

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2004
Commencement: 7:04 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR TERRY KETT, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Bradley; Caldarelli; Callaghan; Craig; Gainer; Gasparini; Reynolds; Rivest; Thompson

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; T. Beadman, Acting General Manager of Emergency Services; R. Carré, Acting General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services; C. Matheson, General Manager of Health & Social Services; D. Wuksinic, General Manager, Corporate Services; S. Jonasson, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; Inspector A. Lekun, Greater Sudbury Police Services; H. Salter, Deputy City Solicitor; C. Salazar, Manager of Corporate Strategy & Policy Analyst; C. Ouellette, Director of Children's Services; S. Poland, Business Development Officer; G. Mazza, Director - Building Service/Chief Building Official; P. Aitken, Government Relations/Policy Analyst; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; T. Mowry, City Clerk; K. Bowschar-Lische, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

MCTV; Channel 10 News; Sudbury Star; Le Voyageur

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gasparini declared a conflict of interest in Agenda Item 5 (National Child Benefit Workplan 2004) as this matter may be of pecuniary interest to her.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Accessibility Advisory
Committee
Membership

Report dated 2004-02-06 from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding Accessibility Advisory Committee Membership was received.

Ms. Elizabeth Lounsbury, Vice-Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee gave an electronic presentation regarding the history and Committee members, an overview of the new legislation, key components of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA), a profile of people with disabilities, the process to develop an Accessibility Plan, adopted policy statements and recommendations, and a brief overview of the Transit Accessibility Plan.

Item 2
Accessibility Advisory
Committee
Membership
(continued)

RECOMMENDATION 2004-11: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

THAT the current members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee being: Elizabeth Lounsbury, Bob Bannister, Nancy Baron, Earl Black, and Shirley Childs be reappointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee of Council for the term ending November 30, 2006 or until such later time as their successors are appointed; and

FURTHER THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee be requested to recommend to Council four representatives from organizations which aid the physically disabled, representing the range of disabilities as required under the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001*, to sit as Members of the Committee.

CARRIED

Item 3
Youth Criminal Justice
Act

Letter dated 2004-01-16 from John Howard Society of Sudbury regarding a presentation on the issues surrounding the Youth Criminal Justice Act was received.

Mr. John V. Rimore, Executive Director and Mr. Michael V. Sabo, Board President of the John Howard Society of Sudbury, and Sergeant Rob Thirkill, Youth Liaison Officer, Greater Sudbury Police Services gave a verbal presentation regarding the legislated changes of the Young Offenders Act, now entitled the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA). Sergeant Thirkill advised the Committee that a program called the Youth Referral Program provides meaningful consequences for young offenders, encourages and facilitates rehabilitation and reintegration into the community. This program contributes to the prevention of crime in the future and has reduced the number of young offenders by fifty percent (50%). This decrease has created a substantial savings for the provincial government but funding has been cut from both the federal and provincial government.

Mr. Sabo advised the Committee that the community must be made aware of these changes in the Act, the excellence of the program and the need for funding.

With the consensus of the Committee, Councillor Gasparini requested that a letter be sent to the Province, through the Mayor's Office, endorsing the Youth Referral Program through extrajudicial measures and to request funding for this program from the savings made.

Item 4
Sudbury Arts'
Organizations

Letter dated 2004-01-20 from the Sudbury Theatre Centre regarding a presentation on the five Arts organizations' statistical information and economic impact was received.

The Chair introduced the following people:

- Ms. Tammy Frick, Executive Director, Cinéfest Sudbury
- Mr. Marc-Andre Larouche, Directeur administratif, Le Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario
- Ms. Celeste Scopelites, Director/Curator, Art Gallery
- Mr. Mike Mahaffy, Sudbury Symphony
- Mr. Stephen McCulloch, President, Board of Directors, Sudbury Theatre Centre
- Ms. Kathy Heimbecker, General Manager, Sudbury Theatre Centre
- Mr. Guy Goudrea, Member, Le Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario

Ms. Frick gave an electronic presentation regarding the five Professional Arts Organizations (Art Gallery of Sudbury, Cinéfest Sudbury, Sudbury Theatre Centre, Sudbury Symphony Orchestra and Le Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario). She briefly outlined the annual attendance, budget, employees (full-time and part-time), volunteers and what each organization contributed to the community.

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 5
National Child Benefit
Workplan 2004

Report dated 2004-01-09, with attachments, from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding National Child Benefit Workplan 2004 was received.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-12: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

WHEREAS the National Child Benefit (NCB) reinvestment fund, created with municipal savings from the clawback of the National Child Benefit allowance from Ontario Works and ODSP families program; and

WHEREAS the 2004 projected fund will be approximately \$800,000; and

WHEREAS National Child Benefit funding is from outside of the regular City budget, and must be spent on child and family support programs in accordance with Provincial and Federal objectives and directives; and

WHEREAS the National Child Benefit Plan for 2004 has responded to the key recommendations put forth in the community consultation and outlines a plan for allocations for NCB dollars;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2004 National Child Benefit Workplan as submitted be accepted.

CARRIED

Declaration of
Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gasparini, having declared a pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter, did not take part in the discussion, vote on any matter or try to influence the vote in respect thereof.

Item 6
Physician Recruitment
& Retention

Report dated 2004-02-03 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Physician Recruitment & Retention - Request for Alternate Funding Plan was received.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-13: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has committed \$550,000 to the development of a number of turnkey clinics in the former Town of Nickel Centre, Rayside Balfour and Valley East; and

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury in its recruitment and retention efforts recognizes the need to implement community based solutions; and

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury encourages the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) to improve and expand it's Alternate Funding Plans (AFPs) for rural/outlying communities; and

WHEREAS Community Sponsored Contracts have been successful in recruiting and retaining physicians in smaller communities such as Onaping Falls and Capreol;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury, in its efforts to enhance the delivery of primary care, and through its commitment in its turnkey operations, request that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) partner with the City of Greater Sudbury for additional Community Sponsored Contracts, or similar Alternate Funding Plans.

CARRIED

Item 7
Fortification By-law

Report dated 2004-02-05, with attachments, from the General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services regarding Fortification By-law was received.

The Committee discussed the possible impact and restrictions this by-law may have on home owners. Councillor Caldarelli felt that a public consultation should be arranged in order to educate the public about the details of this by-law.

Item 7
Fortification By-law
(continued)

RECOMMENDATION 2004-14: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

The Priorities Committee, having reviewed and considered the need to enact a by-law providing for the regulation of the fortification of land within the City of Greater Sudbury, recommends that Council enact a By-law to regulate the fortification of land and protective elements applied to land within the City of Greater Sudbury.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION ONLY

Item 8
Preliminary 2003
Reserve Fund
Balances

Report dated 2004-02-06, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Preliminary 2003 Reserve Fund Balances was received for information only.

Councillor Rivest asked the General Manager of Corporate Services what, if any, implications there would be if any of the proposed reserve fund expenditures were postponed in favour of road construction. Mr. Wuksinic advised the Committee that many of the reserve funds were allocated by previous Councils to fund multi-year projects that are currently under construction and other funds are committed for specific purposes required for the operation of the Corporation.

Councillor Callaghan advised the Committee that the City of Greater Sudbury has a set policy that outlines the different reserves and provides explanations.

With the consensus of the Committee, staff was directed that prior to the 2004 budgetary process, Council be given an overview of the current reserve fund policy and existing funds.

Item 9
Municipal Property
Assessment
Corporation

Report dated 2004-02-06, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Assessment and MPAC was received for information only.

Rules of Procedure

The Committee, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure and deal with a motion not listed on the Agenda.

Item 9
Municipal Property
Assessment
Corporation
(continued)

RECOMMENDATION 2004-15: Moved by Councillor Callaghan:

THAT the Priorities Committee of Council recommends that the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury adopt the following resolution of support:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury supports and endorses the request of the Council of the City of Sarnia that the Minister of Finance undertake a review of the Municipal Property and Assessment Corporation's role and responsibility with a view, in particular, to improve the quality of assessment service delivered and to improve customer service;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Shelly Martel, M.P.P. (Nickel Belt), AMO and FONOM.

CARRIED

With the concurrence of the Committee, Councillor Craig requested that a representative of Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) make a presentation to the Priorities Committee outlining their role and to explain the situation they are currently in.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2004-16: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Kett

City Clerk