

Presentation to Council Members May 15, 2003

THE SUDBURY ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE LAUNCHES ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2003

Cheryl McCaw, Chair of the Sudbury Road Safety Committee launched Road Safety Awareness Month Thursday, May 1 at 10:00 a.m. at Tom Davies Square. Our goal is to reduce injuries and deaths to:

- users of motorized vehicles such as boats, ATVs, snowmobiles, road vehicles
- other users of our roadways such as cyclists and pedestrians

“Motor vehicle collisions are the second leading cause of injury in Ontario,” says McCaw. “In northern Ontario, the death rate due to motor vehicle injuries is almost three times the rate for Toronto. That’s why we decided to expand from the previous one week to an entire Road Safety Awareness Month full of activities,” she adds.

The committee will be holding activities during Police Week May 12-18; Safe Boating Week May 16-25; Aggressive Driving Campaign May 17-30; and Emergency Medical Services Week May 19-25.

A variety of events and campaigns will take place throughout May to address issues such as drinking and driving, aggressive driving, vehicle maintenance, boating and alcohol use, and the use of safety equipment such as helmets, seat belts and child car restraints.

The Sudbury Road Safety Committee is a group of community partners who work together on road and motorized vehicle issues within the City of Greater Sudbury. The members include:

Accident Demonstration Team
ACTION Sudbury
CAA
Greater Sudbury Emergency Medical Services
Greater Sudbury Police Service
Ministry of Transportation
Ontario Provincial Police
Sudbury & District Health Unit
Sudbury FOCUS Community Project
Sudbury Kids Injury Prevention Coalition

For more information on Road Safety Awareness Month, please contact Cheryl McCaw at the Sudbury & District Health Unit.
Cheryl McCaw, Public Health Nurse
Chair, Sudbury Road Safety Committee
Sudbury & District Health Unit
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Request for Decision City Council



Type of Decision											
Meeting Date	May 15, 2003					Report Date	May 07, 2003				
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Report Title
Tender Award - Cemetery Grass Cutting

Policy Implication + Budget Impact	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.
<p>Funds are budgeted in the Cemetery Services current budget.</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Background Attached

Recommendation
<p>THAT the City of Greater Sudbury award the Tender for Cemetery Grass Cutting for the cemeteries listed in Groups A, C, D and E to Greenscape Lawn Care for the tendered price of fifty-four thousand six hundred and fifty - eight dollars and fifteen cents (\$54,658.15) per year for a three year term;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT the City of Greater Sudbury award the Tender for Cemetery Grass Cutting for the cemeteries listed in Group B to Grasshoppers for the tendered price of fifty - one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine dollars and sixty-five cents (\$51,889.65) per year for a three year term.</p>
Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the General Manager
 Caroline Hallsworth General Manager, Citizen and Leisure Services

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

Report Prepared By

Al Sizer
Manager, Cemetery Services

Division Review

Ron Henderson
Director, Libraries and Citizen Services

Background:

Tenders were issued for grass cutting in the City of Greater Sudbury cemeteries as follows:

Group	Cuts	Cemetery Name	Location	Estimated Area
A	17	Whitefish Public Cemetery	Hwy 55 Whitefish	3.4 acres
A	17	Waters Cemetery	White Road, Lively	2.1 acres
A	17	Beaver Lake Cemetery	Salo Road, Beaver Lake	2 acres
A	17	Whitefish Catholic Cemetery	Bay Road, Whitefish	2.7 acres
A	2	Grassy Lake Cemetery	Grassy Lake Rd. Whitefish	½ acre
A	17	St. Stanislaus Cemetery	Hwy 17, Lively	7.9 acres
B	17	Lasalle Cemetery	388 Lasalle Blvd. Sudbury	16.5 acres
B	17	Anglican/Eyre Cemetery	Regent Street, Sudbury	4.9 acres
B	17	Civic Memorial Cemetery	365 Second Avenue, Sudbury	16.9 acres
B	10	McFarlane Cemetery	Algonquin Rd. Sudbury	1.3 acres
C	10	Coniston R.C. Cemetery	off Rideau Road, Coniston	1/4 acre
C	10	Wahnapitae Protestant/Catholic	Savard Rd., Wahnapitae	1/4 acre
C	17	Maplecrest Cemetery	Cobden Road, Dowling	2.1 acres
D	17	St. Jacques Cemetery	Cote St. Hanmer	2 acres
D	17	Valley East Cemetery	Gravel Drive, Hanmer	9.4 acres
D	10	Good Shepherd	Skead Road, Falconbridge	½ acre
D	17	Capreol Cemetery	Hannah Road, Capreol	5.9 acres
E	17	St. Joseph Cemetery	Reg. Rd. 15 Chelmsford	10.7 acres
E	17	Chelmsford Protestant	Hwy 144, Chelmsford	½ acre
E	17	Blezard Valley Cemetery	Main St. W. Reg. Rd. 80 Blezard Valley	1.6 acres

Tenders were opened at the Tender Opening Committee meeting at 2:30 p.m., local time, Tuesday, May 6, 2003. The Manager of Cemetery Services estimate for this tender is \$165,000.00 annually. This work will be funded from the Current Cemetery Services Budget.

Nine firms submitted tender bid forms for consideration as follows:

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	All Groups
Complete Yard Care	\$18,874.80	\$64,842.00	\$2,354.00	\$19,174.40	\$22,191.80	\$117,700.00
Grasshoppers	\$42,628.80	\$51,889.65	\$3,210.00	\$35,427.70	\$30,832.05	\$128,400.00
Student Yard Care	\$24,773.18	\$53,294.03	\$401.25	\$24,002.76	\$20,327.33	\$89,999.84
Lawn Johns	\$19,495.40	\$54,463.00	\$2,140.00	\$19,179.75	\$24,556.50	\$115,038.26
PCC Contracting	\$22,065.54	\$123,014.69	\$1,605.00	\$32,517.30	\$32,814.00	\$195,553.20
Greenscape Lawn Care	\$18,249.92	\$100,704.12	\$877.40	\$18,377.66	\$17,153.17	\$462,435.81
R. L. Construction	\$49,621.11	\$150,239.23	\$1,746.67	\$56,589.16	\$36,380.73	\$279,943.06
Tate's	\$29,291.25	\$92,180.50	\$3,584.50	\$28,435.25	\$35,925.25	\$199,981.93
Micugh Construction	\$45,628.44	\$98,160.24	\$1,540.80	\$44,209.69	\$37,439.87	189,390.00

The tender bid submitted by Complete Yard Care was rejected as all of the tender bid documents were not initialled. The tender bid submitted by Student Yard Care for the category "All Groups" was rejected as the tender bid form was not signed. These tenders were rejected in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the City of Greater Sudbury Purchasing By-Law 2001-02. The bid received from Greenscape Lawn Care contained a mathematical totalling error which was corrected by the firm as is allowed under the City of Greater Sudbury's Purchasing By-law 2001-02. Student Yard Care has subsequently withdrawn their bid for Group C.

The lowest allowable bid price for all five groups combined was \$115,038.26 each year for three years. However, the lowest bid prices for each of the five individual groups when totalled equalled \$106,547.80. Therefore, the lowest bid meeting all specifications is the lowest bid for each individual group that being Greenscape Lawn Care for Groups A, C, D and E and the bid from Grasshoppers for Group B. This tender award is for a three year period, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Request for Decision City Council

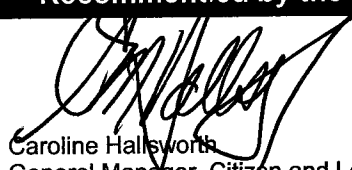



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Report Title
Summer Special Events and Special Occasion Permits

Policy Implication + Budget Impact	
<input type="checkbox"/>	This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Background Attached

Recommendation	
<p>THAT the report from the General Manager of Citizen and Leisure Services dated April 30, 2003 regarding Summer Special Events and Special Occasion Permits be approved as presented.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the General Manager
 Caroline Hallsworth General Manager, Citizen and Leisure Services

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

Report Prepared By



Ted Durbacz, Manager of Events, Aquatics and Ski Hills

Division Review

Background:

The Leisure Services Department receives requests every year from a number of groups planning community special events throughout the summer to use the City of Greater Sudbury parks and facilities, to extend the operating hours of parks and to be exempted from the Noise By-Law. These requests require Council approval.

As noted in the attached correspondence, groups are requesting permission to obtain Special Occasion Permits to operate licensed areas in the parks as part of the fundraising efforts of the events. Some of the groups are requesting extension to the operating hours of parks beyond 11:00 p.m. Current by-laws governing the operation of parks call for an 11:00 p.m. closure from both an operating point of view as well as noise.

The attached schedule summarizes the events and the various approvals being requested from Council.

Council confirms the nature of these events as community festivals and that they are of municipal significance to our community.

The approval of each group is subject to the following conditions:

1. That the special event organizer shall ensure that the provision of adequate clean-up of the site and those properties adjacent to the event in a timely manner as determined by staff immediately following the event;
2. That all Ontario Fire Code regulations must be adhered to, in particular, with respect to Section 2.8 that indicates a Fire Safety Plan is required for these events;
3. That no bonfires of any kind, barbeques or similar types of cooking devices shall be operated on site without the consent of the Fire Chief, and that an approved fire extinguisher be provided for each of the foregoing;
4. That when outdoor amplified sound equipment is in use, all speakers and speaker stacks shall be positioned to tilt downward into the crowd versus projecting straight over the crowd at adjoining properties;
5. That the special event organizer, or their designate, must be present on site during the entire duration of the event.

Staff have reviewed these matters with the Councillors representing the Wards in which the events are to be held. Additionally, staff has reviewed these matters with organizations whose location is adjacent to parks where events are to be held.

2003 Summer Events

Event	Location	Event Date	Event Time	Requesting Special Occasion Permit	Requesting Exemption to Parks Operating By-Law	Requesting Exemption to Noise By-Law
13 th Annual Downtown Rotary Blues for Food	Memorial Park	Saturday, June 15	11:00 am to 9:00 pm	✓		
St. Jean-Baptiste Celebrations	Bell Park Amphitheatre Parking Lot	Sunday, June 22	11:00 am to 11:00 pm	✓		
32 nd Annual Northern Lights Festival Boréal	Grace Hartman Amphitheatre	Friday, July 4, Saturday July 5 and Sunday, July 6	11:00 am to 12:00 midnight	✓	✓	✓
4 th Annual Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival	Bell Park	Friday, July 11, Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13	11:00 am to 12:00 midnight	✓	✓	✓
17 th Annual Sudbury Blueberry Festival du bleuët	Older Adult Centre Sudbury	Friday, July 18, Saturday, July 19, Sunday, July 20 and Monday, July 21	11:00 am to 12:00 midnight 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight	✓		
Minnow Lake Days	Minnow Lake Place/place Minnow Lake	Friday, July 25, Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27 Sunday, July 27	11:00 am to 1:00 am 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm	✓		✓
8 th Muscular Dystrophy Association "Summerfest 2003"	Grace Hartman Amphitheatre	Friday, Aug. 22, Saturday, Aug. 23 and Sunday, Aug. 24	11:00 am to 12:00 midnight	✓	✓	✓



March 28th, 2003

City of Greater Sudbury
Bag 5000, Station "A"
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ATTENTION: DAVE DELLA VEDOVA
LEISURE SERVICES

Dave
Dear Mr. Della Vedova:

RE: DOWNTOWN ROTARY BLUES FOR FOOD

Plans are now well underway for the Thirteenth Annual Downtown Rotary Blues For Food, scheduled for **Saturday, June 14th, 2003** in Memorial Park.

As you are aware, this event was initiated in 1991 to raise awareness to and funds (both dollars and non-perishable food items) for the needy of our Community. In addition to these very key objectives, it also provides a Community/Family Day which involves music, BBQ, children's activities, etc.

The Organization of this event is also Community driven with key participation and involvement by Sudbury Metro Centre, the Rotary Club of Sudbury, City of Greater Sudbury (Leisure Services), and the Blues Appreciation Society.

In 2003, this event once again expects to host family activities such as a Pancake Breakfast, Children's activities, community involvement by way of 'hands-on' displays, demonstrations, food court area, Sudbury Classic Cruisers display, etc. Once again, proceeds will be presented to the Sudbury Food Bank for distribution to the various organizations within our Community. Although there is no admission for the event, people are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the Event.

Once again, we would like to undertake a licensed outdoor refreshment area, in Memorial Park from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. This area would be under a tent, serviced and manned by Volunteers from the Rotary Club of Sudbury and would adhere to requirements, etc., as directed by approval agencies for an outdoor licensed activity. Once again, proceeds to the Sudbury Food Bank.

I would like to take this opportunity to request approval from the City of Greater Sudbury to proceed with these plans and application for a permit to hold a licensed outdoor refreshment area.

Should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly

Maureen M. Luoma
Executive Director

cc: Mike Petryna
A. Davey

Sudbury Metro Centre



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Friday, April 11, 2003

City of Greater Sudbury Council

Re: Letter of Request for the use of Bell Park June 21st and 22nd.

Dear Councilors,

Please consider this an official Letter of Request by *Les Concerts La Nuit Sur L'Étang*, for the use of Bell Park to hold our St. Jean-Baptiste celebrations the weekend of June 21st and 22nd. The Event Committee for this important Francophone celebration comprises almost a dozen Francophone organizations. Plans for this year's St. Jean Baptiste celebration include a tent set-up with a capacity of five to seven hundred people, and will feature Francophone recording artist Jim Corcoran as the headliner along with a local Francophone band, to be named at a later date, as opening act. There will also be an open stage for local musicians, and child and family oriented activities will be held throughout the day. We are presently planning a St. Jean Baptiste Dinner Sunday evening, however, those plans remain incomplete at this time.

Now in its 31st year, The *La Nuit Sur L'Étang* Music Festival is recognized as a stepping-stone for rising Francophone musicians, and has played an important role in the success of many Franco-Ontarian artists. *Les Concerts La Nuit Sur L'Étang* was conceived to build on the success of the festival, and help promote French music and culture year round.

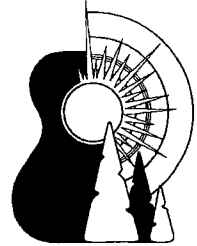
The Event Committee appreciates your consideration on this matter, and would like to thank you in advance for our support in helping make this year's St. Jean Baptiste celebrations the best ever.

Sincerely,

Yves J. Doyon
Executive Director
Les Concerts La Nuit sur l'Étang

Northern Lights Festival Boréal

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*Celebrating the
Arts for 32
years!*

March 27, 2003

Ted Durbacz
Manager of Events, Aquatics and Ski Hills
City of Greater Sudbury
P.O. Box 5000, Stn. A
Sudbury, ON
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Re: Northern Lights Festival Boréal July 5,6,7 2003
Special Occasion Permit-Bell Park

To Mr. Durbacz,

Plans are well underway to stage our 32nd edition of Northern Lights Festival Boréal at Bell Park this summer. The festival will take place July, 4, 5, 6 / 2003.

This letter is written as a formal request to the Greater City of Sudbury requesting permission to stage our 32nd Northern Lights Festival Boreal at Bell Park in accordance with By-law 76-100.

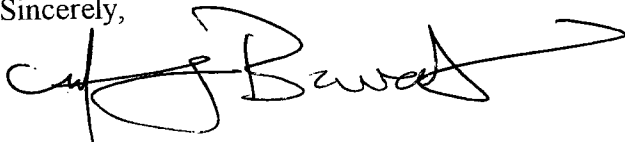
At present the plans are to open the gate on Friday at 6 P.M. with entertainment in the Canvas Cabaret and on the Main Stage in the Amphitheatre starting at 7 P.M. and ending at 12 midnight. Saturday programming commence at 12 noon until 12 midnight. Sunday will begin at 12 noon and once again end the weekend at 12 midnight. We will include the following events as part of our weekend.

1. Food vendors will be placed at various locations in the park but will primarily be concentrated in the courtyard at the entrance steps to the amphitheatre. There will be an refreshment area where we will have a tent set up for volunteers and the public to sit down and eat.
2. A **Family Area** including activities tent and a family stage tent in the upper field located (next to the mining monument) on the right side of the park as you enter the Paris Street entrance coming into the park.

3. The Visual Artists Area will be located by the Centennial Flower Bed down by the amphitheatre.
8. Our **Canvas Cabaret** will once again be located in the parking lot located on the left as one enters Bell park from the Paris Street entrance. This area is the only licensed area of the festival - for approximately 800 people with food being served within the fenced area as in previous years. NLFB is presently pursuing the Ontario Lottery Gaming Corporation for use of their mobile stage of which has been a part of the festival for the past 2 years.
6. **Main Stage** is located in the Grace Hartman Amphitheatre with entertainment scheduled from 7 P.M. until 11 P.M. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Open stages for local musical acts will begin at 12 P.M. at various times on Saturday and Sunday during the daytime until 5 P.M.
7. We will have 3 ticket booths, one located at the back or side of the amphitheatre and 2 ticket booths located at the front gate down approx. 10 metres from the Paris Street and the park entrance, on the right along side of the sidewalk.
8. Our expected attendance over the weekend is 18,000 people, on a rotating basis over the 3 day period.
9. A component of the park will not be open to the general public.
10. The festival weekend is free admission to children; ten years of age and younger.

Should you require more information, please call me at 674-5512. Would you please forward your letter of consent to this office care of myself. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Murray Bowers
Executive Director
Northern Lights Festival Boréal

cc: Tom Mowry, City Clerks Office
Earl Cote, NLFB Chair



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April 29, 2003

Presented By:
MCTV
ONTARIO

The City of Greater Sudbury Council
200 Brady Street
Sudbury, ON P3E 5K3

In cooperation with
Investors Group

Dear Members of City Council:

On behalf of the Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival Committee, I would like to thank the City of Greater Sudbury for its continued support of this phenomenal event.

GOLD SPONSORS



The Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival has grown tremendously over the last 4 years and 2003, the Year of the Ram, promises once again to be an exhilarating exhibition of our community's spirit and enthusiasm. 154 teams (over 3,000 participants alone) will be coursing across the finish line, and we are expecting between 15,000 and 20,000 spectators to wind their way through Bell Park during this spectacular two day event.



Through the efforts of our volunteers, participants and sponsors, the Festival hopes to generate over \$200,000 for the Heart and Soul Campaign this year.

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For your information and consideration with respect to our Special Occasion Permit, we include the following schedule of events for our Festival.

Quality Inn

Festival Dates: Friday, July 11th to Saturday, July 12th, 2003

MEDIA SPONSORS

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COMMUNICATIONS

Friday, July 11, 2002

Team Check-in	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dragon's Den open	noon to midnight

Saturday, July 12, 2002

Race Day	8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Family Entertainment	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Awards Presentations	6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dragon's Den open	noon to midnight

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Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Yours very truly,
S. Smith

Jim Smith
Executive Committee Chair

Community Partners



Organized By:



Sudbury Blueberry Festival Two Week Event in 2003

July 14th to 27th 2003

The Sudbury Blueberry Festival du bleu will be a two week event in 2003 as the annual Festival celebrates its 17th season from July 14th to the 27th in the **City of Greater Sudbury**, home of some of the worlds best natural wild blueberry patches.

According to Festival organizers there were just too many events to fit into the previous one-week schedule. With two weeks it will be possible to accommodate all the events now scheduled, and planned, plus give tourists the opportunity to participate to a greater extent than ever before.

Major events this year will include the **Gem and Mineral show** on the first weekend of the Festival and **Minnow Lake Days** on the Final Weekend. There will be special events at the downtown **Farmers Market**, **Memorial Park** and the **Older Adult Centre**, which is home to the Festival each year and provides support and volunteers for Festival activities.

Returning this year will be the **Corvette Show and Shine** with over a million dollars worth of the famous cars celebrating Corvette's 50th anniversary. The ever-popular **Celebrity Blueberry Pie-eating Contest** will take place in downtown Sudbury to the delight of many onlookers. There will be lots of music throughout the Festival including **Concerts in Bell Park** on the shores of Lake Ramsey. The kids will have special events and activities planned for them during the Festival at many locations.

Sudbury's heritage will be featured throughout the Festival with events at the **Copper Cliff and FlourMill Museums**, **Anderson Farm** and in **Capreol at the Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre**. There will be lots to eat at the numerous pancake breakfasts, barbecues and teas planning throughout the City of Greater Sudbury during the Festival. Watch also for special blueberry treats featured by local restaurants and merchant sales events that will take place.

The Festival will open officially on Monday July 14th at 11.00 a.m. on **Blueberry Hill**, located just a kilometer south of the Kingsway on Bancroft Drive next to the Carmicheal Arena overlooking Minnow Lake. The Festival will wrap up at a concert on the shores of Ramsey Lake on Sunday July 27th with a free draw for a blue sapphire diamond ring.

Further details on Sudbury's unique **Blueberry Festival du bleu** can be obtained from the web-site www.bleuberryfestival.ca and from the 24 hour hot line 671-1717.

More Information: John Lindsay, co-chair 525-7526 - Stephanie Tolin and Stacie Quinn at 673-6227

Minnow Lake Days Festival Executive Committee

To: Greater City of Sudbury
Attn: City Clerk

May 6, 2003

We are a community oriented non-profit group of Minnow Lake residents including business owners, employees, professionals, homemakers and students that is looking for ways to improve our community and lake and the quality of living in the Minnow Lake area, as well as promoting residents' involvement in our community. We are requesting official recognition by our city council for our event through a **resolution by council** granting permission for our group to hold the event. Our event is now incorporated.

During the 2003 "Minnow Lake Days Festival" from July 15 to 27, at the "Minnow Lake Place" facility (formerly St. Jean school), we are planning to set up outdoor tents for Saturday July 26 from 11am to 1am and Sunday July 27 from 11am to 7pm in which we will have live entertainers, food and beverage sales.

We require an **exemption** allowing our tent set up, which will have beer and wine cooler sales and we require a **noise exemption** to allow music to be played until 1am on Saturday July 26.

Our tent area will be set up on the lake side of the building and the nearest private residence is over 100 meters away. Most entertainers in this tent will be doing solo or duet performances with the exception of a few bands.

Volunteers monitoring the entrance to this area and doing the alcohol sales and serving will be smart serve certified and the area will be fenced in with only two access points. The first will allow access to the main building where public washrooms will be as well as access to the parking area and the second will allow access to the waterfront. A **designated driver program** will offer persons free water or soft drinks. Various foods will be available on site during the entire event.

We are aware that we must also contact the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Health Unit and we expect an electrical inspection to be done when required. We will comply with any and all requirements any of these organizations place on our event.

Greater Sudbury Police Services off duty officers will be hired during all periods alcohol is going sold, to monitor the event, as we did last year.


We are arranging for Sudbury Transit to provide a free shuttle service to and from Minnow Lake Place throughout Minnow Lake for the events. This will be our RIDE program. We have a commitment from Lockerby Taxi that a taxi will be available at the facility door at all times during the evening and when it leaves another will be sent to the door. This may also be a possibility during the day time if Lockerby can arrange it.

St. John's ambulance volunteers will also be on hand throughout the events.

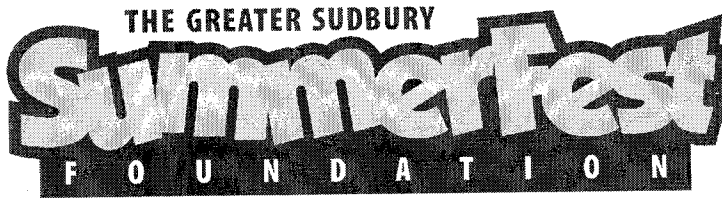
Our committee's intent has always been to organize a **family oriented community event** that will create involvement by all persons in our area and will help improve the living standards of our neighborhood as well as to raise the profile of our area in the North. Our event will focus much of its fundraising to contribute to the conversion and maintenance of the grounds of the new Minnow Lake Place facility for use by our residents, especially the youth in our community. We also hope to contribute to the construction of a skateboard park in our area this year.

For more information please feel free to contact me at my business number below any time. Our liaison to the city for this event is Cindy Dent in Leisure Services. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Linda Cartier
(Chairman) Minnow Lake Days Festival Executive Committee
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April 29, 2003

The City of Greater Sudbury
Leisure Services Department
Attention: Ted Durbacz

Dear Ted:

The Sudbury Summerfest Foundation is presently in the planning stages for Summerfest 2003. This will be the events 8th year, the 6th at the Grace Hartman Memorial Amphitheatre. Summerfest 2003 is a fun filled family event, which guarantees to please people of all ages. As an added bonus Summerfest is very positive for the community as it provides another terrific event to be included in Sudbury's Summer Calendar for residents of the area and potential tourists visiting our fine City.

The event is scheduled for August 22-24th, 2003. To compliment the festivities, a beer tent will be operated throughout the weekend. Also, we are requesting that the hours of use for the Park be extended from 11:00PM to 12:00AM, on Friday, August 22nd, and Saturday, August 23rd.

The Sudbury Summerfest Foundation hopes that you and your Department will consider our requests, and continue to sponsor this worthwhile community event.

On behalf of the Foundation, I thank you for your time and consideration with this matter, and look forward to hearing from you in the near future. I may be contacted by phone at 670-8484, or by e-mail at mlanther@vianet.ca.

Sincerely,

Marc Lanthier
Vice-President
The Sudbury Summerfest Foundation

cc Ted Callaghan
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Request for Decision City Council



Type of Decision

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Report Title

**Temporary Liquor Licence Extension and Exemption to By-law 92-13
(former Town of Nickel Centre) Noise By-law - Falcon Hotel**

Policy Implication + Budget Impact

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

Policy Implication: None

Budget Impact: None

Background Attached

Recommendation

This Council has no objection to the issuance of a temporary extension to their liquor licence and no objection to the granting of an exemption to By-law 92-13 (former Town of Nickel Centre) Noise By-law to the Falcon Hotel, 3024 Falconbridge Road and Royale Hotel, 20 Birch Street, Garson, to operate a beer tent to celebrate one hundred and two (102) years of serving the local community. The event will take place as follows:

Thursday, June 5th and Friday, June 6th, 2003, :
7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

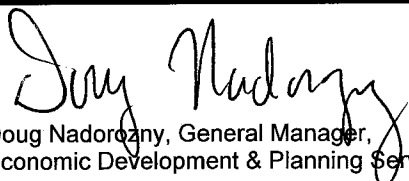
Friday, June 7th, 2003: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 8th, 2003: 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

with an anticipated attendance of approximately 350 persons.

☒ Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the General Manager


Doug Nadorozny, General Manager,
Economic Development & Planning Services

Recommended by the C.A.O.


Mark Mieto,
Chief Administrative Office

Date: 2003-05-09

Report Prepared By



Roger Leblanc,
Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

Division Review

And further that this approval be subject to the following conditions:

1. That the special event organizer shall ensure the provision of adequate clean-up of the site and those properties adjacent to the event area no later than 12:00 o'clock noon on Monday, June 9th, 2003;
2. That all Ontario Fire Code regulations must be adhered to, in particular, with respect to Section 2.8 that indicated a Fire Safety Plan is required for this event;
3. That no bonfires of any kind, barbecues or similar types of cooking devises shall be operated on the site without the consent of the Fire Chief, and that an approved fire extinguisher be provided for each of the foregoing;
4. That when outdoor amplified sound equipment is in use, all speakers and speaker stacks shall be positioned to tilt downward into the crowd versus projecting straight over the crowd or adjoining properties;
5. That the special event organizer, or his designate, must be present at the site during the entire duration of the event.
6. That the tents be erected in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Building Code.
7. That the event representatives ensure emergency vehicles have access to the event area.
8. That the hotel be responsible for providing visible security during the course of the event.
9. That the event representatives shall ensure that the adjoining residential properties are notified of the event at least ten (10) days prior to the start of the event and that the notice must state that alcohol will be part of the event.

Background:

Attached are applications for a temporary liquor licence extension and exemption to By-law 92-13 of the former Town of Nickel Centre (Noise By-law) submitted by Normand Dupuis on behalf of the Falcon Hotel at 3024 Falconbridge Road, and the Royale Inn, 20 Birch Street, Garson for their 102nd Anniversary of Serving the community. The hours of operation are between 12:00 noon and 1:00 a.m.

In accordance with Council's policy, this application was previously circulated to the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Director of Citizen & Leisure Services, the City Solicitor and the Co-ordinator of Traffic and Parking. Their concerns have been added to the conditions for approval.

The foregoing resolution has therefore been placed on the Agenda for your consideration.



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Application for Approval of Outdoor Fund Raisers and Community Festivals

Name of Applicant NORMANA DUBUIS
 Name of Group FALCON HOTEL LIMITED
 Address 3024 FALCON BRIDGE RD Telephone 693-2727
 Proposed Event (Describe all activities to be held) FALCON & ROYALE HOTELS 102 ANNIVERSARY
THUR. - BIKINI CONTEST 7:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M., FRI. - SHANIA TWAIN SHOW (SAME HOURS)
SAT. - MYSCULAR DYSTROPAY FUNDRAISER 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M., SUN 12:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. CLASSIC CAR CRUISE
 Anticipated Attendance APP. 350 PERSONS Location SAME (TENT)
 Date JUNE 5-6-7-8/03/02 Hours of Operation _____
 Owner/Occupant of Location OWNER BOB LAMOURoux
 Address 3096 GREENWOOD DRIVE Telephone No. 560-0222
 Security Proposed (State whether police, private security or other and number) _____
WE HAVE OUR OWN SECURITY AND THEY ALL HAVE THE SMART SERVE COURSE
 Proposed Access To Location and Proposed Parking Area (Attach Sketch if necessary)

Has This Event Been Held Before? (Provide Details) YES
LAST YEAR WE CELEBRATED 102 YEARS OF BUSINESS
AND IT WAS SUCH A SUCCESS WITH OUR COMMUNITY WE
DECIDED TO MAKE IT AN ANNUAL EVENT.

Has this Group sponsored any previous outdoor fund raisers or community festivals?
YES WE HAVE A CATERER'S LICENCE AND OVER THE YEARS
WE HAVE CATERED TO MANY OUTDOOR FUNDRAISERS FOR
MANY DIFFERENT COMMUNITY GROUPS


Signature of Applicant

I/WE certify the above information to be correct and undertake to advise the Municipal ByLaw Enforcement Officer immediately upon any change in the above information.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
 Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, Liquor Licence Act and is used to process Application For Approval Of Outdoor Fund Raisers And Community Festivals. For further information please contact the City Clerk, c/o The Corporation of the City of Sudbury, 200 Brady Street, PO Box 5000, Station A, Sudbury, Ontario, P3A 5P3.

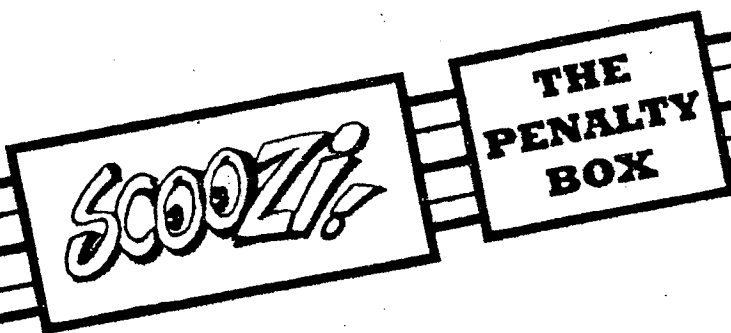
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DATE: JUNE 5 + 6/03 : 7:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M.
JUNE 7/03 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M.
JUNE 8/03 12:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
TIME: from _____

LOCATON: FALCON HOTEL PROPERTY



Falcon Hotel
3024 Falconbridge Rd.
Garson, ON
P3L 1V1
Bus: 693-2727
Fax: 693-2962



Royale Inn
20 Birch St.
Garson, ON
P3L 1T9
Bus: 693-2211
Fax: 693-2962

March 25th, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

The Royale Hotel in Garson has been operating since 1941 and the Falcon Hotel since 1961. Both hotels have been serving the local community for 102 years.

To commemorate this event, we would like to erect 3 tents at the Falcon Hotel.

This would take place on June 5th & 6th, 2003 from 7:00 PM to 1:00 AM.
June 7th, 2003 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 AM.
June 8th, 2003 from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Live bands would occur Friday and Saturday nights at the Falcon and the Royale. The other nights a Disk Jockey and Karaoke would be our entertainment.

As we have a noise by-law would you please consider granting us a reprieve for this 102nd year celebration?

If you require additional information, please feel free to call me.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain:

Yours truly,

Normand Dupuis

Request for Decision City Council



Type of Decision

Meeting Date	2003-05-15				Report Date	2003-05-09			
Decision Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	Closed

Report Title

**SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT & NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION
KNIGHTS OF Colombus - 5005 COUNCIL**

Policy Implication + Budget Impact

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

Policy Implication: None

Budget Impact: None

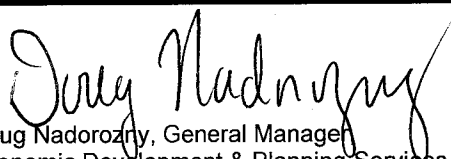
Background Attached

Recommendation

This Council has no objection to the issuance of a Special Occasion Permit and the granting of an exemption to By-law 85-33 of the former City of Valley East (Noise By-law) to Michel Poulin, on behalf of the Knights of Colombus, Council 5005, which will be held at the Knights of Colombus Hall at 688 Emily Street, Hanmer, Ontario for their Annual Community Festival to be held on July 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th, 2003. The hours of operation are between the hours of 12:00 noon to 1:00 a.m.

Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the General Manager

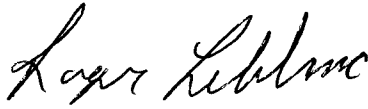

Doug Nadorozny, General Manager
Economic Development & Planning Services

Recommended by the C.A.O.


Mark Mieto,
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: 2003-05-09

Report Prepared By



Roger Leblanc,
Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

Division Review

And further that this approval be subject to the following conditions:

1. That the special event organizer shall ensure the provision of adequate clean-up of the site and those properties adjacent to the event area no later than 12:00 o'clock noon on Monday July 21st, 2003;
2. That all Ontario Fire Code regulations must be adhered to, in particular, with respect to Section 2.8 that indicated a Fire Safety Plan is required for this event;
3. That no bonfires of any kind, barbecues or similar types of cooking devises shall be operated on the site without the consent of the Fire Chief, and that an approved fire extinguisher be provided for each of the foregoing;
4. That when outdoor amplified sound equipment is in use, all speakers and speaker stacks shall be positioned to tilt downward into the crowd versus projecting straight over the crowd or adjoining properties;
5. That the special event organizer, or his designate, must be present on the site during the entire duration of the event.
6. That any tent be erected in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Building Code.

Background:

Attached is an application submitted by Michel Poulin on behalf of the Knights of Colombus, Council 5005, requesting Council's approval for a Special Occasion Permit and Exemption to By-law 85-33 of the former City of Valley East (Noise By-law). The request is made to facilitate their Annual Community Festival and fund raiser. The event will take place on July 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th, 2003 at the Knights of Colombus Hall at 688 Emily Street, Hanmer, Ontario with an anticipated attendance of 5,000 people. The hours of operation are between 12:00 noon and 1:00 a.m. There will be country music, truck pulls, children's games, food court and alcoholic beverages will be served.

In accordance with Council's policy, this application was circulated to the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Director of Leisure, Community & Volunteer Services, Co-ordinator of Traffic and Transportation and the City Solicitor. Their concerns have been added to the conditions for approval.

The foregoing resolution has therefore been placed on the Agenda for your consideration.



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**Application for Approval
of Outdoor Fund Raisers
and Community Festivals**

Name of Applicant Michel Poulin

Name of Group Knights of Columbus Council 5005

Address 688 Emily ST HAMMER ON Telephone 969-2188

Proposed Event (Describe all activities to be held) COUNTRY Music, Truck Pulls
Midway, Rib FEST, Kids Game Food, VENDORS

Anticipated Attendance 1,000 to 4000 Location 688 Emily ST

Date July 17, 18, 19, 20 2003 Hours of Operation 12:00 P.M - 1:00 A.M

Owner/Occupant of Location Knights of Columbus Council 5005

Address 688 Emily ST HAMMER ON Telephone No. 969-2188

Security Proposed (State whether police, private security or other and numbers) 16 PRIVATE
Security, 8 Regional Police AT Night plus KofC MEMBERS

Proposed Access To Location and Proposed Parking Area (Attach Sketch if necessary)
OFF ST on Hwy 69 NORTH

Has This Event Been Held Before? (Provide Details) This is our 18th YEAR
THAT THIS EVENT IS HELD WITH NO PROBLEMS

Has this Group sponsored ant previous outdoor fund raisers or community festivals?
THE ONLY EVENT WE SPONSOR IS OUR SUMMER FAIR
& COUNTRY FESTIVAL

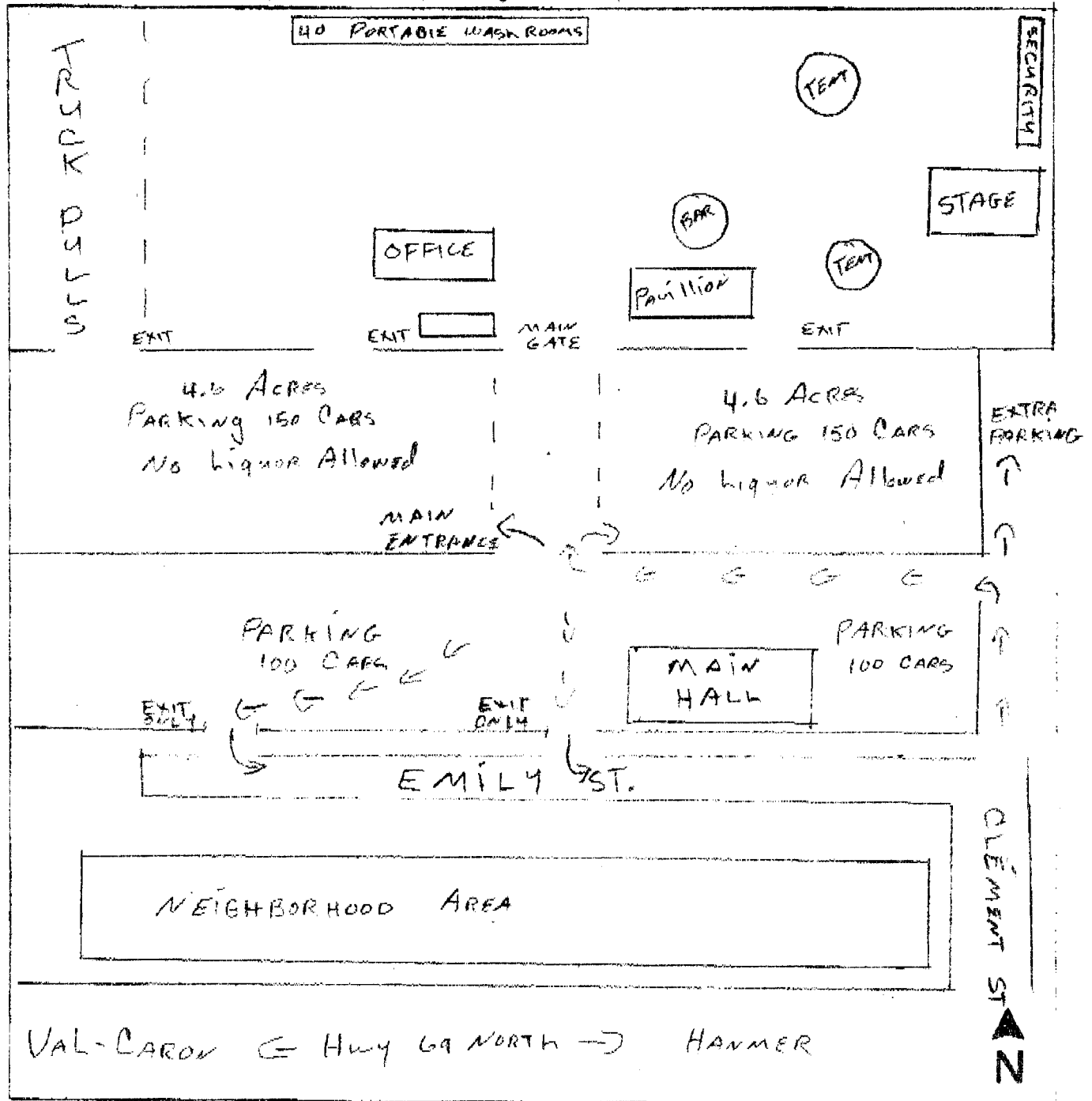
Michel Poulin
Signature of Applicant

I/WE certify the above information to be correct and undertake to advise the Municipal ByLaw Enforcement Officer immediately upon any change in the above information.



NOTE: 8' FOOT CHAIN LINK FENCE
AROUND DRINKING AREA

Site Plan (including location of parking facilities)



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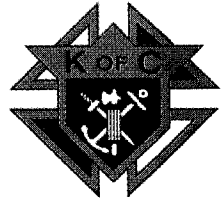


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Conseil 5005 Council

688 rue Emily Street, Hanmer, Ontario, P3P 1E4

Salle / Hall Rental (705) 969 - 8895, (705) 969 - 2188 Télécopieur / Fax : (705) 969 - 8895



April 6, 2003

Mr.T. Mowry
City Clerk,
Greater City of Sudbury.

Sir,

Please be advised that the Knights of Columbus, Council 5005, Hanmer, Ont., will be holding their 18 th Music and Community Festival.

The dates for this event are : July 17,18,19,20, 2003.

It will be held on our Fairgrounds situated at 688 Emily St., Hanmer.

As in the previous years, all Municipal and Provincial By-laws and Regulations will be upheld, and proof of insurance will be provided.

A list of Vendors will be supplied to your Office and to the Valley East Fire Dept. as soon as they come in.

For more information, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.
Thank you.

Yours truly,

Michel Poulin,
Co-Chairman.

969-4767(home)

969-2188(Hall)

969-8895(Fax)

Request for Decision City Council





Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	2003-05-15				Report Date	2003-04-30			
Decision Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes		No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High		Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open		Closed

Report Title
<p align="center">TELEPHONE POLL: NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY - OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS</p>

Policy Implication + Budget Impact
<p>This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.</p>
<p><u>Policy Implications:</u></p> <p>The requested noise exemption is a continuation of the work Council previously approved on September 12th, 2002 for other portions of this line.</p> <p>The request for noise exemption is accordance with Chapter 776 of the former City of Sudbury Municipal Code.</p> <p>The telephone poll is accordance with the policies set out in Council's Procedure By-law.</p> <p><u>Budget Impact:</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p>Background Attached</p>

Recommendation
<p>This Council has no objection to the granting of an exemption to Chapter 776 of the former City of Sudbury Municipal Code (Noise By-law) to the Canadian Pacific Railway for operational requirements to carry out construction activity on the Cartier Subdivision (Cartier to Rumford) during the hours of 0001 and 0800 (12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.)</p> <p>The schedule for activity within the City limits is as follows:</p> <p>May 2-3 - Second Avenue and Mildred Street May 4-5 - John and Sunday Street May 6-7 - Elgin and Paris Street Area May 13 - Frood and Elm Street Area May 14 - Elgin and Paris Street Area May 15 - Elgin and Elm Street Area May 15 - Beatty and McNeill Street Area</p>
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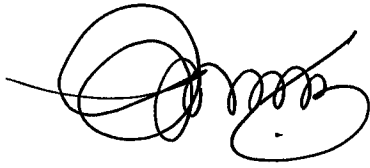
Recommended by the General Manager
 Doug Wuksinic, General Manager, Corporate Services

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

Date: April 30th, 2003

Report Prepared By

Thom M. Mowry,
City Clerk



Division Review



Ron Swiddle,
Director of Legal/Clerk's Services & City Solicitor

RECOMMENDATION (CONTINUED)

AND FURTHER THAT approval of this exemption be subject to the Canadian Pacific Railway providing public notice of this construction activity.

BACKGROUND:

This poll was authorized by the Acting Chief Administrative Officer. The poll was conducted of Members of Council on April 30th, 2003. The results of that poll were as follows:

A total of nine (9) Members of Council responded and all were in favour.

Accordingly, the resolution contained in this report appears on the Agenda for formal ratification by Council in accordance with the Rules of Procedure By-law 2002-202 indicating that resolutions must be included at the next regular meeting of Council, together with a report of the Clerk stating the results of the poll of Council.

Request for Decision City Council




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Report Title
Physician Recruitment and Retention - Quarterly Report

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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Background Attached

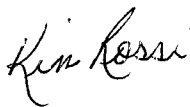
Recommendation
For Information Only
Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the General Manager
 Catherine Sandblom, General Manager, Health and Social Services

Recommended by the C.A.O.
 Mark Minto C. A. O.

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Date: April 29, 2003

Report Prepared ByKim Rossi
Coordinator of Health Initiatives**Division Review**Name
and Title**Background**

Community efforts are ongoing as the City and its partners work together on recruiting new physicians. This quarterly report will provide Council with information on recruitment efforts and ongoing projects.

Recruitment updates**Underserviced Area Program (UAP)**

As reported in December 2002, a presentation had been made to the UAP Review Committee in May of 2002 with the results expected in the new year, however to date no new information has come forward. Number of practising physicians remains at 94 with an additional 18 more required to meet the need of the current population.

Newly recruited physicians

Sudbury welcomed two new physicians in February 2003: Dr. Stephen Kim Tilbe, a gastroenterologist, and Dr. Lionel Marks de Chabris a general practitioner working emergency room only.

Community Assessment Visits

Health professionals visit underserviced areas and assess practice and lifestyle opportunities. The community assessment visit program is funded by UAP and will cover the expense of all travel and accommodation. The itineraries for the visits are arranged by staff of the Sudbury Regional Hospital. Included in the community visit is organizing meetings with local physicians, community leaders and staff to ensure that the visiting physician is aware of all the opportunities available in our community to practice medicine.

Family Medicine Practitioners:

No community visits took place in the first quarter of 2003. However discussions have been ongoing with three Northern Ontario Family Medicine residents regarding the practice opportunities with the turnkey clinics.

Specialist:

A total of five specialists visited during the 1st quarter. Among the five two have shown an interest in returning to practice in the CGS and their specialties are in geriatrics and cardiology.

Ongoing Projects**Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Recruitment and Retention of Physicians and Allied Health Care Professionals:**

The Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Recruitment and Retention of Physicians and Allied Health Care Professionals is scheduled to meet on May 8, 2003. The working group will present their draft Action Plan which will identify their accomplishments and provide information on this year's initiatives. Jackie Thoms, co chair of the Roundtable, will address Council at the Priorities Committee of June 11, 2003.

Date: April 29, 2003

Greater Sudbury Family Medicine Weekend

The Mayor and Council's Roundtable on Physician and Allied Health Care Professionals Recruitment and Retention working group along with six sub committees are meeting on an ongoing basis to organize the first ever **Greater Sudbury Family Medicine Weekend August 21-24, 2003**. The sub committees comprise volunteers with expertise and interests as follows: marketing, partners, social, financial/sponsorship, logistics and medical.

Invitations have been sent to 10 medical schools in Ontario and Québec. The weekend will be complimentary to the medical residents who accept our invitation. Funding for travel and accommodations will be covered by the Underserved Area Program with the MOHLTC. Many of the scheduled events are still in the preliminary stages but the first day will be a "work day" whereby the medical residents will visit the Sudbury Regional Hospital, the Northern Ontario Medical School, Northern Ontario Medical Education Corporation and meet with local family practitioners to discuss practise opportunities. The second day is organized in a way that will allow the medical residents to enjoy our city and its people. Jeanne Warwick and Dr. Pierre Bonin are co chairs of the weekend event.

Turnkey Clinics

In an effort to assist the recruitment efforts for physicians to the most underserved areas of the City the concept of turnkey clinics has been recommended by Council. Physicians would have available a medical office within which to set up their practice in 3 areas: Valley East, Rayside Balfour and Nickel Centre. This reduces the investment in capital for the new physician who is generally in a situation of high debt load from educational expenses and assists in the recruitment efforts of physicians to these areas. One of the issues that has arisen with the recruitment to turnkeys is the physicians need to co-locate for the purpose of shared overhead for salaries. Consequently, it has become evident that single recruitments to turnkeys are not viable but dual recruitments are more practical for the sustainability of the clinics. Consideration may need to be given to retainment issues of existing physicians in concert with the recruitment of new physicians to turnkey clinics.

Valley East -

Valley East Town Hall. Architect being sought for detailed design specifications for renovations.

Rayside Balfour -

Three interested parties have until May 30, 2003, to submit last and final offer.

Nickel Centre -

The Centre communautaire résidentiel de Coniston (CCRC) will be using the property located at 44 First Avenue, Coniston to build a residential complex which will also accommodate space for two physicians and a community centre.

In March 2003 the Planning committee recommended that Council approve the execution of a lease agreement with the Centre communautaire résidentiel de Coniston (CCRC).

The CCRC has hired the architectural firm ANO to design the plans with construction expected to begin this summer.

**PHYSICIANS RECRUITED
TO THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY
2002/2003**

NAME	AREA OF PRACTICE	START DATE
Dr. Solieman Bilgasem,	Urology	August 2002
Dr. Elaine Blacklock	Paediatrician	April 2002
Dr. Harry Kochar	OB/GYN	January 2002
Dr. Popuri Krishna	Psychiatry	November 2002
Dr. James McAlister	Family Medicine	October 2002
Dr. Kieran Moore	GP/ Emergency	September 2002
Dr. Michelle Ponti	Paediatrician	September 2002
Dr. Jason Prpic	GP/Emergency	June 2002
Dr. Santosh Pudupakkam	Vascular Surgeon	August 2002
Dr. Padma Puranam	Internal Medicine	November 2002
Dr. Stephanie Sbrocchi	Family Medicine	September 2002
Dr. Gerard Shoemaker	Cardiologist	September 2002
Dr. Josee Theriault	Internal Medicine	December 2002
Dr. Stephen Kim Tilbe	Gastroenterologist	February 2003
Dr. Lionel Marks de Chabris	GP/Emergency	February 2003

April/03

Request for Decision City Council

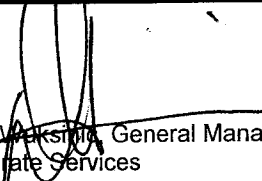



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	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open		Closed

Report Title
CHANGE OF CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY COUNCIL AND PRIORITIES MEETING DATES

Policy Implication + Budget Impact
This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.
<p><u>Policy Implication:</u></p> <p>The Procedure By-law permits the time, day or place of meeting to be altered.</p> <p><u>Budget Impact:</u></p> <p>There are no financial implications.</p>
Background Attached

Recommendation
<p>This report is being submitted for information only.</p> <p>The Priorities Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th, 2003 has been rescheduled to take place on Monday, September 22nd, 2003.</p> <p>The City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 25th, 2003 has been rescheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 23rd, 2003.</p>
Recommendation Continued

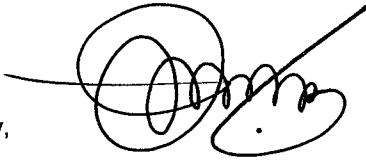
Recommended by the General Manager
 Doug Warkentin, General Manager Corporate Services

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

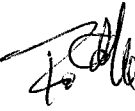
Date: 2003-05-02

Report Prepared By

Thom M. Mowry,
City Clerk



Division Review



Ron Swiddle,
Director of Legal/Clerk's Services & City Solicitor

BACKGROUND

A request has been received from the Committee organizing the Association française des municipalités de l'Ontario (AFMO) Conference being held in Sudbury on September 24, 25 and 26, 2003. The Conference is scheduled to be held the same day as the Priorities Committee meeting (September 24, 2003) and the City Council meeting (September 25th, 2003).

As the City of Greater Sudbury is hosting the Conference, the Organizing Committee is encouraging all Members of Council to take part in the Conference. They have asked staff to explore the possibility of moving the Priorities Meeting to Monday, September 22nd, 2003 and the City Council meeting to Tuesday, September 23rd, 2003.

MCTV, My Town (Cable TV) and the print news media will be advised of the rescheduling of the Priorities Committee and City Council meeting dates. These changes will also be advertised in the newspaper and will be included on the City's website.

Members of Council should note the rescheduling of the Priorities Committee and City Council meetings in their calendars.

Request for Decision City Council




Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	May 15th, 2003				Report Date	April 15th, 2003			
Decision Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes		No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High		Low
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Report Title
Re: Disposition of Closed City Facilities

Policy Implication + Budget Impact	
<input type="checkbox"/>	This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.
N/A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Background Attached

Recommendation
That Council direct staff to advertise for Expressions of Interest for the R.G. Dow Pool, the Adanac Ski Hill, the Barrydowne Arena and the Falconbridge Arena;
That Council direct staff to review these Expressions of Interest and bring recommendations to Council at the Council meeting of June 26 th , 2003.
Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the General Manager
 Doug Wuksinic General Manager of Corporate Services

Recommended by the C.A.O.
 Mark Mieta C.A.O.

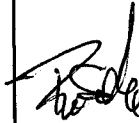
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Date: April 15th, 2003

Report Prepared By

Heater Salter
Deputy City Solicitor

Division Review

Ron Swiddle
Director of Solicitor and Clerk / City Solicitor**Background**

During the recent budget deliberations, Council decided to close various City recreational facilities, including: Barrydowne Arena, Adanac Ski Hill, Dow Pool, and Falconbridge Arena. When these difficult decisions were made, Council suggested that community groups be given time to review opportunities for these facilities and informally invited the community to bring forward proposals for the future disposition of these properties.

Three months have passed since these budget decisions were made and a number of Council members and citizens have been meeting and considering Council's invitation. However, there has been no formal process put in place to structure such discussions or to consider proposals and staff respectfully suggest that it is important that all those who are interested in either the operation of or alternative use of these facilities have an equal opportunity to express their interest in the facilities.

Further there has been no review of what existing rules and procedures may apply. To assist Council in making these decisions, the General Manager of Corporate Services has requested that the Legal Department comment upon the legal and procedural rules which govern the disposition of City lands.

ISSUE 1: Process

Council has two alternatives with respect to how it might consider proposals from others to purchase or operate the above mentioned facilities.

Option 1 - The City can wait for proponents to bring forward proposals on their own and deal with each one on a first come first serve basis. This process is not recommended as it does not include a mechanism to ensure that all proposals are evaluated by Council and gives a distinct advantage to the first group, business or individual who develops a proposal for Council's consideration.

If Council prefers to consider proposals ad hoc i.e. Option 1, then regard must be given to the requirements of By-Law 2001-296 - Financial Reporting and Due Diligence. By-Law 2001-296 passed November 29th, 2001 provides that there shall be a due diligence review of any proposed initiative which includes financial participation by the City.

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It is impossible to say if this policy would apply in all instances without knowing the details of any proposals. However, any proposals which require the commitment of cash or services by the City would appear to require this review.

Option 2 - The City can manage the process by initiating a request for Expressions of Interest for each or all of the facilities. The Expression of Interest document would be a simple checklist/fill in the blank document which it is easy for individuals, community groups and private sector applicants to complete, describing themselves and their proposed use of the property or facility. The Expression of Interest would ask the applicant to indicate if they wish to purchase or lease the property, describe the benefit to the community of their proposal, and indicate any expectations they may have of continuing a relationship with the City of Greater Sudbury as it relates to the operation and or alternate use of the property or facility.

If Council chooses Option 2, the advantages are that Council can direct what type of proposals would be considered and specify what information it requires to evaluate proposals. An Expression of Interest would also create a decision time line and ensure that all interested proponents have an opportunity to submit their plan.

The Expressions of Interest process would be conducted using the procedures in the Purchasing By-Law. Responses would be reviewed by staff and brought to Council with recommendations. Such recommendations could include requesting same proponents to develop more detailed proposals or authorizing negotiations for the sale of certain facilities.

If Option 2 is Council's preferred process it would be advisable for Council to provide direction now regarding what kind of proposals it will consider. For example, Council will have to weigh the opportunities for community benefit against the fiscal realities of budgets and opportunities for the disposition of the properties. Council should advise staff whether proposals which include requests for municipal funding to assist in the operation of the closed facilities will be considered, so that information may be included in the Expressions of Interest documentation.

Any proposals which involved disposition of the property, including the sale of the property or a lease in excess of 21 years would also have specific requirements as summarized below.

ISSUE 2 - Legal and Procedural Requirements

Regardless of the process above, if Council wishes to sell the properties or enter into a long term lease for any of the closed facilities, the following steps must be taken:

1. Declare the property surplus by by-law or resolution.
2. By-Law 2001-2 (Schedule F) requires that before disposing of surplus land notice will first be given to local boards and utilities and any other public bodies identified as having a potential interest in the lands.
3. Obtain at least one appraisal of the fair market value of the land. (Except if sold to a School Board; Conservation Authority; Crown; sold for nominal consideration to a person / group / body who are not a manufacturing business or an industrial or commercial enterprise; lease to a community development corporation; a sold or leased pursuant to a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement as authorized by the *Municipal Act*, 2001).

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4. By-Law 2002-2 (Schedule F) provides that if no expression of interest is received from local boards, utilities or other public bodies the property shall be marketed to the general public. It is required that the property be advertised for two weeks in the newspaper. In addition to the newspaper advertisement, marketing strategies can include listing the property for sale with a real estate broker or may include processes such as tender, RFP or public auction. If Council wishes to sell to someone without first advertising the property to the general public it must expressly waive this requirement of the Purchasing By-Law.

5. Give notice to the public of the proposed sale. (Except if sold or leased pursuant to a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement as authorized by the *Municipal Act*, 2001). Pursuant to By-Law 2001-2 (Schedule F), notice of the proposed sale must be posted at Tom Davies Square and on the City website for 7 consecutive days notifying the public of the date on which Council will consider the disposition.

In addition to the above procedural requirements there are a number of other legal issues which will impact upon the disposition of some of the facilities:

With respect to proposals by third parties to operate the facilities there may be implications relating to the "sale of business" provisions of the *Labour Relations Act*. If the sale of the municipal properties were found to be a "sale of business" within the meaning of that legislation the purchasers or lessees could be bound by the existing collective agreements governing the employees currently delivering services in those facilities. It is recommended that any disposition of the properties contain notice to prospective purchasers advising them to obtain independent legal advice regarding the applicability of those provisions.

The Barrydowne Arena and Adanac Ski Hill are located on lands leased by the City from the Nickel District Conservation Authority. No action can be taken with respect to the disposal of those facilities without the concurrence of the Nickel District Conservation Authority. These lands also comprise part of the Junction Creek Waterway Park Community Improvement Plan and regard should be given to the implications to that plan if the properties are sold or leased.

Both the Falconbridge Arena and Barrydowne Arena recently received provincial funding under the Superbuild, Sports, Culture and Tourism Partnerships Initiative for capital improvements. The provincial funding agreement provides that the City may not transfer its ownership in or lease either facility prior to March 31, 2027 without the written consent of the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Recreation. Repayment of the financial assistance received may be an anticipated condition of receiving such consent.

The above summary represents a review of the known procedural requirements and potential restrictions on the disposition of the above properties. When or if specific proposals are received a more thorough review will be required having regard to the particulars of each proposal.

Recommendation

It is recommended that staff be directed to advertise for Expressions of Interest relating to the operation or alternative use of these facilities. Staff would then review these Expressions of Interest and bring recommendations to Council at the Council meeting of June 26, 2003. This process will give Council the opportunity to consider the benefits to the community of different proposals and to provide directions as to the types of future use that Council would consider acceptable for these facilities.

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April 30th, 2003

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Dear Sir:

RE: Councillor Ronald Bradley's Motion Concerning the Repainting of the White Indicator
Lines on the Sidewalks in the Former Town of Rayside Balfour
Council Meeting of May 15th, 2003

I am a visually impaired resident of the former Town of Rayside Balfour, and as such, have a valid interest in the Motion which will be presented by Councillor Bradley with respect to the repainting of the white lines on the sidewalks in the former Town of Rayside Balfour.

I would like to briefly address Council on this matter on May 15th, 2003, and as such am seeking your permission to do so. I will simply be making a short verbal presentation, the duration of which I do not anticipate to be more than 5 minutes.

I look forward to your early reply and wish to thank you for your anticipated attention to this matter.


Yours very truly,

Tony Sauve

Ted Callaghan
Councillor, Ward 4 / Conseiller, Quartier 4



May 6, 2003

His Worship Mayor Jim Gordon
and Members of Council

Your Worship and Members of Council:

The Toronto City Summit Alliance, a coalition of Toronto leaders from the private, labour, voluntary and public sectors, released in April this year, its action plan for Toronto in response to the challenges identified at the June 2002 Toronto City Summit.

The recommendations contained in the Report entitled: ***Enough Talk: An Action Plan for the Toronto Region*** spoke particularly to achieving a new fiscal deal for Canadian Cities that would address the challenges associated with physical infrastructure, tourism, research, education, immigration, social services, and arts and culture.

A photocopy of the Report is attached to this letter for Council's information.

In times of downloading, escalating costs, and shrinking property assessments, we, as Councillors, find we have little or no room to fund new infrastructure or even to maintain the infrastructure we currently have.

It is ironic that in good times, all the financial benefits flow to the Provincial and Federal Governments and the costs of bad times have now become the responsibility of municipalities. Financially, there are no good times for Canadian Cities.

Granted, Canadian Cities are not unique. A January, 2003 Report on the role of metropolitan areas in the U.S. economy, prepared for the United States Conference of Mayors, had the following comment:

"Cutbacks in federal and state spending on health and social services will sorely test local governments, which must deal with increased needs of their populations in times of economic distress. But equally important for the long term economic health of metropolitan areas, and hence of the nation, are the budget-crisis induced deferrals of investments in infrastructure. These expenditures, particularly in the transportation and housing sectors, are vital investments in the long

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term productivity of metro area economies. This productivity is the predominant source of the real income growth for the nation. Crucial infrastructure investments to relieve congestion in transportation networks and in the provision of affordable housing are necessary to maintain the prosperity of the nation going forward.

The message that: when Cities stall, Canada stalls, doesn't seem to have registered yet with senior governments.

We, as Councillors and as staff, can only achieve so much with programs such as "CIP". We need to look beyond the City and assemble a new "fiscal tool kit" that will provide a more reliable and dependable source of funding than one which is totally reliant on property assessment. Moreover, if technology has sounded the death knell of "distance", then trade liberalization and economic integration are quickly eroding provincial and even national boundaries as local economies must compete globally.

We will fail, both as sustainable cities and as a nation, if we do not close this ever increasing funding gap.

The Toronto Report contains many recommendations to close this funding gap by providing "access to new, adequate, stable and predictable funding sources".

Recently, Mr. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer, established the Strategic Policy Development Group to be responsible for the research, analysis and presentation of Policy Reports on specific issues requested by the C.A.O. or Council. This Group will be composed of 12 to 15 City Staff, who will continue to work in their permanent jobs while meeting once or twice a month (up to 12 hours in total). I am requesting that Council, in adopting the motion which appears on your Agenda, assign to this Group the task of reviewing the recommendations contained in the Toronto Report and advising Council on what steps we as a Council can take to achieve them.

I am seeking your support in adopting this motion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Callaghan", with a horizontal line above the first name.

Councillor Ted Callaghan
Councillor, Ward 4

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Enough Talk

An Action Plan
for the Toronto Region

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April, 2003

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Enough Talk: An Action Plan for the Toronto Region

The Toronto City Summit Alliance represents a coalition of over 40 civic leaders from the private, labour, voluntary and public sectors in the Toronto region.

We formed this alliance because we care about the future of the region. In June of last year, many of us participated in the Toronto City Summit – a conference of leaders representing the city's diverse communities – to assess our urban region's strengths and challenges, and shape a Framework for Action that could move us forward over the next five to ten years.

We heard that our economy has been performing well: growth in employment and output have been strong. But we were disturbed by evidence of threats to our prosperity because of growing income disparity, the deterioration of our inner city, a drop in tourism, our decaying infrastructure, and the weakening of our public services. We heard about a once-great city on the verge of decline.

This was not cause for despair but a call to action. The Toronto City Summit Alliance was formed to address the challenges the Summit identified as critical to our shared future – finance, infrastructure, education, immigration and the underlying health of our regional economy.

We were emboldened by the need to rebuild the city region and determined to get on with the job. There has been enough talk and hand-wringing. We know there are problems, and we know there are solutions. Now is the time to act on them.

We have not tried to address all of the issues facing the region, but have picked a limited number of areas where there is a clear consensus for action and where progress can be made quickly. We have aimed our recommendations at all levels of government, municipal, provincial and federal, as well as the private sector, voluntary organizations and citizens at large. Governments alone cannot address the challenges we face.

The members of the Toronto City Summit Alliance are personally dedicated to seeing these initiatives happen. We urge all governments, political parties and mayoral candidates to endorse our recommendations. We will work to encourage community groups, voluntary organizations, the business community, organized labour and citizens of the city region to join us in this effort.

Our understanding of the issues and the proposals for getting the Toronto region back on track have been informed by many organizations and individuals. They offered a very clear, compelling and expert analysis of the challenges facing our city region, along with sound advice on how to address those challenges. Our thanks go to the members of our Working Groups and those we have consulted over the past few months for their help in achieving this civic consensus on the actions needed to secure the Toronto region's social and economic future.

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A Vision for the Toronto Region

In the 1970s and 1980s, Toronto was seen by much of the world as an innovative city that served as a model for others. In the last decade we have seen that image fraying at the edges as we have under-invested in our potential and left chronic problems un-addressed.

Toronto has the resources, the creativity and the human spirit to be one of the greatest city regions of the 21st century. Our vision of Toronto is a city region:

- With a diverse and vibrant economy that is a major engine of Canadian economic growth
- With one of the best educated workforces in the world and outstanding research and development that attracts companies and talent
- With an excellent system of public education that provides opportunity for all children in all communities
- Where the needs of early childhood are taken seriously and each child gets a good start in life
- That provides a high quality and affordable post-secondary education to all qualified students who aspire to higher learning
- That is committed to public transit as part of an integrated transportation system that serves people and moves goods efficiently
- With vibrant neighbourhoods where public schools and community facilities are centres for learning and community activities
- Known as the world's centre of excellence in welcoming immigrants
- Where housing needs are met for all income levels and all stages of life
- That takes care of its most needy citizens
- Where civic participation is widespread and civic leadership is effective
- Recognized for its cultural and artistic excellence
- That is on every world citizen's list of 'must-see' places to visit

That city region is within our grasp. We need only the will to make it happen. The agenda for action that follows is intended to move us closer to that vision.

A Snapshot of the Regional Economy

A Strong Economy

With its five million residents, one-fifth of Canada's entire GDP and 40 per cent of Canada's business head offices, the Greater Toronto Area is Canada's largest driver of economic activity and the source of significant spin-off jobs throughout the country.*

Much of the province's and the nation's growth and wealth come from the Toronto region. The GTA made a net contribution (tax revenues less re-investment) of \$3 billion to the province of Ontario in 2000 and \$17 billion to the federal government that same year.¹

There have been several driving forces behind the Toronto region's growth and success over the last 10 years:

Skilled Labour Force

Over half the labour force in our city region has at least a college or university degree. Our education levels are significantly higher than those of other city regions such as New York or Chicago.² This skilled labour base is especially critical to those more knowledge-intensive industries that will loom large in the future.

Strong and Diverse Industry Clusters

The Toronto region is home to an impressive number of vibrant industrial clusters strongly oriented towards international trade.

- We are the capital of Canada's financial services industry and the largest centre for business and professional services – driven in part by our large number of corporate headquarters
- Our automotive industry cluster of vehicle assembly and parts plants is the second largest in North America
- Our food and beverage manufacturing industry is also the second largest on the continent
- We have North America's fourth largest biomedical and biotechnology cluster, and the continent's second largest information technology and telecommunications cluster
- Our tourism industry generates billions of dollars in economic activity and is the largest in Canada
- The Toronto region is home to the largest arts and culture sector in Canada, including the third largest film industry on the continent

The sheer diversity of the region's economic base is one of the key reasons that we have weathered the past few years better than most cities in North America.

Growing International Trade

One key factor in the region's success has been its increasing penetration into U.S. markets with the result that, today, the GTA has strong trade links with city-regions in Michigan, Ohio, New York, Illinois, Indiana and California. Our aerospace, business services and financial services industries have significantly expanded their exports outside of North America as well.

* The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) officially includes the City of Toronto and the regions of Durham, Halton, Peel and York. We use the term because it is common parlance for the Toronto city region, and the level at which some municipal revenues are pooled and redistributed. We recognize that much of the economic data we cite actually pertains to the Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)

which has slightly different boundaries than the GTA but is comparable in size and economic impact. The economic scope of the city region extends in fact well beyond the boundaries of the GTA.

For some of our recommendations we will refer to this wider sense of the city region extending to Hamilton and west toward Guelph and Cambridge.

The region's continued prosperity depends on a favourable environment for growth in the province and the nation. Competitive provincial and national tax structures, particularly in the areas of income and capital taxation, are essential. With so much of our economy driven by the manufacturing and services sectors, supportive provincial and federal policies for education and research are critical. Smooth trading arrangements with the United States are also important to maintain our strong and growing north-south trade.

While we should be proud of our economic performance to date, the challenges going forward are significant. Our financial services industry must increasingly compete with larger global centres for internationally traded services. The future of our auto industry depends on Ontario securing its fair share of

the next round of investment in assembly plants. And our technology industries like IT, telecom and biotech must increasingly compete in a world where the investments necessary for commercialization grow ever more expensive.

All of our economic challenges and opportunities depend on adequate investment in our physical and social infrastructure. Great businesses do not exist in isolation. They depend on high quality schools, colleges and universities. They require efficient transportation, telecom, water, waste and energy infrastructure. They are increasingly seeking locations where their employees can experience a high quality of life. The building blocks of a great community and the supports needed for successful businesses are the same.

The Toronto Region's Top Clusters

CLUSTER	RANKING
Financial Services	Third largest in North America, after New York and San Francisco
Automotive	Second largest in North America, after Detroit
Biomedical & Biotechnology	Fourth largest in North America
Entertainment, Arts & Culture	Third largest English-language theatre centre in the world Third in North America for film and TV production Fourth largest media cluster in North America
Food & Beverage Manufacturing	Second largest in North America, after Chicago
Aerospace	Fifth-largest in the world; second-largest in Canada, after Montreal
Business & Professional Services	Among North America's largest, comparable to New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C.
Tourism	Canada's number one destination, with two-thirds more visitors than the country's second and third top destinations (Niagara region and Montreal)
Information & Communications	Largest in Canada
Clothing & Textiles	Canada's largest and fastest-growing commercial fashion industry

Source:
Industry cluster rankings
in the text and chart
come primarily from
The Institute of Competi-
tiveness and Prosperity
and studies for the City
of Toronto.

A New Fiscal Deal for Cities

Despite the strength of the Toronto region's economy and the wealth it produces, we have witnessed a growing gap between the public investments required in the region and the financial capacity of our local governments to fund those investments. Regional municipalities face escalating costs but have limited abilities to raise revenues. This is forcing tough choices on the city-region – choices between building roads or paying the police, supporting public health programs or digging sewers, reducing homelessness or supporting the arts.

We recognize that trade-offs are a necessary part of any budgeting process; however, the GTA generates enough wealth to support a healthy range of basic services. The real problem is with how responsibilities and taxing powers are distributed among our different levels of government.

Quite simply, Canadian federalism is not working for our large city regions. Toronto and other cities are in a fiscal straightjacket because property taxes are the only mechanism for raising substantial revenues. The provinces and the federal government have significantly more fiscal capacity and a wide range of taxing powers, including sales and income taxes. Traditionally, the governments of Ontario and Canada have provided the core funding for social welfare, social housing and other programs that involve income redistribution.

But in recent years, many of those social programs have been downloaded to municipalities. In 1988, for instance, we spent 18 per cent of our municipal operating expenditures on health and social assistance. By 2000, that figure had soared to 33 per cent as a direct result of the province's 1998 decision to transfer responsibility for affordable housing and 20 per cent of the Family Benefits and the Ontario Disability Support Programs

to municipal governments, and to increase the municipal share of social assistance administrative costs to 50 per cent. Administrative costs have grown the fastest, tripling since 1990.

While the provincial service realignment gave cities some education property tax room, the bottom line is that senior levels of government have succeeded in protecting their budgets against the next economic downturn by downloading significant social costs to the municipal level. They have submitted the small, already overburdened property tax base of municipalities to greater cost pressures. A downturn in the the Toronto region economy would result in rapid escalation of social assistance costs for the level of government least able to respond.

Other issues are contributing to fiscal constraints:

- Urban sprawl is exacerbating problems with traffic, transit and pollution, and will increase pressure on existing revenue sources. The GTA Task Force estimated in 1996 that, if development patterns continue in the Toronto area as they have over the past 25 years, we would require about \$55 billion of capital investment over the next quarter-century to build new road, water and sewer networks, as well as another \$14 billion in operating expenditures. A more compact and efficient development pattern could save roughly \$12 billion.
- The amalgamation of the City of Toronto has not produced the overall cost savings that were projected. Although there have been savings from staff reductions, the harmonization of wages and service levels has resulted in higher costs for the new City. We will all continue to feel these higher costs in the future.

- Municipalities have limited revenue sources and must rely on property taxes and user fees to generate revenue. Property taxes account for the lion's share – almost half of municipal revenues in the GTA. Most large U.S. cities, in contrast, draw only about 20 per cent of their revenues from this source, and make up much of the difference through municipal access to a variety of excise and income taxes, plus higher levels of transfers from senior levels of government.

Ironically, municipalities cannot take fiscal advantage of good economic times. Local governments receive little extra revenue when their region benefits from economic expansion since property taxes do not increase automatically with economic growth. The benefits from higher taxes generated by economic growth flow almost totally to the federal and provincial levels.

In the short-term, increased provincial and federal government grants could relieve some of the financing burden on municipalities. Ultimately, however, local governments are closer to their residents and should be able to meet most local needs without going cap-in-hand to senior levels of government.

The TCS Alliance strongly urges the Ontario and federal governments to create a “new fiscal deal” for Toronto and other major city regions. This would mean:

- 1. Relieving municipalities from taxes imposed by senior levels of government, such as the Ontario sales tax and federal GST, and from paying for the downloaded costs of affordable housing and social assistance. These actions will create fiscal room for cities to tackle their challenges with funds they already raise from local taxes.**
- 2. Putting in place predictable and meaningful long term federal and provincial support for urban infrastructure – especially transit.**
- 3. Allowing municipalities in Ontario the freedom to levy new taxes and fees for services they consider important.**

The TCS Alliance recommends that the federal government exempt municipalities from GST and that Ontario provide an exemption from the PST.

Municipal governments are unique within the GST structure: they purchase and therefore pay the tax on a range of goods and services, such as fire equipment, engineering services and road maintenance, but are not the final consumer. Even when they claim their partial GST rebate, GTA governments still pay roughly \$100 million in GST per year. On top of that, GTA governments pay roughly \$150 million per year in PST.³ The fastest way to create new fiscal room at the municipal level is for the governments of Ontario and Canada to stop taxing municipalities.

The TCS Alliance recommends that the province, over time, take back responsibility for some social expenditures downloaded to municipal governments. This should include affordable housing and family assistance benefits.

We were disappointed that the recent provincial budget did not address this issue. We recognize that “uploading” affordable housing and social assistance costs may take several years. In the interim municipalities will need direct financial support to assist them with financing their social costs. The City of Toronto, for example, has little money in its budget for the maintenance of the social housing stock and none for new affordable housing.

The TCS Alliance urges the federal government to allocate at least \$1 billion annually for strategic infrastructure projects in urban centres. A good portion of this should flow to the Toronto region, and particularly public transit. Federal support should be matched with provincial investment and new revenue sources to cover necessary investment in existing and new infrastructure.

The TCS Alliance was disappointed by the lack of adequate urban infrastructure funding in the recent federal budget. While we applauded the increased spending on the child tax credit, affordable housing and homelessness, immigrant settlement, and research and development – all of which support cities – the litmus test for federal support to cities is support to physical infrastructure. Unfortunately, the budget committed only \$250 million over the next two years and \$3 billion in total over 10 years to all infrastructure. This is woefully inadequate. If the federal government is serious about using urban transit to help meet its Kyoto Protocol commitments and fostering its innovation agenda, then \$1 billion per year is a modest amount. This would still be less than a fifth of what the U.S. federal government spends each year on urban transportation infrastructure on a per capita basis.

The TCS Alliance recommends that the Ontario government give municipal governments access to a broader range of revenue sources than property taxes and user fees. This will enable local governments to fund and be accountable for local services based on those revenue sources.

Two promising local sources of revenue are a hotel destination marketing fee for the GTA and a fuel tax (to be discussed in greater detail in subsequent sections of this report). Many U.S. cities – Detroit, for example – levy income taxes to pay for local expenses, and local governments in 31 states and the District of Columbia levy general sales taxes.

The TCS Alliance recommends that municipal governments ensure that their financial tools (user fees, property taxes, and development charges) relate more closely to the cost of providing services in different locations and for different types of development – except where those fees or charges lead to undesirable behaviour or limit accessibility by low income earners.

For example:

- User fees for water should be set at full cost recovery levels, including maintenance and replacement costs. User fees for garbage collection should also be considered if illegal dumping can be controlled.
- Property tax rates on apartments are higher than for single family homes and should be lowered to encourage higher density and reflect the fact that it generally costs less to provide services in high-density areas.⁴
- Development charges should reflect the true costs of developing different locations. Right now, the uniform charge over an entire urban area that many municipalities choose to levy inadvertently subsidizes urban sprawl.