

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

**Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2004  
Commencement: 7:02 p.m.**

Chair

**COUNCILLOR TERRY KETT, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Bradley (D 7:30 p.m.); Callaghan; Craig; Dupuis; Gainer; Gasparini (A 7:15 p.m.); Reynolds; Rivest; Thompson (A 7:10 p.m.)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; C. Hallsworth, General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; P. Baskcomb, Acting General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services; C. Matheson, General Manager of Health & Social Services; D. Wuksinic, General Manager, Corporate Services; T. Beadman, Acting General Manager, Emergency Services; R. Swiddle, Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor; R. Henderson, Director of Citizen Services; P. McCauley, Communications Officer; C. Dent, Community Development Officer; C. Gore, Manager of Volunteerism and Community Development; T. Mowry, City Clerk; K. Bowschar-Lische, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

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

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

None.

**PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Item 2  
Greater Sudbury  
French Book Fair

Ms. Yolande Clement, General Director, Le Centre Franco Ontarien de Ressources en Alphabétisation (FORA) and Ms. France Jodoin, Coordinator, French Book Fair, gave a verbal presentation regarding an overview of the Greater Sudbury French Book Fair (Le Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury) and the importance of creating awareness in the community. Ms. Jodoin advised the Committee that this is the first french book fair in Sudbury, which will be held on May 6-9, 2004 at the Rainbow Outlet Centre, and where authors, exhibitors, and book lovers can observe french culture and literature. Le Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury is sponsored by les Éditions Prise de parole and le Centre FORA.

Item 3  
Older Adult Centre -  
Annual Report

A letter dated 2004-02-16 from the Older Adult Centre regarding an Annual Report to Council was received.

Ms. Tina Pilon, Manager, Older Adult Centre, gave an electronic presentation regarding the Centre's mission, goals, memberships, governance, funding and financing, staffing, volunteer program, programs and services, partnerships, community training, successes, opportunities, and, upcoming events.

Ms. Pilon indicated that the Older Adult Centre's annual report will be submitted to the Priorities Committee at the end of May, 2004, once the Board members are elected.

Item 4  
Volunteer Sudbury/  
Bénévolat Sudbury

Mr. Scott Overton, Chair, Feasibility Committee gave a verbal presentation regarding an overview of Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury. A report from Mr. Overton was received by the Committee.

Mr. Overton advised the Committee that Ms. Angelica Weisheit is the Coordinator/Program Developer of Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury. He outlined their goals and mandate, objectives, the core services of volunteer centres, and, highlights from the January/May 2003 VeriFact Public Survey.

Item 5  
Sudbury Community  
Foundation

Ms. Carmen Simmons, Executive Director, Sudbury Community Foundation introduced Mr. Gary Gray, President, Sudbury Community Foundation, to the Committee. Mr. Gray gave an electronic presentation regarding a progress and status report on the Foundation's activities over the past year. The presentation outlined the Foundation's mission, historical highlights, their three main roles (endowment building & donor service, community building, grantmaking), funding & grants, Board of Directors, and, their vision.

Item 6  
Ministry of  
Transportation -  
Hwy 69 Four-Laning

Mr. John Fraser, Senior Project Engineer, Planning and Design, Ministry of Transportation, gave an electronic presentation regarding an update and status of the 20 km four-laning of Highway 69 from Sudbury to Estaire.

The presentation outlined the following:

- Project background (approved route and EA from Sudbury to Estaire - 2000; approved EA addendum for revised alignment - 2002)
- Design features
- Status of detail design (engineering & property acquisition work is underway; construction contracts are being prepared; design plans completed for the first of a series; awaiting Federal environmental approval)

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(continued)

- ▶ Next steps (Public Information Centre - March 25, 2004; additional Public Information Centres will be held; complete engineering & property acquisition for the balance of the 20km section; complete route planning & EA; continue construction until four-laning complete)

Councillor Craig, on behalf of the Committee, asked Mr. Fraser if the Ministry of Transportation could provide thirteen (13) copies of the report that was submitted to Council on 2003-06-25. Mr. Fraser advised the Committee that he will send the reports to Members of Council.

### **CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION ONLY**

Federation of  
Canadian  
Municipalities (FCM)  
Report - Meeting of  
March 3-6, 2004

With the concurrence of the Committee, Councillor Kett tabled a report from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) meeting he attended on March 3-6, 2004. The report outlined the following key points on the Municipal Infrastructure:

1. GST rebate - done
2. Municipal infrastructure of \$1.5 billion to be committed by the end of the year.
3. Rural infrastructure fund of \$1 billion - the Feds are negotiating with the Provinces now and will take 3-4 years to complete - the amount of money flowing from the Feds will depend on the Provinces and Municipalities' ability to participate.
4. Gas tax - could be a declining source of revenue over time - other revenue sharing options (i.e. income taxes, etc.) are needed.
5. Partners - many provinces/territories have concerns over matching funds requirements - Ontario positive - Anne Mulville.
6. The Feds insist on no provincial claw back.
7. The New Deal is more than economic (roads, transit and water); it is also environmental and social (housing, immigration, urban aboriginals, etc.)
8. How much money? - \$2.886 billion - Feds
9. How fast? - March 23<sup>rd</sup> budget
10. Delivery mechanism - through existing federal programs, or Federal/Provincial/Municipal, or straight to municipalities?

Councillor Kett also spoke about the FCM's Infrastructure goals and comments from the FCM's members.

Adjournment

**RECOMMENDATION 2004-25: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 8:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Kett

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City Clerk