

CGS Draft Official Plan



Presentation to City Council
September 29th, 2005

Introduction

- 27 years since the first Regional Official Plan in 1978
- Development of 10 Secondary Plans followed
- Formation of regional government initiated process in 1970s
- New City is facing different set of issues and challenges with amalgamation of seven municipalities, several unorganized townships and dissolution of two tier structure



What is an Official Plan?

- A “Community Plan”
- Sets out the scope and direction of development
- A policy document of Council
- A legal document under the Planning Act



What is an Official Plan?

- Expresses goals and objectives of community
- Evidence of a forward-looking progressive community planning for a bright future
- Provides information to community and development sector



Official Plan Questions

- Where will development be occurring over the next 20 years?
- Do we have adequate sewer, water and transportation infrastructure to accommodate our future development?
- What are the emerging trends in development?
- What are our most valued natural heritage features?
- Where are there opportunities for community improvements at the neighbourhood level?

**The OP will address these questions
and many more.**



Our Obligations/Requirements

- Council's Legislative obligation under the Planning Act is to prepare and adopt an Official Plan and to keep it up-to-date
- New Official Plan is subject to Provincial approval and shall be consistent with revised Provincial Policy Statements
- The Plan will replace policy documents varying in age and scope from the late 1960s through the mid-1990s

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Our Goal

The new Official Plan will provide a clear understanding of the vision, values and policies required to guide our City over next 20 years.

- A single, up-to-date plan
- Easier to understand
- Containing policies that are consistent across the entire City
- More efficient in its application



Key Principles

- One Plan for One City
- A Healthy Community
- Open for Business
- Sustainable Development
- Focus on Opportunities



Phase 1: Background Studies

Over the past year, a series of background studies has been undertaken in support of the new Official Plan:

- Agricultural Study
- Healthy Community Study
- Housing Study
- Infrastructure Study
- Natural Heritage Study
- Parks & Leisure Study
- Stormwater Study
- Transportation Study
- Waterfront and Rural Study



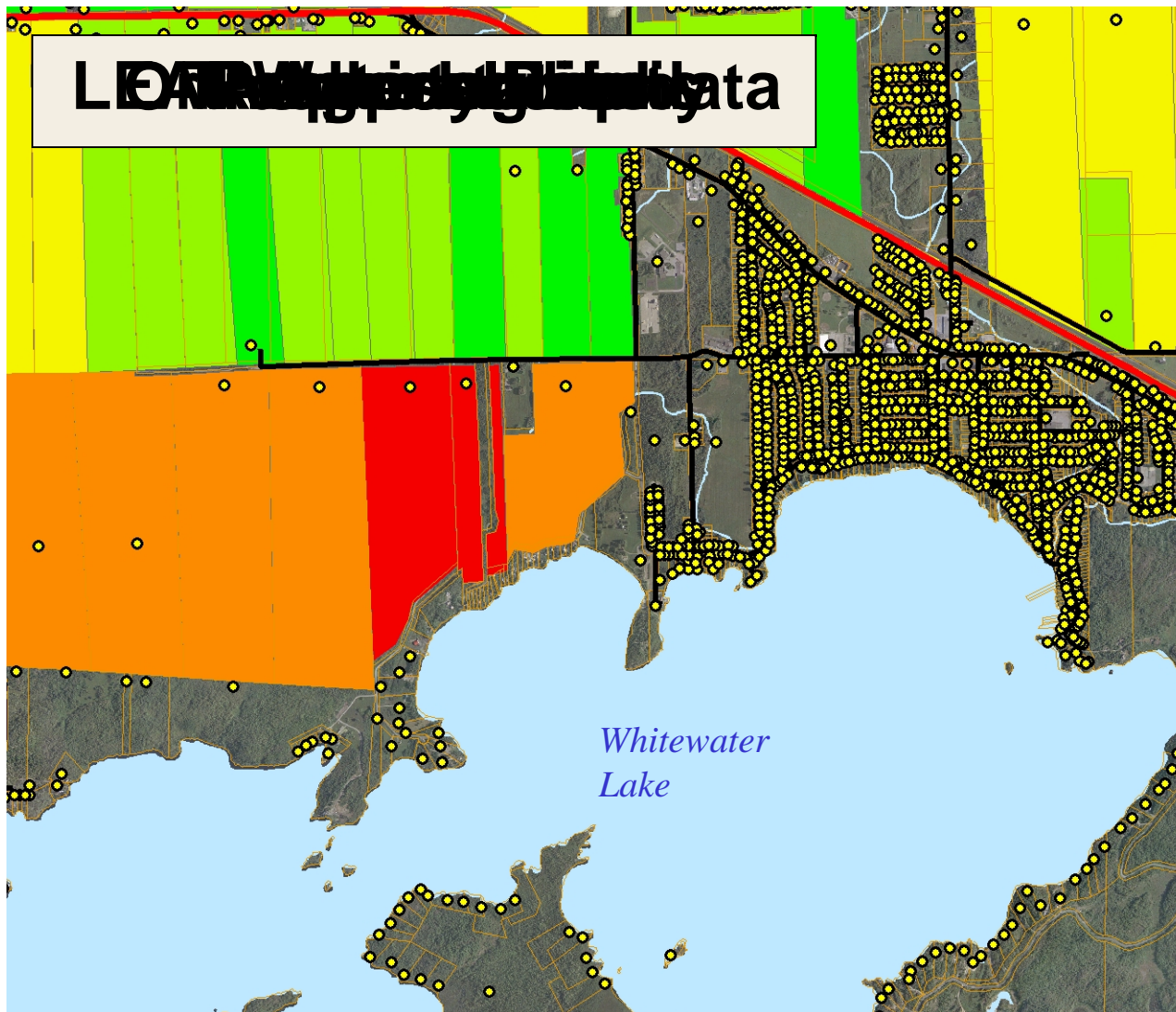
Phase 1: Other City Initiatives

Several other City initiatives informed the new Official Plan:

- *Coming of Age in the 21st Century: An Economic Development Strategic Plan for Greater Sudbury 2015*
- *Sudbury 20/20 Visioning Session*
- *Action Planning for Sudbury's Golden Opportunity: Seniors Study*
- *City of Greater Sudbury Accessibility Plan*
- *Groundwater Study*
- Social Planning Council has prepared a Human Services Plan in conjunction with the Community Development Dept.



Geographic Information System (GIS)



- GIS has been an integral part of the Official Plan project
- used to analyze geographic information in a spatial context (i.e. a map)

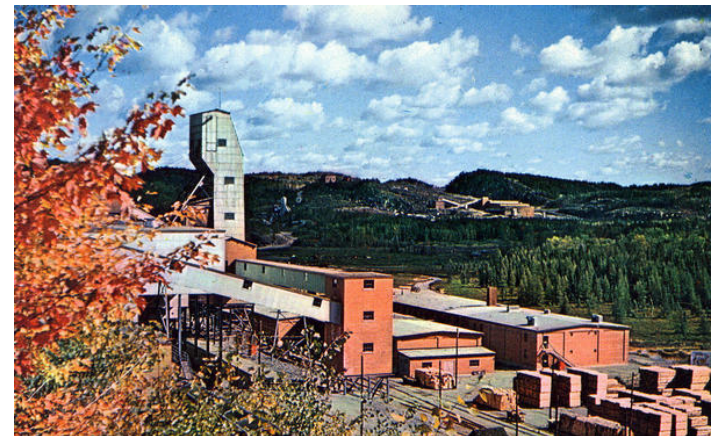
Planning Context

- Challenging Planning Environment
- 3,627 km²
- 14 Urban Communities
- 8 Non-Urban Settlements
- Rich Natural Resource Base



A Unique City

- Mining History
- Dispersed Population
- Extensive Infrastructure Network



Sense of Place

- A Spectacular City of Lakes
- A Green Community
- A City of Communities and Neighbourhoods
- A City of Contrasts
- A Park City, A Lifestyle City



Our Community

- Innovative
- Optimistic
- A Record of Overcoming the Odds
- The Capacity to Surprise



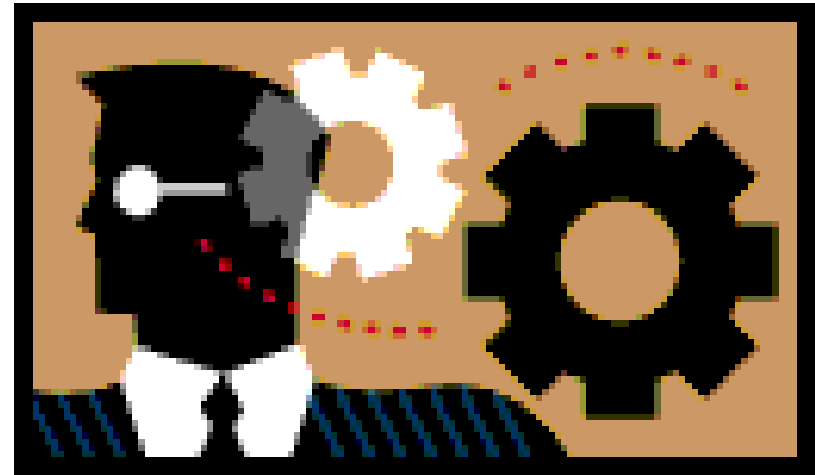
Draft Official Plan

- Replaces 13 plans with 1 plan
- Includes new areas of City
- Proposes guiding vision and principles
- Addresses stronger Provincial planning legislation
- Provides more flexible land use structure
- Protects the natural environment



Working Draft

- Encourage input and dialogue
 - Council
 - Public
 - Stakeholders



Process to Adoption

Oct/Nov -	Public Open House Sessions Stakeholder Consultation
Nov/Dec -	Revisions to Draft
Jan/Feb -	Public Review of Revised Draft Revisions for Public Hearing
Mar/Apr -	Public Hearing and Adoption
Apr/06 -	Submission to Minister

