

**THE FOURTH PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING BUSINESS LICENSING
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Tuesday, November 30th, 2004
Commencement: 7:00 p.m.
Adjournment: 9:10 p.m.**

COUNCILLOR LYNNE REYNOLDS, IN THE CHAIR

Present _____ Councillor Bradley

Staff _____ R. Swiddle, Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor; R. Clouthier, Manager, North Customer Service Centres & Libraries; T. Mowry, City Clerk; A. Haché, Deputy City Clerk; M. Burtch, Licensing and Assessment Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary

Others _____ Constable Marc Brunette, Greater Sudbury Police Service; Constable Dan Despatie, Greater Sudbury Police Service; Brian Jarrett, Greater Sudbury Police Service; J. Willmott, Greater Sudbury Police Service; Bud Jensen, Business Watch International

Welcome and Opening Remarks _____ The Chair welcomed everyone to the Public Meeting and briefly explained that the Committee would hear input from the public tonight and take their comments into consideration when completing the revisions to the by-laws.

Public Hearing _____ **The Business Licensing Committee meeting was adjourned and the Public Hearing was opened.**

Jerry O'Brien, GamExperts _____ Jerry O'Brien of GamExperts stated his interest was in By-law 2004-354 respecting the licensing, regulating and inspecting of retailers of second hand goods including pawnbrokers and salvage yards. He stated he is satisfied with certain sections of the by-law and not certain other sections as they will not be fair to the less fortunate using pawnshops. He also stated he is pleased with the implementation of the computerized system (automated reporting system) as he feels it will be easier to find stolen products. He further stated that, because of the holdback clause has been increased, they will need more space available to hold product for people rebuying it. They are being forced to make changes to their stores and this may be unfair as they are currently a legal operation. He also indicated that children are coming in with electronic games and suggested a clause be added that they be accompanied by an adult.

Overview of
Licensing By-laws

The Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor gave a brief electronic overview of the licensing by-laws being reviewed; which by-laws expire on December 31st, 2004. He also indicated that after July 1st, 2005, certain trades would only require a Provincial License and which time some amendments to the By-law would be required. He further stated that licence fees can not exceed the cost of administration and enforcement; however, Council may choose to set a fee lower than the cost. He also indicated that one fee to cover all inspections for an initial license was being proposed, with a new lower fee for renewals. Fees would be payable in one amount at the Clerk's Office or Citizen Service Centre, making processing simpler for the public. He also reviewed the By-law requiring the registration of certain business that will no longer require licenses. He indicated that after this meeting, the Committee and Staff will review the comments received tonight and the final revisions would be brought to Council on December 16th, 2004. All revised by-laws would come into effect on January 1st, 2005.

The Public Hearing concerning this matter was closed and the Business Licensing Committee Meeting resumed.

Fee Comparison

The Committee reviewed the proposed fees for each by-law and made changes as set out in the attached licensing fees chart. **(COPY ATTACHED)**

Councillor Reynolds read the letter she received from Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce regarding licencing fees.

The following recommendation was presented:

2004-07 Bradley-Reynolds: That this Committee hereby recommends the passage of draft By-laws 2004-350 to and including 2004-355, as amended to reflect comments received, to come into effect on January 1st, 2005.

CARRIED

Adjournment

2004-08 Bradley-Reynolds: That we do now adjourn.
Time: 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Lynn Reynolds, Chair

Secretary

ATTACHMENTS 1) Licensing Fees Chart, as amended by the Committee
2) List of other amendments made to draft By-laws.