

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2007
Commencement: 5:30 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A5:35pm); Callaghan; Craig; Caldarelli; Landry-Altman (D8:45pm); Mayor Rodriguez (A5:35 pm)

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, Acting General Manager of Emergency Services; R. Swiddle, Acting Executive Director of Administrative Services; L. Hayes, CFO/Treasurer; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; T. Derro, Supervisor of Tax; D. Braney, Acting Director of Solid Waste & Assets; R. Dixon, Facilities & Building Coordinator; I. Wood, Business Development Officer; D. Desmeules, Manager of Housing Services; K. Rossi, Coordinator of Senior Community Services; A. Haché, City Clerk; M. Laalo, Licensing & Assessment Clerk; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

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

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PART I

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

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 2
MPAC Update

Ms. Kim Pitura, Municipal Relations Representative and Ms. Mary Dawson-Cole, Manager of Customer Service, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) provided an electronic presentation.

Ms. Pitura provided an overview of the Ontario model of property assessment, and a corporate overview. She advised that currently the province has frozen all assessment updates and outlined ongoing responsibilities of MPAC and each of their departments.

Item 2
MPAC Update

Ms. Dawson-Cole provided a brief overview of the customer service available to property owners and stated that MPAC currently has available a free online service for property owners entitled AboutMyProperty™ which provides assessment information.

She also provided information regarding Request for Reconsideration (RfR), and the Assessment Review Board.

Ms. Pitura described what Municipal Connect™ was and how it functioned. She also explained Market Change Profile (MCP), and the Municipal Status Report.

Ms. Dawson-Cole provided an overview of the Current Value Assessment (CVA) and outlined what types of properties were assessed, and what MPAC considers when assessing the value of a residential property.

They provided statistics for the City of Greater Sudbury regarding number of properties and total assessed value, supplementary and omitted assessments, requests for reconsideration, and 2006 Assessment Review Board appeals. They concluded by stating that Sudbury's growth equals 1% on the taxable assessment.

Rules of Procedure

The Committee, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure, to alter the order of the Agenda and deal with Item 4 (Property Taxes using Rental Attornment and Bailiff Services) at this time.

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Item 4
Rental Attornment &
Bailiff Services

Report dated 2007-03-14, with attachments, from the CFO/Treasurer regarding the Collection of Property Taxes using Rental Attornment and Bailiff Services was received.

The following recommendation was presented:

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopt a collection policy utilizing rental attornment and bailiff services for the recovery of property taxes in the commercial, industrial and multi residential tax classes under the authority of Sections 350 and 351 of the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be passed.

This matter will be included on the next Priorities Committee agenda for a decision.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS (continued)

Item 3
Centre Lionel E.
Lalonde Centre
Update

Mr. Tim Beadman, Acting General Manager of Emergency Services and Mr. Richard Dixon, Facilities & Building Coordinator Centre provided an electronic presentation regarding an update on the Lionel E. Lalonde Centre Emergency and Protective Services Centre.

Mr. Beadman stated that the process began in 2005 and had two committees working together to bring this project to completion. He also stated that the study was undertaken by Nicholls Yallowega Belanger in August 2005 in which they provided several objectives.

He provided a list of building tenants occupying the building prior to construction and after construction. He also provided an outline of the gross project cost stating that in 2005, Council approved a cost of \$6,200,250 with a levy impact of \$212,900. He stated that with additional costs (roof repair and boiler room upgrades) the total project cost was \$6,900,250. He advised that the contract was awarded to Tribury Construction Inc. in April 2006 with a completion of phased in occupancy in July 2007.

Mr. Beadman outlined the challenges that were faced (Phase 1) and future requirements (Phase 2). He provided a list of funding proposals/sources for future infrastructure development and benefits and future opportunities for the Centre Lionel E. Lalonde Centre.

PART II **7:00 P.M.**

CITIZEN DELEGATIONS

Item 8
City of Lakes FHT

Dr. Chris McKibbon, Chief of Staff, Sudbury Regional Hospital provided an electronic presentation regarding an update on the City of Lakes Family Health Team.

He stated that the Family Health Teams are part of a continuum of primary care renewal which has been ongoing for more that ten years with common elements such as group practice, multi-disciplinary care, alternate payment mechanisms, and variable levels of community participation.

He provided comparison models of primary health care and information regarding the history of the City of Lakes Family Health Team (CoL FHT). He stated that the CoL FHT has received commitments from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the Sudbury Regional Hospital and the City of Greater Sudbury. He also provided the interests of the parties involved, physicians, the hospital, the City of Greater Sudbury, and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

Item 8
City of Lakes FHT
(continued)

Dr. McKibbon stated that the potential locations for the FHT is Chelmsford, Val Caron, Walden and Pioneer Manor with the first site being Walden or Val Caron. He provided ongoing needs and commitments from the parties involved and decisions to be made:

- maintain requirement for hospital privileges
- maintain central role of family Mds
- move forward simultaneously rather than sequentially
- commence transitional plan and governance recruit

Dr. McKibbon provided the next steps to be taken for the near future and concluded by stating that he will be bringing further information to Council in the next four months.

Item 9
Barrydowne Extension

Letter dated 2007-01-29 from the Barrydowne Extension Committee regarding Upcoming Plans to Promote the Construction of the Barrydowne Extension was received.

Mr. Andre Thibert, and Ms. Nellie Lanteigne, Members of the Barrydowne Extension Committee provided an electronic presentation to the Committee regarding the construction of the Barrydowne Extension.

Mr. Thibert stated that the Committee's objectives was to provide an information session and educational campaign to the Members of Council. He advised that the Extension is required because of the substantial growth in the northeast section of the City and stated that MR 80 is already at capacity during peak hours.

He provided maps of common road improvements such as Notre Dame Avenue widening and the Barrydowne Extension from the Transportation Background Study prepared by EarthTech for the Official Plan.

Mr. Thibert concluded by stating that their educational campaign has two strategies, to erect a series of road signs and provide an interactive educational website for the public.

Item 10
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Cycling Tour

Email dated 2007-03-13 from Dave Battaino regarding Big Brothers, Big Sisters Cycling Tour was received.

An information package was distributed.

Mr. Dave Battaino, Executive Director, Big Brothers, Big Sisters introduced Mr. Michael Norby and Mr. Randy Sauve, Cambrian College students, are gearing up to cycle across Canada, mentoring all Canadian youth towards a healthier lifestyle. He advised that they will be leaving Sudbury April 10, 2007 from Tom Davies Square and will be carrying the City of Greater Sudbury and Big Brothers, Big Sisters banners.

Item 10
Big Brothers/Big
Sisters Cycling Tour
(continued)

Mr. Sauve advised that they would be cycling for twenty days and covering 8500 miles, interacting with the various Big Brothers across Canada. Mr. Norby stated that with increasing concern regarding the inactivity in children, they are setting out to make a difference by acting as role models in the health and fitness industry.

They stated that they currently have a website which provides their tour schedule, "on-the-road" blog, a message board, and sponsor registration forms.

Councillor Gasparini requested that staff post the following link:

www.cycleacrosscanada.ca

to the My!Sudbury.ca website.

Proceed Past
8:30 p.m.

2007-12 Cimino: THAT we proceed past the hour of 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY

POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED
CITIZEN PETITIONS

Item 5
Priorities Committee
Community Meetings

Report dated 2007-03-13 from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding Priorities Committee - Community Meetings was received.

The following recommendation was presented:

Barbeau: THAT one Priorities Committee meeting be held for each of the twelve wards over a two year period (2007-2008) as outlined in the report from the Executive Director of Administrative Services dated March 13, 2007;

AND THAT the estimated cost of \$14,000 to hold the twelve Priorities Committee - Community Meetings in 2007 and 2008 be funded from \$125,000 Constellation City approved budget option;

AND THAT staff be directed to review this program at the end of 2008 and make recommendations for future ward focused meetings.

Friendly Amendment

With the concurrence of the mover, Councillor Berthiaume requested that the foregoing motion be amended by changing the second paragraph to read:

"AND THAT the estimated cost of \$7,000 to hold the six Priorities Committee - Community Meetings in 2007, be funded from the \$125,000 Constellation City approved budget option;"

Item 5
Priorities Committee
Community Meetings
(continued)

The following recommendation was presented as amended:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-13: Moved by Councillor Barbeau:

THAT one Priorities Committee meeting be held for each of the twelve wards over a two year period (2007-2008) as outlined in the report from the Executive Director of Administrative Services dated March 13, 2007;

AND THAT the estimated cost of \$7,000 to hold the six Priorities Committee - Community Meetings in 2007, be funded from the \$125,000 Constellation City approved budget option;

AND THAT staff be directed to review this program at the end of 2008 and make recommendations for future ward focused meetings.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item 6
CRTC Hearings

Report dated 2007-01-26 from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding CRTC Hearings - Expanded Local Calling Telephone Service within the City of Greater Sudbury was received for information only.

With the concurrence of the Committee, Mayor Rodriguez requested that a recommendation be prepared by staff, for the next meeting of Council, requesting Bell Canada and the CRTC to work with the City to pursue City-wide toll-free calling as soon as possible and that \$50,000 be committed from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve for this purpose.

Proceed Past
9:00 p.m.

2007-14 Cimino: THAT we proceed past the hour of 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7
Constellation City
Report - Workplan

Report dated 2007-03-01 from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding Constellation City Report - Workplan was received for information only.

At the request of the Committee, the Constellation City Report Workplan will be posted to the City's website and updated regularly. It was also noted that the Workplan will be included in the City's newsletter in May 2007, which will be distributed to households throughout the City of Greater Sudbury.

MOTIONS

Councillor Cimino advised that he received a letter from Science North requesting that the speed limit on Big Nickel Road near the Dynamic Earth attraction be reduced to 50 or 60 km/hr due to the safety of Dynamic Earth's visitors.

With the concurrence of the Committee, Councillor Cimino requested that staff perform a traffic study of Big Nickel Road and surrounding area.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2007-15: Moved by Councillor Barbeau:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk