

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

**Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2006  
Commencement: 2:37 p.m.**

Chair

**COUNCILLOR CALDARELLI, IN THE CHAIR**

Present

Councillors Berthiaume; Callaghan; Craig; Gainer (A.3:38pm); Gasparini; Kett (A.3:00pm); Rivest; Thompson; Mayor Courtemanche

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, General Manager of Community Development; A. Stephen, General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Services; L. Hayes, CFO/Treasurer; D. Desmeules, Manager of Housing Services; K. Moxam, Manager of Parks Services; D. Kivi, Acting Manager of Transportation; N. Mihelchic, Operations Engineer; B. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; S. Monet, Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; A. Haché, City Clerk; J. Nelson, Clerk's Services Co-ordinator; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary

CUPE Local 4705

W. McKinnon, President

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Northern Life; CBC Radio-Canada

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

**PART I**

**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS**

Item 2  
Road Signage

Bob Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation, Nathalie Mihelchic, Operations Engineer and Dave Kivi, Acting Manager of Traffic and Transportation provided the Committee with an electronic presentation regarding Road Signage Standards for information only.

They explained regulatory signs and warning signs and gave examples of both. They further explained the implementation of road signage must be based on the need for the signs, the uniformity and consistency in the use and the City following the volume warrants set out in the Ontario Traffic Manual. They gave an example of an all-way stop sign explaining the process, standards to be considered, warrants for different types of roads and collision warrants

## **POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION**

### **Item 3 Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program**

Report dated 2006-05-31 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding Update on the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program was received for preliminary discussion.

Denis Desmeules, Manager of Housing Services gave an electronic presentation. He explained it is not a rent-geared-to-income program but it targeted to the working poor, seniors, households on social assistance, Aboriginals and mental health consumers. There are four components as follows:

1. Housing Allowance being a fixed shallow subsidy for a fixed term available to low income households moving into a new unit with rents at or below the CMHC average rent;
2. Northern available only north of the French River to create new units similar to the CMHC RRAP program with a forgivable 20-year mortgage;
3. Home Ownership being a down payment assistance available to applicants who are currently renting;
4. Rental and Supportive available only south of the French River and similar to the northern program.

He explained the Housing Development Plan (HDP) which is a requirement of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. He listed the responsibilities of the Municipality and the costs versus the benefits. He further listed the three options - being the delivery of the Housing Allowance and Northern Components only, the delivery of all components or declining the program.

Denis Desmeules advised there is information on using local financial institutions and third party delivery; however, the City would still be fully responsible. A report containing this information would be provided at the next meeting.

The following recommendation was presented:

THAT Housing Services proceed with the implementation of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP) as per Option One outlined in report dated May 31st, 2006 from the General Manager of Community Development;

AND THAT Council approve the submission of the Option One Delivery Plan attached to said report to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval;

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Program  
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AND THAT Council authorize the Manager of Housing Services to sign such administration agreements, contribution agreements and such other agreements with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and approve participants as may be required to participate and implement the AHP, and allocate funding under the AHP in accordance with the AHP requirements and guidelines.

This matter will be included on the next Priorities Committee agenda for a decision.

#### **POLICY DISCUSSION PAPERS - DECISION REQUESTED**

Item 4  
Pesticide Reduction

Report dated 2006-07-06 from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Pesticide Reduction Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury was received for information only.

Report dated 2006-06-05, with attachments, from the General Manager of Growth & Development regarding Pesticide Reduction Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury was received.

Councillor Caldarelli indicated she was contacted by Councillor Bradley who was unable to attend the meeting as he was out of town on City business. Councillor Bradley requested that the matter be deferred in order that a presentation by those who work with pesticides could be made during a televised Priorities Meeting in order that the public be informed of their side of the issue.

The Committee defeated the request for deferral.

The Committee continued to discuss this matter and the following recommendation was presented:

#### **RECOMMENDATION 2006-132: Moved by Councillor Kett:**

THAT commercial users of pesticides be requested to make a presentation on lawn and garden pesticides regarding their products and the future of the market prior to community consultations.

**CARRIED**

Adjournment

#### **RECOMMENDATION 2006-133: Moved by Councillor Berthiaume:**

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 3:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Caldarelli, Chair

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Angie Haché, City Clerk