

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, May 26, 2004
Commencement: 7:05 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Callaghan; Craig; Dupuis; Gainer; Gasparini; Reynolds; Rivest; Thompson; Mayor Courtemanche (D 8:35 p.m.)

City Officials

D. Nadorozny, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; G. Clausen, Acting General Manager of Public Works; R. Carre, Acting General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; P. Baskcomb, Acting General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services; C. Matheson, General Manager of Health & Social Services; A. Stephen, General Manager of Emergency Services; D. Wuksinic, General Manager of Corporate Services; R. Swiddle, Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor; M. Simeoni, Senior Planner; H. Duff, Director of Social Services/Ontario Works; K. Rossi, Coordinator, Health Initiatives; C. Ouellette, Director of Children's Services; C. Stewart, Seniors' Consultant; J. Cameron, Economic Development Officer - Technology; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; B. Walicki, Co-ordinator Community Initiatives; P. McCauley, Communications Officer; T. Mowry, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Receptionist/Stenographer; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; Le Voyageur; Channel 10 News; CBC Radio

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gasparini declared a conflict regarding Item 3 (SmartSudbury Seniors' Web Portal) as this matter may be of pecuniary interest to her.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Sudbury Northeast
Ratepayers
Association

Report dated 2004-04-18, with attachments, from the General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services regarding Sudbury Northeast Ratepayers Association (SNRA) was received.

Mr. Baskcomb introduced Mr. Alfred Nicholls, President, SNRA and Mr. Terry Loney, SNRA, to the Committee, who distributed a letter from Mr. R. MacDonald, former member, Transition Board.

Mr. Nicholls gave an electronic presentation and addressed the Committee regarding the amalgamation of the unorganized townships of Scadding, Rathbun, Makelcan, Aylmer, Parkin & Frawlek to the City of Greater Sudbury. The SNRA feels that the City now has an opportunity to correct this situation and save a very

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substantial amount of money. He noted that residential taxes on seasonal properties have increased from 50% to over 900%. He stated that area roads need upgrading and hydro and phone service is not available. The area is isolated from the City and these taxpayers resent the service they receive for tax dollars they pay.

He pointed out that this area was incorporated into the City to protect the water from Lake Wahnapiatae which is a major source of water for the City of Greater Sudbury. He also pointed out that the majority of lakes in the area flow into the River Valley area and that water quality is still a provincial responsibility.

Mr. Nicholls requested that the City apply to the Ontario Municipal Board for removal of these previously unorganized townships from the City of Greater Sudbury boundaries.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-39: Moved by Councillor Callaghan:

1. That Council direct staff to consult with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to:
 - a. Establish whether or not the Minister would exercise his authority to defer an application for dissolution (of that part of the City of Greater Sudbury included in the geographic townships of Scadding, Rathbun, Mackelcan, Aylmer, Parkin and Fraleck) or would permit the application to proceed through the Ontario Municipal Board;
 - b. To establish that the Province would not require the repayment of any funds provided to the City in partial compensation for transition costs should the dissolution occur; and,
 - c. to determine any other concerns of the Province.
2. That subject to a positive response from the Minister, staff be directed to hold a public information session to invite comments from members of the public on the proposed dissolution
3. That subject to a positive response from the Minister, the City consult with Wahnapiatae First Nation and the Municipality of Markstay-Warren to obtain their input.
4. That staff report back to Council advising of the outcome of the above consultation(s) and to receive direction as to whether or not to proceed with an application to the Ontario Municipal Board for the dissolution described in 1. above.

CARRIED

Rules of Procedure

Council, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure, to alter the order of the Agenda and deal with Item 4 (Northeastern Ontario Comprehensive Seniors' Strategies) and Item 5 (H&SS Accreditation), at this time.

Item 4
Northeastern Ontario
Comprehensive
Seniors' Strategies

Report dated 2004-05-19 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Northeastern Ontario Comprehensive Seniors' Strategies was received. A report entitled *Action Planning for Sudbury's Golden Opportunity* was distributed at the meeting.

Councillor Callaghan introduced Mark Simeoni, Senior Planner, who gave an electronic presentation regarding the following:

- ▶ project mandate
- ▶ community and funding partners
- ▶ community consultations
- ▶ why the need for a Seniors' Strategy
- ▶ history
- ▶ former & new structure
- ▶ added value
- ▶ necessary inputs
- ▶ housing, seniors' destination, health care, quality of life
- ▶ new members
- ▶ next steps

RECOMMENDATION 2004-40: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Seniors' Issues and the Seniors Campus Steering Committee has amalgamated into the Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Seniors' Issues;

AND WHEREAS a seniors-based economic development strategic plan titled *Action Planning for Sudbury's Golden Opportunity* has been developed;

AND WHEREAS the goal of the Community Action Plan is to advance the economic interests of the City of Greater Sudbury as they relate to the retention and attraction of senior citizens and their requisite infrastructure and services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury support the findings and recommendations listed within *Action Planning for Sudbury's Golden Opportunity*;

AND FURTHER THAT the newly formed Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Sudbury's Seniors' Issues submit an annual report of their progress in achieving the recommendations of the Community Action Plan.

CARRIED

Item 5
Health & Social
Services Accreditation

Report dated 2004-05-19 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Health and Social Services Department Accreditation was received.

The General Manager of Health & Social Services introduced Ms. Diane Lavallee of the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA). Ms. Lavallee's electronic presentation outlined the following:

- ▶ Who is CCHSA?
- ▶ What are the benefits of accreditation?
- ▶ What steps are involved in the accreditation process?
- ▶ What your organization is accountable for.
- ▶ What the program looks at?
- ▶ Governing body and its role.
- ▶ What a written report provides.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-41: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

WHEREAS the Health and Social Services Department is pursuing accreditation under the guidance of the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA);

AND WHEREAS members of Council will provide a valuable contribution to the process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillors Berthiaume, Bradley, Caldarelli and Dupuis be appointed as representatives to the Leadership and Partnerships Team.

CARRIED

Item 3
SmartSudbury
Seniors' Web Portal

Report dated 2004-05-19 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services and General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services regarding SmartSudbury Seniors Web Portal was received.

Mr. Jody Cameron, Economic Development Officer - Technology gave an electronic presentation regarding the background in developing the Seniors' Web Portal, statistics involving seniors nationally and locally, seniors' issues, improving access to seniors' services, vision of the Canadian Seniors Partnership, and, strategic objectives.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-42: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

THAT Council endorse and support the development of the SmartSudbury Seniors' Web Portal for the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND FURTHER THAT the City's Health and Social Services and Economic Development and Planning Departments provide the

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human resources and technical support required to ensure implementation and communication of the SmartSudbury Seniors' Web Portal project;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Greater Sudbury work collaboratively with the Federal and Provincial levels of government, outside seniors' groups and agencies to ensure that Website content is appropriate for the use of local seniors, their caregivers and others interested in seniors' issues. This collaborative approach will provide unique leadership opportunities for the City of Greater Sudbury with a variety of stakeholders including senior levels of government.

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
Senior Friendly
Sudbury

Councillor Lynne Reynolds introduced Mr. John Lindsay who is the Chair for Senior Friendly Sudbury.

Mr. Lindsay gave an electronic presentation which explained "Senior Friendly", the history, who the Board of Directors are, objectives, how it works, the successes, local businesses and organizations that have taken the Senior Friendly Challenge. He also advised the Committee that this Pilot Project has made Sudbury a leader in Ontario.

Rules of Procedure

Council, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure and deal with a matter, not on the Agenda, at this time.

Public Meeting
Store Hours By-law

Councillor Dupuis asked the City Solicitor what procedures must be taken in order for Council to hold a public meeting in Council Chamber.

Mr. Swiddle advised the Committee that if City Council was involved in the public meeting as a whole, then a resolution would have to be passed. If it was not a meeting of Council, but only a public meeting, then four Councillors must be present, and no resolution is required.

Councillor Thompson stated that a public meeting should be held after Council has addressed the issue at a Regular Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-43: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT Council authorize the use of Council Chamber on Saturday, June 19, 2004, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., for a public discussion on the issue of store hours.

MOTION LOST

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2004-44: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

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

CARRIED

Councillor Caldarelli

City Clerk