

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2008
Commencement: 5:35 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A5:37pm); Callaghan (D8:20pm); 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; G. Clausen, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; B. Battison, Acting Fire Chief; L. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; C. Dawe, Assistant City Solicitor; R. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; N. Mihelchic, Manager of Operations; T. Parmar, Manager of Quality, Administration & Financial Services; R. Mensour, Manager of Arenas; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; G. Prieur, CIP Facilitator; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Mail Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E.

D. Burke, CUPE National Representative; W. MacKinnon, President, CUPE Local 4705; F. Posadowski, Vice-President, CUPE Local 4705; Rick Leroux, Sectional Chair, Cupe Local 4705 Outside; C. Marleau-Woitowich, CUPE Local 4705

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Persona 10 News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life; CBC Radio

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 1
Winter Maintenance
Operations Update

R. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation made an electronic presentation regarding Winter Maintenance Operations Update. He provided a summary of the service levels approved by Council, an overall picture of what has happened so far this year and some of the modifications and challenges due to this year's weather. He stated that the approved winter service level is 24/7 coverage on all roads and all roads plowed within 16 to 20 hours following the end of a storm. He indicated the work is being performed by City crews and by contractors. He provided statistics on the 2007/2008 winter

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season including snow fall amounts and number of events. He explained the changes made including the addition of an extra grader route and the additional 4X4 unit for clearing lanes and cul-de-sacs to improve service. He stated that a pool of internal and external employees has been developed to be available when there are shortages. He also stated that City and Contractor units have worked together to reduce service time to 12 to 18 hours for Class 4 to 6 routes. He advised that the extreme weather fluctuations this year have resulted in increased use of sand and salt and an increase in the number of potholes. He stated that there were only three major storms this year. He indicated the number of complaints received has increased over the winter from 428 at the beginning of the season to 59 at the last storm event.

Members of the Committee expressed concerns regarding winter maintenance specific to their respective Wards.

The Chair indicated that a 311 report would be prepared outlining, by Ward, the number of calls received, the number of complains on winter maintenance control, missed calls, response time. Committee Members also requested a synopsis on driver training, driver turnover, impact of training and impact of the automatic vehicle location system.

Item 2
Winter Control -
Enhanced Service
Delivery Option

Wyman MacKinnon, President, CUPE Local 4705, introduced the Joint Union/Management Committee, some of whom were in attendance, and indicated they have a high quality proposal for the 2008-2009 season.

Rick Leroux, Sectional Chair, Cupe Local 4705 Outside, began an electronic presentation regarding the 2008-2009 Winter Control Proposal. He stated that the \$3 M 2007-2008 Winter Control budget cuts resulted in significant service level cuts, created safety issues and increased the service time to Class 4 to 6 routes. He advised that residents wanted service at pre-amalgamation levels as set out in the Constellation report. He stated the Committee was developed to address three key service level issues: 8 to 12 hour shifts for residential and rural route service levels, utilization of City equipment and crews and 24/7 shift patrol coverage. He indicated that a return to the 8 to 12 hour service levels for Class 4 to 6 routes will provide a more consistent winter control response throughout the City, enhance productivity and cost savings, and increase public safety by having roads plowed in a more timely fashion.

Denis Burke, CUPE National Representative, continued the presentation by stating they have addressed the issues of the residents of outlying areas who wish to see service at pre-amalgamation levels. He indicated a component of the proposal is to utilize City vehicles operated by City employees on roads in the

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outlying areas which would result in more consistent and efficient route completion, faster response time and better overall service levels. Another component is to implement a second shift patrol which would address service level inequities in outlying areas and increase public safety with faster response times to dangerous conditions.

RECOMMENDATION 2008-14: Moved by Councillor Dutrisac:

THAT the Union's proposal to provide an enhanced service standard which will require the hiring of additional permanent staff be received by Council and referred to staff to prepare a report for the May 7, 2008 Priorities Committee meeting outlining the impact on the 2009 budget.

CARRIED

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Item 3
Event Ticket Policy -
Sudbury Community
Arena

Report dated March 27, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Event Ticket Policy - Sudbury Community Arena.

Committee Members presented a number Event Ticket Policy options. These options were dealt with as follows:

- ▶ The Committee **agreed by consensus** that a report be prepared with respect to the number of tickets to be made available through the General Manager of Community Development to other departments for special and visiting dignitaries and that a timeline be established whereby unused tickets would be returned to the promoter for sale to the general public.
- ▶ The Committee **defeated** Councillor Rivest's recommendation to establish a Citizens' Committee to deal with this matter.
- ▶ The Committee **defeated** Councillor Callaghan's recommendation that City Council implement a policy whereby only Sudbury Community Arena employees have the opportunity to purchase a maximum of two tickets each.
- ▶ Staff Option that City Council implement a policy whereby City Council Members and Sudbury Community Arena employees have the opportunity to purchase a maximum of two tickets each resulted in a **tied vote**.
- ▶ Staff Option that City Council implement a policy whereby City Council Members and Sudbury Community Arena employees not have the opportunity to purchase tickets through Arena Holds for events taking place at the Sudbury Community Arena resulted in a **tied vote**.

The Committee also requested that a report providing information as to why the promoters wish Council Members to attend events.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED

Item 4
Sign By-Law Review

Report dated March 5, 2008 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Sign By-Law Review.

With the concurrence of the Committee, the matter was deferred for additional information regarding:

- ▶ event signs for charities and non-profit organizations
- ▶ distance between two signs on one property
- ▶ the effect of permanent signs on this policy

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2008-15: Moved by Councillor Rivest:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk