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Mayor Lefebvre Advocates for Greater Sudbury Priorities at ROMA Conference

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference is a significant annual gathering of municipal and provincial leaders in Ontario. Mayor Paul Lefebvre, alongside Councillor Lapierre and CAO Shari Lichterman, met with provincial partners to advance key priorities for Greater Sudbury, focusing on community wellbeing, infrastructure, and economic growth.

It is also a chance to work collaboratively with colleagues from across Ontario, including the Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors (NOLUM) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities on shared challenges and opportunities.

“ROMA provides an important opportunity to meet with provincial partners and advance the priorities that matter most to our residents,” said Mayor Paul Lefebvre. “From advancing mental health and addictions services, to addressing housing supply, and investing in key community infrastructure, these meetings are essential to securing the partnerships and investments that will strengthen our community, expand services, and support long-term growth in Greater Sudbury.”

Mayor Lefebvre met with several provincial ministers and officials this week to continue advocating for Greater Sudbury’s priorities. Among others, Mayor Lefebvre met with:

- Neil Lumsden (Ministry of Sport): to thank the Minister for funding received for the Valley East twin pad and discuss funding opportunities to support City-owned recreational and sports facilities that create opportunities for residents of all ages to enhance their health and wellness.
- Associate Minister Vijay Thanigasalam and Parliamentary Assistant John Jordan (Ministry of Health): to discuss progress on the HART Hub, expanding local capacity, and improving supports for residents facing complex mental health and addictions challenges.
- Ontario Medical Association President Dr. Zainab Abdurrahman: to discuss physician recruitment and retention locally, as well as concerns regarding LifeLabs’ decision to close its Sudbury laboratory.
- Minister Nolan Quinn (Ministry of Colleges and Universities): to discuss the importance of reaching a resolution to the labour dispute impacting Laurentian University, and ensuring our region can prepare the workforce needed to meet growing industry demand.

- Parliamentary Assistant Hardeep Singh Grewal (Ministry of Transportation): to receive an update on Highway 69/400 and discuss opportunities to unlock economic development across the city.
- Parliamentary Assistant Matthew Rae (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing): to discuss increasing housing supply and affordability, along with capital investments to support community housing.
- Solicitor General Michael Kerzner: to discuss ongoing support for the Greater Sudbury Police Service and investments in community safety.

Mayor Lefebvre extends his appreciation to his Council colleagues and City staff for their work in preparing for and participating in this year's ROMA Conference. Their collaboration and expertise are essential in ensuring Greater Sudbury continues to be well represented and positioned to achieve the community's goals.

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