

# Request for Decision City Council



## Type of Decision

Meeting Date	June 30, 2005			Report Date	May 26, 2005				
Decision Requested		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	Priority		High		Low
	Direction Only			Type of Meeting		Open		Closed	

## Report Title

Development Liaison Advisory Committee Status Report to City Council

### Policy Implication + Budget Impact

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

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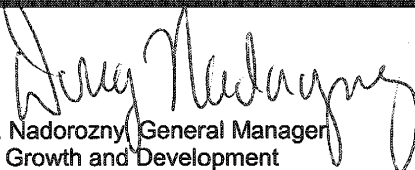
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### Recommendation


FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Recommendation Continued

### Recommended by the Department Head

  
D. Nadorozny, General Manager  
of Growth and Development

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

  
M. Mieta  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Date: May 26, 2005

**Report Prepared By**



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Director of Building Services/Chief Building Official

**Division Review**



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Council has requested that the Development Liaison Advisory Committee (DLAC) prepare a regular report to Council on progress being made toward meeting building permit benchmarks.

The attached benchmarks reflect the Building Services Division's continuing effort to successfully achieve the turnaround times desired by the City's development community in issuing building permits. As requested by DLAC, new single residential dwellings and new commercial, institutional, and industrial buildings should be issued in ten (10) days and minor permits in both categories should be issued in five (5) days.

Results indicate that although there has been some slippage with respect to the average days to issue, the numbers can be attributed to the challenges of running a training and examination program over the same period which included week-long courses and examinations occurring roughly twice a month. The training and examination program was to meet at that time a provincially mandated requirement for staff qualification for July 1, 2005. The deadline has since been extended. The reduction in plans examination and building inspections staff for the most part has contributed to increased times for plans examination clearances which has increased our issuance times, even with the associated overtime offered to staff.

Results enclosed indicate that while we have not fully met these targets, the Department continues to make progress toward achieving these objectives. Of 299 permits benchmarked and issued since January 1, 2005, 201 were issued within targeted timeframes and 98 were issued past the desired benchmarks. Of these issued over the benchmark, 48 or 50% are in the ICI renovations category which historically have been problematic for Building Services. However, averages and time spreads for permits issued outside the benchmarks continued to improve significantly in relation to last year's results indicating positive progress toward achieving desired turnaround times.

SUMMARY PERMIT BENCHMARKED AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS TAKEN TO ISSUE						
Permit Type	January 1 - April 30, 2004		January 1 - April 30, 2005		DLAC/ Council's Benchmark	New Provincial Regulated Benchmarks - Bill 124
	# of Permits	Avg # of Days to Issue	# of Permits	Avg # of Days to Issue		
New Residential	80	6.7	60	8.0	10	10
Residential Renovations	211	4.2	180	4.5	5	10
New Institutional, Com- mercial, Industrial (ICI)	6	5.8	3	14.7	10	15 - 30
Renovations ICI	71	11.1	56	11.3	5	15 - 30

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It should be noted that Building Services' staff continue to act as ombudsmen for our clients. As a result, benchmarks are well ahead of the upcoming benchmarking requirements being imposed by the Province under Bill 124 (BRAGG). This has occurred at the same time that permit volumes are increasing which speaks well of the initiatives put in place by staff and the development community. As well, registered builders who regularly deal within the system have turnaround times below the averages achieved by one time builders due to their familiarity with requirements under the Code.

The Development Liaison Advisory Committee at its meeting of June 2, 2005, passed the following resolution related to this matter:

*DLAC 2005-04*

*Moved By: Dario Zulich, Tesc Contracting*

*Seconded By: Denise Lafond, Sudbury & District Home Builders' Association*

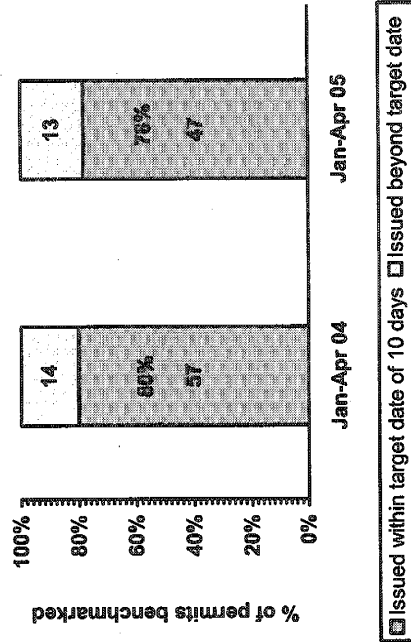
*"THAT DLAC has reviewed Building Services' benchmark information for January 1, 2005, through April 30, 2005, and is satisfied and supportive of the progress made in this area, and*

*FURTHER THAT DLAC's approval of these findings should be communicated to City Council as per Council's request for regular updates."*

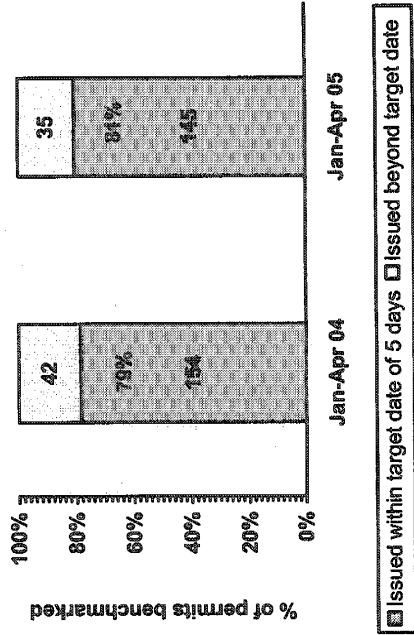
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## Building Permit Tracking Report: Jan - Apr 2005

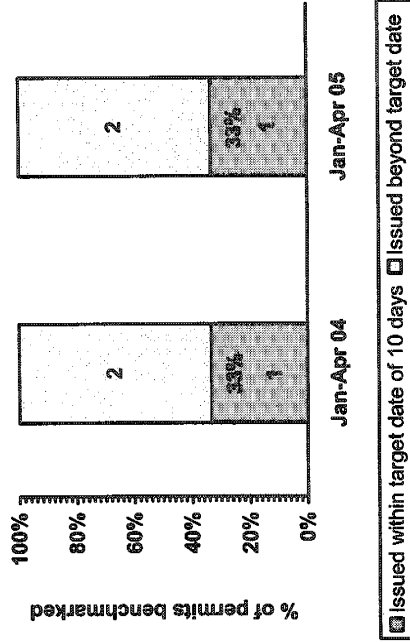
**New Residential**



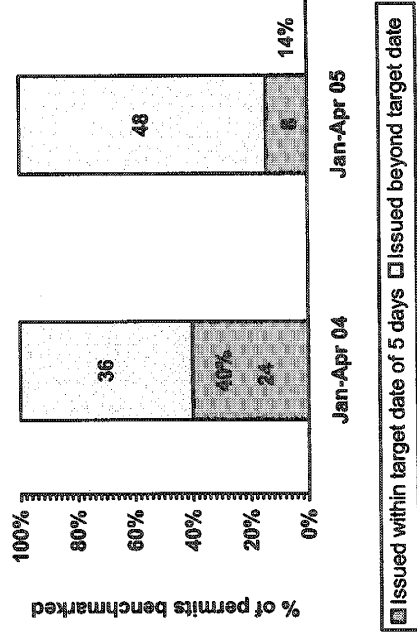
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**New ICI**



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Source: Building Services Section, City of Greater Sudbury

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**Report Title**

Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury Relocation and Update

**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**

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Recommendation Continued

**Recommended by the Department Head**

*C Matheson*

Catherine Matheson  
General Manager, Community Development

**Recommended by the C.A.O.**

*M. Mioto*

Mark Mioto  
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: June 20, 2005

## Report Prepared By

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## Division Review

Réal Carré  
Director, Leisure Services**Background**

In January 2003, a survey conducted among Sudbury citizens and organizations supported the need for an agency to promote and coordinate volunteer activity in our City. In February 2004, the Feasibility Committee for the Volunteer Centre transferred this responsibility to the new Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury Board.

Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury is now well into its second year of building programs and partnerships. In February 2005, John Bonin, Vice Chair of Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury, provided a progress report to the Priorities Committee summarizing details of funding applications to Trillium, United Way and Fednor. This report also outlined the need for expanded Board representation and a permanent location where the Volunteer Centre would have greater community visibility and potential for program development.

Since the February 2005 report, Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury is pleased to announce the following accomplishments:

- Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury Board now has charitable and legal status.
- Additional board appointments have been made representing major volunteer groups from the Social Planning Council, United Way - Leadership Development Program; and Health Volunteer Services. As well, the Board has developed a strong resource network through liaising with the City of Greater Sudbury Leisure Services Division and the Volunteer Advisory Panel.
- A Trillium Grant has been approved for one year funding for the Volunteer Matching Program (including assistance for high school students/40 hour volunteer requirement). The position of Volunteer Co-ordinator was awarded in May 2005 and program implementation is presently underway.
- Promotion and advertising has begun and this organization is being recognized as the hub of volunteerism in our City. Plans are now finalized for the official launch and opening ceremonies of Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury on June 30, 2005 at the new location in Pioneer Manor.

Since the feasibility stage, there has been an ongoing concern regarding the establishment of a permanent office location for the Centre, giving consideration to accessibility and the quantity of available space. Recently, the option to establish the Centre at Pioneer Manor was identified. As Board members became apprised of the long term plans for Pioneer Manor, it became clear that this option would solve these outstanding issues, and also create critical new partnerships.

The office relocation was completed on June 13, 2005. The Board of Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury is working towards providing reciprocal services to Pioneer Manor in exchange for dedicated space costs. Indications are strong that this arrangement will work out favourably for both the volunteer centre and Pioneer Manor. The relocation to Pioneer Manor will allow the volunteer centre the sustainability it requires to remain viable for many years to come. Plans for community involvement and new program possibilities will provide community-wide volunteer services for all age groups. A more comprehensive progress report will be brought to Priorities Committee in the Fall of 2005.