

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2003
Commencement: 7:06 p.m.**

Chair

DEPUTY MAYOR DAVE COURTEMANCHE, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Bradley; Callaghan; Craig; Davey; Dupuis; Gainer; Gordon (D7:50pm); McIntaggart; Petryna; Portelance (D8:49pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; C. Hallsworth, General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; D. Desmeules, 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; S. Jonasson, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; W. Tanos, Cartographer/GIS Technologist; S. Upton; Program Supervisor, Housing Services; S. Bernier; Program Administrator, Housing Services; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; A. Haché, Deputy Clerk; K. Bowschar-Lische, Planning Committee Secretary; C. Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

Channel 10 News; Sudbury Star; EZ Rock

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Sudbury Community
Mediation Program

Letter dated 2003-07-31 from the Sudbury Community Mediation Program regarding Free Mediation for Community Type Disputes was received.

Sandra Doucette, Program Coordinator for the Sudbury Community Mediation was not present.

Item 3
Mayor and Council's
Committee on Seniors'
Issues (MCCSI) -
Sunset Review

Report dated 2003-11-04 from the General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues (MCCSI) - Sunset Review was received.

Councillor Callaghan introduced members of the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues (MCCSI) in attendance at the meeting.

- ▶ Bert Guillet, Co-Chair, MCCSI
- ▶ Anadel Hastie, Member, MCCSI
- ▶ Chris Stewart, Seniors' Consultant, Health & Social Services, City of Greater Sudbury

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Mr. Stewart addressed the Committee regarding MCCSI's accomplishments as well as related matters that will require followup in each of the following areas:

- ▶ injury prevention
- ▶ promotion of activity
- ▶ rest and retirement home by-law development
- ▶ economic development and City of Greater Sudbury's aging population
- ▶ safety and security
- ▶ seniors information
- ▶ public meetings
- ▶ seniors' surveys
- ▶ transportation in the downtown core
- ▶ Pioneer Manor
- ▶ geriatric curriculum development for the new medical school

Ms. Hastie concluded the presentation and invited comments from the Committee members.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2003-71: Moved by Councillor Callaghan:

THAT we recommend to the new Council that the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues be reconstituted.

CARRIED

Item 4
Social Housing
Reform Act, 2000

Letter dated 2003-10-24 from Casa Bella Senior Citizen Apartments Inc. regarding the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000 and related regulations was received.

Mr. William Tanos, President, Casa Bella Senior Citizen Apartments Inc. addressed the Committee regarding the concerns of the Non-profit and Co-op housing providers in the community on the new rules imposed by the Provincial government on how capital reserves are to be invested. Mr. Tanos advised the Committee that as of April 1, 2001, all non-profit providers are now bound by legislation to turn over their capital investment portfolios to a newly created corporation titled "Social Housing Services Corporation, Financial Inc." He also indicated that by December 31, 2003 Housing Corporations' will have to transfer their entire capital reserve fund into this new investment vehicle or risk being in default of the current legislation. Mr. Tanos raised two questions:

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1. Why were these communities (Ottawa, Peel & Toronto) provided with exemptions from participating in the program?
2. If the fund was created to maximize investments, why were the largest housing corporations excluded from the program?

Mr. Tanos stated that the legislation is discriminatory because exemptions were provided to some and not to other communities. He also stated that Casa Bella and local Non-profit and Co-op Housing within the City of Greater Sudbury will be asking the Ministry of Housing to place a "moratorium" on the implementation of this legislation.

Mr. Tanos asked that Council pass a motion to send a letter in the name of the City of Greater Sudbury to three Provincial Ministers requesting that an immediate moratorium be placed on the Social Housing Services Corporation, Financial Inc. legislation.

Mr. Tanos submitted a letter, to the Committee, dated November 12, 2003 from the Sudbury Regional Credit Union Ltd. outlining their "displeasure with the actions of the Social Housing Services Corporation located at 390 Bay Street, Toronto".

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

THAT a letter be forwarded to the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development & Mines, the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal requesting that an immediate moratorium be placed on the investment strategy proposed by the Social Housing Services Corporation.

Friendly Amendment

With the concurrence of the Committee, Councillor Petryna requested that Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) be added to the motion.

Recommendation
(as amended)

RECOMMENDATION 2003-72: Moved by Councillor Davey:

THAT a letter be forwarded to the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development & Mines, the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal requesting that an immediate moratorium be placed on the investment strategy proposed by the Social Housing Services Corporation and that this resolution also be forwarded to Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED

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Deputy Mayor Courtemanche directed that a letter be drafted concerning this matter for the Council meeting of November 13, 2003.

Change of Chair

At 8:00 p.m., Deputy Mayor Courtemanche vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR MCINTAGGART, IN THE CHAIR

Item 5
Establishment of Local
Social Housing
Policies

Report dated 2003-10-10 from the General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services regarding the Establishment of Local Social Housing Policies was received.

Ms. Shelly Upton, Program Supervisor, Housing Services, City of Greater Sudbury, indicated that the Sudbury Housing Reform Act, 2000 and the regulations require the Program Manager to establish local policies for rent-gear-to-income households in certain key areas. She gave an electronic presentation of proposed recommendations for the following key areas:

- ▶ occupancy standards
- ▶ fraud and misrepresentation of income - re-application
- ▶ divestment of property
- ▶ waiting list - earliest application date
- ▶ increase in RGI < \$10.00
- ▶ ranking existing market rent households
- ▶ absence from unit
- ▶ income limits
- ▶ priority access categories
- ▶ reimbursement of service manager
- ▶ notice of changes

Change of Chair

At 8:14 p.m., Councillor McIntaggart vacated the chair.

DEPUTY MAYOR COURTEMANCHE, IN THE CHAIR

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Social Housing
Policies
(continued)

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2003-73: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approve the adoption of the Local Social Housing Policies as outlined in the report dated October 10, 2003, from the General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services.

CARRIED

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 6
Policy - Disposal of
Surplus Fill

Report dated 2003-11-06, with attachments, from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Policy - Disposal of Surplus Fill was received.

The Committee approved a request by Councillor Davey that an annual report be submitted to Council outlining where surplus fill had been disposed.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2003-74: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT Council adopt the policy and By-law for the disposal of surplus fill from City construction projects, as outlined in the report dated November 6, 2003 from the General Manager of Public Works.

CARRIED

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2003-75: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Courtemanche

Deputy City Clerk