

## THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE JUNCTION CREEK SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square

May 26, 2008  
Commencement: 4:00 p.m.

### COUNCILLOR LANDRY-ALTMANN IN THE CHAIR

#### Present

Councillor Cimino

Allison Muckle, Junction Creek Stewardship Committee; Liette Vasseur, Nickel District Conservation Authority; Paul Sajatovic, Nickel District Conservation Authority; T. Zimmerman, Greater Sudbury Police Services; B. Battison, Deputy Fire Chief; Ron Norton; Drainage Engineer; Ghislaine Goudreau, Sudbury and District Health Unit; Tina Skjonsby-McKinnon, Sudbury and District Health Unit; Fern Bourque

#### Staff

Angie Haché, City Clerk; Franca Bortolussi, Council Secretary

#### Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

### TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The Committee discussed each Sub-committees Terms of Reference and their recommended actions.

#### Communications/ Education

#### COMMUNICATIONS/EDUCATION

Term of Reference #1: Develop public education campaigns and awareness materials which promote water safety near bodies of water including interactive displays, pamphlets and swift water demonstrations

#### Recommended Actions:

- ▶ Create a pamphlet/brochure to deliver to residents in the Junction Creek area including a map and information regarding swift water as opposed to lake water, cold water, different creek bottoms, risks, the use of hipwaders as opposed to rubber boots. It can also be distributed to schools and Sudbury Housing during high water times.
- ▶ Create an enhancement to the *Risk Watch Program*
- ▶ Develop an interactive event with the Health Unit at the Water Festival, which is geared to Grade 3 students, to demonstrate different creek bottoms, instability of slopes and swift water. Also, the students can jump across different distances to have them realize their limitations
- ▶ link to SDHU webpage - Smart Risk

Term of Reference #2: Develop a communication strategy which

targets schools and homes in localities near water bodies

Communications/ Education  
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Recommended Actions:

- ▶ *Risk Watch Program* enhancement targets Grade 5 students and they are involved in the development of this enhancement
- ▶ City-wide contest with prizes for a poster created by Grade 5 students
- ▶ Provide information indicating the dangers of swift and cold water with commercials showing dangers in the spring with high waters
- ▶ Have teachers provide information and students prepare the ads
- ▶ Brainstorm on different hazards with creeks and create a diorama showing different slopes and bottoms
- ▶ Have posters, buttons, brochures (Microsoft publisher) to deliver messages

Terms of Reference #3: Encourage agencies to deliver joint safety messages and programs

Recommended Actions:

- ▶ NDCA can rework their spring water safety program to include information regarding creeks
- ▶ Have a common messages such as "Child in Water"
- ▶ Have Fire Services do a 'Chief's Message' on the hazards of the water in the creek which is a public service announcement usually on the radio
- ▶ Have Fire Services up-date their colouring book
- ▶ Have NDCA add school boards to the list to advise of potential hazards
- ▶ Have Health Unit include information in their brochures and on their website
- ▶ Have information included in the City's newsletter and website
- ▶ Have information included in Junction Creek Stewardship Committee

Terms of Reference #4: Hold public consultation session(s) in affected area(s) to gain input from citizens to assist in short and long term measures

Recommended Actions:

- ▶ Public consultation session was held on April 17, 2008 with the following input:
  - ▶ Program with Adam's name
  - ▶ Diver's team - OPP has a team which is for recovery not rescue

Infrastructure

INFRASTRUCTURE

Terms of Reference #1: Review infrastructure criteria including safety grates at water crossings, storm drainage inputs and examine potential safety measures along the route of the creek such as landscaping, buffer areas, fencing, signage and water course restoration

Infrastructure  
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Recommended Actions:

- ▶ There is no requirement for safety grates across open channels and is not recommended as they should be kept open for water flow and grating can cause blockage
- ▶ Develop a criteria (engineering and rescue) for the location of anchor pins
- ▶ Include the east branch of Junction Creek in the Storm Water Management Study to be done in 2009
- ▶ Have pool at Supermall fenced
- ▶ Signage
  - ▶ international sign
  - ▶ have at children's eye level along the creek
  - ▶ yellow/black colours
  - ▶ show signage in brochure
- ▶ Develop a 'grocery cart' campaign

Terms of Reference #2: Explore associated problems such as the effect of new development on existing water bodies

Recommended Actions:

- ▶ Martindale Road - develop trail
- ▶ Fabricland - clean up trail and maintain

Terms of Reference #3: Explore actual and future climate warming effects on existing water bodies.

Recommended Actions:

- ▶ Junction Creek Stewardship Committee monitors water temperature along the creek monthly
- ▶ Visit sites at different times of the year

Safety-Rescue

SAFETY/RESCUE

Terms of Reference #1: Identify the rescue agencies\programs and recommendations

Recommended Actions:

- ▶ Fire Services, Police Services, EMS, Public Works, Media, Red Cross, North Shore Search and Rescue, Emergency Measures Ontario

Terms of Reference #2: Identify the rescue agencies that can directly and indirectly affect the rescue effort in a direct\indirect role

Recommended Actions:

- ▶ all agencies should work together

Terms of Reference #3: Develop programs to interact and practice with other agencies; i.e. Police Services, Emergency Medical Services

Safety-Rescue  
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Recommended Actions:

- ▶ identify access points
- ▶ radio, common code, weather advisory codes
- ▶ communication problem between Larch Street ingress and egress

Emergency Services requested that they assist in the prioritizing in any of the accepted recommendations.

Possible Future Actions

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- ▶ establishing a Round Table to deal with dumping in Junction Creek
- ▶ applying recommendations to other waterbodies

It was noted that a presentation will be made to the Priorities Committee on June 18, 2008 and that Councillor Cimino will be working with Lansdowne Public School during the summer on the enhancement to the *Risk Watch Program*.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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ANGIE HACHE, CITY CLERK

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