

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, October 8th, 2003
Commencement: 7:05 p.m.**

Chair

DEPUTY MAYOR DAVE COURTEMANCHE, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Bradley; Craig (A 7:25 pm); Davey; Dupuis (A 8:37 pm); Gainer; Kilgour; McIntaggart; Petryna; Portelance; Mayor Gordon (A 7:06 pm; D 8:12 pm)

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Hallsworth, General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; C. Matheson, General Manager of Health & Social Services; D. Wuksinic, General Manager, Corporate Services; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; T. Beadman, Acting General Manager of Emergency Services; P. Baskcomb, Manager of Community and Strategic Planning; S. Vrbanac, Assistant City Solicitor; S. Jonasson, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; D. Mathé, Manager of Supplies & Services; P. McCauley, Communications Officer; C. Ouellette, Director of Children Services; K. Rossi, Coordinator Health Initiatives; J. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; T. Mowry, City Clerk; K. Bowschar-Lische, Planning Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

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

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Change of Chair

At 7:07 p.m., Deputy Mayor Courtemanche vacated the chair.

COUNCILLOR MCINTAGGART, IN THE CHAIR

Item 2
Child Care Project

Report dated 2003-09-10 from General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding "Child Care Project: Study of the Child Care Delivery System in the City of Greater Sudbury" - Summary and Recommendations was received.

C. Ouellette, Director of Children Services, addressed the Committee with an electronic presentation regarding the following:

- ▶ Background of the Child Care system
- ▶ Challenges to Child Care
- ▶ Recommendations
- ▶ Future steps for Child Care

Item 2
Child Care Project
(continued)

RECOMMENDATION 2003-60: Moved by Councillor Craig:

WHEREAS the Children Services Division provided an information report to Council in March 2003 to highlight some of the challenges facing licensed child care; and

WHEREAS the Children Services Division has worked over the summer with Child Care Providers and Laurentian University Professor Ozhand Ganjavi to analyse the child care system and develop responses to these challenges; and

WHEREAS a research report has been completed and several strategies have been developed in response to the challenges and recommendations contained in the research report;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the research report entitled "Child Care Project: Study of the Child Care Delivery System in the City of Greater Sudbury";

AND FURTHER THAT Council support the recommendations contained in this report related to changes to Children Services Division's reporting requirements for child care service providers and payment structure for subsidized child care rates;

AND FURTHER THAT Council use the results of the research report to advocate to the Provincial and Federal governments for changes to the funding and administration of the child care system in Ontario.

CARRIED

Item 3
New Purchasing
By-law

Report dated 2003-10-03, with attachments, from General Manager of Corporate Services regarding New Purchasing By-law was received.

D. Mathé, Manager of Supplies & Services, addressed the Committee with an electronic presentation regarding the new Purchasing By-law. He discussed the following:

- ▶ Why pass a new By-law?
- ▶ Philosophy of the New By-law
- ▶ Recommendations and Changes

RECOMMENDATION Moved by Councillor Craig:

THAT the Draft of the Purchasing By-law 2003 be passed and adopted to come into effect on January 1, 2004.

Item 3
New Purchasing
By-law
(continued)

The following amendment to the recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2003-61: Moved by Councillor Davey:

THAT an annual performance review of the Supplies & Services Department be undertaken and reported to Council by the City's internal auditor.

The original recommendation, as amended, was then presented.

Recommendation
Amended

RECOMMENDATION 2003-62: Moved by Councillor Davey:

THAT the Draft of the Purchasing By-law 2003 be passed and adopted to come into effect on January 1, 2004; and

THAT an annual performance review of contracting services and contract awards be undertaken and reported to Council by the City's internal auditor.

CARRIED

Change of Chair

At 8:10 p.m., Councillor McIntaggart vacated the chair.

DEPUTY MAYOR COURTEMANCHE, IN THE CHAIR

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 4
Minimum Insurance
Liability Requirements
for Third Parties

Report dated 2003-09-19, with attachments, from General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Minimum Insurance Liability Requirements for Third Parties was received.

Friendly Amendment

Councillor Kilgour requested an amendment to the recommendation to add "Capreol Winter Carnival".

The concurrence of the Committee was received for the requested amendment.

Recommendation
Amended

RECOMMENDATION 2003-63: Moved by Councillor Craig:

THAT the report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated September 19, 2003 be approved; and

FURTHER THAT otherwise uninsured community based volunteer groups be financially assisted by Council with the procurement of liability coverage in order for these groups to use City facilities for meetings as outlined in option #3, at an estimated annual cost of \$6,000; and

Item 4
Minimum Insurance
Liability Requirements
for Third Parties
(continued)

THAT the ten community events previously provided or assisted with insurance by former Councils, namely Minnow Lake Days, Capreol Days, Valley East Days, Cavalcade of Colours (Onaping Falls), Rayside Balfour Jug Curling Competition, Walden Winter Carnival, Dowling Winter Carnival, Beaver Lake Winter Carnival, Rayside Balfour Family Hockey Tournament and Capreol Winter Carnival, be financially assisted by the City with the procurement of liability insurance for the non-alcohol related portion of community events at an estimated annual cost of \$9,000; and

THAT the insurance requirements as outlined in this report dated September 19, 2003 be formally adopted by Council and incorporated into the budget and that this be effective January 1, 2004.

CARRIED

Item 5
Council & Citizen
Appointments

Report dated 2003-09-19, with attachments, from General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Council and Citizen Appointments for 2003-2006 Council Term was received.

The Clerk explained that the purpose of the report was to outline for Council the procedure for appointments to Advisory Panels, Boards and Committees.

The Committee concurred with the request by Councillor Petryna that letters of appreciation be forwarded to all retiring members of the Cemetery Advisory Panel.

Councillor Bradley requested that meetings be scheduled in each of the Wards in order to permit the public to meet with cemetery staff to express any concerns regarding the operation of the cemeteries, such as the level of maintenance. The General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services recommended it would be more appropriate that communications be established with the families affected.

The Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Chair that the General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services outline her proposal and bring it back to the Committee for discussion.

RECOMMENDATION 2003-64: Moved by Councillor Davey:

THAT the Priorities Committee authorize the procedure by which Council will make both Citizen and Council appointments as outlined in the report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated 2003-09-19.

CARRIED

Item 6
Underserved Area
Program - Physician
Relocation Incentive
Grant

Report dated 2003-09-16 from General Manager of Health & Social Services regarding Underserved Area Program - Physician Relocation Incentive Grant was received.

Councillor Craig recommended that a motion be presented to the October 9, 2003 meeting of Council seeking approval of the Underserved Area Program incentive grant and that this motion be sent to Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) for endorsement and action.

RECOMMENDATION 2003-65: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury (CGS) has been designated under serviced by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC); and

WHEREAS the outlying areas in the CGS are seeing a reduction in the delivery of primary care; and

WHEREAS the CGS has over 30,000 citizens of this community without a family medicine practitioner; and

WHEREAS there is a decline in the enrollment into the family medicine program throughout the Province of Ontario and globally;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CGS lobby the provincial government to review the current UAP incentive grants and that the CGS review its set up relocation incentive within the strategic plan currently being developed.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item 7
2003 Current Budget
Variance Report

Report dated 2003-10-03 from General Manager of Corporate Services with attachments regarding 2003 Current Budget Variance Report was received.

The Committee concurred with Councillor Davey's recommendation that staff outline the 2004 Budget Process at the next Priorities Committee meeting of October 22, 2003.

QUESTIONS

Street Lighting &
Ditching

Councillor Bradley asked General Manager of Public Works when the street lights in Ward 2 would be installed since it was allowed in the budget and when the ditching would take place. Mr. Belisle requested that Councillor Bradley provide him with the locations.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2003-66: Moved by Councillor Bradley:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Courtemanche

Clerk