

**THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, June 20, 2007
Commencement: 5:35 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A5:58pm); Caldarelli; Landry-Altman; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; A. Potvin, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; G. Clausen, Acting General Manager of Infrastructure; T. Beadman, Chief of Emergency Services; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Services; P. Buchanan, Acting CFO/Treasurer; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Growth & Development; N. Benkovich, Director of Water/Wastewater Services; C. Gore, Manager of Community Partnerships; I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor; P. Reid, Business Development Officer; K. Makela, Community Development Officer; K. Barber, Planner, Children Services; C. Ouellette, Director of Children Services; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; B. Johns; Facilities Engineer; A. Haché, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life; Big Daddy

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gasparini declared a conflict regarding Item 4 (Valley East Industrial Park Update) as her family owns property in the Industrial Park on the Kingsway.

Rules of Procedure

Council, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure, to alter the order of the Agenda and deal with Item 9 (Meagan McGrath), as she is scheduled to be at Science North for 7:00 p.m.

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 9
Homecoming
Welcome for Meagan
McGrath

Ms. McGrath, who reached the summit of Mt. Everest and played a critical role in saving the life of an injured climber, thanked the Members of the Priorities Committee and the residents of the City of Greater Sudbury for their passion and interest in her endeavour. She presented Mayor Rodriguez with a plaque of an old bottle opener that resembled a "key" which she discovered on her expedition, as a token of her appreciation for the City's support.

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Homecoming
Welcome for Meagan
McGrath
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Mayor Rodriguez presented Ms. McGrath with a plaque and congratulated her on her success.

Councillor Landry-Altmann and Mr. Bob Rogers, Chair, Healthy Community Cabinet, presented a Walk21 t-shirt to Ms. McGrath, an ideal person who takes walking seriously.

Councillor Gasparini, on behalf of the Committee, expressed her appreciation, not only on Ms. McGrath's climb, but also on her descent of the summit and encouraged everyone to give Ms. McGrath a standing ovation.

PART I

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

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 2
Diversity Advisory
Panel

Report dated 2007-06-14 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding June 2007 - Diversity Advisory Panel's Report and Recommendations was received.

Letter dated June 20, 2007 from Councillor Ted Callaghan, offering his support and endorsement for the two recommendations being requested of Council by the Diversity Advisory Panel.

Mr. Scott Fisher, Chair, Diversity Advisory Panel introduced Ms. Donna Mary Simpson, Member, Diversity Advisory Panel, Aboriginal Sub-Committee and Ms. Shirley Honyust, Member, Diversity Advisory Panel, Aboriginal Sub-Committee to the Priorities Committee.

Mr. Fisher gave an electronic presentation which provided an update of the activities of the Advisory Panel. He provided a list of the eight priority areas of the Diversity Plan and steps taken to achieve them:

- governance
- role of the City of Greater Sudbury
- education, marketing and relationship-building
- economic growth and employment
- youth involvement
- cultural acceptance/celebration
- settlement and immigration
- leadership and capacity-building

Mr. Fisher concluded by stating that the Advisory Panel would like to create new opportunities for citizens from the Aboriginal, Francophone and multicultural communities, in partnership with the City of Greater Sudbury, create forums for open discussion about the challenges faced by cultural groups, create appropriate tools for

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Diversity Advisory
Panel
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Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition, and establish a business charter, by which businesses could commit publicly to promote diversity.

Ms. Simpson and Ms. Honyust provided the Committee with the schedule for the Aboriginal Cultural Sharing and the Cultural Awareness Presentation to be held at Tom Davies Square.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-30: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

In response to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' request, it is recommended that the City of Greater Sudbury join the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (see Appendix 1);

AND THAT as per the recommendations of the Diversity Plan, the City of Greater Sudbury in cooperation with the Diversity Advisory Panel, work toward developing its own Plan of Action against Racism and Discrimination;

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approve the allocation of \$6000 for the Cultural Awareness Training for Council and senior staff.

CARRIED

Item 3
Water/Wastewater
Update

Mr. Brad Johns, Facilities Engineer, gave an electronic presentation on the Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Master Plan Update.

He advised that there are nineteen communities in the City of Greater Sudbury that are served with water and wastewater infrastructure. The water infrastructure inventory is estimated to have a replacement cost of approximately \$1.0 billion, whereas, the wastewater infrastructure inventory is estimated to having a \$0.8 billion replacement cost.

He stated that although the City has implemented SCAMP (Sustainable Capital Asset Management Plan), the deficit has continued to grow. The ten year funding gap between the cumulative budget/spending and cumulative need is approximately \$40 to \$43 million.

Mr. Johns advised that staff has identified, consolidated and categorized approximately thirty sub-studies that are required over the next three to five years as part of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He provided examples of required studies.

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Update
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He stated that during Phase Two, staff will develop an overall plan of inter-related projects, collectively identify a system of optimization and servicing strategies, follow the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment Process and Planning Act with a strong linkage to the City's Official Plan, and the integrating of a comprehensive business strategy.

He provided a timeline for "corporate process" projects, the Asset Management implementation, and the "Master Plan". Sufficient funding allocations has been earmarked in the annual Capital Improvement Program over the next five years. He also stated that internal and external stakeholders are to be engaged throughout the process.

Mr. Johns indicated that the next steps would involve engaging a Project Coordinating Consultant (RFP or Tender), formalize a Steering Committee, develop a group (stakeholders), develop and issue terms of reference for the various studies/projects sequenced by priority, and provide periodic updates to Council.

Change of Chair

At 6:35 p.m., Councillor Gasparini vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR BARBEAU, IN THE CHAIR

Item 4
Valley East
Industrial Park Update

Report dated 2007-05-22 from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Valley East Industrial Park Update was received.

Mr. Paul Reid, Business Development Officer, provided an electronic presentation. He stated that the former City of Valley East is one of the fastest growing areas in the City of Greater Sudbury with new housing starts and new commercial development. The existing commercial space in Val Caron, Val Therese and Hanmer is reaching close to complete occupancy.

He indicated that the Valley East Industrial Park is home to sixty-six companies and six business are currently in the process of purchasing the remaining acreage. He also stated that there is no longer land available for sale in the Park. He advised that the demand for City industrial land is expected to remain strong well beyond 2015.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-31: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

WHEREAS City Council has been a developer of industrial land in Walden, Valley East and the Greater Sudbury Airport to assist in wealth and job creation.

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Valley East
Industrial Park Update
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury consider future support of the expansion of City owned industrial lands and ask staff to develop a plan.

CARRIED

Declaration of
Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gasparini, having declared a conflict of interest in the foregoing matter, did not take part in the discussion, vote on any matter or try to influence the vote in respect thereof.

Change of Chair

At 6:51 p.m., Councillor Barbeau vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Item 5
Best Start Community
and Child Care Plans

Report dated 2007-06-01 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Best Start Community and Child Care Plans, 2007-2008 was received.

A bound report entitled "*City of Greater Sudbury Best Start Community Plan*" was issued under separate cover.

The "*Greater Sudbury Child Care Plan 2007-2008*" was tabled at the meeting.

Ms. Carmen Ouellette, Director of Children Services and Ms. Lois Mahon, Chair, Best Start Network, provided an electronic presentation. She provided a brief overview of the Best Start Community Plan and the Child Care Plan.

Ms. Mahon outlined the key accomplishments and the strategies/activities of the Best Start Community Plan from 2006 to 2008.

Ms. Ouellette advised that there have been 1,243 new spaces for child care created from April 2006 to March 2007. She outlined child care trends and stated that there is 75% more subsidized families using child care. She outlined their accomplishments for 2006-2007 and future plans.

Ms. Ouellette indicated that the Best Start allocation for 2007-2008, funded 100% from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS), is \$5,734,178. Most of this funding will be required to fund the expanded child care subsidy system. \$1,197,000 has been allocated to the Child Care Plan to support special initiatives.

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Best Start Community
and Child Care Plans
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The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-32: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

WHEREAS Best Start is Ontario's plan for early learning and child care and the City of Greater Sudbury is the lead partner in the local Best Start Initiative;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) has requested a Best Start Community Plan from each local Best Start Network and a more detailed Child Care Plan from each Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) , to be submitted by June 30, 2007;

AND WHEREAS the Children Services Section has consulted widely with all Best Start Partners in developing the Best Start Community Plan and the Child Care Plan which will provide direction for 2007-08 and beyond;

AND WHEREAS all Best Start Network partner organizations will be asked to sign off on the Best Start Community Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury Council approve the City of Greater Sudbury Best Start Community Plan and Child Care Plan and direct staff to submit both Plans to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

CARRIED

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED

Item 6
Ward Boundary
Review

Report dated 2007-06-14, with attachments, from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding Ward Boundary Review was received.

The following options were reviewed and discussed:

Option One:

Retain the current ward system and direct staff to bring back a "Ward Boundary Review Policy" which will establish Ward Boundary Reviews following every third municipal election in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Option Two:

Retain the current ward system and direct staff to bring back a "Ward Boundary Review Policy" which will use census data and demographic change as the criteria for triggering Ward Boundary Reviews in the City of Greater Sudbury.

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Review
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Option Three:

Undertake a Ward Boundary Review during this term of Council and direct staff to bring back a report in September 2007, outlining principles, process and the budget for the Ward Boundary Review.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-33: Moved by Councillor Rivest:

THAT Council select **Option 2** as described in the report dated June 14, 2007 from the Executive Director of Administrative Services;

AND THAT staff be directed to implement the option and report back to Council.

CARRIED

Item 7
Community Signage
Program

Report dated 2007-06-14 from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Community Signage Program was received.

Mr. I. Wood, Special Advisor to the Mayor, indicated to the Committee that this presentation was a follow-up to the report presented at the May 16, 2007 Priorities Committee meeting.

He gave an electronic presentation which provided the Committee with the following revised options:

Option One:

The Program as proposed in the original recommendation made to Priorities Committee on May 16, 2007 - new 4' x 8' signs to replace existing hamlet signs (approx. 60 signs); two different bilingual messages randomly distributed across the city; estimated cost is \$1,200 each.

Option Two:

Same as Option 1, but with message changed to "A Greater Sudbury Community / Une communauté du Grand Sudbury".

Option Three:

Use smaller "my!Sudbury" community tagline under existing hamlet signs - less expensive to manufacture and install; estimated cost \$25,000, resulting in savings of \$17,000.

Option Four:

Same as Option 3 with a "Greater Sudbury" community message.

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Program
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Option Five:

Leave existing hamlet signs as is - estimated savings of \$42,000.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-34: Moved by Councillor Rivest:

THAT Council support the plan to install five new decorative city welcome signs at each of the major highway entrances and at the entrance to the Greater Sudbury Airport;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the implementation of **Option 5**;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the rehabilitation of fifteen (15) existing decorative community signs and establish a fund to allow the Parks Section to maintain these signs on an annual basis and replace them at the end of their life cycle;

AND THAT the 2008 budget include \$25,000 for annual operating expenses and a \$10,000 annual contribution to reserves for sign replacement.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item 8
Constellation City
Report Workplan
Update

Report dated 2007-06-14 from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding Constellation City Report Workplan - Update was received for information only.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2007-35: Moved by Councillor Rivest:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 7:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk