

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, January 28, 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; G. Clausen, Acting General Manager of Public Works; J. Nicholls, 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; S. Jonasson, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; B. Lautenbach, Director of Planning; J. Cameron, Economic Development Officer - Technology; S. Poland, Business Development Officer; R. Skelly, Manager of Tourism, Programs & Partnerships; B. Mangiardi, Director of Information Technology; G. Mazza, Director - Building Service/Chief Building Official; P. Aitken, Government Relations/Policy Analyst; K. Rossi, Coordinator, Health Initiatives; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; T. Mowry, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Receptionist/Stenographer; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

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

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Role of the Nurse
Practitioner

Report dated 2004-01-20 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding the Role of the Nurse Practitioner in the delivery of Primary Care was received.

Roberta Heale, Marilyn Butcher, Monique Richer, Victorian Order of Nurses (VON), gave an electronic presentation.

Councillor Caldarelli noted that several of the Nurse Practitioners' positions that were approved and funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care have yet to be filled. It was noted that only four (4) positions were approved for the City of Greater Sudbury area.

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With concurrence, the Priorities Committee directed the General Manager of Health & Social Services to meet with the appropriate Ministry officials to seek further funding approval from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for additional Nurse Practitioner positions for the Sudbury area from any unused allocation of funds.

The following recommendation was presented:

WHEREAS the Nurse Practitioner functions as a member of the primary care team in the provision of primary care services; and

WHEREAS the Nurse Practitioner provides community based comprehensive primary health care with a focus on health promotion and disease prevention; and

WHEREAS the role of the Nurse Practitioner is seen as optimizing the healthcare delivery in Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury acknowledge the role of the Nurse Practitioner and its contribution to our underserved area and support the community's collaborative efforts necessary for the recruitment and retention of allied health care professionals.

Friendly Amendment

With the concurrence of Councillor Berthiaume, the mover, a friendly amendment was presented by Councillor Caldarelli to add the following:

and FURTHER THAT this Council strongly petition the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to increase the number of funded positions for Nurse Practitioners in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Main
Recommendation
(as amended)

RECOMMENDATION 2004-08: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

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CARRIED

Item 3
Connect Ontario /
GeoSmart

Mr. Doug Nadorozny, General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services and Jody Cameron, Economic Development Officer - Technology, gave an electronic presentation regarding Connect Ontario / GeoSmart Tender Award. The following items were outlined:

- ▶ technology in Economic Development
- ▶ summary of SmartSudbury / Connect Ontario applications (building permits online, community portals, virtual museums)
- ▶ benefits (cost savings, enhanced citizen service, locate everything you need in one place, look for a job, education, homework resources, etc.)
- ▶ GIS opportunities & revenues
- ▶ cost breakdown (40% provincial funding; 33% City contribution; 18% private sector contribution; 9% FedNor)

Mr. Nadorozny advised the Priorities Committee that the City of Greater Sudbury is behind other municipalities regarding on-line applications. Mayor Courtemanche informed the Committee that a representative from Microsoft was present and should say a few words.

Mr. Ian Hunter of Microsoft addressed the Committee and advised that the infrastructure was available and there are people available in the community who will make this project possible and to help the City of Greater Sudbury move forward in technology. He also advised that it was a privilege to help make this project a success within our community.

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 6
Mayor & Council's
Roundtables

Report dated 2004-01-20, with attachments, from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Mayor and Council's Roundtables was received.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2004-09: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council have prioritized three policy/community development areas as children, seniors and physician recruitment and retention;

Item 6
Mayor & Council's
Roundtables
(continued)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Mayor and Council Roundtables be established: Children First, Seniors and Physician Recruitment and Retention;

THAT new members be recruited through a public call; and

THAT the Terms of Reference included in this report be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor Gasparini asked the General Manager of Health & Social Services, on page 23 of the report, section 5.0, Structure, if the words, "the Mayor or his designate will act as Chair" should be inserted. The General Manager of Health & Social Services advised the Committee that it was an oversight and will have it corrected.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2004-10: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:59 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Kett

City Clerk