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# AREA RATING PRESENTATION

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# Area Rating introduced by CGS at time of amalgamation

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Section 15 of CGS Act 1999 set out rules relating to:

- P Special services of “old” municipalities
- P Assets and liabilities of “old” municipalities
- P Five specific services (water, sewage, street lighting, fire, transportation)

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# Area Rating decisions

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- P No area rating of special services of “old” municipalities
- P No area rating of assets and liabilities
- P Area rating of fire and transportation services only to recognize differing service levels

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# Fire Protection and Prevention

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- P Service levels considerably different throughout 7 former area municipalities and unorganized area
- P Could not harmonize service level without increasing the budget substantially
- P Not necessary to have career level service throughout entire CGS
- P Area rating adopted to recognize different service levels and maintain same relative tax position

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# Fire Protection and Prevention

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Three distinct service areas recognized:

- P Career - former City of Sudbury (predominantly full time firefighters)
- P Composite - former City of Valley East (mix of full time firefighters and volunteers)
- P Volunteer - all other areas of CGS including unorganized area (volunteers only)

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# Fire Protection and Prevention

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## 2004 Area Rating

- P Base Costs - administration, facilities and apparatus, public education and prevention
- P Direct Suppresion Costs - career salaries and benefits and volunteer costs

$(\text{Base Costs} + \text{Direct Suppression Costs}) / \text{Weighted Assessment} = \text{Area Rate}$

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# Fire Protection and Prevention

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## 2004 Area Rating

	Career \$	Comp \$
Base Costs	2,993,165	50
Direct Suppression Costs	7,680,248	1,10
Total Costs	10,673,413	1,60
Weighted Assessment	5,575,109,743	953,00
Fire Tax Rate	.0019145	.001
Taxes (\$100,000 home)	191.45	1

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# Fire Protection and Prevention

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## Future Service Levels and Area Rating Changes

- P There will be changes to the way fire services are delivered to meet key objectives
- P Closest/fastest and most appropriate resource is dispatched
- P Example - New Sudbury station to respond to Garson and Minnow Lake station to respond to Coniston
- P Increased service levels without increased costs
- P Will require changes to area rating
- P Old municipal boundaries will no longer be valid



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# Fire Protection and Prevention

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Future Service Levels and Area Rating Changes

Development of New Master Fire Plan

Proposed Improvement - Addition of 10 Full Time Firefighters in Valley East

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# Fire Protection and Prevention

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## Future Service Levels and Area Rating Changes

Addition of \$1 million (10 full time firefighters)  
Impact on Composite Area Rate

	Career \$	Comp \$
Total Costs	10,673,413	2,600,000
Weighted Assessment	5,575,109,743	953,000,000
Fire Tax Rate	.0019145	.002
Taxes (\$100,000 home)	191.45	200

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# Fire Protection and Prevention

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## Future Service Levels and Area Rating Changes

Addition of \$1 million (10 full time firefighters)

Impact on Urban and Composite Rates if Harmonized

	New Career \$	Comp \$
Total Costs	13,275,528	
Weighted Assessment	6,528,110,552	
Fire Tax Rate	.0020336	
Taxes (\$100,000 home)	203.36	

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# Public Transportation

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- P Transit and transportation for the disabled
- P Service levels considerably different throughout 7 former area municipalities
- P No service in former unorganized area
- P Not possible to harmonize to one service level without substantial budget increases
- P Could harmonize service levels in 6 smaller former area municipalities

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# Public Transportation

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Two distinct service areas recognized:

- P Commuter - former area municipalities except City of Sudbury (Service along major arteries, weekday service level between 6 - 8 trips daily)
- P Urban - former City of Sudbury (More frequent service with higher number of trips and service along both main arteries and some residential streets)

No area rate for former unorganized areas

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# Public Transportation

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## 2004 Area Rating

- P Transit Costs - 82/18 split in costs between urban and commuter areas
- P Transportation for the Disabled Costs - actual costs in each of the two areas

$(\text{Transit Costs} + \text{Transportation for the Disabled Costs}) / \text{Weighted Assessment} = \text{Area Rate}$

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# Public Transportation

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## 2004 Area Rating

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Transit	4,763,
Transportation for the Disabled	955,
Total Costs	5,719,
Weighted Assessment	5,575,109,
Tax Rate	.0010
Taxes (\$100,000 home)	102

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# Area Rating

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## Summary

- P Introduced at time of amalgamation
- P To recognize significant differences in levels of fire and transportation services
- P To maintain former municipal tax levels
- P As service levels are harmonized or where existing services are extended across municipal boundaries, area rating boundaries will need to be modified