

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

**Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2006  
Commencement: 7:06 p.m.**

Chair

**COUNCILLOR CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Bradley; Craig (A7:10pm); Dupuis; Gainer; Gasparini; Rivest; Thompson; Mayor Courtemanche

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; R. Skelly, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; A. Stephen, General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services; L. Hayes, CFO/Treasurer; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; G. Clausen, City Engineer; I. Davidson, Chief of Police, Greater Sudbury Police Services; Staff Insp. A. Lekun, Executive Officer to the Chief of Police, Greater Sudbury Police; L. Mahon, Best Start Network Facilitator; C. Ouellette, Manager of Children Services; B. Gutjahr, Manager of By-law Enforcement Services; G. Mazza, Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official; B. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; C. Wood, Manager of Operations; M. Gibbons; Director of Strategic Support Services; R. Henderson, Director of Citizen Services; G. Prieur, CIP Facilitator; S. Harris, Business Development Officer; A. Haché, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E.

D. Burke, CUPE National Representative; W. MacKinnon, President, CUPE Local 4705; F. Posadowski, Vice-President, CUPE Local 4705

News Media

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

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Point of Privilege

Councillor Gainer rose on a point of personal privilege to advise that the Provincial government has announced additional funding in the amount of \$3.6 million through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

He requested that the City Clerk arrange a Finance Committee meeting to be held within 2-3 weeks. The meeting is to determine how this funding will be used.

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

### Item 2 Physician Recruitment & Retention

Mr. Rob Skelly, Manager of Tourism, Programs & Partnerships and Ms. Jackie Thoms, Co-Chair, Mayor and Councillor's Roundtable on Physician Recruitment and Retention gave an electronic presentation regarding an Update on the Activities of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Roundtable.

Mr. Skelly provided a brief history of the program and indicated that the purpose of this program was to increase the number of physicians in the city.

Ms. Thoms advised that sixty-five physicians have chosen Greater Sudbury has their home since 2000. She outlined the 2005-2007 strategic plan and initiatives. She gave an overview of accomplishments in 2005 such as the arrival of nineteen new physicians, the opening of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), etc. Ms. Thoms also provided a list of events that were held in 2005 that promoted and encouraged physicians to make the City of Greater Sudbury their home.

She also outlined the endeavours planned for 2006 and stated that the Roundtable will continue to work with their partners: NOME (Northeastern Ontario Medical Education Corporation), NOSM, the Chamber of Commerce, etc.

### Item 3 Firearms Regulation Task Force

Report dated 2006-01-24, with attachments, from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Review of Findings and Recommendations of the Firearms Regulation Task Force was received.

Dr. Darren Stinson, Chair, Firearms Regulation Task Force gave an electronic presentation. He briefly highlighted the mandate of the Task Force and indicated that they received advice and opinions from several interest groups such as Trappers Association, Bear Outfitters, MNR, etc. He also stated that there was participation from the citizens of the City of Greater Sudbury through email, fax, mail, and public information meetings.

Dr. Stinson indicated that the Task Force considered two options:

**Option 1:** to repeal all existing by-laws and to allow the pre-existing federal and provincial legislation to control the discharge of firearms in the City of Greater Sudbury.

He stated that the Criminal Code of Canada and the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act covers the issues of public safety with regards to the discharge of firearms regardless of where the discharge occurs.

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**Option 2:** to repeal all existing by-laws and replace with one by-law for the entire City of Greater Sudbury.

Dr. Stinson stated that this by-law would require a large number of exemptions to adequately protect the public.

He indicated that following much consideration and deliberation, the Task Force recommended that Council accept Option 1.

The following recommendation was presented:

Rivest: THAT Council accept the report of the Firearms Regulation Task Force and that Option #1 of the Task Force be approved;

AND THAT the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law to repeal the existing Firearms by-laws currently in force and effect.

Friendly Amendment

With the concurrence of the mover, the Chair requested that the foregoing recommendation be amended by adding the following:

“AND FURTHER THAT staff and Police be instructed to report back to Council within one year to provide a status report concerning this matter”.

Recommendation  
(as amended)

**RECOMMENDATION 2006-84: Moved by Councillor Rivest:**

THAT Council accept the report of the Firearms Regulation Task Force and that Option #1 of the Task Force be approved;

AND THAT the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law to repeal the existing Firearms by-laws currently in force and effect.

AND FURTHER THAT staff and Police be instructed to report back to Council within one year to provide a status report concerning this matter.

**CARRIED**

Item 4  
Best Start

Report dated 2006-01-10, with attachments, from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Best Start Integrated Implementation Plan was received.

The bound report “*Best Start Integrated Implementation Plan*” was received under separate cover.

Recognition of Achievement

The Chair and Members of the Committee extended their congratulations to Ms. Ouellette who was awarded the Certified Municipal Manager III (CMMIII) by the Ontario Municipal Management Institute.

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Ms. Lois Mahon, Best Start Network Facilitator provided the Committee with an electronic presentation entitled “Best Start Integrated Implementation Plan” which indicated that this was a provincial initiative managed by the City. She stated that “Best Start’s plan is to strengthen healthy development, early learning and child care during a child’s first years”.

She indicated that as a result of this initiative, Best Start hopes that “children in Ontario will be ready and eager to learn by the time they start Grade 1”.

She indicated that in order to obtain a community profile, they must first look at an inventory and mapping of all existing services, and how many number of children/families and ethnicity are at risk.

Ms. Mahon explained that “hubs” would be located in or near schools and would be a place where families and/or children could access child care, specialized services, information, and parenting support.

She outlined some of the key principles of the “hubs” and indicated that twenty-six hubs would be required across the neighbourhoods in the City. These “hubs” would be run by existing Ontario Early Years Centres and satellites, Our Children Our Future, Centre de santé, etc.

Ms. Mahon provided a list of groups who helped to develop the Best Start Implementation Plan and also who would be providing the specialized services. She indicated that the City’s role would be to manage the child care system, support and lead Best Start Network and its sub groups, support and facilitate the development and implementation of the plan, support and coordinate all hubs across the City, and participate in ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

She stated that this Plan brings together health, social services, education, local and provincial governments, and parents. It also builds on existing community strengths, resources and expertise. This Plan will make Sudbury a place where people will want to live and raise their children.

The following recommendation was presented:

**RECOMMENDATION 2006-85: Moved by Councillor Rivest:**

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has undergone extensive consultation with service providers and the general public to form a Best Start Network and develop an integrated plan to implement the Best Start child care initiative which supports early learning and care and the development of community hubs;

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AND WHEREAS all parties concur on the key principles of service delivery for these hubs, recognize challenges and identify strategies to meet these challenges;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury receive and endorse the Best Start Integrated Implementation Plan as submitted.

**CARRIED**

### **ADDENDUM**

Addendum to Agenda

2006-86 Bradley: THAT the Addendum to the Agenda be dealt with at this time.

**CARRIED**

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

### **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Item AD-1  
Winter Storm Update

Report dated 2006-02-01 from the General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services regarding Winter Storm Update - January 29 and 30, 2006 was received.

Mr. A. Stephen, General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services gave an electronic presentation which provided a review of the winter roads service standard, the three-shift option and a brief explanation on how it should work.

Mr. Stephen also provided a break down of events that took place during the January 29 and 30, 2006 storm and how work crews were deployed. He indicated that there were challenges such as slow progress due to heavy snow accumulation, bad visibility and on-street parking in residential areas.

He stated that a critical challenge was that as the storm progressed, crews, who were assigned residential routes in addition to their arterial routes, were not able to shift from their arterial and collector roads onto their rural/residential routes due to the continuous snowfall.

Mr. Stephen indicated that within the 24 hour time period, they were able to achieve the winter operations service standards on approximately 3,500 km of the 3,600 km of roads within the City. The majority of the roads not reached were in residential areas, especially in the south and southeast section of the city. This resulted in approximately 294 complaints regarding road conditions.

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He outlined ten steps that will be implemented in order to correct all challenges:

1. To provide continued/uninterrupted response to rural and residential roads beyond a 13 hour event, we will create:
  - a) an expanded pool of City employees from multiple departments who would be available for call-out;
  - b) a pool of part-time driver/operators who would be available for call out when City employees are not available;
  - c) investigate the implementation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement recognized “stand-by” system for weekend operations for all current winter operations employees;
2. We will expand the use of contractor operated equipment;
3. We will examine all arterial and collector routes with assigned residential and rural secondary routes and, where required, design new routes;
4. We will install AVL and GPS tracking systems on our plows;
5. We will re-distribute our spare vehicles to ensure that there is an immediate vehicle replacement for any vehicle which will be off the road for more than a two-hour period;
6. We will establish a 24/7 vehicle repair program to ensure that our operations are not effected by vehicles awaiting repair;
7. Investigate the hours of operation for our call centre and dispatch;
8. We will continue to refine our current command, control and reporting systems;
9. We will request the enforcement of the “No Parking” and “Fouling of Roads” bylaws by Greater Sudbury Police Services and Bylaw Enforcement Officers; and
10. We will enhance our communication strategy to ensure public service announcements are provided to the public during significant events.

The Committee agreed by consensus that staff would proceed with the corrective action and should additional challenges arise the Mayor, CAO and General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services will discuss further action required and report back to Council.

Adjournment

**RECOMMENDATION 2006-87: Moved by Councillor Bradley:**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:53 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Caldarelli, Chair

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Angie Haché, City Clerk