

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, September 29, 2004
Commencement: 7:08 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR KETT, IN THE CHAIR

Present

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

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; R. Sauve, Acting General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; C. Ouellette, Acting General Manager of Health & Social Services; A. Stephen, General Manager of Emergency Services; D. Wuksinic, General Manager of Corporate Services; C. Mahaffy, Manager of Financial Planning & Policy; D. Donaldson, Fire Chief; M. Leduc, Deputy Fire Chief; B. Battison, Deputy Fire Chief; P. Demers, Community Relations and Policy Advisor; T. Mowry, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Le Voyageur

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Report by
Dr. Ozhand Ganjavi
“Study of Fire
Department CGS”

A report entitled “*Study of Fire Department City of Greater Sudbury*”, September, 2004, by Ozhand Ganjavi, Ph.D., Ganjavi and Associates Management Consultants, was received for information only.

Item 3
Presentation
Strategic Fire Services
Issues

Dr. Ozhand Ganjavi gave an electronic presentation regarding Strategic Fire Services Issues which covered fire services operating costs, statistics on the number of fires, false alarms and costs, performance comparisons, and issues to be dealt with.

Item 4
CGS Final Master Fire
Plan

Report dated 2004-09-13 from the General Manager of Emergency Services regarding City of Greater Sudbury Final Master Fire Plan was received.

A draft copy of the **Final Master Fire Plan**, September 2004 was also attached.

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Plan
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The General Manager of Emergency Services and Fire Chief Donaldson gave an electronic presentation outlining four (4) policy options for the Committee's consideration as follows:

Option 1 - All Volunteer Force

Option 2 - All Career Force

Option 3 - Status Quo

Option 4 - Composite

A copy of the foregoing presentation was provided to each Member of the Committee.

Proceed Past
10:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION 2004-61: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:

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

CARRIED

Motion for Deferral

Rivest: THAT the foregoing recommendation be deferred to the next Priorities Committee meeting of 2004-10-13 until the Members of the Committee can further review Option 4.

DEFEATED

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Following a lengthy discussion the Committee recommended that prior to Council making any final decision regarding the closure or amalgamation of fire stations, that community public meetings should be held.

Direction of the
Committee

The Committee directed the Chief Administrative Officer to ensure that all future staff reports which are part of the circulated Agenda include all policy options that will be presented to the Committee for its consideration.

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RECOMMENDATION 2004-62: Moved by Councillor Reynolds:

It is recommended that:

1. Council approve, in principle, the initiatives identified in the Master Fire Plan OPTION 4 and subsequently forward a copy to the OFM;
2. Council authorize the Emergency Services Department to carry on with the fire services system enhancements and investigations as described as OPTION 4, which they have commenced. All new initiatives will require Council approval as part of the 2005/2006 budget.

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3. The General Manager of Emergency Services be directed to prepare detailed funding estimates to implement the final MASTER FIRE PLAN, dated September, 2004 as part of the 2005/2006 budget process.

CARRIED

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2004-63: Moved by Councillor Reynolds:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Kett, Chair

City Clerk