

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

**Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2004  
Commencement: 7:02 p.m.**

Chair

**COUNCILLOR TERRY KETT, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

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

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; R. Henderson, Acting General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services; C. Matheson, General Manager of Health & Social Services; T. Beadman, Acting General Manager of Emergency Services; S. Jonasson, Acting General Manager, Corporate Services; R. Swiddle, Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor; D. Donaldson, Fire Chief; H. Duff, Director of Social Services/Ontario Works; C. Mathieu, Manager of Waste Management; C.A. Marassato, Program Coordinator for Waste Management; P. McCauley, Communications Officer; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; T. Mowry, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Receptionist/Stenographer; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; Channel 10 News; Le Voyageur

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Thompson declared a conflict regarding Agenda Item 4 (Draft Master Fire Plan) as this matter may be of pecuniary interest to him.

Opening Remarks

The Chair introduced two students from Lively District Secondary School, Kayla Ten Eycke and Jeff Sajatovic, and their robot, Robohawk. There was a brief demonstration of the robot's abilities by the students. The Chair advised the Committee that these students will be representing the City of Greater Sudbury in Mississauga at the Robotics Competition, which will be held on April 1, 2004 at the Hershey Centre. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair congratulated them on their endeavours and wished them the best of luck.

**PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Rules of Procedure

With the concurrence of the Committee, the Chair requested that the order of the Agenda be altered and deal with Item 2 (proposed new interchange of Highway 17 and MR 80). He also requested that Item 9 (Upgrading Long Lake Road) be combined with Item 2.

Item 2  
Highway 17 and  
MR 80 (Long Lake Rd)  
Interchange

Mr. Al Rose, Earth Tech Canada Inc., and Mr. John Fraser, Ministry of Transportation, North Bay, gave an electronic presentation regarding information on the proposed new interchange of Highway 17 and MR 80 (Long Lake Road, Sudbury), which was for information only. They outlined the preliminary design stage and also the design cross sections for the key roadway improvements.

They advised the Committee that they were still required to deal with property acquisitions and utilities relocation and that the actual construction was to be determined in 2005.

Item 9  
Upgrading of Long  
Lake Road

Report dated 2004-02-18, with attachments, from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Upgrading of Long Lake Road between Ester Street and Harrison Drive was received.

Rules of Procedure

With two-thirds majority received, Councillor Dupuis requested that Mrs. Lise Poratto-Mason be allowed to address the Committee on the foregoing matter.

Long Lake Road -  
Property Owners

Mrs. Poratto-Mason advised the Committee that she was acting as Counsel to property owners of Long Lake Road. She has requested that Council and staff review the issue of including a middle turning lane within the four laning of Long Lake Road, which would fuel the growth of the commercial sector in that area, and would ensure the safety of the residential and commercial travelling public.

She also asked that staff be requested to review the configuration of Countryside Drive in order that it remain conducive to a proper access to Long Lake Road and to be as safe an intersection onto Long Lake Road opposite Harrison Drive as well as the least disruptive to the commercial lands.

Councillor Bradley asked the General Manager of Public Works if there was to be any future development, would the developer be requested to share in the cost for any possible changes to the roadway. Mr. Belisle advised the Committee that the developer would be requested to cover 100% of the cost.

Challenge of a Ruling  
Made by the Chair

Councillor Callaghan rose on a Point of Procedure and asked for a Ruling of the Chair whether or not the Priorities Committee was the proper forum to consider Mrs. Poratto-Mason's request.

The Chair ruled that the Priorities Committee was the proper forum.

Councillor Callaghan then stated that he wished to appeal the Chair's ruling.

The Chair then called for a vote on the appeal.

Challenge of a Ruling  
Made by the Chair  
(continued)

By a majority of Council, the Chair's ruling was upheld by a show of hands.

The discussion on Mrs. Poratto-Mason's request then continued.

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Councillor Reynolds felt that a long term vision with the potential of future commercial development would result in cost reductions and more revenue. Mr. Belisle advised the Committee that staff was following the Financing Policy set by Council.

Mayor Courtemanche requested that Council review the policy if it was limiting the growth of the City. He suggested that the new policy would be a cost sharing policy between the City and the developer.

Councillor Caldarelli requested that staff review the construction of Long Lake Road and see if there would be any cost savings if a fifth lane was included in the design. Mr. Belisle indicated it would be cheaper to include the fifth lane, however it was not clear who would pay for it, the City or adjoining property owners.

Councillor Thompson stated that the Committee needed to approve the recommendation, review the Policy and then look at the required costs.

Direction of Council

With the concurrence of Council, the following direction was given to the General Manager of Public Works:

- that Public Works staff meet with Mrs. Poratto-Mason and her clients to review the realignment of Countryside Drive with respect to the costs associated with any potential future developments along the corridor;
- that the General Manager of Public Works also review the current Cost Sharing Policy for road upgrades with a view to re-examine potential cost sharing between the City and Mrs. Poratto-Mason's clients; and,
- to examine the current Cost Sharing Policy and to make any recommendations for its amendment that would encourage future commercial development.

**RECOMMENDATION 2004-17: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:**

THAT Council accept the proposal from Earth Tech (Canada) Inc. dated February 18, 2004 for the widening of Municipal Road 80 to four lanes from Harrison Drive to Ester Street (copy attached as Exhibit "B") in the estimated amount of \$ 77,337 excluding G.S.T.; and

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THAT the funds be taken from the Reserve Fund for Roads all in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Public Works dated February 18, 2004.

THAT Council authorize the General Manager of Public Works to confirm the contents of the letter from the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario dated February 10, 2004 (copy attached as Exhibit "A").

**CARRIED**

Rules of Procedure

With the concurrence of the Committee, Councillor Gasparini requested that the order of the Agenda be altered and deal with Item 5 (Clean-up Greater Sudbury Award Presentations).

Item 5  
Clean-up Greater  
Sudbury Award

Report dated 2004-02-18 from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Clean-up Greater Sudbury Award Presentations was received for information only.

The Program Coordinator for Waste Management advised the Committee that the City of Greater Sudbury was the first Northern Ontario community to form a partnership with Tim Horton's in keeping the community clean. Mrs. Marassato advised the Committee that there were many people, within the City of Greater Sudbury, who were being recognized tonight, not only for their efforts in keeping City of Greater Sudbury clean, but also for their leadership in promoting a sense of pride within our community.

Mayor Courtemanche presented an award to the following people:

- ▶ A-1 Terminator Pest Control
- ▶ Laurel & Jillian Ashick-Stinson
- ▶ Automotive Transportation Service Association
- ▶ First Waters Boy Scouts of Canada
- ▶ Capreol Community Action Network
- ▶ Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Chevalier de Colomb Conseil Ste. Marguerite D'Youville  
10602
- ▶ Chevalier de Colomb Conseil St'Etienne Martyr 10801
- ▶ Copper Cliff Gun & Rod Club
- ▶ Friendship Lodge No. 691 A.F. & A.M.
- ▶ Heartbeat of the Earth
- ▶ In Loving Memory of Brandy (Maloney) Nisbet
- ▶ Junction Creek Stewardship Committee
- ▶ Maureen Schinko
- ▶ Ministry of the Environment
- ▶ Neighbourhood Watch 100
- ▶ PCO Services Inc.
- ▶ Red Lobster Employee Association
- ▶ The Rotary Club of Sudbury

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Sudbury Award  
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- Sudbury Game & Fish Protective Association
- United Commercial Travellers #1051
- Valley East Ratepayers Association
- YMCA Community Helpers

Item 3  
Union Gas

Mr. Doug French, Manager of Operations, Union Gas gave an electronic presentation regarding an overview of Union Gas, what the business involves and the area covered; a description of Union Gas bill; customer issues; and community relations, which was for information only.

Councillor Callaghan asked Mr. French who was responsible in determining the various rates and who he answered to regarding the monthly fixed fee. Mr. French advised the Committee that the price of gas was driven by the market and that Union Gas was at the mercy of supply and demand. He also advised that the monthly fixed fee was approved by their Board.

Rules of Procedure

With the concurrence of the Committee, Councillor Gasparini requested that the order of the Agenda be altered and deal with Item 12 (Emergency Shelter Beds for Homeless Women).

Item 12  
Emergency Shelter  
Beds for Homeless  
Women

Report dated 2004-02-06, with attachments, from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Emergency Shelter Beds for Homeless Women was received.

**RECOMMENDATION 2004-18: Moved by Councillor Rivest:**

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury acknowledges the services rendered by the Elizabeth Fry Society for the provision of emergency shelter beds to homeless women;

WHEREAS the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury recognizes that short term municipal funding will ensure that the Elizabeth Fry Society can continue to remain open; and

WHEREAS the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff in the Social Services Division and Housing Services Division to work with the Ministry of Community and Social Services and community partners to address long term stabilization funding for emergency shelter providers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$240,527 from the uncommitted Community Placement Target Fund reserve be allocated as follows: up to \$100,764 from April 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 and up to \$139,763 from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to enable the Elizabeth Fry Society to continue to provide emergency shelter beds to homeless women in the City of Greater Sudbury.

**CARRIED**

Item 4  
Draft Master Fire Plan

Mr. Tim Beadman, Acting General Manager of Emergency Services, and Mr. Marvin Rubinstein, Associate, IBI Group, gave an electronic presentation regarding City of Greater Sudbury Draft Master Fire Plan which was for information only.

The presentation dealt with the status of the Master Fire Plan (MFP), who was involved in the Plan's development, the approach taken, the responsibilities of the Municipality and the Ontario Fire Marshall, the comprehensive fire safety effectiveness, the MFP's objectives and findings.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Thompson, 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  
South End Sewer Rock Tunnel

The General Manager of Public Works introduced Mr. Reg J. Andres, Vice-President, R.V. Anderson Associates Limited, and Mr. Alex Sorensen, Project Manager and Mr. Shawn Scott, Office Manager/Project Manager, Dennis Consultants, to the Committee.

Mr. Andres gave an electronic presentation regarding South End Sewer Rock Tunnel Project, which was for information only.

The presentation dealt with the following:

- ▶ the existing sewer system
- ▶ the south end sewer problems
- ▶ the Environmental Assessment timeline
- ▶ the project timeline
- ▶ the South End Tunnel's current status
- ▶ a review and re-evaluation of the original decision
- ▶ an evaluation of a revised option

Proceed Past 10:00 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION 2004-19: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:**

THAT we proceed past the hour of 10:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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South End Sewer Rock Tunnel  
(continued)

Councillor Bradley asked the General Manager of Public Works how long the project was to take, if it would be phased in, and, the status of the federal funding. Mr. Belisle advised the Committee that the funding from the Federal Government has been put on hold and that he did not know when it will be made available. He stated that this project was a three year build and that it would be done in phases. Mr. Belisle also advised the Committee that the application for funding to the Federal Government is considered a "live application".

**MANAGERS' REPORTS**

Item 7  
Employee /  
Organizational  
Wellness Committee

Report dated 2004-02-18 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Employee/Organizational Wellness Committee was received.

The General Manager of Health & Social Services advised the Committee that Councillor Caldarelli has been asked to sit on Employee/Organizational Wellness Committee, which she has accepted.

**RECOMMENDATION 2004-20: Moved by Councillor Rivest:**

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury administered a "City of Greater Sudbury 2003 Organizational Culture Well-being Survey" in May 2003; and

WHEREAS progressive organizations keep employee and organizational wellness at the forefront of their activities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the terms of reference for the newly established Employee/Organizational Wellness Committee be accepted; and

THAT Councillor Frances Caldarelli be nominated to represent the interest of Council on the Employee/Organizational Wellness Committee.

**CARRIED**

Item 8  
Clean-up Greater  
Sudbury Policies and  
Initiatives

Report dated 2004-02-18, with attachments, from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Clean-up Greater Sudbury Policies and Initiatives was received.

**RECOMMENDATION 2004-21: Moved by Councillor Rivest:**

THAT the "Adoption Programs" process/policy as outlined in the report from the General Manager of Public Works, dated February 18, 2004 be adopted for all City-sponsored clean-ups; and

THAT the "Litter Container" process/policy as outlined in the report from the General Manager of Public Works, dated February 18,

2004 be adopted for all specified litter containers; and

THAT the Clean-up Greater Sudbury new 2004 initiatives be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Item 10  
Northern Intake  
Screening Unit  
Contract 2004

Report dated 2004-02-09 from General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Northern Intake Screening Unit Contract 2004 was received.

**RECOMMENDATION 2004-22: Moved by Councillor Rivest:**

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury is required by the Ministry of Community and Social Services to enter into an agreement for intake screening for Ontario Works clients with the Algoma District Services Administration Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the reciprocal service agreement to December 31, 2004 between the Algoma District Services Administration Board and the City of Greater Sudbury; and

THAT the appropriate by-law be passed.

**CARRIED**

Item 11  
Counselling Services  
for Ontario Works  
Participants

Report dated 2004-02-09 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Counselling Services for Ontario Works Participants was received.

**RECOMMENDATION 2004-23: Moved by Councillor Rivest:**

WHEREAS the Social Services Division has provided funds to the Pastoral Institute of Northern Ontario to provide counselling services for low income earners to access services; and

WHEREAS Council for the City of Greater Sudbury adopted recommendation 2002-22 to allocate funds from the Community Placement Target Fund Reserve to the Pastoral Institute of Northern Ontario to provide counselling services for Ontario Works Participants; and

WHEREAS on December 1, 2003 the Pastoral Institute of Northern Ontario ceased to provide service.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the transfer of the previous allocated funds to the Family Enrichment Centre to continue to provide the much needed service and that the appropriate by-law be passed.

**CARRIED**



Adjournment

**RECOMMENDATION 2004-24: Moved by Councillor Rivest:**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 10:42 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Kett

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City Clerk