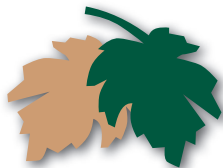


Making carpooling easier



ASK AN EarthCare Expert

Question: In a city this size, why do we not have a park-and-go outside city limits?

Answer: Park-and-Go or park-and-ride system for transit has been successful in cities with pre-existing parking lots associated with trains and larger bus garages. Similarly, carpool parking lots tend to be designated by the Ministry of Transporta-

tion outside of city limits.

At more than 3,000 square kilometres, Greater Sudbury is unique in that it encompasses one of the largest geographic areas for one municipality in Ontario. Although this seems to be a perfect situation for park-and-ride systems, we must consider a number of factors and have commitment from a variety of partners to make such a system work.

Thankfully, a few local businesses and arenas have stepped up to the plate to offer from one to five parking spaces for carpooling. If a transit Park-and-Ride system is developed in the future, larger parking areas may be required.

There have been carpooling parking spots at locations throughout the community since the summer of 2012. Park-and-rides allow users to drive their own vehicles to designated locations, meet their carpooling partners and leave their vehicle for the day without incur-

ring additional costs for parking.

Dashboard parking passes are needed and are available through EarthCare Sudbury by emailing earthcare@greatersudbury.ca or dialing 705-674-4455 ext 4398.

Spaces are limited and they are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Carpool parking locations are listed on the greatersudbury.ca/carpoolzone.ca.

Thanks to our EarthCare Sudbury Partners Rainbow Routes Association and the City of Greater Sudbury for their assistance in responding to this question.

Do you have a question about an environmental issue? Ask an EarthCare Expert! Submit your questions online at greatersudbury.ca/earthcare, then watch for this column published in the Northern Life for an "expert" response.

There are 12 park-and-go locations scattered throughout the city. They are:

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| ■ Place Bonaventure Mall | Sports Complex (Sudbury) | Centre / Arena (Copper Cliff) |
| ■ Carmichael Arena (Bancroft Dr., Sudbury) | ■ Dr. Edgar Leclair Community Centre / Arena (Azilda) | ■ Raymond Plourde Arena (Val Caron) |
| ■ Centennial Community Centre / Arena (Hanmer) | ■ Garson Community Centre / Arena | ■ T.M. Davies Community Centre / Arena (Lively) |
| ■ Chelmsford Community Centre / Arena | ■ I.J. Coady Memorial Arena (Levack) | ■ Toe Blake Memorial Arena (Coniston) |
| ■ Gerry McCrory Countryside | ■ McClelland Community | |

