

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2008
Commencement: 5:30 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dupuis; Rivest (A5:370pm); Thompson; Callaghan; Craig; Caldarelli (A5:35pm); Landry-Altman

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; G. Mazza, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; R. Falcioni Acting General Manager of Infrastructure Services; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; B. Battison, Acting Fire Chief; E. Stankiewicz, Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; B. Gutjahr, Manager of Compliance and Enforcement Services; D. McIntosh, Rainbow Routes Executive Director; A. Haché, City Clerk; P. Pelletier, Mail Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Northern Life

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Opening Remarks

Councillor Callaghan thanked staff for their work on tonight's presentations. He also expressed gratitude to Jeff Birmingham, President of Westmount Community Centre for his leadership and to the association for all their work in Ward 8.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 1
Westmount
Playground Update

Jeff Birmingham, President, Westmount Community Centre, advised that the Westmount Community Centre is located on Kipling Court off Westmount Avenue in Ward 8. The facility is in a park-like setting with plenty of open space, hills, trees and grass. He stated that the facility is home to Westmount Wolverine Ringuette teams and the Westmount Wolverines Hockey teams. He further stated that, in 2002, their executive was approached to supply a home and seed money for a Sudbury Chapter of 4H which has grown from 3 young ladies to 30 young ladies and gentlemen. He stated the Centre has two bocce courts which are flooded in the winter for jug curling. Also, two new surfaces were created; one for toddlers and one as a nature rink. He indicated that the Centre is used as an emergency evacuation centre for a local school and is used by two schools and a home schooling program for day-time skating activities.

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Westmount
Playground Update
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Mr. Birmingham advised that last summer there were two fires at the site resulting in damage exceeding \$50,000 and the loss of one of the most used pieces of equipment. He stated that, with the aid of the City of Greater Sudbury, Saturn of Sudbury, Ethier Sand & Gravel CRCS Recreation, Councillor Callaghan and neighbourhood volunteers, within two months a new unit was installed and a grand opening was held resulting in an increased sense of pride and ownership for the Centre and community. Also, existing light fixtures were replaced with taller, more effective lighting.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 2
Update on Junction
Creek & Waterway
Park Trail Plan, Ward 8

Alison Muckle, Coordinator, Junction Creek Stewardship Committee, and Deb McIntosh, Executive Director, Rainbow Routes Association, made an electronic presentation regarding an update on Junction Creek and Waterway Park Trail Plan in Ward 8. They provided the Committee with a visual view of a trip along Junction Creek and the trail plan from the trail head at Barrydowne Road to Maley Drive. Alison Muckle advised that there are annual Junction Creek clean ups and various groups have adopted a portion of the creek. Deb McIntosh explained the new trail at the Supermall as a result of the new parking lot. Alison Muckle advised they do yearly water testing and have started testing the invertebrate community. She further advised different school groups and Scout groups are helping with the 'bug search' program. She indicated that at the Twin Forks Park there are Junction Creek Adventures (An Ant's Life and Raccoon Robber Challenge) which can be used as a tool by parents and teachers. Deb McIntosh advised that a railing was erected around Sagebrush Place as there were concerns the creek was too close to the trail. She also advised that a bridge was erected on the Sagebrush Pedestrian Walkway as every year they had to remove dangerous makeshift structures which were used to cross the creek.

Item 3
Capital and Major
Maintenance Projects,
Ward 8

Nick Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services, and Robert Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation, made an electronic presentation regarding the 2008 Ward 8 Capital Improvement Projects.

The Director of Roads & Transportation advised of two resurfacing projects (Lansing Avenue from Lasalle Boulevard to Madison Avenue and Kingston Court) and two new traffic signals (Barrydowne Road at Westmount Avenue and Barrydowne Road at Gemmell Street). He also advised that the engineering design was being prepared for Madison Avenue from Lansing Avenue to Manhattan Court and the pre-engineering design for Maley Drive extension/widening.

The Director of Water/Wastewater Services advised that the Water/Wastewater Master Plan will help to prioritize projects and set the

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Ward 8 (continued)

course for sustainability. He stated that with respect to the water distribution system, they are working on condition assessment and rehabilitation programs, enhanced infrastructure maintenance which will identify weak links and general upgrades. There will also be plant upgrades and improvements. They are also working on conditional assessment programs and enhanced infrastructure maintenance with respect to the wastewater collection system as well as treatment plan upgrades.

Closing Remarks

Councillor Callaghan explained Ward 8 as residential, bed room community of 13,000 people. He stated that all Wards are similar in that there are a multitude of small concerns. He feels the budget has to be looked at to allow for more funds for all Wards to take care of the small things that mean something to the area residents.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED

Item 4
Sign By-law Review

Report dated 2007-04-07 was received from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Sign By-law Review.

The following recommendations were presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2008-16: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

THAT Council approve Option 1 that would allow properties with street frontage over 304.8m (1000 ft) to have the maximum number of portable signs as allowed in the Sign By-law (6) without having to remove the portable signs for a 3 month period;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to amend the Sign By-law to allow non-profit and charitable groups to use portable signs to advertise their special events;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to amend the User Fee By-law to exempt non-profit and charitable organizations from paying portable sign permit fees.

DEFEATED

RECOMMENDATION 2008-17: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

THAT Council direct staff to amend the Sign By-law to allow non-profit and charitable groups to use portable signs to advertise their special events;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to amend the User Fee By-law to exempt non-profit and charitable organizations from paying portable sign permit fees.

CARRIED

Item 4
Sign By-law Review
(continued)

RECOMMENDATION 2008-18: Moved by Councillor Cimino:

THAT Council approve Option 2 that would allow all properties with street frontage as outlined in the Sign By-law to retain the maximum number of portable signs permitted by by-law without having to remove the portable signs for a three month period.

DEFEATED

The Committee noted that the existing by-law would therefore remain in effect.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2008-19: Moved by Councillor Callaghan:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk