

PRIORITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

to be held on
Wednesday, June 9, 2004
at
7:00 p.m.

**Councillor
Terry Kett
Chair**



**Councillor
Frances Caldarelli
Vice-Chair**



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**TENTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOM DAVIES SQUARE**

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COUNCILLOR KETT, IN THE CHAIR

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

**ANY ITEMS NOT DEALT WITH BY THE ADJOURNMENT HOUR OF
10:00 P.M. WILL BE CARRIED OVER TO THE JUNE 23, 2004 MEETING
OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE.**

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

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2. Presentation from the General Manager of Emergency Services regarding an Update on the City of Greater Sudbury's Draft Master Fire Plan.
(ELECTRONIC PRESENTATION) (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- ▶ Alan Stephen, General Manager of Emergency Services
- ▶ Donald Donaldson, Fire Chief

(This is a follow-up to the presentation of the draft Master Fire Plan at the Priorities Meeting of 2004-02-25. **Councillors are asked to bring their copy of the draft Master Fire Plan with them to this meeting.**)

3. Presentation from the Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) regarding four Water Management Capital Infrastructure Projects, which was completed this year.
(ELECTRONIC PRESENTATION) (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- ▶ Councillor Ron Bradley, Chair, NDCA Board
- ▶ Paul Sajatovic, Planner & Community Relations Co-ordinator, NDCA

4. Letter dated 2004-05-18 from Councillor Ron Dupuis, Deputy Mayor/Councillor Ward 3 regarding a request from the School Association, École Foyer Jeunesse, to address the Priorities Committee about traffic problems on Notre Dame Avenue, Hanmer.
(VERBAL PRESENTATION) (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

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- ▶ Mr. J.P. Belanger, President, School Association, École Foyer Jeunesse

5. Report dated 2004-06-04 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding a verbal presentation by CUPE regarding OMERS.
(VERBAL PRESENTATIONS) (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

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- ▶ Mr. Brian O'Keefe, Secretary-Treasurer, CUPE
- ▶ Mr. Wyman MacKinnon, President, CUPE Local 4705
- ▶ A representative of OMERS will also be in attendance to address the Priorities Committee. (The name of the OMERS representative was unknown at the printing of the agenda.)

(A motion was presented to Council on 2004-05-13 which was deferred. This motion will appear at the 2004-06-10 meeting of Council for debate and a vote. At the 2004-05-27 Council meeting a motion of deferral was passed to allow a CUPE representative to address the Priorities Committee.)

MANAGERS' REPORTS

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- 6. Report dated 2004-06-02 from the General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services regarding Municipal Alcohol Policy Review. 6 - 11

(The Municipal Alcohol Policy was adopted by Council at its meeting of 2003-08-12 and implemented effective 2003-12-01. A resolution was passed stating that the Municipal Alcohol Policy be reviewed within six months of implementation and that any recommended changes to that policy be brought forward for consideration.)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT Council adopt Option _____ with regards to the amending of the Municipal Alcohol Policy and direct that the requisite changes to the Municipal Alcohol Policy By-law be drafted for presentation at the Council meeting of June 24, 2004.

- 7. Report dated 2004-06-02, with attachments, from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Policy Regarding Use of Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) on Roads located in the Townships of Scadding, Rathbun, Mackelcan, Aylmer, Parkin & Fraleck. 12 - 15

(As of 2003-07-31, municipalities were given the authority to determine whether or not off-road vehicles (ORVs) should be allowed access to highways under their authority. Municipalities must put a by-law in place for ORVs to be allowed access to their highways.)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT a By-law be passed to authorize the use of Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) on roads located in the Townships of Scadding, Rathbun, Mackelcan, Aylmer, Parkin & Fraleck.

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION ONLY

{NONE}

ADJOURNMENT (10:00 P.M.) (RESOLUTION PREPARED)

{MAJORITY REQUIRED TO PROCEED PAST 10:00 P.M.}

2004-06-04

COUNCILLOR KETT
CHAIR

CORRIE-JO CAPORALE
COUNCIL SECRETARY

Presentations and Delegations

Ron Dupuis
Councillor, Ward 3 / Conseiller, Quartier 3



May 18, 2004

Mr. Thom Mowry
City Clerk
City of Greater Sudbury

Dear Mr. Mowry:

Mr. J. P. Belanger, President of the School Association, École Foyer Jeunesse would like to address the Priorities Committee on June 9, 2004 regarding traffic problems on Notre Dame Avenue in Hanmer immediately in front of the school.

Last year one of the children attending the school was struck by a vehicle. The School Association would like to explore the possibility of creating a community safety zone in the area.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ron Dupuis'.

Ron Dupuis
Deputy Mayor/Councillor Ward 3

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Request for Recommendation Priorities Committee




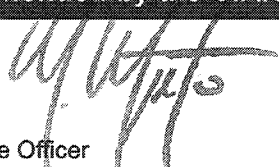
Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Wednesday, June 9, 2004				Report Date	Friday, June 4, 2004			
Recommendation		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High		Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open		Closed

Report Title
Council Motion Regarding the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS)

Policy Implications + Budget Impact	
<input type="checkbox"/>	This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified
<u>Policy Implications</u>	
<p>Council at its 2004-05-13 meeting deferred consideration of a Motion presented by Councillor Kett regarding OMERS pending an invitation to the Canadian Union of Public Employee's (CUPE) to speak to the Motion. CUPE's representative is unable to attend the Council Meeting and has requested to be heard at the Priorities Meeting of Council.</p>	
<u>Budget Impact</u>	
None	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Background attached

Recommendation	
<p><u>This Report appears for Background and Information Only.</u></p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendation attached

Recommended by the General Manager
 Doug Wuksinic General Manager of Corporate Services

Recommended by the C.A.O.
 Mark Mieto Chief Administrative Officer

Date: FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2004

Report Authored By



Corrie-Jo Caporale
Council Secretary

Division Review

BACKGROUND:

At the Council meeting of 2004-05-13, Councillor Kett presented a motion regarding OMERS Outsourcing which was deferred. This motion will appear at the 2004-06-10 meeting of Council for debate and a vote.

At the 2004-05-27 Council meeting, a motion of deferral was passed to allow a CUPE representative to address Council. CUPE's representative was unable to attend the Thursday Council Meeting of June 10, 2004 and instead requested to appear before the Priorities Committee. Accordingly, Mr. Brian O'Keefe, Secretary-Treasurer of CUPE will be at the Priorities Committee.

As well, a meeting was held with a representative of OMERS at which Councillor Kett extended an invitation to OMERS to also attend the Priorities Committee to address the issues raised in Councillor Kett's motion. While a representative of OMERS will be in attendance to address the Committee, the name and position of this person was not available at the time of the printing of the Priorities Agenda.

For the convenience of Members of the Committee a copy of Councillor Kett's motion is appended to this Report.

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Date: FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2004

The following motion appears on the June 10, 2004 Council Agenda for consideration:

WHEREAS all Ontario municipal employees are contributors to the OMERS Pension Fund, and rely on this fund to finance their retirement;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities have a duty and responsibility to speak out when they have concerns over Board oversight and investment practices by the Board and management of OMERS;

AND WHEREAS the Toronto *Globe & Mail* in a series of newspaper articles has raised serious questions and concerns regarding the investment and management practices of OMERS;

AND WHEREAS the OMERS (Ontario Municipal Employee Retirement System) outsourcing deal with Borealis Capital Corporation, involving nearly one third of its assets, has become an expensive and unnecessary escapade and has cost the plan almost \$100,000,000 in the past 12 months alone, in management fees and buyouts;

AND WHEREAS this deal ended up enriching a few investors and managers at the expense of 340,000 active and retired workers who are members of (OMERS);

AND WHEREAS the Toronto *Globe and Mail* in a newspaper article dated Monday, May 3, 2004 stated: "That the entire management of \$9-billion in assets was transferred to a third-party without board approval raises questions about the oversight of the pension fund, some sources say";

AND WHEREAS it is questionable that a large pension plan such as OMERS would benefit by paying to have its own assets managed by someone else;

AND WHEREAS there are also concerns that three new companies created by OMERS -- Borealis Infrastructure Corp., Oxford Properties Group, and OMERS' private equity group -- will run into the same problems that plagued the pension fund when it set up OMERS Realty Corp. in 1990 as a separate business;

AND WHEREAS Section 2 of the Public Inquiries Act provides that: "Whenever the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers it expedient to cause inquiry to be made concerning any matter connected with or affecting the good government of Ontario or the conduct of any part of the public business thereof or of the administration of justice therein or that the Lieutenant Governor in Council declares to be a matter of public concern and the inquiry is not regulated by any special law, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by commission, appoint one or more persons to conduct the inquiry."

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury hereby petitions the Province of Ontario to establish a Commission under the *Public Inquiries Act* (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.41) into the pension fund investment practices of OMERS, specifically the handling of the Borealis arrangement and that the mandate of the Commission include recommendations on ways to make the pension fund more accountable to its members and the taxpayer;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister responsible for the administration of the *Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act*, the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Ms. Shelly Martel, M.P.P. (Nickel Belt), Mr. Frederick Biro, Chair, Board of Directors of OMERS, Mr. Colin McNairn, Chair, Financial Services Commission of Ontario, the Municipal Retirees Organization Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.

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Managers' Reports

Date: June 9, 2004

Report Authored By


Ted Durbacz
Manager, Events, Aquatics and Ski Hills

Division Review


Réal Carrière
Director, Leisure, Community and Volunteer Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Municipal Alcohol Policy promotes the health and safety of people who attend a wide variety of events held on municipally-owned properties including parks, community centres and recreation facilities by providing guidance to organizations and volunteers who are hosting events as to how to minimize risk, prevent dangerous situations and promote safe, low-risk drinking.

The Municipal Alcohol Policy was adopted by Council at its meeting of August 12, 2003 and implemented effective December 1, 2003. Council directed by way of resolution that the Municipal Alcohol Policy be reviewed within six months of implementation and that any recommended changes to that policy be brought forward for consideration.

Two options are available for Council's consideration. The first option is to make adjustments to the Municipal Alcohol Policy to allow for the use of glassware, adjust start times for adult events and make some minor language changes required for purposes of clarity. The second option is to make substantive changes to the Municipal Alcohol Policy as described in the report below which will make it easier for community organizations to hold events but which will increase the risk to both volunteers and to the City.

BACKGROUND:

The development of the Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP) was initiated following a presentation to Council by the Sudbury FOCUS Community Project. A joint committee, chaired by Heather Salter and consisting of representatives from FOCUS and staff spent several months working on the policy and have subsequently met to review the impact of the implementation of the policy and to receive feedback from users of municipal facilities as to the impact of the Municipal Alcohol Policy on their events.

The Municipal Alcohol Policy consists of a range of measures which are designed to ensure that there are responsible management practices at social events held in municipally-owned facilities where alcohol use is permitted. The MAP ensures that organizations and volunteers understand and manage their responsibility for the safety and actions of participants at events so as to minimize risk, prevent dangerous situations and promote safe, low-risk drinking.

Over the course of the past six months, staff have received commentary from a number of community groups relating to four issues of specific concern. These concerns include making provisions to allow glassware at weddings and business functions, providing better definitions of youth events, opening some restricted waterfront areas to Special Occasion Permits (SOP) and reducing the staff requirements for licenced events.

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Subsequently, a public meeting was held on May 4, 2004 in order to review the Municipal Alcohol Policy in more detail. The meeting was advertised in the local media and invitations were sent to all those who have held Special Occasion Permits in municipal facilities in the past two years. There were eleven citizens at the meeting, representing eight community organizations. In addition, there were five representatives of the Sudbury FOCUS Community Project, one citizen representative from the Community Hall Solutions team, one councillor and five staff in attendance. Three written submissions were received.

At this meeting, participants were asked to identify their issues of concern and were then asked to prioritize those concerns. The top concerns identified at this meeting were similar to those expressed to staff over the past several months. The issue of gravest concern to community users is the number of Smart Serve trained staff required at SOP events and the reporting requirements around those staff. The other issue which garnered a significant response was the issue of allowing alcohol to be served in areas adjacent to waterfronts. Following the public meeting, a consultative meeting was held with representatives of the Sudbury FOCUS Community Project which had worked with staff in developing the Municipal Alcohol Policy to review proposals to amend the Municipal Alcohol Policy.

The Sudbury FOCUS Community Project preference would be to leave the Municipal Alcohol Policy unchanged as the policy scores a 92% in the Blue Ribbon Rating and provides a high level of risk management to community events. From a risk management and legal liability perspective, the higher the Blue Ribbon Rating for our Municipal Alcohol Policy, the lesser the risk. Any changes to the Municipal Alcohol Policy which reduce requirements around number of staff, training of staff and proximity of service locations to high risk areas such as waterfronts do increase the risk for both the City of Greater Sudbury and for the holder of the Special Occasion Permit.

OPTION ONE:

The first option presented to Council is to maintain the high standards of risk management and to make changes to the Municipal Alcohol Policy to respond to community concerns to allow the serving of drinks in glassware and the placement of bottles of wine on tables at special events including weddings, receptions and banquets. These exceptions would not be allowed at festivals, carnivals and similar events. Events whose primary audience is youth will continue to be ineligible for Special Occasion Permits during the daytime and early evening hours. Special Occasion Permits will become available for the evening adult socials as of 8:00 p.m. which is an hour earlier than previously allowed. While some minor sports associations wish to be allowed to run a bar during daytime youth sports events, the importance of providing both a safe environment and a positive example to our young people is such that no change to the policy is proposed. Minor language changes related to reporting of incidents will be shortened for clarity. All of these changes were acceptable to both the internal staff review group and to Sudbury FOCUS Community Project.

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OPTION TWO:

Many community organizations have expressed their concern that the policy requirements, especially related to staffing, are onerous. They have indicated that they have difficulty recruiting sufficient volunteers with the necessary Smart Serve training, and therefore must hire qualified staff at an additional expense. When the Municipal Alcohol Policy was adopted in 2003, provisions were made to work with FOCUS to provide, at a reduced cost, Smart Serve Training at eight sessions across the community, which training was delivered in the spring of this year.

Should Council wish to respond to the community and amend the Municipal Alcohol Policy, reductions in the number of event staff required, reductions in the number of event staff who are required to be Smart Serve trained and allowing Special Occasion Permits in proximity to water could be implemented in addition to those changes outlined in Option One. These changes are substantive and both Sudbury FOCUS Community Project and the City's insurance and legal departments have identified that any changes implemented in these areas will increase the risk associated with alcohol events.

The current policy requires that events be staffed as described in Section 5.7. Under this model, all event staff must be Smart Serve trained. This model was based on models used in other communities, including North Bay.

Number of Participants	Bartenders/ Servers*	Floor Supervisors*	Door Supervisors per Entrance*	Ticket Sellers*
0-50	1	1	1	1
51-100	2	1	1	1
101-300	2	2	2	2
301-500	3	3	2	2
501+	6	4	4	4

* indicates Smart Serve Certified Staff

The proposal to revise the Municipal Alcohol Policy would remove entirely the requirements for minimum numbers of ticket sellers, door supervisors and floor supervisors. Under this proposal supervision would be provided by monitors who would no longer be required to have Smart Serve certification which would ease the burden on community groups who are having difficulty finding certified volunteers. Bartenders and Servers would continue to be required to have Smart Serve certification. A ratio of one bartender/server and one monitor to every 75 participants would be implemented.

Further, the notice period for provision of proof of Smart Serve staff certifications would be shortened from ten days advance notice to three days advance notice to reflect the ever changing event volunteer environment. The table below provides an example of how the staff to participant ratios would work with the number of staff increasing for every 75 participants.

Number of Participants	Bartenders/ Servers*	Monitors
0-75	1	1
76-150	2	2
151-225	3	3
226-300	4	4

* indicates Smart Serve Certified Staff

The Sudbury FOCUS group has advised that “From a health promotion perspective we are concerned with the recommendation to have only the bar tenders/servers Smart Serve trained and combining the other event workers as monitors.” While the group would accept changing the ratio of staff to event participants, they continue to have concerns that all event staff should have Smart Serve certifications. “Should the municipality decide not to require 100% Smart Serve training of their event staff, workers who are not Smart Serve trained must be equally informed of their potential liability and responsibilities as workers. It should also be made clear that Smart Serve trained workers have supervisory/decision making authority over workers who are not Smart Serve trained.”

The second issue of concern is the restriction currently in place that Special Occasion Permit areas not be allowed in proximity to waterfront areas. There is a direct relationship between alcohol consumption and water accidents and between alcohol consumption and accidents at sporting events. There is a concern that there is an increased level of risk, related to accidental drowning and spinal cord injury should an individual who may be alcohol impaired access the waterfront area or participate in sporting events. In response to specific concerns raised with regards to Summerfest, Dragon Boat Festival and Capreol Days, locations could be added to the list of areas at which Special Occasion Permits are available. While there is a significant increase in risk in allowing these four areas to be eligible for Special Occasion Permits, more onerous requirements for supervision and barriers would be applied to these area to mitigate some of the risks associated with these locations. It would be a condition of the use of these areas that they be double fenced and that the monitors for these events and locations only would be required to have Smart Serve Certification and to actively secure the event perimeter. These staff would be in addition to the off duty

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police officers who major festival organizers are required to have in attendance at their events. Sudbury FOCUS Community Project recommends "that no sporting event participants consume alcohol prior to participating in their event." This would be a responsibility of the event's organizing committee and will be included as such within the Municipal Alcohol Policy.

Accordingly, if Option Two is selected, the policy would be amended to allow the area between the Amphitheatre and the Jim Gordon Boardwalk, the William Bell Gazebo, the Catherine Bell Gazebo and Ella Lake Campgrounds to be sites at which Special Occasion Permits are allowed, subject to the requirements outlined in the paragraph above.

Should Council decide to make changes to the Municipal Alcohol Policy as described in the report above, the Municipal Alcohol Policy would go through the Blue Ribbon Rating process again. We have been advised by Sudbury FOCUS in an e-mail dated May 26, 2004 that we would lose at least 2% off our 92% rating for the reduction in Smart Serve trained staff. Additional points would be lost related to the events held in proximity to waterfront and possibly related to the allowing of glassware.

Due to the large numbers of special events held during the summer months, a timely decision on these proposed changes is recommended. Any further changes to the Municipal Alcohol Policy which may be recommended by the Community Halls Solution Team will be brought forward to Council at a later date.

Request for Recommendation Priorities Committee




Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	June 9, 2004				Report Date	June 2, 2004			
Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	Closed

Report Title
Policy Regarding Use of Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) on Roads located in the Townships of Scadding, Rathbun, Mackelcan, Aylmer, Parkin & Fraleck

Policy Implications + Budget Impact	
<input type="checkbox"/>	This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Background attached

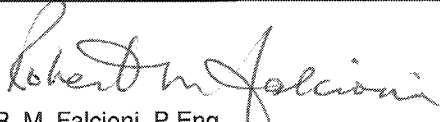
Recommendation	
<p>That a By-law be passed to authorize the use of Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) on roads located in the Townships of Scadding, Rathbun, Mackelcan, Aylmer, Parkin and Fraleck.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendation attached

Recommended by the General Manager
 D. Bélisle General Manager of Public Works

Recommended by the C.A.O.
 M. Mieto Chief Administrative Officer

Date: June 2, 2004

Report Authored By



R. M. Falcioni, P.Eng.
Roads & Drainage Engineer

Division Review

D. Bélisle
General Manager of Public Works

Background

The Province of Ontario passed the *Red Tape Reduction Act* in 1999 which provided enabling legislation to:

- classify off-road vehicles and drivers;
- regulate operation on highways and prescribe conditions; and
- allow municipalities to pass by-laws to define access, lower speed limits and times/seasons of operation for highways under their jurisdiction.

As of July 31, 2003, municipalities were given the authority to determine whether or not off-road vehicles (ORVs) should be allowed access to highways under their authority. Municipalities must put a by-law in place for ORVs to be allowed access to their highways. Municipalities can determine which highways, where on the highway, time of day, and season that ORVs are allowed access. They can also set speed limits that are lower than those set out in the regulation. If a by-law does not exist, ORVs are not allowed access to that municipality's road.

On Tuesday, May 17, a meeting was held with representatives of the North Eastern Tourism and Travel Alliance (NEOTTA) and the Rainbow Routes Tourist and Travel Association. Also present were Councillor Callaghan, the CAO and staff representatives from Planning, Tourism and the Legal Sections. At that time, a request was made to consider a by-law allowing the use of ORVs in the six former unorganized townships of Fraleck, Parkin, Aylmer, Mackelcan, Rathbun and Scadding.

As a result of that meeting, staff have reviewed the legislation and prepared this report to put forward a recommendation for Council's consideration.

There are significant economic benefits that could result from tourists that an ORV friendly city could attract. This type of activity is similar to that of snowmobiles and could give tourist operators, lodge/hotel owners and associated business an additional source of revenue as well as create employment opportunities in the tourist industry.

The six townships identified are mainly crown land and recognized as a tourist recreational area and would benefit from a by-law allowing ORVs on the roads. They would complement the surrounding municipalities of Markstay-Warren, West Nipissing, St. Charles, Noelville, French River, and Killarney that have already passed similar by-laws.

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The roads in these townships are low traffic volume roads and would meet the criteria of the regulation. At this time we would recommend that the by-law would be in effect for one year and include only the roads in these six townships. We would also recommend that there be a series of public meetings with residents throughout the City to see if other areas would support inclusion in this by-law, as well as assess the impact in the six townships. At that time, we would propose that a comprehensive by-law be established to cover all of the City.

Additional road signing may be requested to give direction and location for ORV users and the City will work with the local tourist associations to provide for signing in accordance with City and Provincial standards.

The by-law should, in addition to conforming to the Highway Traffic Act, Ontario Regulation 316/03, include the following regulations.

- that the ORVs be restricted to all roads with an Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) count of less than 5,000 vehicles per day.
- that usage be restricted to one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.
- there would be no night time usage allowed on the roads.
- no restrictions on seasonal use for this temporary period.

Mr. Mark Mieto

May 28, 2004

Chief Administrative Officer
City of Greater Sudbury
P.O. Box 5000, Station "A"
Sudbury, On P3A 5 P3

Dear Mr. Mieto;

RE: NEOTTA Meeting and MTO Regulation 316/03

Thank you for taking the time to meet with the Northeastern Ontario Tourism and Trails Alliance May 17th, regarding the opportunities of ATV Tourism within the City of Greater Sudbury.

Rainbow Country Travel Association is the recognized Tourism Association for the regions of Sudbury, Parry Sound and Manitoulin. As such, we are eager to assist in the development and promotion of new tourism products, of which ATV touring is one. On behalf of our Association, I would encourage the City of Greater Sudbury to consider adopting MTO Regulation 316/03 in order to allow ATV's to be legally driven on any or all municipal roads.

Being that the City is so large, and the ATV touring product relatively new, it may be appropriate to endorse a 'pilot project' which would allow ATV's to use the thirty three kilometres of trails in the townships of Scadding, Rathbun, MacKelcan, Alymer, Parkin and Fraleck. By authorizing ATV's to legally use the municipal roads in the aforementioned areas, we would be in a position to take advantage of, and increase the economic benefit of those ATV tourists who come to this area to ride.

At this time, Sportsman's Lodge is the only tourism business which caters to the ATV rider in this six townships area. However by adopting Bill 316 the City would be in an excellent position to monitor and expand All Terrain Vehicle tourism.

It may be of interest to note that the City of Greater Sudbury is surrounded by many ATV friendly communities which have already adopted Regulation 316. Espanola, Killarney/French River, Noelville/St. Charles, West Nipissing and Markstay/Warren, all provide ATV corridors into our region, while the area to the north is primarily crown land.

Should Rainbow Country be of any assistance in your deliberations, please feel free to call.

Sincerely;

Erin Downey
Executive Director
RCTA

c.c. Ted Callaghan