


**Request for Decision
City Council**

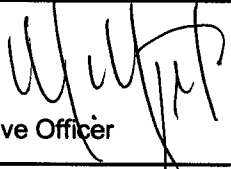


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Report Title
Parking for War Pensioners

Budget Impact / Policy Implication		Recommendation	
This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.			
		It is recommended that free parking passes be issued to the War Pensioners of Sudbury for a one-year trial period.	
X	Background Attached		Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department

 Doug Nadrozny
 General Manager of Growth & Development

Recommended by the C.A.O.

 Mark Mieto
 Chief Administrative Officer

Date: June 23, 2006

Report Prepared By	Division Review
 Roger Sauye Director of Transit	Name Title

Executive Summary

As directed by City Council, a report is being brought forward responding to the request by War Pensioners for free parking. After meetings with the Committee, staff are recommending a free parking pass program for War Pensioners on a trial basis.

Background

The Sudbury Branch of the War Pensioners of Canada has requested free parking for its members from the City of Greater Sudbury.

Fred Vincent, Pension Officer, indicates that the cost to the City would be minimal as there are only 100 members in the City and most of those no longer drive.

As a result of 2005 being declared "The Year of the Veteran", municipalities such as Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie, London and Toronto have implemented a free veteran parking program. For the most part, these parking exemptions have been limited to a one-year period. The one-year period has provided a benefit to veterans as well as allowed enough time to determine the effects the parking exemption has on parking operations.

City staff has met with War Pensioners representatives on several occasions over the past few months to review possible options. One option was to use the veteran licence plates with the poppy as identification for free parking. After reviewing the eligibility criteria required to obtain these plates the War Pensioners representatives were adamant that this option not be considered as it did not properly reflect their request. This option would open the program to too many people and would certainly lead to the failure of the program.

The War Pensioners and staff recommend that a pass be developed and issued to the members of the War Pensioners. The pass shall be placed on the dash of a car and will allow members four (4) hours free parking at meters and metered lots and free parking in all other City lots. Only those members appearing on a list provided by the War Pensioners shall be eligible for a pass. Representatives of the War Pensioners shall ensure that the membership list is updated regularly.

Staff recommends a one year trial period.

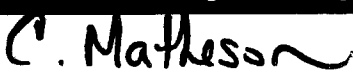
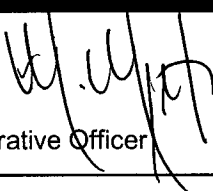
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Report Title
ODSP participating in OW Employment Support

Budget Impact / Policy Implication		Recommendation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report has been reviewed by the Finance		
<p>The one time funding of \$90,000 to build capacity in the Employment Support Service program is 100% Provincial Funding.</p> <p>There is no impact to the current budget.</p>		<p>That council authorize the expenditure of one time funding from Ministry of Community and Social Services in the amount of \$90,000 in accordance with the proposals set out in the attached report..</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Background Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department	Recommended by the C.A.O.
 Catherine Matheson General Manager Community Development	 Mark Mieto Chief Administrative Officer

Report Prepared By	Division Review
Vivienne Martin Manager of Employment Support Services	Harold Duff Director, Social Services

Background

The Social Service Division delivers mandated employment supports for the Ministry of Community and Social Services. On April 1st, 2006 new criteria was established to link additional ODSP dependants to Ontario Works employment support offered through the Social Service Division.

Statistics

- At present the City of Greater Sudbury monthly ODSP caseload consists of 4721 benefit units, it is projected to grow by 3% or 142 benefit units yearly.
- There are 145 dependant adults and 658 spouses
- Caseloads remain in receipt of ODSP financial assistance for an average of 116 months or 9 and half years.
- Overall 8% or 377 benefit units each month declare \$628 in earnings.

Since 2002 the Social Service Division has worked with a monthly average of 70 ODSP participants who requested and/or qualified for Employment Assistance. Activities included community placements, basic education activities, employment placements with incentives, job specific skills training and LEAP. In addition to referrals employment related expenses were also provided.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services indicates that the standard for Ontario Works delivery agents, under the current funding envelope, has been that a minimum of 10% of participants in receipt of employment assistance would be ODSP recipients. At present 3.9% of the current OW employment assistance caseload are ODSP recipients.

Capacity Building

The Ministry of Community and Social Services has announced that one time funding of \$90,000 to build capacity will be provided to support the transition toward the target of a monthly average of 421 ODSP participants engaged in employment assistance through Ontario Works. The Social Service Division has reviewed the immediate and emerging needs to ensure staff are equipped to provide employment planning to individuals who have had a long detachment from the work force.

The funding will be allocated as follows:

Technology

Estimate \$25,000

To support the implementation of service delivery in the community from which a participant resides (Rayside Balfour/Onaping Falls, Valley East/Capreol, Lively and Garson) funding will be directed toward the purchase of lap tops and docking stations.

Training

Estimate \$15,000

Understanding long term social assistance dependency and how to engage participants in planning and working toward self sufficiency requires sensitivity training to ensure staff who will work with these participants are aware of the challenges and best practices. Opportunity to participate in the training will be extended to the Employment Assistance staff at the local ODSP office.

- First Nations Training: Training for 20 to 25 staff who work with First Nations clients. The historical context of the First Nations culture and their needs will be discussed.,
- Prevention in Motion Training for 20 to 25 staff who work with participants facing abuse (child, spousal, sexual, self inflicted) issues and how to begin dialogue and engage participants in seeking support from the appropriate community agency.
- Beyond Labels Training for 20 to 25 staff who work with participants coping with mental health issues, addiction issues or who are in recovery.
- Learning Disabilities Training for 15 to 20 staff who work with hard to employ; an opportunity to understand effects, signs and strategies to work with individuals who suffer from subtle and pronounced learning disabilities from a field expert
- Program design Staff assigned to design, develop and implement the strategies and processes developed to work with this group will attend training; professional seminars and specific targeted training.

Tools (Resource Library and Assessment tool)

Estimate \$40,000

- 1. Resource Library \$ 2,000 Purchase of specific resume books, interview techniques,
- 2. Assessment Tool \$38,000 Purchase of technology based assessment tools

Compliance with the Ontario Disability Act

Estimate \$10,000

To comply with the Ontario Disability Act the Division must create accessible space for individuals who may have physical barriers and require wheel chair accessibility, accommodation for computer access, hearing and vision difficulties etc. This will ensure that those dependants and spouses who can voluntarily participate are able to meet with the appropriate staff.

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Estimated Municipal Savings

This Chart Identifies the total financial contribution paid to individuals who fall into the new employment program for ODSP.

Fiscal Year Allocation	2006- 07	2007-08
80% Provincial Contribution	\$388,452	\$556,521
20% Municipal contribution	\$97,113	\$139,130
Total Savings Target	\$485,565	\$695,651

The Ministry of Community and Social Services has agreed to return to municipalities 50% of savings generated by this initiative.

Provincial Calculation	2006-07	2007-08
Provincial Contribution will be shared 50/50	\$388,452	\$556,521
projected provincial savings	\$194,226	\$278,260

The criteria for the spending of these savings will be for re-investment in human service needs yet to be defined by the province

Projected Reinvestment envelope	2006-07	2007-08
20% Municipal contribution	\$97,113	\$139,130
projected provincial savings	\$194,226	\$278,260
Total savings to be reinvested in Ontario Works through Employment Assistance budget	\$291,339	\$417,390

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Report Title
Sustainable Strategy for Emergency Shelters and Homelessness Initiatives

Budget Impact / Policy Implication	Recommendation
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.</p> <p>Policy Implications: The expenditure of these funds is consistent with the scope of the City's Homelessness Initiatives and enhances the capacity to support homeless individuals and families while the funds remain available and the Community Solutions Team develops a recommended strategy.</p> <p>Budget Impact: The Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) and the Regional Homelessness Fund (RHF) are enhancements to the 2006 and 2007 budget until March 31, 2007. Both programs are funded 100% by the Federal government.</p>	<p>That recommendations one to three be approved to ensure that Emergency Shelter Services continue while the Community Solutions Team develops a report to Council.</p>
Background Attached	Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department	Recommended by the C.A.O.
<p><i>C. Matheson</i></p> <p>Catherine Matheson General Manager, Community Development</p>	<p><i>M. Mieto</i></p> <p>Mark Mieto Chief Administrative Officer</p>

Date: June 21, 2006

Report Prepared By	Division Review
 Mary Murdoch, Co-ordinator of Emergency Shelters and Homelessness Initiatives	 Harold Duff, Director of Social Services

Background

At their meeting June 14th 2006, Council reactivated the Community Solutions Team on Homelessness Initiatives to develop a realigned community plan for outreach services for emergency shelters and homelessness initiatives. In consultation with the Community Solutions Team, it is recommended that the following recommendations be approved immediately.

- 1. Recommended that the City's current commitment to act as the Community Entity be extended to March 31, 2007 to administer the Supporting Communities Partnerships Initiative (SCPI) funding by entering into an agreement with Service Canada.**

The City of Greater Sudbury is the Entity, that has over the past six years, administered funding to agencies and organizations through the Federal Government's National Homelessness Initiative's Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI). The mandate of this Initiative was to expire March 31, 2006; however, on November 22, 2005, the Federal government announced a one-year extension. The City of Greater Sudbury has been advised informally that the funding allocation for April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007 will be \$226,189. A detailed plan that addresses the prevention of homelessness in the City of Greater Sudbury, targeting the community priorities, must be forwarded to Service Canada and subsequently approved by the National Secretariat on Homelessness. The Community Advisory Committee for Homelessness Initiatives has updated the City's Community Plan.

- 2. Recommended that the Community Plan for the period January 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007, and the subsequent Action Plan be approved.**

After reviewing prioritized services in the community, funding requirements and available funding, the Community Advisory Committee for Homelessness Initiatives made the following recommendations for the allocation of funding:

- operational top-up dollars for shelter services, and
- outreach support services which target the placement of persons who are homeless in affordable housing and provide assistance to those who are at risk of becoming homeless.

The funding will be allocated using the Request for Proposal (RFP) process in accordance with the federal requirements for our Community Plan.

3. Recommended that the City of Greater Sudbury enter into an agreement with Service Canada to administer the Regional Homelessness Fund.

The City of Greater Sudbury has also received verbal notification that there is to be a one-time funding allocation from the Regional Homelessness Fund to provide services to homeless youth in the amount of \$120,000 for the period April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007. This project, once approved by the National Secretariat on Homelessness, will be a short-term pilot project to determine if intensive case management does help homeless youth move out of the cycle of homelessness.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) process in accordance with federal requirements will begin upon approval by the National Secretariat on Homelessness to ensure that the available funding is accessed.

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Report Title
Sudbury Community Arena 2006 Operational Surplus

Budget Impact / Policy Implication		Recommendation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.	
	It is anticipated that the \$140,000 can be absorbed by the 2006 operational budget for the Sudbury Community Arena.	THAT Council authorize the relocation/ renovation of the new Events Lounge in the estimated amount of \$140,000 funded from the 2006 Sudbury Community Arena operational budget.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Background Attached	Recommendation Continued



Recommended by the Department

C. Matheson
Catherine Matheson
General Manager of Community Development

Recommended by the C.A.O.

M. Mieta
Mark Mieta
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: June 28, 2006

Report Prepared By	Division Review
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BACKGROUND

In the spring of 2007, the Sudbury Wolves Hockey Club will be investing \$1.5 million in the construction of the Corporate Suites and Lounge Area on the north side of the arena. This project will also include the construction of new washrooms on the upper concourse. Due to this expansion, the existing Events Lounge room will be eliminated and must be relocated to the old "Taylor Sport Area" located on the West end of the main lobby. All major event venues require an Events Lounge area for the Artist and promoters to relax and eat their meals. This room is an integral part of hosting events. In addition to the room being used for concerts and shows, the Events Lounge will be used as a multi-purpose facility for rentals and for special events and tournaments.

The funding for the construction of a new events lounge would come from the additional revenue generated from this season's Wolves playoff and events successes. To date, the Sudbury Arena is anticipating a positive budget variance of \$140,000. This trend of operational surplus in the Sudbury Community Arena is expected to continue to year end as there are several events planned in the near future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In 2005 Council approved the construction of a new Family Washroom from the operational surplus generated from an increase in shows and events.

It is recommended that Council approve the cost in relocating/renovating the Events Lounge estimated at an approximate cost of \$140,000. It is anticipated that this cost can be absorbed by the 2006 operational budget for the Sudbury Community Arena.