

**THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE  
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, January 26, 2005  
Commencement: 7:04 p.m.**

Chair

**COUNCILLOR CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Bradley; Craig (D 8:45 pm); Dupuis; Gainer; Gasparini; Kett; Reynolds; Rivest; Thompson; Mayor Courtemanche

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Growth & Development; A. Stephen, General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services; G. Clausen, Director of Engineering Services; R. Swiddle, City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services; I. Davidson, Chief of Police, Greater Sudbury Police Service; Insp. E. Toffoli, Greater Sudbury Police Service; G. Lamothe, Manager of Corporate Communications & French Language Services; P. Demers, Community Relations and Policy Advisor; N. Beynon, Project Co-ordinator of Community Diversity; T. Mowry, City Clerk; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Le Voyageur, Northern Life

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gasparini declared a conflict regarding Item 6 (National Child Benefit Workplan 2005) as she is Executive Director of the Social Planning Council of Sudbury.

**PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Item 2  
Nickel Centre CPAC  
COP

A verbal presentation by the Nickel Centre Citizens' Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) regarding the implementation of a Citizens on Patrol (COP) group for the communities of Wahnapiatae, Coniston, Garson, Falconbridge and Skead was received.

Mr. Doug Cross, Chairman and Mr. Len Gervais, Secretary of the Nickel Centre Citizens' Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) gave a verbal presentation to the Priorities Committee regarding the implementation of a Citizens on Patrol (COP) group. They explained that COP is a mobile neighbourhood watch, an example of proactive policing soliciting community involvement which would address the policing problems of Ward 4 (Wahnapiatae, Coniston, Garson, Falconbridge and Skead).

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Nickel Centre CPAC  
COP  
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They stated that this program is used extensively across Ontario and Canada with outstanding results and are looking to the Greater Sudbury Police Services to assume a leadership role in its support and implementation.

Chief Davidson advised the Committee that Greater Sudbury Police Services' staff has met with Risk Management staff and was advised that liability could be an issue. Chief Davidson also felt that because of the geographical area of the City of Greater Sudbury, response time could be delayed, and that the safety of the volunteers could be an issue. He also stated that the Greater Sudbury Police Services is interested in the program and would like to meet with CPAC to review further options.

Councillor Thompson advised that Councillor Bradley, Chief of Police Davidson, Greater Sudbury Police Services' staff, CPAC and himself would meet to review the implementation of a COP program in Ward 4.

Firearms By-law

The Chair advised that the Firearms By-law had been removed from the draft Priorities Agenda, and with the concurrence of the Committee, requested that staff prepare a report outlining options for a process in seeking public input on a new Firearms By-law.

Item 3  
Community Diversity  
Advisory Panel

Report dated 2005-01-19, with attachments, from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Community Diversity Advisory Panel was received.

Ms. Kerry Assiniwe, Acting Chair of the Community Diversity Advisory Panel gave an electronic presentation outlining the mandate of the Panel, overview of their accomplishments, why Diversity Thrives Here! was developed, the history of the group, and future developments.

**RECOMMENDATION 2005-04: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:**

WHEREAS Council passed a resolution (2004-649) for a report to be prepared by January 13, 2005 that includes proposed membership structure and workplan;

AND WHEREAS more than three hundred (300) people have attended the various community engagement events of the Working Group;

AND WHEREAS at the Diversity Summit held on November 26-27, 2004, more than twenty-five (25) Community Leaders volunteered to prepare a Diversity Plan for our community.

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Community Diversity  
Advisory Panel  
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Community Diversity Advisory Panel of 16-20 members be established with the possibility of establishing task forces/sub-committees, and that the community members as outlined in the report dated 2005-01-19 be appointed as the Advisory Panel members from January 2005 to June 2005;

AND FURTHER THAT the Community Diversity Advisory Panel Terms of References cited below be accepted as such;

AND FURTHER THAT the attached Advisory Panel Model structure be accepted;

AND FURTHER THAT the Advisory Panel complete the 9 phases of developing the Diversity Plan, with the final phase being a presentation of the Diversity Plan to City Council on June 30, 2005.

**CARRIED**

**RECOMMENDATION 2005-05: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:**

THAT the following community members be appointed to the **Community Diversity Advisory Panel** for the term ending June 30, 2005 or until such time as their successors are appointed:

Kerry Assiniwe	Nancy Cada
Jim Eshkawkogan	Scott Fisher
Tom Fitzgerald	Genevieve Gibbons
Rosie Graffi	Josée Guimond
Shirley Honyust	Dr. Rayuda Koka
Terra MacPhail	David Mensour
Niranjan Mishra	Polly Rutenberg
Marc Tassé	Rob Thirkill
Juliette Wemigwans	Nancy Recollet

**CARRIED**

Item 4  
Lot Grading Policy

Report dated 2005-01-05, with attachments, from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Endorsement of Proposed Lot Grading Policy, Design Guidelines and Requirements for Lot Grading Professionals was received.

Mr. Greg Clausen, Director of Engineering Services gave an electronic presentation entitled "Lot Grading Policy and Design Guidelines and Requirements for Lot Grading Professionals". The presentation outlined the Lot Grading Policy, explained proper lot grading for individual lots and/or subdivisions, a brief history, and the implementation of the proposed Lot Grading Policy.

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Lot Grading Policy  
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The following recommendation was presented:

Berthiaume: THAT City Council endorse the proposed Lot Grading Policy, Design Guidelines and Requirements for Lot Grading Professionals as outlined in the report from the General Manager of Public Works dated January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Amendment to the Recommendation

Councillor Rivest requested the following amendment to the foregoing recommendation:

2005-06 Rivest: THAT the Policy be amended to provide an exception for severance applications.

**DEFEATED**

Main Recommendation

**RECOMMENDATION 2005-07: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:**

THAT City Council endorse the proposed Lot Grading Policy, Design Guidelines and Requirements for Lot Grading Professionals as outlined in the report from the General Manager of Public Works dated January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**CARRIED**

## **MANAGERS' REPORTS**

Item 5  
Curfew By-laws

Report dated 2005-01-18 from the Executive Director of Administrative Support Services regarding Curfew By-laws was received.

**RECOMMENDATION 2005-08: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:**

THAT the Priorities Committee recommend to Council that the existing Curfew By-laws from the former Municipalities be repealed and not replaced.

**CARRIED**

Item 6  
National Child Benefit Workplan 2005

Report dated 2005-01-07, with attachments, from the General Manager of Community Development regarding National Child Benefit Workplan 2005 was received.

**RECOMMENDATION 2005-09: Moved by Councillor Bradley:**

WHEREAS the National Child Benefit (NCB) reinvestment fund was created with municipal savings from the clawback of the National Child Benefit allowance from families receiving Ontario Works and ODSP benefits;

AND WHEREAS the 2005 projected fund will be approximately \$800,000;

AND WHEREAS National Child Benefit funding is a dedicated fund which must be spent on child and family support programs in accordance with Provincial and Federal objectives and directives;

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National Child Benefit  
Workplan 2005  
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AND WHEREAS the National Child Benefit Plan for 2005 has responded to the key recommendations put forth in the community consultation and outlines a plan for allocations for NCB dollars;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached 2005 National Child Benefit Workplan as submitted be accepted and that the appropriate by-law be passed.

**CARRIED**

Declaration of  
Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gasparini, having declared a pecuniary interest in the foregoing matter, did not take part in the discussion, vote on any matter or try to influence the vote in respect thereof.

Item 7  
Abbreviated  
Procedures - Low  
Income Families -  
Child Care Subsidies

Report dated 2005-01-10 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Abbreviated Procedures - Determination of Available Income of Low Income Families Applying for Child Care Subsidies was received.

**RECOMMENDATION 2005-10: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) Ontario Child Care Service Management (OCCSM) Guidelines provide municipalities the ability to adopt an abbreviated application procedure for low income families applying for subsidized child care; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government recently announced its intention to change to an income-based assessment system for child care subsidy which would see all families earning under \$25,000 per year fully qualify for child care subsidy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change would assist a small number of low income families who currently are not eligible for the abbreviated procedure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the revised Abbreviated Procedures for the Determination of Available Income policy and guidelines as described in the Council Report dated January 10, 2005 be adopted by Council.

**CARRIED**

Adjournment

**RECOMMENDATION 2005-11: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 9:10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Caldarelli, Chair

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Thom Mowry, City Clerk