

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2004
Commencement: 7:03 p.m.**

Chair

DEPUTY MAYOR TERRY KETT, IN THE CHAIR

Present

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

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; T. Beadman, Acting General Manager of Emergency Services; C. Hallsworth, 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; R. Swiddle, Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor; S. Jonasson, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; P. Baskcomb, Manager of Community & Strategic Planning; L. McKinnon, Lake Water Quality Program Co-ordinator; T. Durbacz, Manager of Events, Aquatics & Ski Hills; H. Duff, Director of Social Services/Ontario Works; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; T. Mowry, City Clerk; K. Bowschar-Lische, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E. Local 4705

W. MacKinnon, President

News Media

MCTV; Channel 10 News; EZ Rock; Sudbury Star; Northern Life; Le Voyageur

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None.

Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Priorities meeting of the new Council. He outlined why the Priorities Committee was established, how it is an informal meeting of Members of Council and the procedures the Committee is to follow.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Dow Pool Lifesavers

Letter dated 2003-12-17 confirming Dow Pool Lifesavers' attendance to the Priorities Committee meeting regarding partnership concept involving marketing the R.G. Dow Pool and capital fundraising was received.

Ms. Mimi Wiseman, Secretary, Dow Pool Lifesavers and Don Young, Member, Dow Pool Lifesavers gave an electronic presentation to the Committee. The presentation outlined the following:

Item 2
Dow Pool Lifesavers
(continued)

- ▶ assessing local values (231 people support the continued operation of the Dow Pool; 587 survey questionnaires were mailed out)
- ▶ the importance of having a pool made available to the public such as lifesaving skills, exercise & therapeutic exercise, sporting activities
- ▶ the essentials such as member, community and City support
- ▶ the strengths (provides exercise for all ages; supported by families, individuals, groups; the only deep pool owned by the City suitable for Synchro and SCUBA; serves a large area)
- ▶ the 'Lifesavers' plan (market; volunteer; partner; fundraise)

The General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services explained to the Committee that the facility requires an electrical upgrade of \$15,000, a new roof at a cost of \$70,000 and the energy costs were approximately \$75,000. This would have a \$200,000 budget impact.

Mrs. Hallsworth advised the Committee that the Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan is currently being worked on and will serve as the procedure guidelines once completed.

The following recommendation was presented:

Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION: Moved by Councillor Kett:

THAT the R.G. Dow Pool reopen as soon as possible for a one year trial period during which the Dow Pool Lifesavers will market the pool, volunteer at the pool, develop partnerships and fundraise for capital projects such that the pool breaks even in its first year.

Friendly Amendment #1

With the concurrence of the mover, the words “**subject to Budget approval**” were added to the recommendation.

Friendly Amendment #2

With the concurrence of the mover, Councillor Rivest asked that the words “**reopen as soon as possible**” be deleted and the following be substituted: “**may reopen**”.

Recommendation
(as amended)

RECOMMENDATION 2004-01: Moved by Councillor Kett:

THAT the R.G. Dow Pool may reopen for a one year trial period during which the Dow Pool Lifesavers will market the pool, volunteer at the pool, develop partnerships and fundraise for capital projects such that the pool breaks even in its first year, subject to Budget approval.

CARRIED

Item 3
Lake Water Quality
Program's
Achievements

Report dated 2003-12-22, with attachments, from the General Manager of Economic Development and Planning Services regarding Lake Water Quality Program's Achievements was received.

The City of Greater Sudbury's Lake Water Quality Program - 2003 Annual Report was submitted under separate cover.

Paul Baskcomb, Manager of Community and Strategic Planning and Lana McKinnon, Lake Water Quality Program Co-ordinator gave an electronic presentation summarizing their accomplishments:

- ▶ spring phosphorus sampling of 30 lakes (assessment of human impact on lakes; three years of sampling; MOE database is current)
- ▶ survey of 7 lakes for aquatic insects (macro-invertebrate survey)
- ▶ survey of 16 lakes for aquatic plants
- ▶ waterfront survey of 16 priority lakes (shoreline features - altered vs. natural; land features)
- ▶ bathymetric mapping of 5 lakes (bottom contour maps; GPS technology)
- ▶ lake stewardship-based monitoring (lake partner program; loon survey; bacteriological sampling; invasive species watch; nature watch; Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup)
- ▶ merits of Lake Water Quality Program (collects valuable baseline information; develops protocols for lake surveys; monitors drinking water sources; informs Council & citizens on lake health issues; provides Official Plan technical support; educates the community & empowers lake residents)
- ▶ Greater Sudbury Lake Improvement Advisory Panel's activities (participated in Visioning Session; developed mission & vision statements; formed 3 sub-committees; adopted "City of Lakes" logo; promoted the formation of new stewardship groups; present members - community volunteers & technical experts; partners)
- ▶ provided work experience for 6 graduates
- ▶ funding summary
- ▶ looking ahead (expand lake sampling program; promote the formation of new lake groups; safeguard 9 ecological monitoring lakes; monitor blue-green algae emergence; develop website; investigate septic system re-inspections programs and storm water run-off issues; increase partner recruitment)

Item 3
Lake Water Quality
Program's
Achievements
(continued)

RECOMMENDATION 2004-02: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury recognize the achievements of the Lake Water Quality Program and the value of the program to the quality of life in the city, and support the on-going initiatives of this program; and

FURTHER THAT the City of Greater Sudbury's Lake Water Quality Program 2003 Annual Report and activities of the Greater Sudbury Lake Improvement Advisory Panel (GSLIAP) be received and the contributions of the GSLIAP acknowledged.

CARRIED

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 4
Waste Management
Recommendations

Report dated 2004-01-07 from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Waste Management Recommendations was received.

The General Manager of Public Works advised the Committee that under a new requirement under the Municipal Act, the user fees must be developed or updated to represent the actual cost for providing the service.

A discussion regarding illegal dumping within the City of Greater Sudbury and what the costs would be to have staff clean-up the illegal dumping sites. With the consensus of the Committee, Councillor Dupuis requested that staff prepare a report regarding this matter.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-03: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

THAT By-law 2002-331G dealing with the collection, removal and disposal of within the City of Greater Sudbury, be amended to reduce the tonnage fees from \$72 per metric tonne to \$60 per metric tonne, effective immediately; and

THAT all other solid waste service level changes and fees be dealt with as Options in the 2004 Budget.

CARRIED

Item 5
Transit Fares -
Children Under Age 5

Report dated 2004-01-02 from the General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services regarding Transit Fares for Children Under the Age of Five (5) was received.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-04: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

WHEREAS Council is supportive of a community that values its children and has adopted the Children First Charter, and;

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Children's Issues has recognized that accessible and affordable public transit is an important component of ensuring that all children have access to community services and resources;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amend the Transit Fare Policy to allow children under the age of five to travel for free on Greater Sudbury Transit, when accompanied by an adult, and;

FURTHER THAT the transfer system be amended to allow parents who are re-boarding transit buses at daycare locations to do so without payment of an additional transit fare.

CARRIED

Item 6
Needs Assessments -
Emergency Shelter
Beds - Homeless
Persons

Report dated 2003-12-12 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Needs Assessment for Emergency Shelter Beds for Homeless Persons in the City of Greater Sudbury was received.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-05: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

WHEREAS through resolution #2003-296 the Social Services Division was directed to complete a Needs Assessment for emergency shelter beds for homeless persons in the City of Greater Sudbury.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt, in principle, the report by Summit Consulting entitled "Needs Assessment for the Delivery of Emergency Shelter Beds for Homeless Persons in the City of Greater Sudbury" and to direct the Co-ordinator of Emergency Shelters and Homelessness Initiatives to work with the Task Force on Emergency Shelters and Homelessness to review recommendations to develop a community approach.

CARRIED

Item 7
Emergency Shelter
Beds - Homeless
Women

Report dated 2003-12-12 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Emergency Shelter Beds for Homeless Women was received.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-06: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

WHEREAS Council for the City of Greater Sudbury, through the Health and Social Services Department has undertaken a review of the current provisions for emergency shelter bed service delivery; and

WHEREAS it has been determined, through the Needs Assessment, that additional beds for homeless women are required.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Social Services Division fund ten (10) new beds at a cost of \$23,045.00 municipal from existing budget resources.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION ONLY

Item 8
Building Appraisals

Report dated 2004-01-09, with attachments, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Building Appraisals was received for information only.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2004-07: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Kett

City Clerk