

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

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2005
Commencement: 7:05 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Callaghan; Craig; Dupuis; Gainer; Gasparini; Kett; Reynolds; Rivest; Thompson (D9:50pm); 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. Lamothe, Manager of Corporate Communications & French Language Services; P. Demers, Community Relations and Policy Advisor; D. Donaldson, Fire Chief; R. Carre, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services; C. Gore, Manager of Volunteerism & Community Development; C. Dent, Community Development Officer; D. Della Vedova, Community Development Officer; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; T. Mowry, City Clerk; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Northern Life; Sudbury News Now

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Item 2
Fire Service Public
Fees

Report dated 2005-05-19, with attachments, from the General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services regarding Fire Service Public Fees was received.

A copy of the draft by-law was received for information only.

Mr. Stephen gave an electronic presentation which indicated the three reasons for bringing an amended by-law forward:

- existing fire fees by-law must be modified and enhanced
- under the Municipal Act, notification is required twenty-one days prior to a public meeting
- Council's final recommendation is required after the public meeting

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Fees
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Mr. Stephen advised that there were also three purposes to a new by-law:

- the new by-law will develop behavioural modification
- allow for cost recovery
- generate revenue (every response to a false alarm has a cost)

He then broke down the proposed fee structure into three categories and presented the various options. He indicated that Committee direction was required as to which options to include in the draft by-law and that public input would be required on the draft by-law.

Administration & Fire
Prevention Options

1) Administration and Fire Prevention: file searches, copies of letters, inspection fees, FOI requests, etc.

Option: to approve the inflationary changes.

The Committee directed that the above option be included in the draft Fire Services user fees.

Motor Vehicle Collision
Options

2) Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC):

Option 1: Allow Fire Service to bill the policy owner when our services are required at an MVC.

Option 2: Allow Fire Services to directly bill the insurance company that underwrites the policy when our services are required at an MVC.

Option 3: Status quo - no charge other than to the Province.

The Committee directed that **Option 2** be included in the draft Fire Services user fees.

Fire Alarm System
Options

3) Fire Alarm Systems:

a) Fee Structure:

Option 1: False fire alarms - Type 1 - Fees shall be billed to the owner of the building where there is a response to the same municipal address on more than two occasions within a 30-day period, if the alarm was preventable.

Option 2: False fire alarms Type 1 & Type 2 - Fees shall be billed to the owner of the building in an incremental fashion for every subsequent false alarm where there is a response to the same municipal address within a defined time frame.

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A higher fee system for Type 2 false alarms shall be billed to the owner of the building where they are testing the alarm system, but yet they do not notify the monitoring system and/or Fire Services they are testing the alarm.

Fire Alarm Systems
Options
(continued)

The Committee directed that **Option 2** be included in the draft Fire Services user fees.

b) Billing Methodology:

Option 1: Allow Fire Services to bill the building owner when our services are required at a call deemed to be a preventable false alarm.

Option 2: Allow Fire Services to bill the building owner when our services are required at a call deemed to be test of an alarm system and we were not notified.

Option 3: Allow Fire Services to bill the building owner when our services are required at a call deemed to be either a preventable false alarm or a test of the system where we were not notified.

Option 4: Status quo - no charges.

The Committee directed that **Option 3** be included in the draft Fire Services user fees.

Foam Charge
Options

Foam Charges:

Option: Allow Fire Services to bill the insurance companies directly for any foam used at a fire where they underwrite the insurance for that property.

The Committee directed that the above option be included in the draft Fire Services user fees.

Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION 2005-35: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT staff be directed to give notice in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Act, 2001 and City's Notice By-law, of the proposal to pass a fire fees by-law in the form attached to this Report;

AND THAT the proposed By-law be brought back to Council for its consideration at the appropriate time.

CARRIED

Item 3
Adanac Park Master
Plan & Business Plan

Report dated 2005-05-16 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Final Draft - Adanac Park Master Plan & Business Plan was received.

“Adanac Park Master Plan & Business Plan - Final Report - May 11, 2005” was received under separate cover.

Councillor Gasparini introduced Mr. Steve Langlois, Monteith Brown Planning Consultants and Mr. Dan Matthews, President, D.R. Matthews & Associates to the Committee.

Mr. Langlois gave an electronic presentation where he indicated that the purpose of the project was to establish a “vision”, a strategy, and priorities for the development of Adanac Park and Hill.

He expanded on the various activities that would be implemented at the facility (skiing, tubing, snowboarding, skateboarding, BMX/free riding, mountain biking). Mr. Langlois listed the key items to be considered for the development of the Park (functional chair lift, new chalet, terrain, access to the site, public interest).

He also stated that the study process occurred from October 2004 to May 2005 where community groups were engaged, public meetings were held and the draft and final reports were prepared.

He advised that the public indicated that all of the hill-based elements should be developed at the same time but would accept a phased development approach over not re-opening the hill at all. He then listed the recommended concepts for the various areas of the development.

Mr. Matthews further expanded on the various concepts to be considered by the Committee. He also gave a breakdown of the estimated operating and capital costs, the total project budget with three options to consider:

Option A: Winter facility and refurbishing existing chair lift totaling \$1,696,973.00

Option B: Winter facility and installing a used triple chair lift totaling \$1,820,973.00

Option C: Winter facility and installing a new quad chair lift totaling \$2,726,173.00

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Plan & Business Plan
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He also listed further options for the financing and management of the development:

- One-time contributions: Fund-raising, in kind donations
- Revenue sources: rentals, concessions, events, lift tickets, programs, sponsorships, etc.
- The chair lift could be leased or financed, thereby defraying costs over a set term, allowing profits to pay for most of the lift.
- City could operate the ski area (as it did in the past) OR a non-profit organization / ski club could operate the ski area with City backing.

RECOMMENDATION 2005-36: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT the Adanac Park Master Plan and Business Plan as prepared by Monteith Brown Planning Consultants Ltd. and D.R. Matthews and Associates Inc. be received;

AND THAT staff review the report and report back to Council with recommendations on June 15, 2005.

CARRIED

Item 4
Adanac Ski Hill
Working Group

Report dated 2005-05-16, with attachments, from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Adanac Ski Hill Working Group was received.

"Report of the Adanac Ski Hill Citizens' Working Group - May 25, 2005" was received under separate cover.

Mr. Jim Thompson, Member, Adanac Ski Hill Working Group gave an electronic presentation entitled *"Adanac - Bringing Winter Back"*. He indicated that Adanac can succeed with the help of a community and City partnership and proper management; operate with the existing lift; increase its revenue; keep youth fit in winter; contribute directly to the city's economy and lifestyle; and benefit from partnerships with school boards, corporations, etc.

Mr. Dennis Fraser, a member of the Rainbow Board and who works with the local school boards to organize field trips for students, advised the Committee that local school boards would provide consistent weekday usage of the Adanac ski hill for learn to ski programs and special school outings. He stated that many schools have been limited to their skiing options and travel to ski hills outside the City. He also stated that once students are introduced to the winter sports of snowboarding and skiing, statistics indicate that they will continue this sport as adults.

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Adanac Ski Hill
Working Group
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Mr. Dave Gatien advised that the Working Group established four sub-committees to address programming (equipment rental, ski school, concessions, racing programs), infrastructure (elevating devices, tubing park, chalet, hill layout), governance and finance & marketing.

Ms. Vicki Smith indicated that there were several items to consider for the financial strategy:

- use funds available in CGS Capital Envelope and chalet insurance
- fundraising by the Community
- revenue will remain with the hill
- insurance will continue to be included in CGS policy
- contingency fund from City

She also indicated that marketing would involve user fee options, special events, signage, and advertising. She advised that there were three options to consider for the governance model:

Option 1: No change from previous operations

Option 2: Transition from City facility to not-for-profit corporation within five years

Option 3: City run facility with an Advisory Board directing/advising on operations.

Information Requested

Councillor Callaghan requested staff to analyse revenue that was received from the local school boards when Adanac was in operation.

He also requested staff to provide details regarding certification of the refurbished chair lift and the probable life span.

Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION 2005-37: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT the Adanac Ski Hill Working Group report be received;

AND THAT staff review the report and report back to Council with recommendations on June 15, 2005.

CARRIED

Item 5
Overall Health Status
within the City of
Greater Sudbury

Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health/CEO gave an electronic presentation entitled "Window on Health - A Snapshot of the Health of Sudburians" for information only.

Proceed Past
10:00 p.m.

2005-38 Dupuis: THAT we proceed past the hour of 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Item 5
Overall Health Status
within the City of
Greater Sudbury
(continued)

Dr. Sutcliffe addressed the health statistics and trends within the City of Greater Sudbury, such as changing population, life-expectancy, rates of all new cancers, heart disease, motor vehicle crashes, adult asthma, smoking, physical activity, etc.

She also advised of the different initiatives the Health Unit is undertaking such as the establishment of the Sudbury FOCUS Community Project which is to raise awareness about the harmful effects of alcohol and drug use, and injuries related to substance abuse. Other initiatives discussed were obesity initiative, Sudbury soils study, Pandemic influenza planning, school asthma project, tobacco initiatives, etc.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2005-39: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 10:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Caldarelli, Chair

Thom Mowry, City Clerk