

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, November 24, 2004
Commencement: 7:04 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR KETT, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Caldarelli; Callaghan; Dupuis; Gasparini; Reynolds (A 7:04 p.m.); Rivest; Mayor Courtemanche (D 9:05 p.m.)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; C. Hallsworth, General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; C. Matheson, General Manager of Health & Social Services; B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services; A. Stephen, General Manager of Emergency Services; D. Wuksinic, General Manager of Corporate Services; D. McIntosh, Rainbow Routes Executive Director, P. Demers, Community Relations and Policy Advisor; T. Mowry, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Le Voyageur

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Rainbow Routes - Trail
Building 2005 to 2007

Letter dated 2004-10-22 from Rainbow Routes Association regarding 2005-2007 Trail Building was received for information only.

Mr. Kirk Dopson, President, and Ms. Debbie McIntosh, Executive Director, Rainbow Routes Association presented an electronic presentation to the Committee entitled, "*Trails... The Road to Good Health*". The presentation outlined the existing and proposed trail systems within the boundaries of the City of Greater Sudbury, the different uses for the trail systems, funding, and partnerships.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2004-83: Moved by Councillor Gasparini:

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury is a growing, world-class community bringing talent, technology and a great northern lifestyle together;

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AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury wishes to promote the well-being of our citizens in a healthy, safe and stimulating community;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury has identified a Healthy Community Strategy to be one of its top priorities;

AND WHEREAS in Healthy Communities, non-motorized transportation, including walking and cycling, is easily integrated into daily activities as a healthy and active lifestyle choice;

AND WHEREAS Healthy Communities ensure that there are opportunities to safely integrate walking and bicycling into community transportation systems;

WHEREAS walking, cycling and other forms of non-motorized transportation systems have great community benefits, which include increased access to recreational activities and local attractions, increases in community livability, new tourism development opportunities, scenic beautification, patronage to trail-side businesses and improvements to air and water quality from reduced reliance on motorized vehicles;

WHEREAS walking, cycling and other forms of non-motorized transportation are part of an active living lifestyle, improve personal health and fitness and contribute to the overall health status of a community;

WHEREAS walking has been identified as the second most popular leisure activity and leisure trends suggest increased demand for walking, cycling and other spontaneous forms of active living opportunities;

WHEREAS trails appeal to people of all ages and abilities because of their accessibility, flexibility and low cost;

WHEREAS a comprehensive cycle/pedestrian transportation system includes trails, walk/bicycle lanes, bike paths and designated on street routes;

WHEREAS a balanced transportation system includes vehicular transportation, public transit systems and non-motorized transportation systems;

WHEREAS multi-use trails for use by pedestrians, cyclists and other forms of non-motorized transportation are an integral component of a safe, efficient and sustainable transportation network;

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WHEREAS the public consultation process for the Leisure Master Plan provided strong support for the expansion of the trail network within the City of Greater Sudbury;

WHEREAS the Leisure Master Plan recommends that the City make multi-use trail development a high priority;

AND WHEREAS the former City of Sudbury had a Bicycle Advisory Committee which envisioned a safe and attractive bicycle transit system, interlinking the City of Sudbury through a network of recreational and utilitarian trails designed to promote alternative non-motorized modes of transportation;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury will continue to work in co-operation with community partners, including local, provincial and national organizations to develop and maintain trail networks and to integrate walk/bicycle lanes and signed trail routes in transportation systems;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury re-establish a Bicycle Advisory Panel whose mandate it shall be to improve opportunities for bicycling, to promote bicycling awareness and to advocate for cyclists across the City of Greater Sudbury and that staff be directed to develop the terms of reference for the Bicycle Advisory Committee and to bring back a by-law making the necessary changes to the Procedure By-law at the meeting of December 16, 2004;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Greater Sudbury work in partnership with Rainbow Routes, the newly formed Bicycle Advisory Committee and community partners to establish a comprehensive plan for the development of a connected and destination-orientated multi-use trail system for the City of Greater Sudbury which includes the development of a city wide bicycle route system, which plan will be supported by the adoption of the appropriate municipal policy framework.

CARRIED

Item 3
Sudbury Action Centre
for Youth

Letter dated 2004-10-13 from Sudbury Action Centre for Youth regarding their programs and services was received for information only.

Ms. Marlene Gorman, Executive Director, Sudbury Action Centre for Youth gave an electronic presentation which outlined the mandate, mission, goals, programs, services, and objectives of the Centre.

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Ms. Gorman also advised the Committee that the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth has been short-listed as a finalist, which was selected from hundreds of Canadian non-profits, for the Donner Awards. This award is sponsored by the Donner Canadian Foundation and administered by The Fraser Institute and serves to *“encourage the spirit of initiative and independence, and represents an important step forward in the development of an objective, quantifiable measure of performance for non-profit organizations”*.

Item 4
CGS Lake Water
Quality

Dr. David Pearson, Professor of Earth Sciences and Dr. John Gunn, Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit, Laurentian University gave an electronic presentation regarding the quality and the improvement in the biology of lake water within the City of Greater Sudbury, the importance of lakes for community involvement, partnerships with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of the Environment, and existing programs.

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION ONLY

Item 5
Community Trail
Development
Overview

Report dated 2004-11-17 from the General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services regarding Community Trail Development Overview was received for information only.

The following bound reports were submitted to Members of the Priorities Committee under separate cover:

- Trans Canada Trail Master Plan, August 2001
- Junction Creek Waterway Park, September 1991

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2004-84: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Kett

City Clerk