

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, January 22nd, 2003
Commencement: 7:00 p.m.**

Chair

DEPUTY MAYOR DAVE COURTEMANCHE, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Bradley; Callaghan; Craig; Dupuis; Gainer; Lalonde; McIntaggart; Petryna; Portelance

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; C. Hallsworth, General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services; C. Sandblom, Acting 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; S. Jonasson, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; C. Salazar, Manager of Corporate Strategy & Policy Analysis; H. Duff, Director of Social Services/Ontario Works; P. Aitken, Government Relations/Policy Analyst; C. Ouellette, Director of Children's Services; C. Gore, Manager of Volunteerism and Community Development; L. Moulaison, Planning Technician; T. Mowry, City Clerk; G. Ward, Council Secretary

News Media

The Box; MCTV; Sudbury Star; Northern Life; Le Voyageur

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 1
English Language
Bachelor of Education
Degree Program at
Laurentian University

Councillor Craig addressed the Committee requesting a letter of support from Council, signed by His Worship Mayor James Gordon, for an English Language, Bachelor of Education Degree Program at Laurentian University. Councillor Craig introduced members of the leadership team, Dr. Parker, Vice President, Laurentian University and Dr. P. Falter, Dr. Anne-Marie Mawhinney who were involved in making this teachers' college a reality.

The concurrence of the committee was received for the requested letter of support.

Item 2
Under-Funding of
Addiction Services

Letter dated 2002-12-19 from Dave Wiley, President, Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEAU) Local 66 regarding under-funding throughout the continuum of addiction services within the community was received for information.

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Mr. Dave Wiley, President, OPSEAU Local 666, introduced Mr. Rick Grylls, President, Mine Mill Local 598/CAW and Mr. Dave Mellor, Area Co-ordinator, United Steel Workers of America. Mr. Wiley addressed the Committee requesting support in the form of a letter to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care encouraging the Ministry to provide appropriate funding for all addiction services within the City of Greater Sudbury.

The delegation suggested that the Committee may wish to consider forwarding a letter of support to the Minister of Health and to seek the support of other Northern Ontario Municipalities by resolution of Council.

Councillor Bradley recommended that the delegation consider making a presentation before the F.O.N.O.M. Annual Conference in May, 2003.

With the consensus of the Committee, the Acting General Manager of Health & Social Services was directed to prepare a report and recommendations for the consideration of the Committee at a future date.

Item 3
Implementation of
Council's Strategic
Priority on Healthy
Communities

Report dated 2003-01-15 from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding Development a Community-based Framework to Implement Council's Strategic Priority on Healthy Communities was received.

Deputy Mayor Courtemanche introduced the following presenters who addressed the Committee with an overhead presentation:

- Ms. Monique Beaudoin, Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition
- Mr. Franco Mariotti, Sudbury Roundtable on Health, Economy & Environment
- Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Sudbury & District Health Unit

The Chief Administrative Officer advised additional funding for the CANs programs would have to be provided as an enhancement in the budget. A report with policy recommendations, including a budget option for 2003, to support the development of Community Action Networks (CANs) would come back to the Committee in May, 2003.

RECOMMENDATION: Moved by Councillor Dupuis

THAT Council accept this report and support the ongoing work of the Healthy Communities Working Group to develop a framework to implement Council's priority on Healthy Communities, by approving the one-time allocation of \$45,000 from the Official Plan fund to support the completion of the Healthy Communities implementation framework.

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The following amendment to the recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2003-04: Moved by Councillor Callaghan

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare a report, with policy recommendations, including a budget option for 2003, to support the development of Community Action Networks (CANs).

CARRIED

The original recommendation, as amended, was then presented.

RECOMMENDATION 2003-05: Moved by Councillor Dupuis

THAT Council accept this report and support the ongoing work of the Healthy Communities Working Group to develop a framework to implement Council's priority on Healthy Communities, by approving the one-time allocation of \$45,000 from the Official Plan fund to support the completion of the Healthy Communities implementation framework;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare a report, with policy recommendations, including a budget option for 2003, to support the development of Community Action Networks (CANs).

CARRIED

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 4
National Child Benefit
Workplan 2003

Report dated 2003-01-10 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding National Child Benefit Workplan 2003 was received.

RECOMMENDATION 2003-06: Moved by Councillor Dupuis

WHEREAS the National Child Benefit (NCB) reinvestment fund, created with municipal savings from the National Child Benefit program, will be approximately \$800,000 in 2003;

AND WHEREAS National Child Benefit funding is dedicated funding outside of the regular City budget which must be spent on child and family support programs in accordance with Provincial and Federal objectives and directives; and matching funding;

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AND WHEREAS the City contracted a community consultation to determine community priorities for the future allocation of National Child Benefit Dollars which demonstrated solid community support for a plan which would gradually shift NCB funding from program funding to direct benefits to families;

AND WHEREAS the National Child Benefit Plan for 2003 has responded to the key recommendations put forth in the community consultation and outlines a plan for future allocations for NCB dollars;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2003 National Child Benefit Workplan be accepted.

CARRIED

Item 5
Facility Code of Conduct

Report dated 2003-01-10 from the General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services regarding Facility Code of Conduct Policy was received.

RECOMMENDATION 2003-07: Moved by Councillor Dupuis

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury adopt the Facility Code of Conduct and direct staff to ensure that the Facility Code of Conduct is posted in a prominent location at all City owned recreation facilities and in other city owned facilities as appropriate and that staff be directed to provide information on Fair Play programs to the sports associations who make use of City of Greater Sudbury facilities.

CARRIED

Item 6
Citizen Service Policy

Report dated 2003-01-10, with attachment, from the General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services regarding Citizen Service Policy was received.

In response to a question from Councillor Dupuis regarding enquiry statistics, the General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services advised monthly reports on calls received through the Customer Service Centres are recorded. Reports on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are prepared annually.

RECOMMENDATION 2003-08: Moved by Councillor Bradley

THAT the Citizen Service Policy attached to the report from the General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services dated January 10, 2003 be adopted.

CARRIED

Item 7
Extreme Cold
Weather Alert

Report dated 2003-01-15 from the Acting General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Extreme Cold Weather Alert was received.

RECOMMENDATION 2003-09: Moved by Councillor Bradley

WHEREAS according to Environment Canada, the winter season in Northern Ontario begins in October and ends in May;

AND WHEREAS, on average, Sudbury has approximately 36 days between the months of October and May with temperatures below -15°C;

AND WHEREAS community resources necessary for the implementation of an Extreme Cold Weather Alert are available within the City of Greater Sudbury;

THE Priorities Committee recommends that Council approve Option 1, a two year pilot implementation of an Extreme Cold Weather Alert system, to be carried out by the Social Services Division in cooperation with community partners, using \$35,000 of the existing \$203,300 community placement target funding previously reserved by Council through Priorities Committee recommendation 2002-22, as a short-term emergency response during cold weather to ensure that all vulnerable citizens have access to shelter and services between the months of October and May.

CARRIED

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2003-10: Moved by Councillor Bradley

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Courtemanche

Clerk