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The *Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury* (CLS) is a coalition of citizens' groups working together to ensure that planning and decision-making in the City of Greater Sudbury occur in a way that is responsive to community input and citizen concerns, that is environmentally responsible, and that is guided by a long-term vision.

The CLS advocates for a Municipal Budget that is supportive of Smart Growth principles.

Sprawl



Smart Growth



CLS General Recommendations

1. Budgeting with vision from the bottom up

- Vision Statement
- EarthCare Sudbury's Local Action Plan (2003)

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- 1. Budgeting with vision from the bottom up***
- 2. Lightening the load on the municipal budget for the long term by using Smart Growth***

Specific Recommendations

- 1. Investing in alternative transportation
– lightening the load on our roads and
the cost to taxpayers***

- Continue improvements in **public transit** (e.g., further increases in service; more bus shelters; stop-specific schedules posted at every bus stop)
- **Partnerships with employers** to encourage public transit use by employees
- Investigate the possibility of light rail transit, or other **park-and-ride programs**, connecting outlying communities to downtown Sudbury
- Safe and convenient **bike paths** to/through all communities, and accessible **bike racks** at all public parks and buildings
- Apply a special '**road-tax**', or other service charge for heavy users that disproportionately damage municipal roads
- Further **restrict truck traffic** on municipal roads

2. *Increase funding for parkland and trails*

3. Increase **Green Infrastructure**

Investing in green infrastructure reduces our reliance on man-made infrastructure such as drainage and waste water management which would then reduce related building and maintenance costs.

4. Encouraging Smart Development not Sprawl – lessening the cost to taxpayers



5. *Encouraging water conservation while adequately funding water infrastructure*

6. *An energy audit – reducing costs in the long term*

The **CLS** recommends that a citizen's panel consisting of citizens, community experts and planning staff be formed to recommend what changes can be made at the municipal level to support **Smart Growth** in the City of Greater Sudbury.



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