

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STREET NAMING COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Committee Room C-12
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, January 26th, 2005
Commencement: 4:05 p.m.
Adjournment: 5:30 p.m.**

COUNCILLOR ANDRE RIVEST PRESIDING

- Present Fern Cormier; Roy Edey; Paul Lavallee; Rick Sasseville; Tony Sundholm; Claude Gosselin
- Staff A. Stephen, General Manager of Infrastructure and Emergency Services; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Support Services; R. Swiddle, Director of Legal Services / City Solicitor; A. Haché, Deputy City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary
- Declarations of Pecuniary Interest None declared.
- Introductions Each member of the Committee introduced themselves providing a brief biography and outlined what they hoped to bring to the Committee.
- Discussion of Procedure The Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor advised that citizen appointees on the Committee are to assist Councillor Rivest. Councillor Rivest is the only one with voting rights and he must be in attendance in order for the meeting to be held. He pointed out that Council is not permitted to delegate any responsibilities to persons who have not been elected. Citizen appointees provide input in an advisory capacity.
- Background The General Manager of Infrastructure and Emergency Services provided background regarding street naming in the last few years in the City of Greater Sudbury. Council approved an ad-hoc committee which Committee met on a number of occasions to try and establish a mandate.
- General Issues The General Manager of Infrastructure and Emergency Services stated that street naming is partly driven by 911 and partly by other issues.

General Issues (continued)

911 -
Emergency
Dispatch Bell Canada, who provides the 911 service, is requiring that all municipalities have no duplication in street names. Toronto, Ottawa and Hamilton have had to deal with the 911 issue and City of Greater Sudbury is on Bell Canada's list. We have to be prepared when Bell Canada approaches the City.

There will be a cost. If a street name is changed, there must be changes to signs, maps, 911 data system, etc. Residents will also have to change their address for mail and deliveries. There will also be a cost to businesses such as new letterhead, business cards, etc. Along with the financial impact, there will be historical issues, emotional impact and recognition of past municipalities to consider.

Toronto and Ottawa have completed their street name changes and Hamilton has advised Bell Canada that they will not change street names. Hamilton is now negotiating with Bell Canada to see if they can have service without changing street names. Neither Hamilton nor Bell Canada are providing information regarding this matter. He also indicated that duplicate street names can be very confusing to tourists who visit Greater Sudbury not being familiar with Hanmer, Azilda, etc.

Other
Issues The General Manager of Infrastructure and Emergency Services indicated that notwithstanding the 911 issue, there are four other items to be dealt with as follows:

1. Street naming and renaming;
2. What are acceptable street names;
3. House numbering problems;
4. What to do with repeated street names.

The Director of Legal Services / City Solicitor advised that we have more street names that are identical, similar or confusing than all of Toronto, Ottawa and Hamilton together. Toronto had 96 duplicate names and 3 triplicate, whereas Sudbury has over 600; an example being 9 streets named Birch - 3 in Walden. He also indicated that not all streets are open. There are some subdivision that are unopen and suggested that the Committee deal with those streets before the subdivision is developed.

Time Lines

When asked about a time line, he advised that, if the Committee decides to change street names, the process will take some time as there are procedures to follow and hearings to take place. He

Time Lines
(continued)

recommended that it all be done at one time. He also recommended that it be done in 2005 as 2006 is a municipal election year and 2007 is a provincial election year. If the Committee does not change street names in 2005, the changes should occur after the elections.

Presentation

The Director of Legal Services / City Solicitor advised that Bell Canada has agreed to meet with the Committee. Although there is a local Bell Canada representative in Sudbury, the key person is in Ottawa.

The Chair requested that the Bell Canada representative be contacted to meet with the Committee meet in two weeks, if possible, but no later than one month.

Meeting Dates

The Committee agreed to meet on Mondays or Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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