

**2014 BUDGET PUBLIC INPUT  
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013  
SPEAKERS' LIST / WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

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The Sudbury Coalition Against Poverty (S-CAP) requests that the City of Sudbury increase the budget of the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) to the extent that CHPI can resume funding families and individuals at the same rate that the Community Start Up and Maintenance Program (CSUMB) used to, particularly with regards to restoring full funding to the exceptional circumstances clause.

In December 2012, the City of Greater Sudbury Council passed a motion requesting that the Ontario Provincial Government maintain the the 2012 level of funding for homelessness programs and benefits and that this be reflected in the new CHPI funding allocation. Sudbury city staff pointed out that Sudbury was scheduled to receive \$1.3 million less for homelessness prevention in 2013 than they had in previous years. The province did not fulfill this request but gave instead a one time grant of \$42 million dollars divided between the provinces municipalities to assist in the transition year.

Louisa Vale informed S-CAP in January that the process for applying, and the amounts given out to individuals and families, under CHPI would remain the same as under the CSUMB. In May we were informed that the amounts for exceptional circumstances would be drastically reduced with only \$200 for individuals (down from \$799) and \$300 for families (down from \$1500). We sought out council's support then in raising the amounts but before the motion could be voted upon the city staff have temporarily raised the amounts, pending a review. We ask that this be made permanent and that appropriate funds be made available for this purpose.

We are requesting that the city allocate municipal resources to make up the missing \$1.3 million so as to be able to continue offering Sudbury's poorest residents the same assistance that they have in the past. This would mean funding available to assist in paying moving costs, replace essential furniture,

pay rent or hydro arrears and pay last months rent. For too many people it would mean the difference between homelessness with all the related personal and societal costs associated with that and maintaining a home. Provincial and municipal budgets must not be balanced on the backs of the poor.

**2014  
Budget**

**CRIME  STOPPERS**

**What We Are &  
How We Save the  
City of Greater Sudbury  
Money**

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## **Crime Stoppers is celebrating 26 years of fighting crime in Sudbury and area and we need your help!**

*“Crime Stoppers tips solve crimes. They often get our investigations started in the right direction, when we have no investigative leads to begin with.” ~ Chief Frank Elsner, Greater Sudbury Police Service.*

### **WHAT IS CRIME STOPPERS?**

Crime Stoppers is a **non-profit community program** involving the co-operative efforts of three partners.

- **citizens of the community** - to fundraise, raise awareness and provide the tips
- **the police** - to promote awareness of the program and to investigate the tips
- **the media** - to raise awareness and to publicize unsolved crimes

The program can not succeed if one of these partners is missing.

**Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization run by a volunteer Board of Directors. We are not part of the Police Service and do not receive funding from the police budget.**

### **WHAT DOES CRIME STOPPERS DO?**

Crime Stoppers takes tips from people who wish to remain anonymous and who have information to solve crimes already committed or which are about to occur. We also take tips concerning the whereabouts of wanted or missing persons and narcotics or stolen property. Our website allows tipsters to submit a tip on-line and even take part in a two way exchange with a Police Coordinator while still remaining anonymous. We also offer secure methods to submit tips through Facebook or by texting. Crime Stoppers encourages citizens to get involved in making their community safer while remaining anonymous.

Coordinators pass information received on to law enforcement agencies to investigate. Your local Crime Stoppers works with:

- Greater Sudbury Police Service
- OPP, RCMP, Espanola Police Service and First Nations Police Services
- Other agencies such as MNR, Ontario Works, Canada Revenue Agency, Ontario Racing Commission, C.A.S., S.P.C.A., CN & CP Rail, MTO, Ontario Fire Marshalls, etc.

### **WHO CALLS CRIME STOPPERS?**

- Concerned citizens or employees who realize that crime costs/affects everyone
- People who don't want to or can't call police (safety reasons)
- Concerned family members
- People who want to help but don't want to go to court
- People who probably wouldn't get involved but want the reward

In many cases, people are hesitant to contact the police fearing retaliation from the criminal. Crime Stoppers recognizes the reluctance of many citizens to become personally involved and guarantees anonymity to those who provide information. Because Crime Stoppers *does not know who the tipster is*, it is impossible to divulge their identity. By guaranteeing anonymity to tipsters, we remove the fear of reprisal.

## WHY IT WORKS

- All tipsters are anonymous—this is the *cornerstone* of Crime Stoppers
- Tipsters are never asked to provide personal information and never have to appear in court
- The computer database is owned by Crime Stoppers not the Police and all tips are the property of Crime Stoppers
- No Call Display, no Call Trace, no \*69 capability, no Recordings,
- IP addresses are not available to us
- We never give specifics about what crimes we help solve in case it would put the tipster at risk
- Operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week

Some people want to do the right thing but don't want to get involved. We offer complete anonymity. Tipsters never have to give their name nor do they ever have to go to court. We overcome apathy by offering a cash reward of up to \$2000.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Tipsters are given a random confidential code and can in the future, check on the status of their information *only by providing the Coordinator with their code number*. If an arrest is made or property/drugs are recovered, the tipster is eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2000. The Police Coordinators notify the Board of Directors of the success of the tip at their monthly meetings and the Directors determine the reward amount (based on many things such drugs or property recovered, the number of arrests, the number of charges, the severity of the crime, risk to the tipster, were weapons recovered and many other facts). The reward is left under the code number at a pre-arranged secure location for the tipster to pick up at their convenience.

Rainbow Crime Stoppers is run by a volunteer Board of up to 30 Directors who are responsible for setting policy, raising funds, promoting the program and determining and paying out rewards. There are no law enforcement, justice or elected officials on the Board.

Cst. Bert Lapalme from Greater Sudbury Police Service and Cst. Lucie Sirois from Ontario Provincial Police are the Police Coordinators currently assigned to our local Program. As well, Cst. Denis Grimard from RCMP assists on a regular basis. The Police Coordinators are responsible for the day to day operation of the Program, taking tips and disseminating them to the appropriate agencies for investigation. They act as liaisons between the tipster and law enforcement. They also act as liaisons between the police, the media and the Board of Directors and assist with raising awareness of the organization in the community.

## SOMETIMES IT PLAYS OUT IDEALLY!

A crime occurs one evening (this could be a drug deal, a homicide, a robbery, an assault, arson or any other crime). A tip comes in the very night of the crime. The tip names somebody that is not even a suspect. Investigators solve the crime and charges are laid with very little time and very few resources utilized. ***This happens! Without Crime Stoppers these cases would have cost taxpayers significantly more to solve and in some situations may never have been solved at all.***

## **CRIME STOPPERS IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION**

We cannot advertise our successes by telling the stories of crimes we have solved except in general terms in order to avoid inadvertently putting a tipster at risk – they might be the only person who could have known the specific facts divulged in the tip and making the tip public could cost a life.

As a result all we can provide to the community is our statistics. Although the numbers are impressive they do not evoke the emotional response that a story about how we solved a particular crime that upset the community would. Therefore it is difficult to encourage donations from individuals in our community to support our programs. If we were able to tell citizens about the particulars of crimes that we have assisted in solving we would truly touch their hearts and encouraging donations would be so easy.

We can't say, "we were responsible for the arrest of a drug dealer who was selling drugs in your children's school" or "we assisted in solving that arson or those robberies in your neighbourhood", etc.

However we are proud that over the years, the Sudbury program has had direct involvement in helping solve crimes such as homicides, major arsons and many robberies among countless others.

## **AND IT WORKS! IT WORKS REALLY WELL! LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED!**

### **2013 marks 26 YEARS OF SUCCESS in our Community Statistics to May 31st, 2013**

- Tips received.....24,339
- Charges laid.....6,824
- Cases cleared.....3,579
- Fugitives Arrested.....358
- Weapons recovered.....151
- Drugs & property recovered.....\$45,433,206
- Rewards approved.....\$537,575

**Remember that these stats represent only cases where rewards were approved and do *not* take into account:**

- cases where the police have a suspect but not enough information to get a warrant and where a new tip (or tips on file) provide additional details which assist in successful warrant applications
- a major crime where the information is so complex that the Crime Stoppers Police Coordinator convinces the caller to talk directly with investigating officers (in this case, the caller is no longer considered a Crime Stoppers' tipster)
- Crimes that are solved due to our "Crime of the Week", "Fugitive of the Week" or "Guaranteed \$1000 Reward" initiatives or our neighbourhood posters or other initiatives where the actual tip/report does not come in through Crime Stoppers
- Tips that provide "intel" that does not result in an arrest initially but could turn out to be important in an ongoing investigation



## **CRIME STOPPERS FUNDING**

*We are not looking for a free ride.* We are asking that you join us in our efforts. We work very hard as a Board of Directors to be self-sufficient and try to raise our own funds, however, *we cannot tell people that our tips solved a particular homicide or arson or series of robberies as telling could put the tipster at risk. This creates additional challenges when fundraising because we can only give numbers, not a heartwarming story.*

### **FUNDRAISING EFFORTS INCLUDE AMONG OTHER THINGS:**

1. Our annual TriForce Regimental Fundraising Ball where in addition to selling tickets, we hold auctions and raffles and canvas for major contributing sponsors
2. Our annual Fire Truck Pull where in addition to selling teams, we hold a BBQ and canvas for major contributing sponsors
3. Our annual Golf Tournament (Tee off for Tips) where in addition to selling tickets, we hold auctions and raffles and canvas for major contributing sponsors
4. Until 2012 we held an annual Night at the Races (Race Against Crime) where in addition to selling tickets, we held auctions and raffles and canvassed for major contributing sponsors - *we have lost this revenue source.*
5. In 2013 we brought the Harlem Ambassadors to Sudbury to play basketball and then to take their "Stay in School, Stay off Drugs" message to our schools.
6. Weekly Bingos every second month where volunteers and Directors give of their time
7. 3rd party Fundraisers (STC, Magic Show, Tribute to Beatles, Tribute to Elton John/Billy Joel, etc)
8. Fundscrip - sale of gift cards
9. Several 50/50 Draws a year
10. Annual Drive-in Movie
11. Facilitate the John School Court Diversion Program
12. Sale of Bike Security Kits
13. Billboard Ads (annual charge to advertisers for ads at the bottom of Crime Stopper billboards)
14. Sale of fishing lures showing Crime Stoppers phone number
15. Sale of metal Crime Stoppers signs for commercial buildings
16. Mail and telephone canvas for donations
17. Apply for grants for projects (Seniors' Symposium, Community Drug Strategy, Youth Initiative, etc)

Despite these efforts we are still having difficulty raising enough money for the monetary rewards we offer to tipsters who provide information that assist in solving a crime. As well, with limited funds our crime prevention and awareness efforts are greatly impacted and result in our being unable to conduct these initiatives in our community. Awareness is key so that citizens know that Crime Stoppers is a safe place to call to report illegal activity, remain anonymous and never have to go to court. This is achieved by Crime Stoppers participating in community events and working with the public to provide information and items with our contact information easily accessible so that when they have something to report they do not have to search for our phone number. Reduced funds also mean that we are limited in our ability to work with community organizations in crime prevention initiatives. Over the years Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers has been recognized for our efforts in this field.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

In 2012 we were lucky enough to have more than 4,371 volunteer hours. We gave 30 presentations to 1,257 people in the community (students, businesses, etc) to educate on what Crime Stoppers is and how it works. To date in 2013 our numbers are tracking to better those 2012 numbers.

Crime Stoppers works with many community agencies in varied areas of concern to help as community members in addressing crime from a prevention perspective as well. Some *examples* are:

1. School registration package (awareness info to include in secondary school registration package)
2. "2nd Chance Committee " with other Community Agencies to address the street level prostitution issues in the City as well as a second committee "Environmental Committee on Street Level Prostitution".
3. We participate with community organizations such as the Alzheimer's Society, Sudbury & District Health Unit, HSN, Greater Sudbury Police Service and others on a "Safe Driving Coalition"
4. Jane School - we facilitate a Jane School court diversion for sex trade workers to build trust and when they are ready, to connect them with resources to begin their long journey out of the trade, working with community agencies and Police
5. John School - we facilitate a John School court diversion for men charged with communicating for the purpose of prostitution to educate them on issues surrounding prostitution in our community (zero recidivism since we began facilitating over 5 years ago).
6. We work with some CANs (Community Action Networks) and schools on solutions to graffiti, bullying, robberies, arsons, vandalism, etc
7. We participated on the Community Drug Strategy committee with the Health Unit and Greater Sudbury Police Service and were successful in obtaining a grant for the initiative
8. We participate annually with Community Safety Net who produce the "Drug Safety Book" for the Grades 5 and 6 GSPS VIP Program.
9. We participate annually in the "Racing Against Drugs Sudbury" initiative (held this year at the Azilda Arena).
10. In the recent past we held a very successful Seniors Symposium for seniors, their families and their caregivers and plan to do the same again
11. This year we hosted the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Team who went into the schools the day following the game to speak to students about their "Stay in School, Stay off Drugs" program.
12. We assist officers with initiatives to solve crimes in the community and at local schools (arsons, robberies, drugs, etc) by preparing posters, highlighting the crime on our *Crime of the Week* or *Fugitive of the Week*, offering a *Guaranteed Minimum \$1000 Reward*, and many other initiatives

## **PARTNERS WITH THE CITY**

Crime Stoppers considers itself to be a partner with the City of Greater Sudbury. And when this City Council makes a financial contribution to Crime Stoppers, there is *an absolute reduction in the cost of policing*. There is a payback!

But if for any reason, Crime Stoppers cannot provide tips to the police, then investigations will take longer; in some cases months and years. Months and years cost money; other investigations get backed up; other police work gets backed up and we will have moved one step away from the “Safe Community” model this very council has committed to..... and it will only be a matter of time before the Police Service is before this very council requesting additional funding for policing this community.

**The police are one piece of the solution to crime in our city. The police enforce the law ..... but the police can't be everywhere.**

**Crime Stoppers is about the community realizing that we hold many of the solutions to crime in our neighbourhoods. The community must *step up* and be part of the solution. Crime Stoppers provides the community with one way to step up and make our communities safer.**

Our 2012-2013 budget will reach \$270,000. Crime Stoppers is asking that the City consider an *annual donation to us of \$50,000 and that you look at it not as an outflow of money, but rather as a prudent investment in a tool that greatly reduces the cost of policing in our City.*

*“Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers is one of the best performing Crime Stoppers programs in this province if not this country!”* That statement came from the President of The Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers.

*Let's work together to keep it that way!*



*Junction Creek  
Stewardship Committee*

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*Comité d'intendance  
du ruisseau Junction*

## Request for Funding from the 2013 City of Greater Sudbury Budget (handout complimentary to presentation)

### **Projected Benefits:**

The Junction Creek Stewardship Committee was founded in 1999 to facilitate the rehabilitation of Sudbury's main urban waterway and surrounding land into a natural and valued asset for the community. The committee serves to co-ordinate citizen participation in environmental restoration activities and to increase public awareness and appreciation of Junction Creek by carrying out a variety of programs. Having a full-time Coordinator for the JCSC is absolutely essential to ensure the continuation of these community programs, such as:

- ***Educational Programs: (offered free of charge to schools and community groups)***
  - *Bug Search Program:* Over 6146 students from Greater Sudbury have participated in our "Bug Search" bio-monitoring program.
  - *FrogFind Program:* Over 1498 students in the Junction Creek Watershed have participated in our interactive FrogFind workshop, a project being run in partnership with the City of Greater Sudbury
  - *Thousands of students have participated in our workshops at events such as Roots & Shoots, Children's Water Festival, Garson Community Family Fun Day, Heritage Fun Fair, etc.*
- ***Community Stewardship Programs:***
  - *Adopt-a-Creek Program:* 15 community groups have "adopted" a section of Junction Creek, taking responsibility for on-going garbage cleanups in their area and tree plantings in "cleaner" sections.
  - *Garbage Cleanups:* Over 4000 community volunteers have removed more than 71,225kg of garbage from the creek since 1999.
  - *Creek Friendly Carwash Program:* Several community groups have participated in this new program that uses a Latimat® containment device to collect soapy water at charity carwashes so it can be treated and disposed of safely, rather than having it enter the creek via storm drains.
- ***Environmental Programs:***
  - *Brook Trout Release:* 17,700 Brook trout have been released into the creek since 2000, in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources.
  - *Water Quality Monitoring:* Junction Creek staff, in partnership with VALE, monitors the water quality in Junction Creek every month. In addition, an inventory and preliminary sampling of storm drains flowing into Junction Creek was completed to determine areas in need of improvement.
  - *Shoreline Restoration:* 200 meters of eroding shoreline have been stabilized by log-boulder and willow structures; as well as 34,221 native trees and shrubs have been planted along the creek with the help of community volunteers.

**Past successes and Current successes:**

- Junction Creek Clearwater Revival – a 15 min. feature film that speaks of the industrial history of Greater Sudbury and Junction Creek and the greening movement that subsequently followed. Has been shown to thousands of students in the Junction Creek Watershed and overseas with international stewardship groups.
- Turtle Project: Conducting core research and engaging Greater Sudbury citizens to learn more about turtles in the Junction Creek Watershed, including Snapping and Blandings turtles that are both on the Ontario Species at Risk list.
- Pond Project – an ongoing project that has seen the construction of three water ponds and replanting of native species to improve fish habitat in a section of the creek.
- Thanks to the Committee's continued restoration efforts, Brook Trout can now survive in Junction Creek, a feat that seemed almost impossible 13 years ago.
- The JCSC has been collecting rigorous scientific data on biological, chemical and physical features since 2001, which will be available to the City of Greater Sudbury to conduct a future watershed study if they so wish so. Junction Creek has been ranked sixth in the City's official plan that calls for watershed studies on several urban and suburban lakes.
- Long term data collected by the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee have been shared with all levels of government and used in ongoing investigations or concerns of Junction Creek.

**Enclosure:** Past activities in each Ward.



# Ward 1

Some highlights from your Ward:



Creek cleanup with Ward 1 CAN



TD Tree Days Planting Event



Erosion Control Project



# Ward 2

Some highlights from your Ward:



Trout Release and tree planting



Presentations at the Children's Water Festival





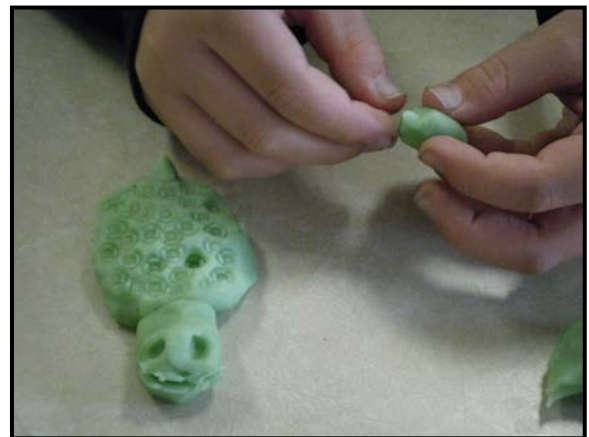
# Ward 3

Some highlights from your Ward:



Bug Search Presentation

Turtle Watch Presentation and workshop





# Ward 4

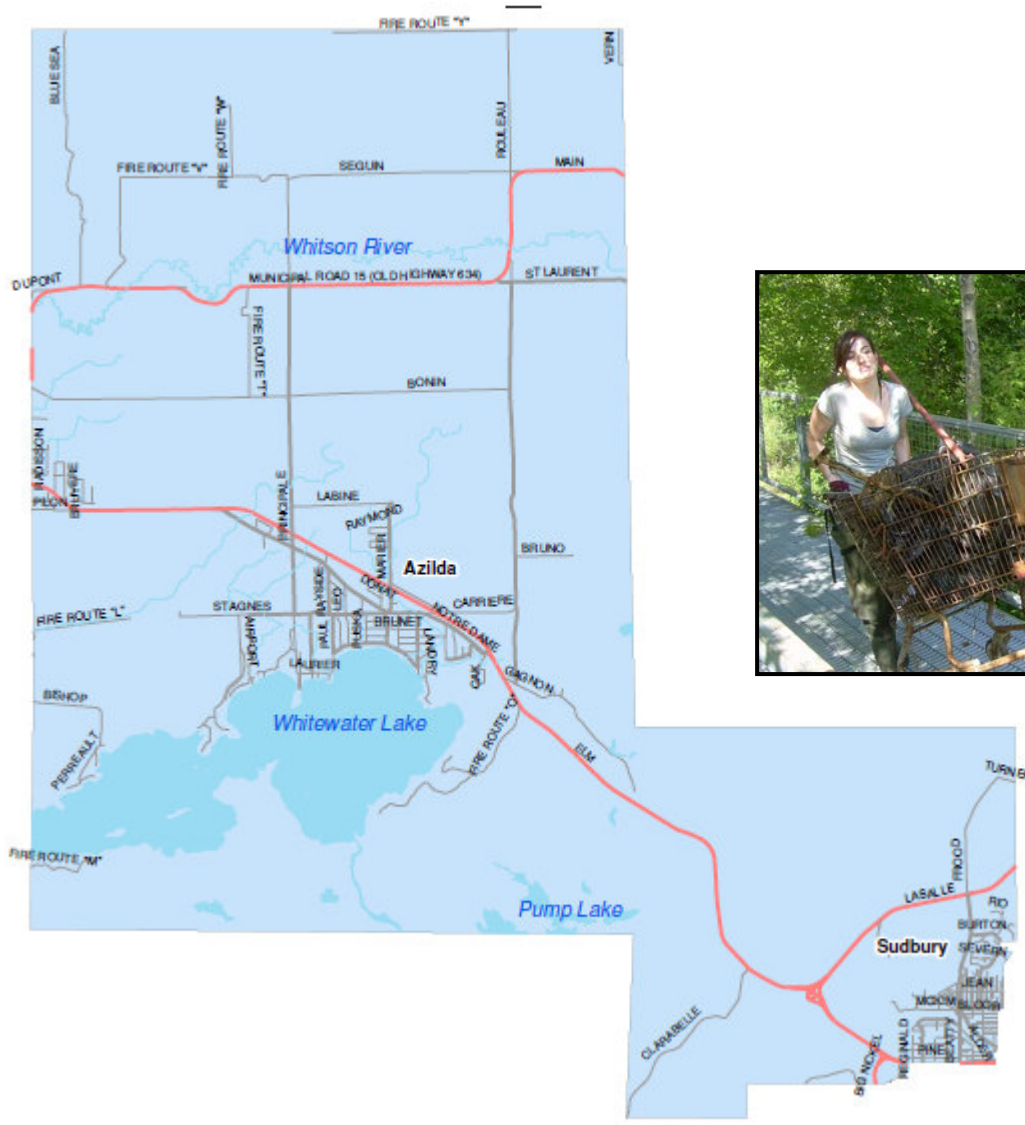
Some highlights from your Ward:



Cleanups



Bug Searches



# Ward 5

Some highlights from your Ward:



Bioengineering Root Wad Structure



TD Tree Planting Event



Fish Habitat Restoration "Pond Project"



# Ward 6

Some highlights from your Ward:



*Junction Creek  
Stewardship Committee*

*Comité d'intendance  
du ruisseau Junction*

The JCSC would like to explore and pursue possible partnerships with citizens in Ward 6. As well, we would like to offer our programs to schools in the area.



# Ward 7

Some highlights from your Ward:



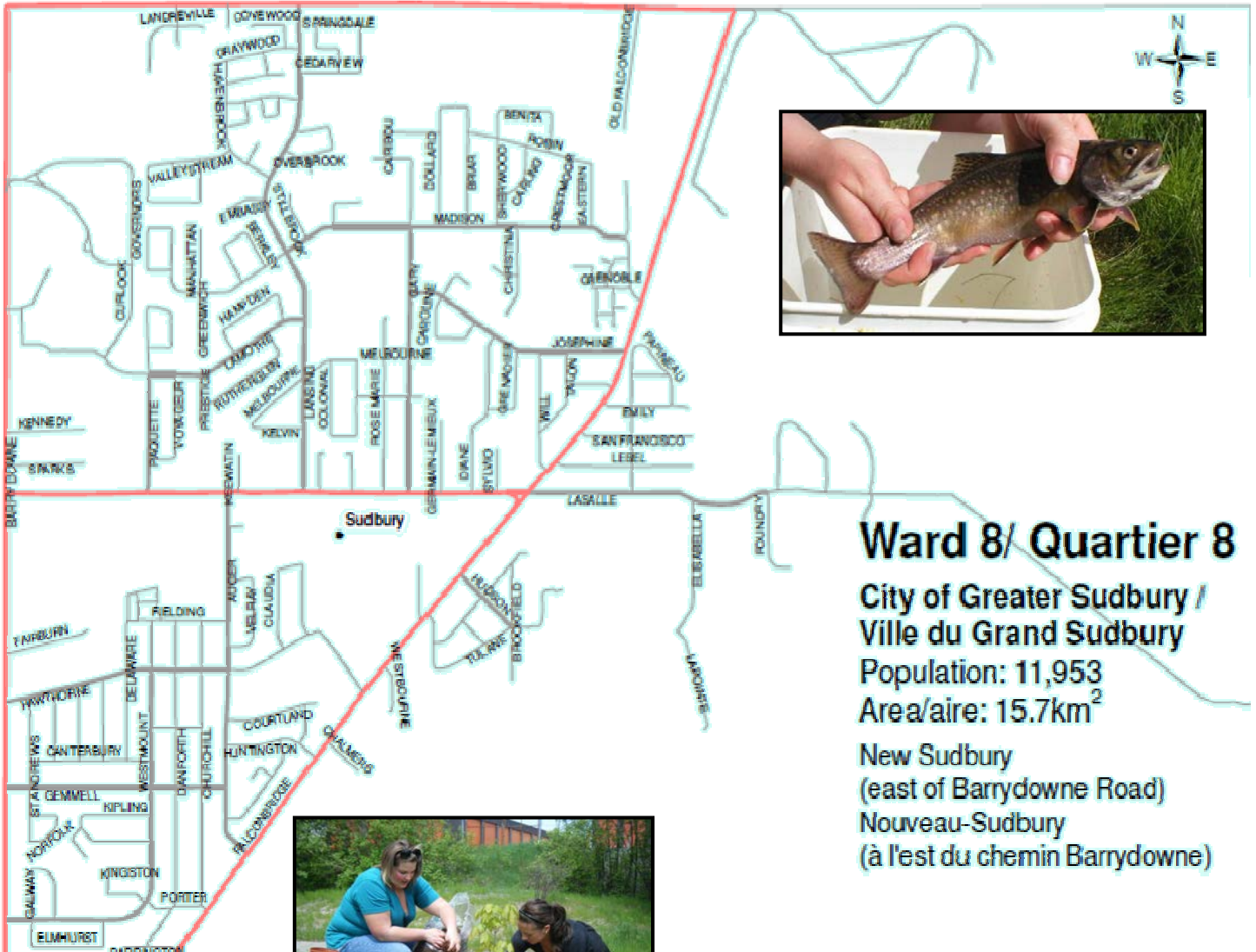
Roots & Shoots planting at St. John's school



Adult Bug Search presentation

# Ward 8

Some highlights from your Ward:



Tree planting events



Spring Cleanup behind Superstore



Trout Release at Twin Forks playground

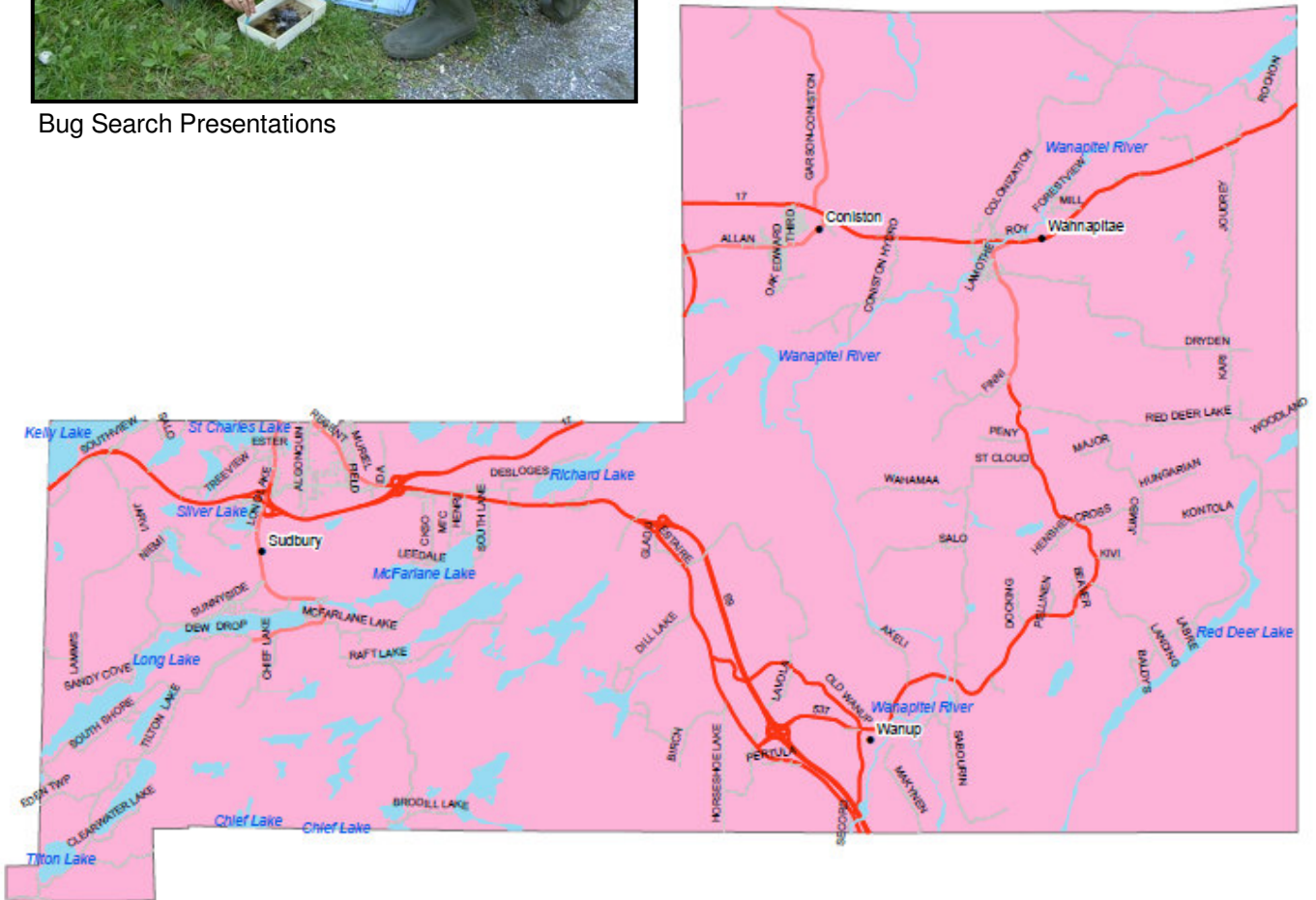


# Ward 9

Some highlights from your Ward:



Bug Search Presentations



FrogFind Presentations



# Ward 10

Some highlights from your Ward:



Riverside Community Pocket Park



Cleanups



Installing fascines



Tree Planting in Greenbelt



# Ward 11

Some highlights from your Ward:

**5th Annual Junction Creek Festival and Trout Release**

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 11 am - 2 pm  
**Adanac Ski Chalet**

Help release trout from 11 – 12:30  
**PLUS!** Turtle research, games, music, bug identification, and more!  
**It's FREE!**

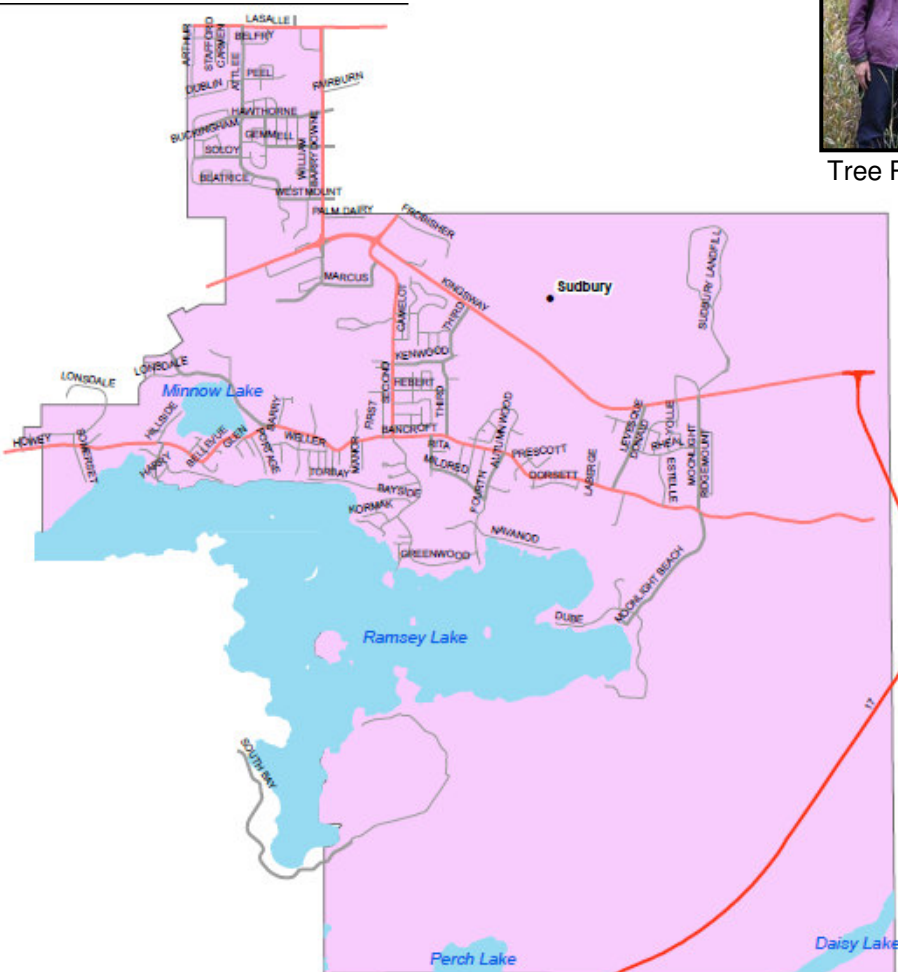
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*Junction Creek Stewardship Committee*  
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*A special thank-you to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources for supplying brook trout*



Tree Planting Events



Cleanups



# Ward 12

Some highlights from your Ward:



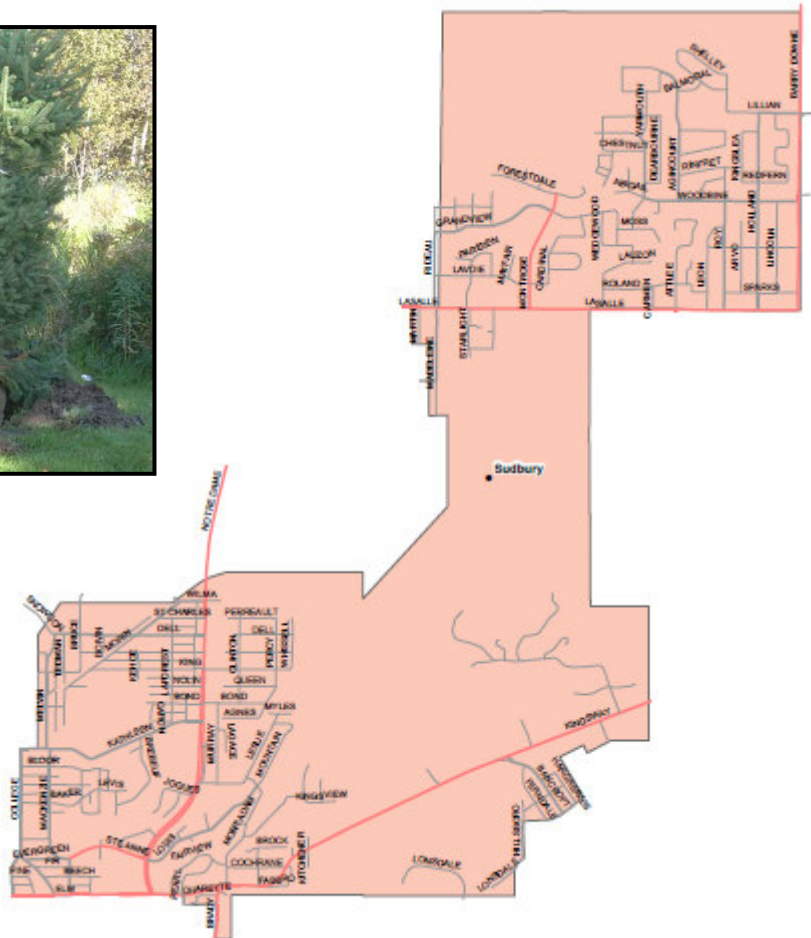
Cleanups



Bug Search at Fielding Street Bridge



Tree Planting behind Burger King



- [Ward 1](#)  
West End , Gatchell , Copper Park, Robinson, Moonglo, south of Ontario Street and west of Regent Street

[Ward 2](#)  
Lively, Naughton, Whitefish, Copper Cliff and Worthington

[Ward 3](#)  
Chelmsford , Onaping, Dowling and Levack

[Ward 4](#)  
Azilda, Elm West and Donovan

[Ward 5](#)  
Val Caron, Blezard Valley, Cambrian Heights, McCrea Heights, Guilletville, Notre Dame – Lasalle area west of Rideau Street

[Ward 6](#)  
Val Therese and Hanmer

[Ward 7](#)  
Garson, Falconbridge, Capreol and Skead

[Ward 8](#)  
New Sudbury (east of Barry Downe Road)

[Ward 9](#)  
Coniston, Wahnapiatae, Wanup and South End (Broder Township)

[Ward 10](#)  
Lockerby, Lo-Ellen, University Area, Kingsmount, Bell Park and Downtown (south of Elm Street)

[Ward 11](#)  
Minnow Lake and New Sudbury (west of Barry Downe Road, east of Arthur Street, south of Lasalle Boulevard)

[Ward 12](#)  
Flour Mill, Downtown (north of Elm Street), New Sudbury (east of Rideau Street, west of Barry Downe Road & north of Lasalle Boulevard), Kingsway-Bancroft area

## Friends of Sudbury Transit

We are a citizen group, formed in 2011,  
working to help improve transit for the  
citizens of Greater Sudbury

Transit brings many benefits to its  
citizens – both to those who use  
it and those who don't

# Transit Helps Solve These Transportation Problems

- Traffic congestion
- Parking congestion
- Road infrastructure costs
- Parking infrastructure costs like multi-level garages
- Automobile costs to consumers
- Inadequate mobility for non-drivers (including an aging population)
- Excessive energy consumption
- Pollution emissions
- Traffic accidents

**Transit gives a big bang for the buck!**

Friends of Sudbury Transit

For every \$1,000 in property taxes collected in 2012:

Road Construction and Maintenance: \$238

Greater Sudbury Transit: \$47

\*From the CGS website

Transit uses 4.7% of our taxes while 33% of Sudburians do not have access to a car.

In contrast, roads use 24% of our taxes.

Friends of Sudbury Transit

## Budget Suggestion

Allocate \$48 per \$1000 to transit because of the far-reaching benefits to the citizens of Greater Sudbury and because of the cost savings it will generate in other areas of spending like on road construction

Friends of Sudbury Transit

## Where to spend that extra \$1?

Implement a Ridership Growth Strategy as outlined in the 2006 *Entra* study to **increase revenue and ridership**, especially to attract discretionary riders (those who have the option to take their cars)

Friends of Sudbury Transit





metro.net

Let the other superheroes wrestle with traffic.

**M** Metro

Commute with Metro and spend your time on more heroic pursuits. You'll arrive refreshed and ready for your next move. Go Metro.

## Where to spend that extra \$1?

Implement a 6 month pilot project to change **Sunday Service** to **Saturday Service**.

Citizens need to **work, shop** and **travel** on Sundays using the same routes they use on Saturdays.

We have a petition with 2000 signatures requesting this change.

## Other ideas

Create **Family/Day Passes** to encourage families to travel by transit and to make it more affordable for families

Add more **Express bus** routes at peak times to further reduce congestion

Increase **snow clearing** at bus stops

Friends of Sudbury Transit

By improving transit, the City can  
**reduce costs** in other areas and  
secure a **more sustainable future**

Friends of Sudbury Transit

June 18, 2013

## **Input to the 2014 City of Greater Sudbury Municipal Budget**

We, Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury, Connect the Creek, Eat Local Sudbury, The Foodshed Project, Friends of the Roxborough Greenbelt, Friends of Sudbury Transit, Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance, Junction Creek Stewardship Committee, Laurentian University Environmental Science Program, Minnow Lake Restoration Group, Ramsey Lake Stewardship Committee, reThink Green, Simon Lake Community Stewardship Group, Sudbury Cyclists Union, and Vermilion River Stewardship make the following recommendations for the 2014 City of Greater Sudbury municipal budget:

**To find resources within existing budgets, and to allocate new funding where required to:**

**1. Provide staff time to the role of Community Garden Coordinator.**

There is growing interest in community gardens in Greater Sudbury. To support start up of new gardens, provide support to and increase sustainability of existing gardens, and to connect residents to community gardens, there is a need for a community garden coordinator.

**2. Acquire high priority green space, as outlined in the Green Space Advisory Panel Final Report.**

High priority green spaces have a high recreation and/or conservation value, and are also at high risk to be lost from development or other pressures. Timely action is required to protect these important areas in perpetuity. The Final Report of the Green Space Advisory Panel recommends an annual amount of \$100,000 - \$200,000, which will also assist in leveraging outside funding.

In addition, we support the completion of the Junction Creek Waterway Park trail.

**3. Complete priority watershed and sub-watershed studies**

Council recently passed a motion to immediately begin these studies which are necessary to protect water quality in our lakes and waterways, protect residents from flooding, and to make an informed decision on any development application within a watershed.

**4. Meet the objectives, timelines, and budget requirements of the Sustainable Mobility Plan and the Bicycle Technical Master Plan to make walking, cycling and transit safe, accessible, and convenient in the City of Greater Sudbury.**

We support the Sudbury Cyclists Union recommendation that a minimum of 1% of the capital roads budget be dedicated to priority on-road cycling infrastructure, above and beyond regular budget spending on cycling and pedestrian infrastructure during roadworks.

**These recommendations support the top overall priorities identified by the local environmental community:**

Thank-you for your consideration.

Contact:  
Naomi Grant





June 18, 2013

### **Input to City of Greater Sudbury 2014 Budget**

Respectfully submitted by the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance Inc. (GSWA)

**A. We recommend watershed and sub-watershed studies be a budget priority.**

Rationale: City of Greater Sudbury (CGS) is a “City of Lakes”.

**B. GSWA recommends that no less than \$250,000 be allotted to Watershed Studies.**

Rationale: A first step in protection and enhancement is to understand the impacts on our waterways. Council understands this and the recent motion to include watershed studies in the budget is a very forward looking.

**C. GSWA recommends a permanent budget line identified as Watershed Studies be included in the CGS budget.**

The rationale is that the priority for watershed and sub-watershed studies is Lake Ramsey since it is a drinking water source and is impacted by storm water and new development. Nevertheless, the city needs to carry watershed studies forward year by year, lake by lake.

The Official Plan calls for watershed studies on several urban and suburban lakes. GSWA recommends that the OP list be accepted as the order of priority for watershed studies except that Ramsey Lake is moved to first place.

#### **OP 8.6.2**

*2. Subwatershed plans will be developed **as funding permits** for the following subwatersheds which are ranked in their order of priority:*

- a. Nepahwin/Robinson;*
- b. Ramsey Lake;*
- c. Whitson River;*
- d. Azilda;*
- e. Richard Lake;*
- f. Junction Creek;*
- g. Mud Lake;*
- h. Simon/McCharles Lake;*

- i. Chelmsford;
- j. Whitson Lake;
- k. Garson;
- l. Meatbird Creek - Lively;
- m. Coniston;
- n. Wanapitei;
- o. Dowling;
- p. Copper Cliff; and,
- q. Kelley Lake.

*The priority ranking for subwatershed plans may change based on the results of the Source Water Protection process or in response to new information.*

*3. All subwatershed plans will incorporate the primary objective of no net increase in peak flow rates, unless a more stringent criterion has been identified. Subwatershed plans will also assess means of stormwater quality control to ensure the protection of urban subwatersheds and provide opportunities to improve the quality of receiving waterbodies.*

**D. GSWA recommends a collaborative and open approach to watershed studies involving CGS staff and council along with stakeholders including GSWA and CLS (Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury), Conservation Sudbury, Laurentian University and the development industry.**

Rationale: In the long run, understanding and knowledge of the process will help further the cause of protection and enhancement of our "City of Lakes". Also it is likely that provincial standards for water body protection may not be high enough to meet the needs of our area with thin soil, surface bedrock and re-vegetation in progress. We may need to work together to establish "made in Sudbury standards".

Contact:

Lesley Flowers, Chair - Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance

# Budget 2014 Community Consultation Form



Deadline for submissions: Friday, June 21, 2013

As part of Council's commitment to balancing the need to provide excellent, efficient services with the desire to maintain low property taxes, the Finance and Administration Committee of Greater Sudbury is looking for your input into the 2014 municipal budget.

The Committee will begin budget deliberations this fall for the 2014 municipal budget, but the process starts now to ensure that Council has time to consider all ideas and suggestions.

The Committee is looking for creative solutions to find efficiencies or increase revenues, as part of their long-term fiscal sustainability plan. If you have suggestions for fiscal opportunities for our City, the community consultation is your chance to talk about them.

The community consultation is also an opportunity to make funding requests. Such requests should be in line with the City's vision, mission, and values, which speak to quality of life, excellence of service, innovation, and the social, environmental, and economic development of our community.

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## The 2014 Municipal Budget Begins with You:

Gordon A. Este

Name

Organization (if applicable)

Daytime telephone

Email

Check here if you would like to make a presentation to the Finance Committee by attending the Public Consultation on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, starting at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Tom Davies Square. Presenters are asked to limit their remarks to five minutes.

### Comments/Suggestions/Opportunities for Savings:

Concerning Seniors Property Tax

### Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

Estimated one-time cost or saving: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated on-going costs or savings: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act

I hereby acknowledge that the City of Greater Sudbury collects this information for the purpose of collecting information for the 2014 municipal budget process in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001. I consent to the information in this form, its attachments and any further information provided being disclosed in its entirety to Council, City staff and/or members of the public and the information may be discussed in public meetings and posted on the Internet. Any questions relating to the collection, use and/or disclosure of the information provided in this form may be addressed to the Deputy City Clerk at Tom Davies Square, 200 Brady Street, 2nd Floor, P3A 5P3 or by telephoning 705-674-4455 ext. 4206.

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200 Brady Street, 2nd Floor,  
P.O. Box 5000, Stn A,  
Sudbury, ON P3A 5P3  
Fax: 705-671-8118

Note: Failure to sign may result in the information or portions thereof not being considered for the 2014 Budget Process.

Signature

Gordon A. Este

June 11, 2013

To:

Madame Mayor Marianne Matichuck

Members of City Council

Members of the Finance and Administration Committee of Greater Sudbury

In regard to the upcoming Community Consultation for the 2014 Municipal Budget June 18th, 2013 as it applies to the City's vision, mission, and values, which speak to quality of life, excellence of service, innovation, and the social development of our community.

My suggestion for change speaks specifically to how we as a society treat our Senior Citizens, it is a forward thinking and perhaps radical idea, but I feel that it's time has come, and I believe that Sudbury has the opportunity to set an example for every city and municipality across Canada in regard to how elder citizens should not only be respected and cared for, but protected by Municipal and Federal Tax Laws and Policies.

It has grown increasingly difficult for senior citizens who are able to care for themselves in their own homes to meet the financial challenges associated with their independence. This is especially true when the individuals spouse has passed on. A senior in this situation, who is on a low fixed income, can not possibly meet the financial challenges they face without it affecting their quality of life.

I believe, and I am sure you would agree, that any senior who is capable of living independently and wishes to do so should not only be encouraged by the community, but also be afforded that opportunity by the municipality and it's policies.

My request for change is aimed specifically at property tax assessment. It is my belief that property taxes could be, and should be, assessed on a geared to income basis for our senior citizens. Most seniors in the financial situation I have described have encountered difficulty meeting the property tax demands of their assessment, many are behind with payment and are struggling to make ends meet as a result, they do without to meet the demand, or have been forced to leave their homes prematurely due to this burden.

I am aware that help is available for those seniors who qualify for the Guaranteed Income Supplement, I believe that the amount for this year is \$275, I agree this is a step in the right direction, but I respectfully suggest that when the property tax assessment is in excess of \$3000, this assistance, though well meaning, simply isn't enough. Further, only those seniors who receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement qualify. If the individual's income exceeds, even slightly, the allowable amount, the additional \$275 is not available.

I believe that these policies fall short of ensuring our seniors quality of life and fail to protect them from the perils of financial ruin.

At the risk of being dramatic these are the mothers, fathers, grandparents, and great grandparents, who bounced us on their knees, soothed our hurts, and pioneered our community. They have put their time in, and they have paid their fair share of tax during that time.

So this is my proposal:

-that the City of Sudbury create a new policy that would see geared to income property tax assessments for senior citizens who are eager and able to continue living in their own homes.

-that this new form of tax assessment be made available to all seniors living in their own homes, not just those who qualify for the Guaranteed Income Supplement, in order to ensure that everyone who needs the help gets it.

-that the program be simplified so that any senior can participate by supplying a copy of their previous years tax return.

-that a fair formula be created through consultation with directives followed by other geared to income social programs already in place.

-that by doing so the City of Greater Sudbury set a new standard concerning how senior citizens are protected and revered within all Canadian communities.

Thank you for your consideration, it is my intention to voice my ideas in person at council chambers on June 18th, 2013 at 6 pm.

Gordon A. Este

# *I.J. Coady Memorial Arena Events Committee*

Genny Larose

Steve Bastien

Carrie Morin

Colleen Hein

June 3, 2013

City of Greater Sudbury  
City Clerk's Office  
200 Brady Street  
2nd Floor, Tom Davies Square  
Sudbury ON P3A 5P3

City Clerk,

I am a member of the I.J. Coady Memorial Arena Events Committee. I am requesting to be placed on the Agenda for the Finance and Administration Committee meeting – Public Input Session on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The I.J. Coady Memorial Arena Events Committee is a group of residents of Onaping Falls that have banded together to try to save our arena. We are raising money to put towards booking more ice time for our minor hockey teams and public skating to up the usage of our arena. We are also looking at a marketing campaign to increase the awareness of what our arena can offer.

In late January of this year, the residents of Onaping Falls were shocked when the City of Greater Sudbury announced that the I.J. Coady Memorial Arena in Levack would be considered for closure due to poor ice usage and revenue.

We are asking the City of Greater Sudbury to re-examine the Arena Renewal Strategy with respect to the I.J. Coady Memorial Arena. Sometimes these decisions are not about numbers and the bottom line but about the people and the community.

As Bobby Orr said, "It doesn't make enough money? Give me a break. Are these community arenas supposed to make money? When did they ever make money? That's not what they are for."

Thank you,

Steve Bastien

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# Budget 2013 - Online Funding Request Form

**Full Name:** John Lindsay  
**Organization:** Friendly to Seniors - Sudbury  
**Daytime phone:**  
**Email:**

**Oral presentation requested:** yes

**Comments/Suggestions:**

Creation of "Community Guide" in hard copy (print from) to be replace but include information in current "Leisure Guide" to be published twice yearly and distributed to all residents. Content to also be available on line (internet)

**Description of project/program:**

Valuable and useful information would be available in one publication and would include beside leisure activities information on practical community services (waste management etc.), arts and cultural activities, tourist attractions (for visitors) health services, clubs and organizations etc. This publication would be of particular value to many in our population, particularly seniors who do not have internet access, and would be more convenient.

**Estimated one-time cost:**

Reduction of city advertising costs in traditional print media, which is becoming less effective with dropping circulations. Possible advertising revenue that could be generated by paid ads in Community Guide to off-set production and printing costs.

**Estimated on-going costs:**

The "Community Guide" would likely be more useful to the general public than the current "Leisure Guide" therefore greater value for money expended, plus possible advertising revenue to off-set costs. Material to be included would be submitted by various city departments and compiled and edited by the communications dept who would also enlist community organizations such as the Sudbury Arts Council etc.



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# Budget 2013 - Online Funding Request Form

**Full Name:** Lucienne L. landry

**Organization:**

**Daytime phone:**

**Email:**

**Oral presentation requested:** no

**Comments/Suggestions:**

Money collected from taxpayers should as a priority be used for ALL those that contribute, i.e. roads, utilities, health care. Everything else should have a user-fee, such as retirement homes, arenas, etc. and if it can't sustain itself, it should be sold. Grants to this and that should be on hold until the City is back on its feet. You cannot keep increasing property taxes, Sudbury is now more of a retail city than a mining city. Retail work is not a high-paying job. If taxes go up, rent goes up. Commercial retail property taxes are not assessed equally. Since most business is done on the internet, location is not an advantage. Internet dealers do not pay property taxes even if the delivery trucks are using our roads. This could possibly be an income for the City. Roads: you should consider building better roads the first time around. Every department of the

City should operate at the lowest cost possible. Every employee should have a right to suggest savings and even be rewarded for doing so. Wages: If you increase taxes, you should decrease the income of the councillors, executive, and employees by the same rate.

**Description of project/program:**

Not applicable.

**Estimated one-time cost:**

Not applicable.

**Estimated on-going costs:**

Not applicable.



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May 31, 2013

Councillor Terry Kett, Chair  
All members of the Budget Committee

Sent via email

Dear Council

I want to bring to your attention at budget time the potential loss of an important community service – the Community Database housed at [www.greatersudburyinfo.ca](http://www.greatersudburyinfo.ca) and supported by the Social Planning Council of Sudbury.

With the dismantling of the mysudbury project we are at risk of losing the Community Resource Directory. The Directory was created online over 10 years ago with funds provided by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Immigration. It was created in response to the gap in our community for easy access to a comprehensive data base of community services. In many communities this service is provided by an Information & Referral service (often funded by the United Way and other community partners) which we didn't have in CGS in the early part of 2000. When mysudbury was designed the SPC was approached to integrate the directory into the portal which was intended to be the one stop shop for information. For the many years that mysudbury existed the SPC was supported by the economic development department in order to maintain the directory and make sure the records were up to date.

As you know there were many problems with mysudbury including its technological infrastructure however near the end of the project the community resource directory was migrated to a platform called CIOC which is the industry standard for these types of data bases. The site is now functioning extremely well. With no real budget for marketing we have become a very significant source of information for community residents with 182,000 visits and last year and 189,000 to date this year. Clearly people are coming to greatersudburyinfo to find information and services that they need. There are close to 900 records in the data base and provide information for many human, health, social, leisure and educational services.

The site requires ongoing maintenance to ensure that the data is up to date. Every agency/individual is called on an annual basis to ensure the data is accurate. This often involves several calls and follow up and the work has been provided by 1FTE working at the SPC. The amount of funding lost was \$40,000. In the interim the Community Development department has been supportive in helping us keep the site alive until budget time. I believe that there are areas that the city could reduce internal resources if the site was supported and was integrated into departments. For example most of the activities/connections in the Leisure Guide which is produced bi-annually are included at greatersudburyinfo. There



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would no longer be a requirement for city staff to keep these records updated – they could be provided by the SPC. The Children’s Service Sector has integrated 181 records from the site into their new Best Start website – all of which get updated by the SPC. The Library has inquired in regards to more streamlined information in regards to human services especially concerning seniors and new comers – this information is readily available in the site and could be easily accessed by library staff as opposed to spending time looking for it elsewhere.

There have been questions raised in regards to the potential for duplication via this site. It is suggested that the information is available in other places. While this may be true – organizations for the most part have websites, the City website, google etc. – none of these places brings all of the information together and when you don’t know what you are looking for you don’t know where to start.

Providing information to citizens should be a key function in a community. A web based information service is an economical way to make that happen. A non profit organization providing this service is a relatively inexpensive way to ensure it happens. Please take a few minutes to visit the site and explore for yourselves. Obviously I am available for further inquiries. The SPC requires that the \$40,000 be maintained. This covers the cost of the staff, the licence and the web hosting.

Sincerely

Janet Gasparini  
Executive Director

p.s. good luck on the budget – I know how hard this work is!

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# Budget 2013 - Online Funding Request Form

**Full Name:** Matt Alexander  
**Organization:**  
**Daytime phone:**  
**Email:**

**Oral presentation requested:** no

**Comments/Suggestions:**

Promote and expand public transit to encourage more residents to take the bus instead of driving in the city. More riders will mean greater revenue for the transit system. It will also mean fewer cars (and trucks) on the roads, reducing maintenance costs. Expand the cycling network to include more on-street bike lanes to make cycling a more viable transportation choice for residents' daily trips (to and from work, shopping, entertainment, etc). Bicycling has significantly less impact on roads, reducing maintenance costs. Provide incentives for development in the downtowns throughout the city, and require new major developments to be mixed use and walkable. The more people choose to walk and bike for their daily errands, work and entertainment, the less wear and tear on the roads, and the healthier they will



be. If council wants to fill more potholes without raising taxes, then they need to encourage transportation choices that don't create potholes. The fewer cars (and Ford F150s) on the roads, the fewer potholes there are to fill.

**Description of project/program:**

An active transportation coordinator, or Sustainable Mobility Coordinator to ensure infrastructure supports walkability and transit use will improve the quality of life in the city. A position like this would help provide a focused, coordinated effort and a long term strategy for making Sudbury a better place to live. This will attract more people like doctors and creative professionals who are currently difficult to attract. The Good Food Box program provides affordable fresh food to folks who want to save some money. This helps ensure families have more money at the end of the month. Greater Sudbury Transit is an incredibly important service that has no substitute. Residents who use transit often have no alternative way of getting around, certainly not for the same cost. Funding for Sudbury Transit should be increased to expand and promote the service so that more people choose to use transit, not just people who have no other choice. When more people use transit the city gets more money through fares, meaning less need to raise fares, and less need to increase tax-based funding. Please focus on increasing ridership so the transit system gets money from more people.

**Estimated one-time cost:**

I don't understand the question. I am not an expert and can't estimate the cost savings associated with these initiatives. That's what staff is for. It is very strange to me that the city would expect the average citizen to be able to estimate cost savings.

**Estimated on-going costs:**

City staff should be able to provide an estimate of the costs

per household for maintaining the roads, and an estimate of how that would be reduced by shifting trips from car trips to bus trips or bike trips. I am not a professional transportation planner.