

# THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square

Wednesday, February 20, 2008  
Commencement: 5:35 p.m.

Chair

**COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson; Craig; Caldarelli; Landry-Altman; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

C. Matheson, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Growth & Development; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; J. Nicholls, Acting Chief of Emergency Services; B. Battison, Acting Fire Chief; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Services; P. Buchanan, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; B. Gutjahr, Manager of Compliance and Enforcement Services; R. St. Onge, Manager of Software & Business Applications; P. Giroux, Web Administrator/ Developer; M. Rancourt, Web Support Technician; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Mail Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; CIGM; Persona 10 News; Northern Life

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

## **PART I**

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

### **COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS**

Item 2  
AgendasOnline

Ron St. Onge, Manager of Software & Business Applications, made an electronic presentation regarding *AgendasOnline*. He advised that they were directed to develop an online, browser based Agenda builder that can be used by all committees of Council. He listed the key features: flexibility; streamlined process; approvals, auditing and history; notifications; searchable and accessible; and cost savings. He outlined the rollout plan from the launch of the Planning Committee Agenda on November 6, 2007 to the proposed launch of the City Council Agenda in April 2008. He also explained the future plans to instal a monitor at each Councillor station for use during meetings in the Council Chamber.

Item 3  
Closed Sessions

Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services and Angie Haché, City Clerk made an electronic presentation regarding the Closed Session portion of City Council meetings.

The City Clerk stated that the law requires that public notice be given for all meetings to be held and the notice must state the general nature of what is being discussed. Also, all meetings should be open to the public unless the subject matter falls under one of the categories identified in the Municipal Act. As of January 1, 2008, citizens have the right to request an investigation as to whether a municipality had complied with the law. She advised that City Council appointed the Ombudsman of Ontario to conduct investigations for closed meeting complaints for the City of Greater Sudbury.

The Executive Director, Administrative Services advised that the Ombudsman conducted his first investigation on a closed meeting held by the Fort Erie Town Council on January 7, 2008. She outlined the investigative process including the notification to the municipality, the interviewing of Council Members and staff and the reviewing of all documentation. In the Fort Erie case, the Ombudsman found that the requirements of the legislation were met.

The City Clerk outlined our processes for closed meetings which include the declarations of pecuniary interest in which case the declarant is not to attend the closed session which the conflicting matter is being discussed and the mandatory required for minutes which are to be kept in a secure location. She advised of the new procedure to take Roll Call prior to going into closed session. She explained the new report form for closed sessions and the notice which includes the general nature of the item.

**POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED**

Item 4  
Clearing of Debris  
from Lands By-law

Report dated 2008-02-12 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Clearing of Debris from Lands By-law.

Bryan Gutjahr, Manager of Compliance and Enforcement Services, made an electronic presentation regarding the proposed Clearing of Debris from Lands By-law. At the December 5, 2007 meeting, the Priorities Committee noted that the proposed by-law did not contain an appeal process and referred the matter back to staff for further review. He outlined the three options for the appeal process. He indicated they contacted other municipalities to compare the appeal processes. He also stated that the new by-law must clearly define the difference between vacant lands, vacant lots and yards.

Item 4  
Clearing of Debris  
from Lands By-law  
(continued)

The following recommendation was presented:

Cimino: THAT Council accept the Clearing of Debris from Lands report and direct staff to draft a Clearing of Debris from Lands By-law that would include an appeal process as outlined in Option 3 of the report dated February 12, 2008 from the General Manager of Growth & Development.

The following amendment was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION 2008-06: Moved by Councillor Rivest:**

THAT we insert the words "General Manager of Growth & Development and if the applicant disagrees with the direction of the General Manager of Growth & Development, the applicant can appeal to" after the word "appeal" and before the words "a Hearing Committee of Council".

**DEFEATED**

The main motion once again was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION 2008-07: Moved by Councillor Cimino:**

THAT Council accept the Clearing of Debris from Lands report and direct staff to draft a Clearing of Debris from Lands By-law that would include an appeal process as outlined in Option 3 of the report dated February 12, 2008 from the General Manager of Growth & Development.

**CARRIED**

The following recommendations were presented:

**RECOMMENDATION 2008-08: Moved by Councillor Rivest:**

THAT the Clearing of Debris from Lands By-law also apply to City lands.

**CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDATION 2008-09: Moved by Councillor Rivest:**

THAT the Property Standards Appeal Committee hear appeals to a Notice of Violation under the Clearing of Debris from Lands By-law.

**CARRIED**

Item 5  
Ward Boundary  
Review Policy

Report dated 2008-01-24 was received from the Executive Director, Administrative Services regarding Ward Boundary Review Policy.

The following amendment was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION 2008-10: Moved by Councillor Barbeau:**

THAT Council accept and implement the Ward Boundary Review Policy to describe the frequency and guiding principles for triggering Ward Boundary Reviews in the City of Greater Sudbury and that the first review occur following the Municipal Election of 2014.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Item 6  
Special Meeting of  
Council, January 11  
and 12, 2008  
and 12, 2008

Report dated 2008-02-06 was received from the Executive Director, Administrative Services regarding Special Meeting of Council, January 11 and 12, 2008 for information only.

Item 7  
Constellation City  
Report - Workplan  
Update  
Update

Report dated 2008-01-30 was received from the Executive Director, Administrative Services regarding Constellation City Report - Workplan Update for information only.

Item 8  
Procedure By-law  
Review  
Review

Report dated 2008-02-06 was received from the Executive Director, Administrative Services regarding Procedure By-law Review for information only.

Adjournment

**RECOMMENDATION 2008-11: Moved by Councillor Cimino:**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 7:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

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Angie Haché, City Clerk