

THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Thursday, November 24, 2005
Commencement: 7:00 p.m.**

Chair

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR DAVID COURTEMANCHE, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Bradley; Caldarelli; Callaghan; Craig; Dupuis; Gainer; Gasparini; Kett; Reynolds; Rivest

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; G. Mazza, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; A. Stephen, General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Services; L. Hayes, CFO/Treasurer; R. Swiddle, City Solicitor; Insp. G. Toffoli, Greater Sudbury Police Services; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; R. Carré, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services; C. Dent, Manager of Recreation; C. Gore, Manager of Community Partnerships; J. Nelson, Supervisor of Elections; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; P. Demers, Community Relations & Policy Advisor; D. Tincombe, Manager of Community Development & Social Policy; A. Haché, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; Channel 10 News; Northern Life; CBC-Radio; Le Voyageur

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 4
Civic Awards for
Volunteerism

Report dated 2005-11-16 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Civic Awards for Volunteerism was received.

Deputy Mayor Dupuis welcomed and congratulated the recipients of the 2005 Civic Award for Volunteerism, who were chosen by the Civic Awards Committee.

Mayor Courtemanche and Deputy Mayor Dupuis presented the following recipients with the 2005 Civic Award for Volunteerism:

Ronald and Suzanne Laderoute
Shirley Rivers
Pat Shewring
James Austin
CKLU Volunteers (Sheila Bianconi)
Joanne Nother

Item 5
NORMHC

Mr. Robert Michelutti, President, Board of Directors, Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre (NORMHC) gave an electronic presentation which provided Council with the history dating as far back as 1967.

He outlined their vision and indicated that the Centre's objectives were to establish a significant tourist attraction, providing an educational centre for schools and the public, and to help stimulate the local economy.

Mr. Michelutti provided statistics on visitor demographics, visitations, 2005 operating budget, assets, etc. He then outlined the proposed expansion of the Museum and stated that the preliminary capital budget was \$4,783,562. Projected attendance and revenues were reviewed, along with a project analysis and future steps.

Point of Privilege

Mayor Courtemanche rose on a point of personal privilege and responded to a public letter in the Sudbury Star from Ward 6 Councillor Lynne Reynolds.

Mayor Courtemanche said he had to publicly respond to the letter as it criticizes and falsely accuses staff of being deceitful and staff are unable to publicly defend themselves.

Mayor Courtemanche indicated that the letter and its author was "irresponsible" and sees it as "a direct attack" on his integrity as Mayor.

Item 6
Proposed Voting
Method, 2006
Municipal Election

Report dated 2005-11-02 from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding Proposed Voting Method, 2006 Municipal Election, November 13, 2006 was received.

Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Services and Angie Haché, City Clerk, provided an electronic presentation which outlined the rationale for recommending the continued use of vote tabulators and the introduction of voter assist terminals.

Council noted that due to changes in the Municipal Elections Act, a visually impaired voter must be able to cast their ballot themselves without assistance and independently, therefore, staff is recommending a method of voting which would allow this to occur.

Methods of voting, which were reviewed, include vote by mail, internet/telephone voting, paper ballot, and optical scan vote tabulators and voter assist terminals with paper ballots, were listed. Some of the challenges and advantages for each of the methods of voting were reviewed.

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Proposed Voting
Method, 2006
Municipal Election
(continued)

It was indicated that the Voter Assist Terminals which have touch screens and an audio component comply with the requirements of the Municipal Election Act as the visually impaired can vote without assistance.

The results of an Exit Survey conducted in 2003 at the Municipal Election were briefly outlined, along with the method of voting used by a number of municipalities in Ontario during the 2003 election.

Ms. Haché indicated that areas requiring improvements from the 2003 election have been identified, such as increased election workers, larger and more voting locations, inadequate signage, etc. will be addressed. She stated that staff will meet with Ward Councillors and candidates to receive additional feedback regarding polling locations, and following these meetings, a report will be presented to Council in the new year.

The following resolution was presented:

2005-394 Craig-Gasparini: THAT Council authorize the use of Optical Scan Vote Tabulators and Voter Assist Terminals (Touch Screens with an Audio Component) for the purpose of the 2006 Election;

AND THAT staff prepare the necessary by-laws to authorize the alternative methods of voting for the 2006 Municipal Election.

RECORDED VOTE:

YEAS

Berthiaume
Caldarelli
Callaghan
Craig
Dupuis
Gainer
Gasparini
Reynolds
Rivest
Mayor Courtemanche

NAYS

Bradley
Kett

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Rise and Report

Councillor Caldarelli, Chair of the Priorities Committee, reported that the Priorities Committee met on 2005-11-23 and there were no items to be brought forward at this time.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Rise and Report

Councillor Thompson, Chair of the Planning Committee, reported that the Planning Committee met on 2005-11-15 and there were no items to be brought forward at this time.

PART I CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

The following resolution was presented to adopt the items contained in Part I, Consent Agenda:

2005-395 Reynolds-Craig: THAT Items C-1 to C-13 inclusive, contained in Part I, Consent Agenda, be adopted.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Item C-1
Report No. 42
City Council
2005-11-10

2005-396 Craig-Reynolds: THAT Report No. 42, City Council Minutes of 2005-11-10 be adopted.

CARRIED

Item C-2
Report No. 38
Planning Committee
2005-11-15

Page 15 of the Planning Committee Minutes was revised and tabled at the Council meeting.

2005-397 Reynolds-Craig: THAT Report No. 38, Planning Committee Minutes of 2005-11-15 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Item C-3
Report No. 37
Priorities Committee
2005-11-23

2005-398 Craig-Reynolds: THAT Report No. 37, Priorities Committee Minutes of 2005-11-23 be adopted.

CARRIED

Item C-4
Report No. 8
Street Naming
Committee
2005-10-25

2005-399 Gasparini-Craig: THAT Report No. 8, Street Naming Committee Minutes of 2005-10-25 be adopted, with the exception of recommendations 2005-9 and 2005-10, as dealt with at the Priorities Committee meeting of November 23, 2005.

CARRIED

Item C-5
TOC
2005-11-08

2005-400 Craig-Gasparini: THAT the Report of the Tender Opening Committee Minutes of 2005-11-08 be received.

CARRIED

Item C-6
Report No. 8
SDHU
2005-10-20

2005-401 Gasparini-Craig: THAT Report No. 8, Sudbury & District Board of Health Minutes of 2005-10-20 be received.

CARRIED

Item C-7
Taxi Review
Committee
2005-10-20

2005-402 Craig-Gasparini: THAT the Report of the Taxi Review Committee Minutes of 2005-10-20 be received.

CARRIED

Item C-8
TOC
2005-11-15

2005-403 Reynolds-Craig: THAT the Report of the Tender Opening Committee Minutes of 2005-11-15 be received.

CARRIED

Item C-9
Court of Revision
Brunet & Horizon
Drain
2005-11-14

The minutes were amended by removing Councillor Kett as the mover of a motion, as he was not present at the meeting.

2005-404 Craig-Reynolds: THAT Report No. 4, Court of Revision (Brunet Municipal Drain Addendum and Horizon Municipal Drain) Minutes of 2005-11-14 be received as amended.

CARRIED

Item C-10
Report No. 6
Firearms Regulation
Task Force
2005-10-05

2005-405 Reynolds-Craig: THAT Report No. 6, Firearms Regulation Task Force Minutes of 2005-10-05 be received.

CARRIED

Item C-11
GSPS
2005-10-17

2005-406 Craig-Reynolds: THAT the Report of the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board Minutes of 2005-10-17 be received.

CARRIED

ROUTINE MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Item C-12
Canada Geese
Controls

Report dated 2005-11-09 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Canada Geese Controls was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2005-407 Reynolds-Craig: WHEREAS Canada Geese are frequenting parks, play fields and water fronts resulting in health, aesthetic and safety concerns;

AND WHEREAS research shows that this problem is steadily increasing throughout Ontario and the USA;

Item C-12
Canada Geese
Controls
(continued)

AND WHEREAS a control and maintenance program is necessary to repel geese from public designated city properties frequently used by citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT options, for Council's consideration, be developed for 2006 Budget Review.

CARRIED

Item C-13
FCM National Board

Report dated 2005-11-17 from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Invitation to Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) National Board was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2005-408 Reynolds-Craig: WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury is a proud member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS representatives from this city and former municipalities have served this important national association with dedication and distinction;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Terry Kett currently serves on the FCM National Board;

AND WHEREAS the FCM Board has never met in the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS Greater Sudbury is Northern Ontario's largest centre, located centrally in Canada, well-connected to national transportation links, blessed with outstanding natural beauty, and a superior destination for meetings and conferences of all kinds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury extends a warm invitation to our friends and colleagues of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to hold one of their 2009 Semi-Annual National Board Meetings in the City of Greater Sudbury.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

THE FOLLOWING BY-LAWS APPEARED FOR THREE READINGS:

2005-272 3 A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2005

2005-273 3 A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO AUTHORIZE A TAX EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH COLETTE BELISLE O/A CHANGIN' STYLES LTD. FOR ROLL #050.027.066.00.0000

Report dated 2005-11-10 from the CFO/Treasurer regarding Tax Extension Agreement between CGS and Colette Belisle o/a Changin' Styles Ltd was received.

(Colette Belisle o/a Changin' Styles Ltd. has requested a Tax Extension Agreement with respect to the property located at 997 Kelly Lake Road, in the City of Greater Sudbury. The subject property is in tax arrears and a lien was registered against the property on December 10, 2004. Section 378(1) of the Municipal Act provides the authority for City Council to enter into a Tax Extension Agreement. The agreement is standard in nature and allows for an applicant to repay tax arrears over a specified time period. If the terms of the agreement are breached in any way, the agreement becomes null and void and the property is placed in the position it was in prior to the establishment of the agreement.)

2005-274 3 A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO AUTHORIZE A TAX EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH BONNIE SIKORA FOR ROLL #190.003.083.00000

Report dated 2005-11-10 from the CFO/Treasurer regarding Tax Extension Agreement between CGS and Bonnie Sikora was received.

(Bonnie Sikora has requested a Tax Extension Agreement with respect to the property located at 30 Vaughan Avenue, in the City of Greater Sudbury. The subject property is in tax arrears and a lien was registered against the property on September 9, 2005. Section 378(1) of the Municipal Act provides the authority for City Council to enter into a Tax Extension Agreement. The agreement is standard in nature and allows for an applicant to repay tax arrears over a specified time period. If the terms of the agreement are breached in any way, the agreement becomes null and void and the property is placed in the position it was in prior to the establishment of the agreement.)

BY-LAWS (continued)

2005-275Z	3	<p>A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO AMEND BY-LAW 83-300, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW FOR THE FORMER TOWN OF VALLEY EAST AND THE FORMER TOWN OF ONAPING FALLS</p> <p>Planning Committee Recommendation 2005-210</p> <p>(This By-law rezones the subject property "R1.D18", Single Residential to permit the consolidation of an additional 3m by 51.08m area of land with an existing residential lot (Consent Application B0131/2005). - Louise and Phil Landry, St. Michel Street, Hanmer)</p>
2005-276	3	<p>A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO AMEND BY-LAW 2005-16A, TO APPOINT OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY</p> <p>(This By-law updates the list of Clerks at Citizen Service Centres and the list of staff appointments by Council.)</p>
2005-277	3	<p>A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO ADOPT A STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING POLICY</p> <p>Street Naming Committee Recommendation 2005-10</p> <p>(This By-law adopts a policy for street naming and numbering, and repeals the existing policies from former municipalities.)</p>
2005-278	3	<p>A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF CERTAIN UNOPENED STREETS</p> <p>Report dated 2005-11-17, with attachments, from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding Changes to Street Names - Unopened Subdivisions was received.</p> <p>(This By-law changes the names of approximately 60 unopened and deemed subdivision streets whose names conflict with existing opened streets. This will prevent the opening of additional streets with duplicate names.)</p>
2005-279	3	<p>A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO AMEND BY-LAW 2001-1, BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE TRAFFIC AND PARKING ON ROADS IN THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY</p> <p>Report dated 2005-11-16 from the General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services regarding Centre Two-Way Left Turn Lane - Old Highway 69 (Municipal Road 80) was received.</p> <p>(This By-law provides for the designation of the new centre lane on Old Highway 69 (Municipal Road 80) for left turns only, from Valleyview Road to First Street, in the former City of Valley East.)</p>

BY-LAWS (continued)

2005-280 3 A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO AMEND
THE PROCEDURE BY-LAW 2002-202

(This By-law amends the Procedure By-law to change the meeting dates of City Council to the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month and the Priorities Committee to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. This will come into effect January 1st, 2006).

2005-281 3 A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO
AUTHORIZE THE CANCELLATION, REDUCTION , OR REFUND
OF REALTY TAXES

Report dated 2005-11-10, with attachments, from the CFO/Treasurer regarding Tax Adjustments under Section 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act was received.

(Each year after the return of the Assessment Roll and during the tax billing process, some properties become eligible for the cancellation, reduction or refund of realty taxes. Section 357 of the Municipal Act provides the authority for tax adjustments in the current year for reasons that may include change in rate of taxation, change in tax status or fire/demolition. Section 358 of the Municipal Act provides the authority for tax adjustments for prior years for errors in the preparation of the Assessment Roll. All applications for tax adjustments are verified by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation prior to being processed by the City of Greater Sudbury.)

2005-282 3 A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO
AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF PART OF PARCEL 625 S.E.S.,
TOWNSHIP OF MCKIM, TO J. CORSI DEVELOPMENTS INC.

Planning Committee Recommendation 2005-209

2005-283 3 A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO
AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF LAND ON LUCIEN COURT,
TOWNSHIP OF CAPREOL, TO 1288 REALTY INC.

Planning Committee Recommendation 2005-217

THE FOLLOWING BY-LAWS APPEARED FOR TWO READINGS:

2005-284 2 A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO CLOSE
PART OF THE KINGSWAY, TOWNSHIP OF NEELON

Planning Committee Recommendation 2005-218

BY-LAWS (continued)

2005-285 2 A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO CLOSE PART OF SILVER LAKE ROAD, LONG LAKE ROAD, AND COUNTRYSIDE DRIVE, TOWNSHIP OF BRODER, AND CONVEY THEM WITH ADDITIONAL LAND TO THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION OF ONTARIO FOR THE LONG LAKE ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Planning Committee Recommendation 2005-216

1ST & 2ND Reading 2005-409 Gasparini-Craig : THAT By-law-2005-272 to and including By-law 2005-276 and By-law 2005-279 to and including By-law 2005-285 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

3RD Reading 2005-410 Craig-Gasparini: THAT By-law 2005-272 to and including By-law 2005-276 and By-law 2005-279 to and including By-law 2005-283 be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item C-14
CGS Soccer Fields Report dated 2005-11-09 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding City of Greater Sudbury Soccer Fields Status Report and Inventory was received for information only.

Item C-15
RG Dow Pool Report dated 2005-11-09, with attachments, from the General Manager of Community Development regarding R.G. Dow Pool / Dow Pool Lifesavers Partnership was received for information only.

Item C-16
Election & Municipal Resources Report dated 2005-11-16, with attachments, from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding Election and Municipal Resources was received for information only.

Item C-17
DLAC Status Report Report dated 2005-11-10, with attachments, from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Development Liaison Advisory Committee Status Report to City Council was received for information only.

PART II REGULAR AGENDA

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item R-1 Collection of Property Taxes

Report dated 2005-11-10 from the CFO/Treasurer regarding the Collection of Property Taxes via Bailiff Services was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2005-411 Berthiaume-Craig: 1) It is recommended that the City of Greater Sudbury adopt a procedure for the collection of property tax arrears involving seizure and/or rental attornment via bailiff services for properties in the commercial, industrial and multi-residential tax classes;

2) That an RFP be prepared to secure the services of a professional bailiff for the 2006 and future taxation years.

CARRIED

Item R-2 OTVP Ridership Bonus

Report dated 2005-11-09 from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Ontario Transit Vehicle Program (OTVP) Ridership Bonus was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2005-412 Craig-Berthiaume: THAT Council approves the utilization of the \$70,048 Ridership Bonus received under the Ontario Transit Vehicle Program (OTVP) as follows:

- 1) \$50,000 be expended to refurbish two Transit fleet vehicles with rebuilt engines; and
- 2) placing the remainder (\$20,048) in the Transit Equipment Reserve.

CARRIED

Item R-3 Taxi, Limousine & Shuttle Transportation By-law Review

Report dated 2005-11-10, with attachments, from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Taxi, Limousine and Shuttle Transportation By-law Review was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2005-413 Gasparini-Craig: THAT Council accept the Taxi, Limousine and Shuttle Transportation By-law review report as submitted and approve the by-law as attached.

CARRIED

ADDENDUM

Addendum

2005-414 Craig-Berthiaume: THAT the Addendum to the Agenda be dealt with at this time.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

THE FOLLOWING BY-LAW APPEARED FOR TWO READINGS:

2005-286 2 A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO CLOSE PART OF PEARL STREET

Planning Committee Recommendation 2004-292

(In December, 2004, Council authorized staff to proceed with the closing of an unopened portion of Pearl Street so that it could be declared surplus and sold. The reference plan necessary has now been registered and the by-law can proceed for first and second reading, to be brought back to Council following the necessary advertising.)

THE FOLLOWING BY-LAW APPEARED FOR THREE READINGS:

2005-287Z 3 A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO AMEND BY-LAW 83-300, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW FOR THE FORMER TOWN OF VALLEY EAST AND THE FORMER TOWN OF ONAPING FALLS

Planning Committee Recommendation 2005-193

(This by-law rezones the subject property to Medium Density Residential Special to permit the severance of the lands into 4 parts and to permit the construction of a residential 4 plex on each of the 4 parts. The special part of this zoning permits one of the proposed lots to have a lot frontage of 56 feet where 59 feet is normally required. Dan Foucault Construction Ltd. - 5088 & 5096 Highway 69 North, Hanmer)

1ST & 2ND Reading

2005-415 Gasparini-Craig : THAT By-law 2005-286 to and including By-law 2005-287Z be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

3RD Reading

2005-416 Craig-Gasparini: THAT By-law 2005-287Z be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 2
Wild Lines
44 & 50 Short St.,
Lively

Report dated 2005-11-22, with attachments, from the General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services regarding Proposed Improper Water and Sewer Service Connections, #44 and #50 Short Street, Lively was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2005-417 Reynolds-Craig: THAT Improper Water and Sewer Service connections be approved for #44 and #50 Short Street, in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure and Emergency Services dated November 22, 2005.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

Levack Water Supply

Councillor Bradley asked the General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services why the water being supplied to Levack by Inco Ltd. was being shut down.

Mr. Stephen advised Council that the Levack water plant will be shut down for two hours for minor repairs.

Kashechewan
Evacuation

Councillor Callaghan requested an update on the funding issue regarding Kashechewan evacuation. He questioned whether the funds would be received prior to the Federal elections.

Mayor Courtemanche advised Council the agreement between the Federal government and municipalities involved is near finalization.

The CFO/Treasurer advised Council that she has had numerous conference calls and has been advised that the comprehensive funding agreement will be approved by all municipalities next week and funding will be received shortly thereafter.

Proceed Past
10:00 p.m.

2005-418 Reynolds-Craig: THAT we proceed past the hour of 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Sudbury Transit
Terminal

Councillor Callaghan received numerous calls regarding the general maintenance at the Sudbury Transit Terminal in particular the cleanliness of the public washrooms. He indicated that as ridership increases, the problem will get worse.

With the concurrence of Council, the Acting General Manager of Growth & Development is to provide a report concerning this matter.

Transit Service at
the South Ridge Mall

Councillor Craig indicated he has received complaints, especially from seniors regarding access and transit service to the South Ridge Mall. He asked the Acting General Manager of Growth & Development if staff can be proactive and cooperate to obtain consistency in the level of service for the mall.

Mr. Mazza, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development advised Council that he will meet with the owner of the mall and the Director of Transit to review the Site Plan Control Agreement and determine if the radius will allow buses access to the mall entrance.

Howard Armstrong
Sports Complex

Councillor Rivest asked the General Manager of Community Development if options could be brought forward to the Finance Committee regarding the expansion of the weight room and new equipment in the Howard Armstrong Sports Complex.

The General Manager of Community Development advised that a cost estimate can be prepared and a Member of Council can bring it forward as a budget enhancement.

Special Diet Policy

Councillor Berthiaume asked the General Manager of Community Development if the Special Diet Policy was having an impact on Social Assistance recipients.

The General Manager of Community Development advised Council that this policy was being addressed in Southern Ontario. She indicated that historically, the use of these funds was for individuals on a special diet and we have not seen an impact locally.

St. David's School
Laneway - Donovan

Councillor Berthiaume stated that parents and teachers of St. David's Elementary School in the Donovan have requested that the laneway, which is located next to the school, be made a one-way street, as they have a concern with the safety of children using the laneway.

The General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services will have the Traffic and Transportation Section look into this possibility.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Property Taxes - Day Cares

As presented by Councillor Kett:

WHEREAS not-for-profit day cares form the foundation of the day care/child care system in Greater Sudbury;

AND WHEREAS since prior to 2001 not-for-profit day care centres were exempt from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Tax Assessment;

AND WHEREAS several not-for-profit day cares took the initiative to build/purchase their own buildings, specifically Walden Day Care, Shooting Star Day Care and Our Children, Our Future Day Care;

AND WHEREAS in the City, these three not-for-profit day care centres have, since 2002, been classified in the taxable bracket, under the MPAC Tax Assessment Policy;

AND WHEREAS in 2002 the City's Senior Management determined that continuance of the tax exemption for not-for-profit day care centres was not warranted, without consulting the day cares to see what kind of an impact it would have had on their future viability;

AND WHEREAS this decision has brought severe financial hardship to these centres, to the point that for one day care (Shooting Star), their building goes up for public auction for back taxes effective December 16, 2005;

AND WHEREAS this decision goes against the positive intent of the provincial Best Start Initiative;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury write off the past property taxes owed by these three not-for-profit day cares and provide a grant equal to the property taxes for these three not-for-profit day cares, similar to the grant given to several community centres.

Rules of Procedure

Council, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure and deal with a motion, not on the Agenda, at this time.

Long-Term Care Beds

The following resolution was presented:

Bradley-Berthiaume: WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care have extended the declaration of a systemic crisis in Sudbury, due to the continued high number of Alternative Level of Care (ALC) patients at the Sudbury Regional Hospital;

Long-Term Care Beds
(continued)

WHEREAS this Category 1A Crisis Admission will be in effect up to March 31, 2006;

WHEREAS "Crisis 1A" has been declared by the Ministry in Greater Sudbury for the "fourth" time since April 2004;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has amended the geographic area to also include Lakeland Nursing Home in Parry Sound to Sudbury's Category 1A Crisis Admission designation;

WHEREAS the transfer of ALC patients to long-term care facilities outside Greater Sudbury causes much hardship for both the patient and their family;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Minister of Health and Long-Term Care be requested to respond to the unique and immediate needs of our community by funding an adequate amount of long-term care beds so that long-term care patients can remain in Greater Sudbury;

AND FURTHER THAT the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care be requested to open additional beds at the Sudbury Regional Hospital and/or alternate facilities on an interim basis;

AND THAT the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care allow the opportunity for patients that have been transferred to the outlying Districts be given priority in the Community;

AND THAT Mayor Courtemanche, Councillor Bradley and Councillor Dupuis meet with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to find a permanent solution to deal with the long-term care bed crisis in Greater Sudbury.

Friendly Amendment

With the concurrence of the mover, Councillor Caldarelli requested that paragraph eight in the foregoing motion be amended by deleting the words "the opportunity for" and inserting "status for beds" after "priority".

Main Motion
(as amended)

2005-419 Bradley-Berthiaume: WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care have extended the declaration of a systemic crisis in Sudbury, due to the continued high number of Alternative Level of Care (ALC) patients at the Sudbury Regional Hospital;

WHEREAS this Category 1A Crisis Admission will be in effect up to March 31, 2006;

WHEREAS "Crisis 1A" has been declared by the Ministry in Greater Sudbury for the "fourth" time since April 2004;

Long-Term Care Beds
(continued)

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AND FURTHER THAT the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care be requested to open additional beds at the Sudbury Regional Hospital and/or alternate facilities on an interim basis;

AND THAT the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care allow patients that have been transferred to the outlying Districts be given priority status for beds in the Community;

AND THAT Mayor Courtemanche, Councillor Bradley and Councillor Dupuis meet with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to find a permanent solution to deal with the long-term care bed crisis in Greater Sudbury.

CARRIED

Adjournment

2005-420 Craig-Reynolds: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.
Time: 10:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

City Clerk