This report is to consist of the following items:

1. A final plan for both projects with details on site and included components;
2. A capital financing plan for both projects which outlines anticipated contributions from the federal government, the provincial government, the private sector and the community and identifies the source and amount of the municipal share;
3. A sustainable operational plan for both projects which outlines anticipated costs for operations, maintenance and capital renewal along with anticipated revenue sources and a clear plan of how these facilities fit within the current and future structure of municipal services in Greater Sudbury;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorizes the expenditure of up to \$250,000 total from the anticipated 2007 corporate surplus to advance both projects in the interim and directs staff to prepare applications to Federal, Provincial and private funding agencies to support the development of these projects;

AND FINALLY, consistent with Council's Due Diligence Policy and the project panel Terms of Reference, that the proposals be forwarded to the Greater Sudbury Development Corporation to provide due diligence from an economic development perspective.

The following referral was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-54: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

THAT the proposal for a Multi-use Recreational facility be referred back to the Advisory Panel for review to reduce the list of projects in their report.

DEFEATED

The following amendment was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-55: Moved by Councillor Rivest:

THAT the second last paragraph of the motion be amended by replacing the words 'that Council authorizes the expenditure of up to \$250,000 total from the anticipated 2007 corporate surplus to advance both projects in the interim' with 'that a budget option of \$250,000 be prepared'.

DEFEATED

The main motion once again was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-56: Moved by Councillor Landry-Altmann:

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Legacy Projects
Progress Reports
(continued)

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CARRIED

Proceed Past
8:30 p.m.

2006-57 Cimino: THAT we proceed past the hour of 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED

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.

RECOMMENDATION 58: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

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.

CARRIED

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2007-59: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:52 p.m.

CARRIED