

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, December 15, 2004
Commencement: 7:05 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR KETT, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Callaghan; Craig; Dupuis (A 7:30 pm); Gainer; Gasparini; Kett; Rivest; Thompson; Mayor Courtemanche (A 8:05 pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; R. Carre, Acting General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; C. Matheson, General Manager of Health & Social Services; B. Johnston, Acting General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services; A. Stephen, General Manager of Emergency Services; D. Wuksinic, General Manager of Corporate Services; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services; G. Lamothe, Manager of Corporate Communications & French Language Services; T. Beadman, Director/Emergency Planning & Strategic Services; K. Rossi, Coordinator Health Initiatives; P. Demers, Community Relations and Policy Advisor; T. Mowry, City Clerk; A. Haché, Deputy Clerk; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; Channel 10 News; Le Voyageur

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Laurentian University

Letter dated 2004-11-23 from Laurentian University regarding the University's progress made during the year 2004 was received.

Dr. Judith Woodsworth, President of Laurentian University gave an electronic presentation entitled "*We're On The Move!*". Dr. Woodsworth talked about Laurentian University's programs, technologies, and partnerships that they accomplished over the past year. She advised that a new student residence is to be constructed in 2006 with an expected increase in student enrollment. Dr. Woodsworth also outlined Laurentian University's strategic plan:

- 1) Academic excellence - foster excellence in teaching and research, and achieve national and international recognition in areas of strength.
- 2) Competing for people and resources - attract high-calibre students, staff and faculty and secure the funding required to achieve our goals.

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- 3) Quality of life - enrich the lives of the people and the community we touch; a robust and celebrated equality of life has the potential to distinguish Laurentian University from other institutions.
- 4) Image and reputation - project an image based on our mission, values and achievement of strategic directions 1, 2 and 3; promote that image to build our reputation.

Item 3
Mayor & Council's
Roundtable -
Physician Recruitment
& Retention Strategic
Plan 2005-2007

Report dated 2004-12-07 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Physician Recruitment & Retention Strategic Plan 2005-2007 was received.

Councillor Doug Craig and Mrs. Jackie Thoms, Co-Chairs for the Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Physician Recruitment & Retention presented an electronic presentation entitled "*Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Physician Recruitment & Retention Strategic Plan 2005-2007*" to the Committee. The Strategic Plan outlines eight (8) goals:

- 1) Primary care practice models - research new approaches to providing improved accessibility and cost-effective health care services.
- 2) Youth and medicine - ensure Greater Sudbury's youth are aware of opportunities within the City's health care sector.
- 3) Technology/eHealth - offer best access to Medical Systems Information Technology.
- 4) Spousal/partner network - build a support system whereby spouses/partners/families of physicians could feel more accepted, connected and motivated to participate in their community.
- 5) Northern Ontario Family Medicine Program - ensure that Northern Ontario Family Medicine residents are provided opportunities to discover and feel welcome in the community.
- 6) Northern Ontario School of Medicine - provide ongoing support to Laurentian University's Northern Ontario School of Medicine.
- 7) International medical graduates - effectively send the message to International Medical Graduates that Sudbury is a diverse community.
- 8) Promotional material - showcase the community of the City of Greater Sudbury as welcoming, culturally diverse and growing.

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Mayor & Council's
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Plan 2005-2007
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RECOMMENDATION 2004-85: Moved by Councillor Callaghan:

WHEREAS approximately 30,000 citizens of this community do not have a primary care physician;

AND WHEREAS there is a global shortage of family medicine practitioners;

AND WHEREAS communities from across Canada are implementing incentives to recruit physicians;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury must remain competitive in recruiting and retaining physicians;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Physician Recruitment and Retention have established the groundwork to put in place measures that will accelerate the recruitment and retention of physicians for the period of 2005-2007;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Physician Recruitment and Retention Strategic Plan for 2005-2007 be accepted.

CARRIED

Item 4
Emergency
Management Program
& Emergency
Response Plan

Report dated 2004-12-08, with attachments, from the General Manager of Emergency Services regarding Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan for the City of Greater Sudbury was received.

The Director of Emergency Planning & Strategic Services gave an electronic presentation which outlined the need for an Emergency Management Program, the essential program components verified and awaiting verification by the Province, planning assumptions and the successes of the Emergency Response Plan, and the final steps for an essential program.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-86: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

THAT a By-law be passed adopting an Emergency Response Plan for the City;

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopt an Emergency Management Program.

CARRIED

Item 5
Council's Healthy
Communities Strategic
Priority

Report dated 2004-12-13, with attachments, from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Council's Healthy Communities Strategic Priority was received.

The General Manager of Health & Social Services and the Manager of Corporate Communications & French Language Services gave an electronic presentation to the Committee regarding Council's Healthy Community Strategic Priority.

Ms. Matheson and Mr. Lamothe explained the need for a healthy community within the City of Greater Sudbury, the three main organizations involved, healthy community initiatives that were implemented in the past and initiatives for a healthier community in the future.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-87: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

WHEREAS City Council identified a Healthy Community as a key strategic priority for 2005;

AND WHEREAS the City has a strong network of committees, boards, and panels that have each contributed to moving the City forward in a healthier direction;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to mobilize the community around key initiatives that would as a whole contribute to a healthier city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council acknowledge the critical role our community partners have played toward the overall well-being of our community and its citizen;

AND THAT a healthy community strategic plan be developed in consultation with an expert panel on quality of life initiatives;

AND FURTHER THAT the process and selection of the expert panel for the healthy community strategy be presented to Council for endorsement in January 2005;

AND FURTHER THAT the strategic plan be presented to Council in April 2005.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION ONLY

Item 6
Physician Recruitment
& Retention
Semi-Annual Report

Report dated 2004-12-07 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Physician Recruitment and Retention Semi-Annual Report was received for information only.

Item 7
2005 Water &
Wastewater Rates &
Charges

Report dated 2004-12-10, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding 2005 Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges was received for information only.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2004-88: Moved by Councillor Callaghan:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:26 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Kett

City Clerk