

# Request for Decision City Council

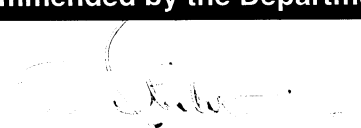


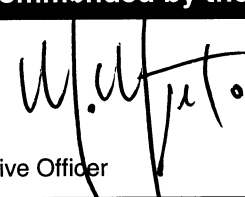
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Report Title
Ethanol Production Plant

Policy Implication + Budget Impact	
	This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.
<p>Cost of Consultant is covered by current budget for EarthCare Sudbury. Any future commitments will go through the appropriate approval processes.</p>	
	Background Attached

Recommendation
FOR INFORMATION ONLY
Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department Head
 Alan Stephen General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services

Recommended by the C.A.O.
 Mark Mieto Chief Administrative Officer

Date: January 19, 2005

**Report Prepared By**Paul Graham  
Manager of Environmental Innovation & Energy Initiatives**Division Review**R.G. (Greg) Clausen, P. Eng.  
Director of Engineering Services**Background:**

The Ontario Government has announced its intentions to “mandate” or legislate ethanol into the Ontario gasoline pool by 2007. The Government has also indicated its intentions to incent domestic ethanol production and encourage the development of an Ontario-based Ethanol Industry. According to the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association, the Ontario ethanol mandate will create an annual demand for approximately 750 million litres of ethanol in the short-term and up to 1.5 billion litres by 2010. The Canadian Renewable Fuels Association anticipates that a least five large scale ethanol plants will need to be built in Ontario to satisfy this new mandate.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the Government of Canada issued a press release announcing the second round of their Ethanol Expansion Program. The announcement reads that “The \$100 million Ethanol Expansion Program was launched in October 2003 under Canada’s Climate Change Program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and is a part of the larger renewable fuel strategy that also includes support for research and development, exemptions from Federal Fuel Excise Taxes and customer awareness activities. Under round one, six new ethanol plants across Canada are eligible for up to \$72 million in contributions towards construction cost.” Round two of the Ethanol Expansion Program makes an additional \$27.5 million available.

The Canadian Renewable Fuels Association is an industry association dedicated to the expansion of the domestic Ethanol Industry. Because of their role, this Association issued a Request for Proposals to several Ontario municipalities who they felt may be suitably positioned for ethanol production. The City of Greater Sudbury was one of those municipalities invited to submit an “Expression of Interest.”

A team of staff from the Engineering Department, Economic Development and Planning, quickly prepared our Expression of Interest and forwarded it to the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association on January 7, 2005. During the preparation of the document, we sought some very preliminary advise from BBI BioFuels Canada whose parent company in the United States have been involved in feasibility studies for many ethanol production facilities. We also had discussions with various individuals familiar with the agricultural industry in the region and with representatives from FedNor and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.

Representatives of BBI BioFuels Canada will be preparing a brief letter report documenting their impressions regarding the feasibility of ethanol production within the City of Greater Sudbury. Provided that their findings are encouraging, we propose to pursue the opportunity further and to recruit private sector ethanol developers to take over the project and to proceed with its development. In that case, the Eco-Industrial Development Committee which focusses on the Greater Sudbury Development Corporation’s Engine #5, known as “Eco-Industry and Renewable Energy,” will become involved in the project. Through that mechanism we will involve the Board of the Greater Sudbury Development Corporation in the project and keep Council abreast of any future developments.

**Date: January 19, 2005**

A large-scale Ethanol Plant has a capital cost in the range of \$75 to \$90 million. The annual operation of the Plant and feedstock generation can create economic benefit in the order of \$130 million annually. The presence of both bio diesel production and ethanol production in our City will create some very positive synergies both in the area of crop production expansion and fuel distribution.

The City's role in this project will be one of facilitation and support. Plants of this size have significant infrastructure requirements for water, power, natural gas and transportation. There appear to be feasible sites available but the availability of suitable quantities of feedstock will be the ultimate challenge.

To date, funding of \$2,500 has been committed to the project from the EarthCare Sudbury budget through a purchase order to BBI BioFuels Canada.

If the Project moves forward to the next stage, the City may support the Project by participating in the preparation of a feasibility study including a possible application to FCM's Green Municipal Enable Fund. Any City financial support at that stage would be funded from approved budgets for EarthCare Sudbury and/or Economic Development after appropriate approval processes. Part of this work will include assessing infrastructure requirements and cost. The City could be involved in and support this part of the work.

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## Report Title

Bonding Requirement - Municipal Officers  
January 1, 2005 to January 1, 2006

### Policy Implication + Budget Impact

This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.

N/A

Background Attached

### Recommendation

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Recommendation Continued

### Recommended by the General Manager

S. Jonasson  
Acting Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer

### Recommended by the C.A.O.

M. Mieto  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Report Prepared By**



J. Van de Rydt  
Co-Ordinator of Capital Budget & Risk Management



**Division Review**



C. Mahaffy  
Manager of Financial Planning & Policy/Deputy Treasurer

**BACKGROUND**

Under Section 287.(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, proof of bonding of municipal officers must be provided to Council at least once each calendar year. Fidelity bond coverage protects the City from any fraudulent acts of employees, members of Council or Boards.

As evidenced by the attached memorandum from the City's insurance broker, the fidelity bond for the City of Greater Sudbury is \$5 million. Recoveries are limited by a \$5,000 deductible clause in our insurance policy.



**CANADA BROKERLINK (ONTARIO) INC.**

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FINANCE DIVISION

January 10, 2005

The City of Greater Sudbury  
Dave Canniff, Insurance Officer  
P.O. Box 5000, Stn "A"  
200 Brady St, Sudbury, ON P3A 5P3

**Re: Comprehensive Crime #CP99151**

Dear Dave:

Enclosed is our Memorandum of Provisional Insurance confirming the City's Comprehensive Crime coverage in effect January 1, 2005 to January 1, 2006.

We trust that you will find everything to your satisfaction. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours very truly,

**CANADA BROKERLINK (ONTARIO) INC.**

Jamie Colvin, B.A., CAIB  
Account Executive

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## MEMORANDUM OF PROVISIONAL INSURANCE

INSURED: **The City of Greater Sudbury**

MAILING ADDRESS: **P.O. Box 5000, Stn "A", 200 Brady St, Sudbury, ON P3A 5P3**

EFFECTIVE DATE: **January 1, 2005 at 12:01 a.m.**

EXPIRY DATE: **Upon delivery of replacing documents but no later than January 1, 2006 at 12:01 a.m.**

### POLICY(S) DETAILS:

POLICY TYPE	INSURER	POLICY NUMBER	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
Comprehensive Crime	Various Subscribing Companies through Frank Cowan Company	CP99151	CANADA BROKERLINK (ONTARIO) INC. <i>Amadley</i>

### COVERAGE(S):<sup>1</sup>

Employee Dishonesty Coverage - Form A \$5,000,000.

Audit Expense (Sub-Limit) 100,000.

The bond insures the loss of money, securities or other property sustained through the fraudulent or dishonest acts of any of the City's Employees, Members of Council, and Members of all Boards, Commissions and Committees appointed by and under the jurisdiction of Council.

The audit expense coverage provides for the reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by the Insured to prepare proof of a valid loss under the policy and is in addition to the overall bond limit

Date of Issuance: **January 10, 2005**

**This policy contains a clause that may limit the amount payable.**

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<sup>1</sup> This document is evidence that insurance described above has been effected, against which Underwriters Certificates or Policies will be issued. Immediate advice must be given of any discrepancies, inaccuracies or necessary changes. The insurance afforded is subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the applicable policy which, when delivered, replaces this document.

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## Report Title

Ontario's Best Start Announcement and impact on child care subsidy policies

## Policy Implication + Budget Impact

This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.

This report explains the recent announcement of the Province's "Best Start" initiative and outlines the immediate impact on the delivery of child care services, as well as the projected short and long impacts of the announced changes.

It is for information only.

Background Attached

## Recommendation

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Recommendation Continued

## Recommended by the Department Head

Catherine Matheson  
General Manager Community Development

## Recommended by the C.A.O.

Mark Mieto  
C.A.O.



Date: January 8, 2005

**Report Prepared By**



Kate Barber  
Policy/Community Developer, Children Services Division

**Division Review**



Carmen Ouellette  
Director, Children Services Division

On Nov 25, 2004, the Ministry of Child and Youth Services introduced their Best Start initiative which includes a \$5 billion commitment over a five-year period starting in 2005-2006. The framework for the Best Start Program has been built on the premise that all children and youth should have the opportunity to succeed and families should have access to service regardless of income. According to Minister Bountrogiani, Ontario's Best Start Plan will "provide for the healthy development, early learning and child care of Ontario's children in their first years. Through Best Start, children will acquire the physical, social-emotional, language, thinking and early literacy skills that are required to arrive at school ready and eager to learn. Research shows these investments will reap economic and social benefits as children grow up and become happy, healthy and contributing members of society." Ontario's Best Start includes investments in Early Learning and Child Care as well in children's healthy development. This plan will impact on how child care and child care subsidy will be administered at the Municipal level.

**Early Learning and Child Care**

Ontario Best Start's goal for child care expansion is to have Early Learning and Child Care hubs in communities with a focus in the first several years on the expansion of child care for four and five year olds in non-school hours. Programs will be seamless and designed to integrate assessment, access and services to make sure children and parents have the support they need. Schools and child care centres will be integrate to provide seamless learning for children. The Ministry will be setting up three demonstration communities to move forward with the full vision. Over the next 8 to 10 years, the Best Start initiative will see full early learning and child care programs expanded to serve children from age two and a half and up.

**Planning for Child Care Expansion**

In Greater Sudbury, Children's Services staff will facilitate meetings with Child Care operators and school boards to work towards integrated planning for early learning and child care as proposed in the Best Start vision.

**Improvements to Subsidy Access**

Ontario's Best Start also provides for some changes to the Child Care Subsidy system which will make more families qualify. The following policy changes have already been implemented which will make child care subsidy accessible to more families in Greater Sudbury. Provincial increases to the child care subsidy budgets will cover the additional cost of the expanded case load.

**Date:** January 8, 2005

### **Changes to Eligibility Requirements**

**RRSP's & RESP's** - Effective December 1st, 2004, Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSP's) and Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP's) are no longer considered to be a liquid asset when determining eligibility for child care fee subsidy. In addition, the contributions that are made to a RRSP and RESP are considered allowable monthly expenditures for the purpose of determining the assessed child care fee. Many families who are currently receiving partial subsidy will be eligible to have their family contribution reduced if they are making monthly contributions to RRSPs or RESPs. This change in policy has been reported in local media and has resulted in families who previously had been deemed ineligible coming back to reapply.

**Eligible Hours of Care** - The City has also been given the restored capacity to determine hours of care for families who are working or going to school during irregular hours. Children Services Staff will have greater flexibility to approve child care to meet the needs of families with irregular schedules.

**Job Search** - Effective December 1st, 2004 clients who become temporarily unemployed while receiving a fee subsidy may be eligible for ongoing subsidy for up to three months in order to find a new job.

**Medical Needs:** A parent who in the opinion of a medical professional is unable to care for his/her children who is a lone parent or in a two parent family where the other parent is working or in school is eligible to apply for child care subsidy. The medical professional will be asked to determine how much care is required and for how long.

**Social Referral:** Social referral guidelines, which provide for child care to families in crisis with a referral from a Social Worker or equivalent, will be changed to allow the amount child care recommended by the referring agent. (A maximum of 3 full or 5 part days had been in place.)

### **Income-based Assessment for Child Care Subsidy**

The Province proposes to move to an income testing approach as follows: full subsidy for families with an annual income of \$25,000 or less; income of \$25,000 - \$75,000 - child care fees would be based on sliding scale; and families with incomes of \$75,000 or more would pay the full cost for child care. This type of assessment would be easier to administer and easier for families to understand than the current needs assessment which determines a family contribution for each family based on assets, income, approved expenses and child care costs. No time line has been set for this change and details are yet to be released.

The following description of other changes within the Best Start Plan was provided on the Government of Ontario's website:

Date: January 8, 2005

## ***A Plan For Healthy Development***

### ***Prenatal***

*The Best Start Plan begins before birth by making it easier for pregnant women to get the information and support they need to give birth to a healthy baby. This begins in doctor's offices, public health units and prenatal classes. The Best Start Plan provides an opportunity for health professionals to identify potential issues before the baby is born and refer pregnant mothers to a public health nurse in the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program where they will receive counselling and support.*

### ***At The Hospital***

*When mothers consent, generally an obstetrical nurse does a screen which provides information about the birth itself and any other risk factors such as support networks or mental health issues. This information is shared with public health nurses who provide follow-up care. Also with consent, all newborns receive a simple hearing test. This test involves placing a small earphone in the baby's ear. Soft sounds are played through the earphone and the response of the inner ear is measured.*

### ***Back At Home***

*All families with newborns receive a phone call from a public health nurse within 48 hours of leaving the hospital. This allows parents to ask questions about anything from breastfeeding to sleeping to general health questions. It also gives the public health nurse a chance to talk with families and offer a follow-up visit or referrals to other community programs. New funding will mean that all of the families who would like a follow-up visit will receive one (typically about 75 per cent of families with newborns agree to a visit).*

### ***Ongoing Support***

*Some families need extra support in the early years. To help children get the best start and assist families in getting the help they need, public health nurses can do an in-depth family assessment to see if the family would benefit from further visits or other community programs. Increased funding will allow all of the families who need this service (about 12 per cent) to receive it.*

*At two or three months infants who do not pass their hospital hearing test will be tested again using a more in-depth assessment. If a child is found to have a hearing disorder he/she can get services through the Infant Hearing Program.*

*Young children who are not developing normal language skills are referred to the Preschool Speech and Language Program. One in 10 preschool children has difficulty with speech and language development. For those children, the government is strengthening this program which provides assessments, therapy, parent support, training and referrals to other community programs.*

*A child's language development when he/she gets to Grade 1 is the single most reliable indicator of academic success. Language disorders that are not treated are linked to behavioural issues, learning disabilities, poor grades and dropping out of school, youth crime and a later reliance on the social safety net.*

*Early identification of risk factors or developmental delays is crucial so that young children can get the help they need early when it is most effective. Through the Best Start Plan, the government is investing in programs for the approximately 130,000 infants born every year in Ontario to screen and provide support to them and their families.*