

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NOISE BY-LAW AD HOC COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Committee Room C-11
Tom Davies Square**

**Thursday, June 25, 2009
Commencement: 4:09 p.m.**

Chair

ANGIE HACHÉ, CITY CLERK, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Rivest; Callaghan; Caldarelli

City Officials

R. Swiddle, City Solicitor; A. Haché, City Clerk; Julian Cosentino, Law Student; F. Bortolussi, Council Secretary

Item 1
Appointment of
Priorities
Committee Chair and
Vice-Chair

Nominations were held for the position of **Committee Chair**.

NOMINATOR

NOMINEE

Councillor Callaghan

Councillor Caldarelli

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Councillor Caldarelli accepted the nomination.

The following recommendation was presented:

2009-01 Callaghan-Rivest: THAT Councillor Caldarelli be appointed Vice-Chair of the Noise By-law Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR

Nominations were held for the position of **Committee Vice-Chair**.

NOMINATOR

NOMINEE

Councillor Rivest

Councillor Callaghan

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Councillor Callaghan accepted the nomination.

The following recommendation was presented:

2009-02 Rivest-Caldarelli: THAT Councillor Callaghan be appointed Vice-Chair of the Noise By-law Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED

Item 2
Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

MANAGERS' REPORTS

Item 3
General Discussion on
Work Plan

The City Solicitor advised that there are two ways the Committee can proceed with the proposed by-law. One way is to prepare a draft by-law and then hold a public input meeting and the other way is to hold a public input meeting first and then draft a by-law taking into consideration the public input.

The City Solicitor has received inquiries from the public asking when the matter is dealt with. He advised there are presently approximately twenty Noise By-laws from the former municipalities with some areas having no by-laws (new amalgamated townships). He stated there are several issues that come up everywhere such as snowplowing.

The City Solicitor explained how the by-law will be structured. One part of the by-law will be a list of prohibited noises that can be measured by way of a subjective test (if disturbing neighbours) or objective test (with decibel readings). The second part of the by-law will be a list of events permitted at certain times. The third part of the by-law will be a list of things that are allowed with permission of Council (i.e. construction work). He suggested this be delegated to Staff subject to consultation with the Ward Councillor(s).

The Committee agreed with the City Solicitor recommendation that the Committee hear from the public before preparing the draft by-law. They further agreed that the public meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2009 and advertisements will be placed in local newspapers and provided to all Council Members and the Community Action Networks.

The Committee requested that the City Solicitor provide them with copies of the noise by-laws previously drafted. Councillor Callaghan distributed to each Committee Member a few copies of sample by-laws he collected.

Adjournment

2009-03 Caldarelli-Rivest: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.
Time: 4:48 p.m.

Councillor Caldarelli, Chair

Angie Haché, City Clerk