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# Budget 2015 Community Consultation Form



Deadline for submissions: Friday, February 6, 2015

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### Comments/Suggestions/Opportunities for Savings:

To continue the allocation of HCI Funds. Have we scrutinized all lines of the budget for cost savings that have a lesser community impact?

### Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

See attached letter  
HCI Fund - contributes to important local community projects impacting many residents

Estimated one-time cost or saving: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated on-going costs or savings: Continue \$600,000 HCI Funds.

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**MYTHS AND MIRRORS COMMUNITY ARTS**  
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Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

RE: Community feedback on the allocation of HCI funds in the CGS 2015 budget

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We recommend the continued inclusion of these important funds in the CGS 2015 budget. Thank you for your time.

Very Best,

Blair Flynn

*Administrative Coordinator, Myths and Mirrors Community Arts*

**From:** 2015 Budget Public Input <webmaster@greatersudbury.ca>  
**To:** <budget@greatersudbury.ca>  
**Date:** 2/5/2015 12:55 PM  
**Subject:** 2015 Budget Public Input

This form was sent at: 5-Feb-2015 12:55 PM

NAME: Blaire Flynn

ORGANIZATION: Myths and Mirrors Community Arts

PHONE: 705 222 1305

EMAIL: mythsandmirrors@gmail.com

COMMENTS1: Has each line of the budget been scrutinized for potential savings that can be made with less of a public impact?

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ONETIME:

ONGOING: Continue the \$600 000 in HCI funding.

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**Subject:** 2015 Budget Public Input

This form was sent at: 20-Jan-2015 7:00 PM

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COMMENTS1: I would like to see more budget dollars be shifted to:

- Completing watershed studies that were promised some time ago. It is extremely important to have this information to make development decisions that protect water quality
- Bicycle lanes should be included in all new road construction or when repairs are taking place.
- Improve transit service, especially on Sundays (which are atrocious!!)

DESCRIPTION:

ONETIME:

ONGOING:

SUDBURY ACTION CENTRE FOR YOUTH / CENTRE D'ACTION JEUNESSE DE SUDBURY

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To/À: City Clerk - Tom Davies **Sender/** Catherine Savarie  
Square **Expéditeur:**

Of/De: Sudbury Action Centre for Youth

Date: Feb 3, 2015 Fax#: (705) 671-8118 # of Pages/# de pages: 8  
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Message/Remarques: Budget 2015 Community Consultation Form

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### Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

Please see attached documentation:

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Estimated one-time cost or saving: N/A

Estimated on-going costs or savings: \$20,000

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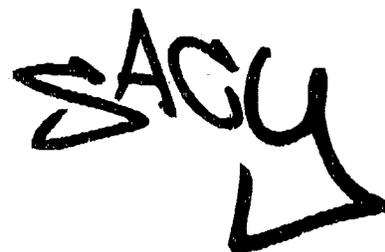
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C. Savarie  
Signature

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## ***Sudbury Action Centre for Youth-Background***

**Mission Statement:** To offer a safe, non judgmental place to access support and services for those in need.

**Values:** Respect, Support, Empower

### **History:**

In September, 1986, Jimi Park and some supporters from the community decided to set up a service that would provide support and assistance to area people who have come into conflict with the law, and as a result were having difficulty obtaining employment.

Using money earned over the previous summer, they acquired space in a house on Kathleen Street in Sudbury. With the help of generous donations and dedicated volunteers, they refurbished the house and turned it into a meeting and dispatch centre which was later incorporated as "Action Job Search Sudbury Inc."

The Centre's main goal at the time was to help make the transition back to society easier on the inmates and their families. With a staff of only two people, they set forth to offer support to anyone affected by the Criminal Justice System. The first step in achieving this goal was to help the ex-offenders find gainful employment and assume a normal and productive life within the community. Jimi Park took an active role in approaching prospective employers and soon proved very adept at matching clients with appropriate positions.

Efforts were focused primarily on helping individuals recently released from prison, those on parole or probation, and their families. Staff assisted clients with filling out applications and preparing resumes. Soon they began receiving referrals from the Elizabeth Fry Society, John Howard Society, area halfway houses and Family Court. Jimi soon recognized a need for weekly support sessions where clients and family members could find a safe forum to discuss their feelings, hopes and fears.

Late in 1986, Dr. James Grassby, a retired Inco executive and very active member of the community, entered the Centre to satisfy his own curiosity about the program, which by then was receiving quite a bit of media attention. Being impressed with the effective administration

and high success rate of the centre, he decided to become personally involved. Not only did he and his wife, Aileen, make a substantial personal donation to the Centre, he also persuaded many of his friends, business associates and acquaintances to contribute funds to ensure that this valuable service could continue.

In 1987, it became painfully clear that a new population was in dire need of the Centre's assistance: young offenders and youth headed in the wrong direction.

Jimi began speaking at local schools to discourage young men and women from embarking on a life of crime. He found that sharing his own experience helped reinforce the importance of obeying the law and staying out of trouble. Soon the Centre became as much a drop-in as an employment service. It also became evident that some of these youth were in need of other help before they could handle jobs.

They began offering life skills and job readiness counseling, and in 1989, Action Job Search Sudbury Inc. became the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth. Young offenders were encouraged to return to school, and the older clients were encouraged to acquire the skills necessary to find full-time employment.

As a result of the Centre's success, both federal and provincial funding was obtained which enabled the Board of Directors to hire staff to run the Community Youth Support Program and the Employment Program.

Because of its non-judgmental and non-threatening environment, the centre was ideally suited for a Risk Reduction program. The POINT Needle Exchange Program and IDU Outreach Program were established in order to reach out to injection drug users and help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and hepatitis in the community.

Over the years the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth has managed to sustain its programs and services despite the funding challenges presented by the cancellation of the provincial youth support program funding and employment funding. With the support of its members, local business, foundations, and all three levels of government, this agency has risen to the challenges presented.

As we move into the future, we plan to continue to provide programs and services that help youth and vulnerable adults to address homelessness, addictions, unemployment, and trouble with the law, mental illness, and dysfunctional relationships.

With the leadership of the Board of Directors and continued support of the community, membership, local businesses, foundations, and all three levels of government, our volunteers and staff of eleven will continue to provide excellence in the delivery of services.

We are moving to a period of increased partnerships with organizations and community agencies within the Greater Sudbury area that will bring sustainability to our programs.

## **YOUTH PROGRAM**

The Youth Program component of the Sudbury Action Centre has been in existence since 1989, serving "at risk" youth from the ages of 16-24. Youth that access the program present with diverse needs that range from homelessness, addictions, mental health, educational and employment barriers to name a few. Our programming emphasizes a wholistic approach, where youth are encouraged and supported to work through a myriad of issues. Programming is delivered in a "youth friendly" manner. Provided below is a breakdown of the core programs that constitutes the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth.

### **Youth Drop In**

The James Grassby Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9am-8pm. The Drop-In provides a safe, non-judgmental environment where youth are able to gather for the purposes of socialization, recreation and access to social services. It is an alternative to roaming the streets and is equipped with a billiards table, small kitchen, television, gaming system, couches, seating area, 9 computers with access to internet, support staff, programming, outdoor sitting court, basketball nets, sports equipment, emergency essentials. The non-judgmental environment and one on one supports allow youth to feel comfortable and, when they are ready, they can access the services they need.

### **Core Programming (Evening Program)**

- **Evening Program (funded in part by the City of Greater Sudbury & The United Way) –** Youth have access to warm safe, non-judgemental environment. Our program is aimed to get at-risk youth off the streets while providing access to free recreational programming. Onsite we offer activities such as arts and crafts, board games, card games, pool games, video games and movies (popcorn). We also offer youth activities at other locations such as playing basketball, YMCA drop-in and pool, soccer, baseball, Art Gallery, Community Garden, cultural activities (sweat lodge) and beach visits. We provide counseling and referrals to support systems in the community that will help increase self-esteem and reduce their feelings of isolation. We also provide a meal 5 nights a week to ensure the youth have access to proper nutrition. This will improve their adult navigation skills to accessing resources.
- **SACY Music Program ( volunteer driven)**  
The SACY Music program was created by Stephen Caruso, who volunteers his time and his music equipment, every Thursday evening. Countless hours have been spent with the youth writing, practising, recording unique music and allowing some of our very own talented youth an opportunity to create their own songs. Jason Jallet, from Northern Ontario Motion Picture Culture and Industry Development Corporation generously donated his time editing a music video, the youth created. The first album is available for download

at <http://sacyalbum.bandcamp.com/>. The second album was released on December 6, 2014.

- **The C.A.R.E Group (volunteer driven)**

The C.A.R.E (Care and Respect Everywhere) is a group run by volunteers with the support of Staff from SACY. Each Friday youth gather with professionals from the community to explore creative means of expression for young people. These include provocative learning opportunities with art, drumming, conversation, cooking, and monologue creations. The C.A.R.E group also covers aspects of the Seven Grandfather Teachings of the local First Nation communities. The C.A.R.E group had created artwork for the First Annual CARE Art Gallery Show of Sudbury, with collaborated partnership with the Art Gallery of Sudbury. The CARE group also has created and developed a very inspiring and thought provoking series of monologues titled, "These Stories." The first production was showcased at Thornloe University to a widely receptive audience. Through the first production, the CARE group has since gone on to showcase the monologues at Sudbury Secondary School, College Boreal, and in the upcoming months will be performing at Nipissing University, Widdifield Secondary School and Canadore College in North Bay.

- **SYC (SACY Youth Committee)**

SYC is a committee that is made up of youth who attend our Centre. They meet weekly and have a President, Vice President, Secretary and members. SYC take on certain responsibilities within the drop in including, but not limited to, monthly calendar, newsletter and fundraising. Funds raised by the youth committee stay within the drop in and are spent on a yearly outing planned and organized by the youth. Participating in the council teaches skills such as team work, responsibility, and organization among many others.

- **LGBTQ2 Group**

This program began in November 2012 and is presently volunteer run. There is an already formed core group of dedicated youth. Workshops are on Wednesdays from 4-5pm. The workshops consists of `Coming Out, Bullying, Life of a Transgender Youth, Gay pride involvement, movies, cooking, sewing, life skills, book club and much more. This provides a safe place for youth to be themselves, in a non-judgmental safe environment.

## **Additional Programs (Youth Program)**

- **Housing Support (funded by the City of Greater Sudbury-Homelessness Network)**

SACY is actively involved with the planning, co-ordination and implementation of services for individuals who are homelessness or at risk to becoming homelessness for the past ten years. We assist individuals and their families to find emergency shelter and affordable housing, help in obtaining identification and assisting in accessing social services such as Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program. One on One support enables the housing worker to address underlying issues to support youth through the process of

obtaining and maintaining sustainable housing. There are also legal supports to landlord and tenant act, advocacy, human rights and landlord and tenant tribunal.

- **Peer Mentor Program (26 weeks)-Funded by the United Way**

The Peer Mentor program was designed by youth for youth, between the ages of 16 to 24, who are committed to attending life skills workshops every Tuesday evening for 26 week period. Workshop topics such as goal setting, beliefs and boundaries, crisis intervention, gossip, motivation, gambling awareness, self esteem, stress management, etc. The group is facilitated by program staff, peer mentor graduates and representatives from other community agencies. The Peer Mentor Program has been a proud recipient of the Donner Canadian Foundation Award for Excellence in Counselling the past three years in a row. Through this program we have developed a partnership with the Beech Street Community Kitchen located at Christ the King Church, our youth attended twice a month to learn basic skills on preparation of nutritious food.

- **Youth After School (funded by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport)**

This program promotes the awareness of overall wellness, decreasing health concerns and increasing healthy eating. The program seeks to improve healthy living through various workshops & various physical activities. The After School Program provides physical activities at Lansdowne School (Thursdays) and YMCA (Fridays).

- **Skills Link Programs (funded by Service Canada)**

We have had the opportunity to deliver a Skills Link program a few times in the past few years. This program helps youth overcome barriers to become employable. This program has informative workshops, basic entry level certificates to help youth enter the workforce as well as a 10 week placement.

- **PASS (Positive Alternatives to School Suspensions)**-in partnership with NOAH's SPACE. This will provide our Youth Program the ability to target individuals that are still in school, with the intention of working with these youth to complete their education.

## **FUTURE PLANS FOR THE SUDBURY ACTION CENTRE FOR YOUTH (YOUTH PROGRAM)**

The Sudbury Action Centre for Youth Program (Youth Program) is working towards establishing ourselves as the "one stop shopping" for youth needs in the City of Greater Sudbury. The diverse needs of "at risk" youth can be met through the many programs we offer under our roof, as well as through the strong partnerships we have established over the years with our community contacts.

Our organization is unique in its makeup, as we provide both social service delivery and a youth drop in component. Both aspects are vital for youth in addressing their concerns and issues. Our ability to offer an Evening Program and a hot meal every day provides youth with continuity in service and the development of trust and rapport between staff and youth. In

addition we target a demographic (16-24) that are unique in its structure. The older youth segment of our clientele generally fall between the gaps in service, through our programming they have a safe place to attend and work on their life issues.

### ***Additional Request for Funds***

The Sudbury Action Centre for Youth believes that our programming is in line with the mission, vision and values of the City, as our programming addresses factors such as quality of life, excellence in service and innovation in the provision of social service delivery in the realms of youth programming.

Currently, the City of Greater Sudbury provides the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth with \$20,000 in funds towards our Youth Program (Evening Program). We are requesting an additional \$20,000 for the Youth Program. The additional funds would be utilized for extending hours of operation and the hiring of additional staff to work with your youth.

Emerging trends in the 2014-2015 fiscal year have shown a significant rise in youth presenting with serious mental health issues, gang violence and addiction issues. We have a need to provide a more specialized youth staffing component to address these specific concerns that are within the Youth Program.

Youth have expressed to our organization they would like to see the Youth Program open on the weekends, as this is an exceptionally difficult time period for the youth to be without a place to go. This time period is usually where youth will have contact with police services for a variety of issues and engage in high risk behaviours (drugs/alcohol).

***Estimated on-going cost or saving:*** \$20,000 (cost).

**From:** Charles Tossell <tossell2003@yahoo.ca>  
**To:** "mayor@greatersudbury.ca" <mayor@greatersudbury.ca>, "mark.signoretti@gr...  
**Date:** 1/28/15 10:08 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Municipal budget

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- > On Jan 28, 2015, at 9:44 PM, Charles Tossell <tossell2003@yahoo.ca> wrote:  
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> Here's a list of what is believed our city should work on:  
>  
> A) Housing and shelter for all citizens:  
> 1) Do not sell Pioneer manor until it is sold to a positive buyer like Finlandia  
> 2) More Long term care facility for seniors and disable is needed  
> 3) Hundreds of More housing units for wheel chair people is needed  
> 4) a housing building for non-smokers should be made available as it is disgusting to nonsmoker to have to suffer from smelling the bad odour in the public hallways of housing buildings as a result of the smoker's unit's pollution entering into the hallway when opening their own doors and then it enters into non-smokers unit never mind let alone those tenants with oxygen tanks.  
> 5) a housing building for the disability is needed and rent would be 450\$/month for those on ODSP leaving them with 29\$/month for tenant insurance. In the basement it would consist of things for rehabilitation like a swimming pool, sauna, jaccuzzi, treadmill, bikes ...  
> 6) An increase in Supportive housing program is needed. Please take advantage of what the Ontario government has to offer.  
> 7) Community homelessness prevention innitiative funding needs a complete review at how the requirements are set up. I understand that this is a touchy subject but it needs to be looked at and must include the idea of letting someone with bed bugs found to be lingering around in high rise buildings, have the ability to buy a new bed and couch (at up to 1600\$ Under exceptional circumstances as to how it was provincially funded) Once his or her place has been cleared as right now its limited to just a lousy 400\$, which is nothing for a new bed and or new couch.  
> 8) the aging housing building needs a complete review. We have housing buildings that's been around for over 40 years. The challenges with these buildings includes constant renovation, an increase in easily having bed bugs insects themselves having the ability to easily travel from unit to the next through wall cracks and base boards cracks.  
> 9) sweat walls is another recent issue. We recently had a new housing building built in MontAdam Ward 12 area and that new building has already some sweat walls problems going on as the foundation wasn't built right. Sweat walls only occurs in winter or summer when it is very cold outside but very hot inside or vice versa.  
> 10) The 600 homeless citizens living in our city needs to be left alone when peacefully pan handling trying to survive, do not give them a fine.  
> 11) Housing crisis where wait list is at an all time high, needs to be looked at such as building more high rise buildings that are friendly in many factors (as mentioned above) and tamper-proof meaning that there'd be no way for bed bugs to easily be crawling from one unit to the next and that a double sinker in the kitchen is provided and even a dishwasher capability section where it is up to the tenant to buy their own dishwasher machine and let the maintenance department of sudbury housing be the one installing the dishwasher just like how the newly built building at Mont Adam area had it set up. A lot of disable citizens (including those with vision problem has it challenged at properly washing dishes by hand) but by all means if sudbury housing or the city is able to afford to install their own DECENT permanent dishwasher machine in the housing units then let then have at it.  
> 12) a landlord was all set and ready to start building a few high rise building on long lake road two years ago but was told by our previous city councillor that it couldn't happen. Let's get that landlord to build his housing units elsewhere in the city or let him have at it on long lake even though I get that there's no bus service at the location he had in mind of building his high rise housing units.  
> 13) A use it or lose it by law on idled buildings. If it's been idled long after a year it should become into

housing units.

> <http://humble-homes.com/billboard-home-homeless-designdevelop/>

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> B) Problems with events:

> 14) Sudbury summerfest not getting along with the city. Our new city councillors needs to listen to the needs of summerfest event as it attracts tourism annually. We don't want to see this event gone for good. Sudbury summerfest could take example from north bay heritage festival when they had to cancel or shut down their own annual event. Here's the example of what happened in northbay back in 2006 with its northbay heritage festival. Which is similar to what's bound to happen with our sudbury summerfest if nothing is being done about it soon.

> <http://www.baytoday.ca/content/editorials/details.asp?c=17166>

> 15) when concerts occurs a noise bylaw should be either exempt or at least extended until midnight instead of 11pm. It is very rude to see our city cut off a concert. At the very least just send a fine to the famous singers whenever exceeding the time limit.

> 16) transit service in front of bell park on Sundays, holidays or late night when there's events that are at bell park is very unfriendly. As everyone must catch a bus across the street and wait 50 minutes in the bus route before getting downtown or they must walk over to the old St.-Joseph hospital and wait for a bus that'll eventually turn from Boland street and head off directly downtown. A lot of the time I see citizens wait for a bus at the York and Paris street bus stop that's right in front of bell park assuming that a bus is eventually going directly straight downtown when that's not the case.

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> C) Transportation system:

> 17) Sunday bus schedule's bus route for the areas representing the old city of Sudbury, blezzard valley and skead in transit service is terrible and needs a complete review and over halt. (I had a petition circulated in 2013 to improve Sunday bus schedule at 2100 signatures of actual transit riders).

> 18) our city should look at North Bay, Ottawa and Barrie and how we can take their examples at doing better in transit service.

> 19) Transit service in out lying areas needs an increase in service. (A petition for this issue was presented to councillor in 2006)

> 20) Wifi in every transit buses and the terminal would be beneficial for LU & college students and all riders; our city should have it set up just like how Ontario northland and or greyhound has it as it'll give an increase in ridership which means more revenue.

> 21) Late night schedule in transit service needs an increase in service and not just once an hour, but rather have it running the same way as it is during evening from 8-10pm but until 1:15am as last departure of certain bus routes. (This would resolve the problems about late night events bell park as mentioned above). Then at 1:30am offer the 502 route to LU and colleges for students that were at the bars downtown.

> 22) Earlier morning schedule in transit service is needed where you got many folks from all areas that needs to be either at Canada revenue agency or health sciences north or any long term facility for a 7am shift but yet its not possible to arrive at those places by 6:45am by transit.

> 23) Handi transit requirements is getting worse which includes Denying ALS, brain injury survivors and/or autistic citizens of all ages from taking handi transit. A petitioned has been going for this.

> 24) A transit training program would be beneficial. It is something that Ottawa did and our own city should look into it. It'll mean an increase in regular transit and a bit of a decrease in handi transit.

> 25) using ad wraps that covers an entire transit bus except the front area for the driver that needs a clear view is very frustrating to the riders as we can't even have a clear view, and to some riders it causes dizziness or drowsiness or worse light nausea or nausea when they are in a bus route that does a huge amount of turnings on top of it being entirely covered. the only benefit of a covered bus is in the summer months blocking the hot sun. Little squared adds on window is rather sufficient. an ad like the Canadian career college in one of the 790s bus series is acceptable as the front middle seats is uncovered but the back is fully covered. What's also acceptable is just one entire window covered but the two ones beside it are not covered but fully open viewed to the outside. That said in winter months windows gets dirty after a while of driving buses on slushy days. Which results in the equivalency of riding on a bus that has covered windows.

> 26) a review in bus services in all areas of greater sudbury especially in the the south end area of the

old city of sudbury is very much needed. New bus routes would be beneficial. A public input session should be made available in all of the libraries for this.

> 27) Relocating the transit terminal to the Ledo area blocking off van Horne needs to occur way more sooner than 2025. Somehow Relocating the downtown LCBO and Tim hortons should occur in order to expand our present transit terminal which should include buying off part of the parking spot that's near the terminal and extend lane 5 to elm street for greyhound and Ontario northland buses going by easily or use it for articulated buses as we have only three spots at our terminal that can fit in an articulated bus. Then perhaps even have the LCBO / Tim hortons area be used for parking transit buses for the time being when needed instead of doing so in lane 5 (like how it is now). At this point articulated buses or double buses are required for bus routes time frame that are on high demand instead of using two separate buses from valley express to Cambrian college express to Azilda only express. But the problem is our present transit terminal doesn't have the space for a double bus or an articulated bus. As our present transit terminal was built back in 1997 to represent the old city of sudbury and not the greater city of sudbury. The city needs to look into this but the question is can it deal with an articulated bus that equals out to using only 1.5 nova buses instead of two whole entire nova buses that we have now. Will it still cause problems in the extra service needed when compared to two whole entire buses. That's something to look into.

> 28) have handi transit services made available in all areas of greater sudbury.

> 29) have the city buy one to two new handi transit buses a year in order to try and resolve the service denying issues. (The transit training program could also mean a reduce in handi transit users)

> 30) transit services to the water tower area and mont adam is needed. The question is how to deal with the concern on winter roads in winter months and the steep hills, the city is already using services on steep hills like Byng street in the west end bus route when turning from Haig street, or the seven turning point from Boland to York when doing the Paris LoEllen route climbing the hills. Perhaps look into offering trans cab services and start extending the purpose of what trans cab is for, meaning don't just limit it to out skirts areas or far ends of town.

> 31) trans cab services should extend its 400 meter limit to 750 meter limit.

> 32) transit services to adanac ski hill is right now not available during winter weekends as its only available during rush hours on weekdays maybe a "ski hill express" bus route can be made available or offer trans cab services to the ski hill (as mention before, don't just limit it to out skirts areas of town)

> 33) taxis for in town trans cab services like the ski hill and MontAdam area shell be parked right across the terminal on cedar street.

> 34) family passes should be made available on weekends just like how North Bay has it.

> 35) Day passes (cost of it would be the equivalency of paying four times the original cash fares at the machines in buses) should be made available. Just like how Sault Ste. Marie has it.

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> D) Taxes:

> 36) Give seniors and low incomers a property tax-geared-to-income program.

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> E) OLG:

> 37) Casino proposal and Horse track racing industry should stay where it is near Chelmsford. Don't have it anywhere else.

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> F) Seasonal Road maintenance and building infrastructure:

> 38) A newly built sudbury arena and convention centre with hotel near by would be nice just like how terry Kett had put it during the candidate debate that St-John, new-found-land has done it at a cost of over 100 million dollars. And now they get tons of revenue.

> 39) in Halifax Nova Scotia, they've built a new kind of library that benefits all citizens of all types from students to entertainers to readers to techies. This is something our own city should look into for the near future.

> 40) the city needs to keep up with the twenty year planning committee of revamping the downtown core or else it'll become into a thirty year planning committee. In the plan it stated that in 2015, larch street extension to Lorne at Applegrove would occur and a revamp and relocation of our downtown library would occur (as explained above about the library in Halifax).

> 41) A two to Five storey parking lot building near the arena is needed.

> 42) 14000\$ permit fee of building a foundation is ridiculous. The fee should only be at around 2000\$ to

3000\$ at the most just like how any other city has it set up.

> 43) Prohibiting to build a high rise building in out skirt areas is ridiculous in my view. If someone wants to build a high rise in outskirts then let them have at it unless its on swamp land.

> 44) expand the Kingsway into six lane needs to occur ASAP as the bus routes are always running late costing tax payers overtime shifts on bus drivers because of traffic jammed cars.

> 45) Barrydowne extension controversy needs a review by listing all the pros and cons as there's been proposal to have this street extended to the Notre-dame avenue in Hanmer.

> 46) Mailey drive extension controversy. The province is willing to give 26.7 million dollars if the Feds are also willing when it should rather be 1/3 of 130 million dollars or 43.34 million dollars for the full project. Why disregard the part from highway 17 to mailey and Falconbridge.

> 47) Construction should be done at night if there's nowhere near a home, reducing the long wait time of a project getting done.

> 48) proper sand sweeping needs to occur and only do annual contract with a company. Don't ever do two or more year contract with a company that may end up not doing too well.

> 49) Excess snow around notredame train track area caused a lot of flooding earlier this spring. The city should waive the snow removal fees in areas that has a dangerous possibility of causing flooding in spring time should the private property owner choose not to have snow banks removed by the city as they (local retails) can't afford it as was the case for the retail owners on notre dame avenue near the train tracks. In spring of 2014, notredame avenue was blocked off from cambrian heights drive to Wilma street.

> 50) Proper snow removal on all sidewalks and roads within under 24 hours of the winter storm needs to be implemented. Having more additional machine out in full force is the better way to go.

> 51) 72 hours snow removal from bus stops is unacceptable as wheel chair folks feels incarcerated within their own homes for the three whole days as they can't tell at two days ahead a snow storm will occur so that they can call handi transit ahead as weather reporters are never accurately correct.

> 52) using tons of street salt causes lots of harm to our environment. Our city needs to look into using as little amount of salt as possible and still make sure streets are safe. Just like how sodium is bad for our body; Street salt is bad for the environment... .

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> G) Disposals:

> 53) To lift or not to lift the Tipping fees for garbages at landfill.

> 54) Garbage pick up needs to be weekly not bi-weekly

> 55) Compost not done at high rise buildings.

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> H) Finances and Accountability:

> 56) Bringing back the Ombudsman is needed.

> 57) To use or not to use Municipal bonds.

> 58) HCI funding needs to be dealt with properly. A complete review needs to happen. Point of HCI funding is to have councillor not needing approval from other councillor and mayor on many small petty projects that are all under five thousand dollars. Which would take up a waist of time at Tom Davies square.

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> I) Water / waste water management:

> 59) Something needs to be done about the Blue green algae problem found on our lakes on an annual basis every summer.

> 60) Fluoride in our tap water is now apparently not good for our health. Lots of controversy is going on about the fluoride not properly used.

> 61) Use a hose at uneven address number for uneven dates or even address number for even dates is a silly bylaw.

> 62) street salt causes problem with our tap water. As we speak the citizens are drinking a certain percentage of street salt in the tap water. It is believed that our city had a higher percentage of street salt in our tao water when compared to other cities.

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> J) Environmental issues:

> 62) street salt (mentioned above)

> 63) No smoking in parks provincial law (started Jan. 1st 2015), by-law officers seriously needs to be present to hand out fines to those that disobeys.

> 64) I'd like to see a No smoking bylaw extended in events areas, bylaw officers seriously needs to be present. Not sure if the new provincial law that's starting January 1st 2015 already includes this. Examples are the property of any such events if its not located within a park or sports facility like the areas of:

- > - Canadian pacific railway train of lights event
- > - sudbury rib fest area
- > - sudbury largest yard and side walk sale area
- > - blues for food event area

> These area are seriously needed to be exempt also.

> 65) GMO-free produce at city's market place needs to be a guarantee or available in a different local retail / farmers market department.

> 66) Controlling pet population. Which should include Spayed/neutered clinics for low incomers.

> 67) controlling wild life such as bears, deer and moose wondering around our city needs to be looked into especially in the out skirt area, installing fences and under passes for animal is maybe needed for the highway areas in our municipality district.

>

> In the end a lot of issues are at stake. We the citizens of sudbury are hoping to see our new sets of city councillors and mayor and over all city employees of all sorts to reconsider all these issues and recommendations. We thank you for your time at reading up on all this. When I say we, it means I've took into consideration issues that other citizens have stated to me. I look forward to hearing from you a response in anyways you'd like from the following:

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> Email: [tossell2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:tossell2003@yahoo.ca)

> Phone: 705-618-3873

> Mail: 907-720 Bruce Avenue Sudbury Ontario P3C 5C4

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> Expense or revenue on all these issues is to be calculated as need be.

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> Online signature:

> Charles Tossell

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> I leave you this day with a wish I have in mind even though I don't expect to see it come true anytime soon:

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> I have a 2020-2025 dream where i'd love to one day help make it come true somehow:

>

> **DISABILITY HOUSING!!!**

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> It would consist of having all of the housing units to be friendly and acceptable to all of the following factor:

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> Each units needs be Wheel chair and walker friendly in bath tub or showering, toilet, kitchen sink height AND an additional entry area to place the wheel chair or scooter and still have ample of space for fire exit code.

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> It would also need to be Friendly to Blind citizen or open concept of a kitchen dining room and living room.

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> Each units needs to be Obese friendly or have a big enough toilet and bathtub so that we can take a bath or empty our tank easily.

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> Each units needs to be Shower friendly or making sure the shower pressure has five different pressure feature for our needs. Certain pressure will benefit certain types of disability such as arthritis or migraine or back ache.

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> Each units shell be tamper proof, noise proof, sound proof and bed bug proof / mouse proof (it shell not

be possible for bed bugs or mice to have the ability to crawl from one unit to the next). Build it through cement material in between units.

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> Each unit shell have a mud room for our foot wear at the entrance

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> Each units shell have two kitchen sinks and a third small sink for drinking water purposes with whatever water filtration company the tenant wishes to buy and install and a decent good quality dishwasher.

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> Each units shell have a walk in closet and decent size of a storage room.

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> Each units shell have two bedrooms. One for companion to assist its disability or visit and one for the disable citizen.

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> Each units shell have a decent size balcony with hopefully a decent view of the city

>

> The building needs to be within the limits of the old city of sudbury that is also transit friendly and it shell not be in the out skirts.

>

> Each units shell be air conditioner friendly. No need to install a machine on a window or use the ones that just needs a hose that shoots outside the humidity. (Just like how business retail has them)

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> Landromat in the basement should be free of charge. Which should consist of a few triple front loader. Or at the very least have it dirt cheap at 1\$ a wash and 1\$ a dry normal size and 3\$ for a triple loader.

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> In the building it should also have a swimming pool that offers the capability of jets for exercising and also jets for massaging your back which would be used for rehabilitation and exercise program for the disable citizens.

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> A lounge area that includes a pool table and a dart and board games...

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> A sporting room or gymnasium room.

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> An exercise room that includes bikes and treadmill.

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> A place for rehabilitation program.

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> A sauna and jacuzzi for arthritis relief.

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> Rent should be 450\$ a month all inclusive - and if the ODSP tenant is willing to offer more then let them do so - (fridge stove dishwasher hydro water heat) then the Single ODSP recipient would have 29\$ a month left out of the shelter allowance to apply for tenant insurance or content insurance.

>

> Enough is enough with living in sudbury housing while dealing with so many bad tenants in the building.

> We should be able to live in a peaceful quiet building where no one has the right to smoke, drink, be partying, play loud music, do drugs or do prostitution.

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> Let's make this become a five to ten year plan.

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> I thank you for your possible consideration.

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**April Antoniazzi - Fwd: Re: Municipal budget**

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**From:** clerks  
**To:** April Antoniazzi  
**Date:** 2/9/2015 10:24 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Municipal budget

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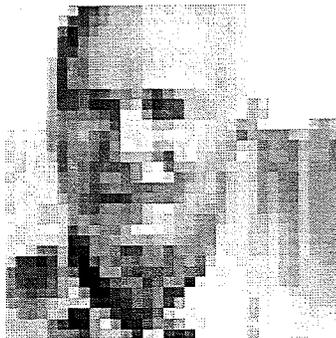
>>> Charles Tossell <tossell2003@yahoo.ca> 1/29/2015 12:07 PM >>>  
one more thing to point out is this:

as mentioned before mont adam area has its challenges for people with disabilities and or seniors having a hard time to climb or go down a hill as it is deemed to be clearly unsafe in winter months . since it is questionable in providing a bus route in winter months; here's what cbc news stated at what cities like vancouver is doing. id like for our city councillor and city employees to take a look at this video clip and see what you think; particularly, approximately between the 10 and 13:30 minute section of the 21 minute video as it talks about ski gondalas or electrical stairs in public areas thats cost effective, in worse case scenarios it would be more friendly to have a set of stairs installed at mont adam area to both sides 1) from kingsway and from 2) louis/mountain street, just like how a set of stairs is found at larch/brady and or on ste anne road even though i understand that it wouldnt help those with walkers and wheel chairs. in the end something needs to be done about the needs of disable/senior have the ability to commute around town from mont adam area. i once again thank you for your time, and hope to see our city councillor reconsider the need for this.

cost of this is effective

sincerely,  
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a fifth flag pole in front of Tom Davies  
entrance would be nice in order to represent  
the French Ontario flag so that it states that Tom  
Davies is indeed  
Bilingual

Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

Estimated one-time cost or saving:

a few hundred

Estimated on-going costs or savings:

a new flag a year?

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HOUSING THE HOMELESS. IT COSTS MORE TO IGNORE THE HOMELESS CITIZENS THROUGH 911 SERVICES THEN IT IS TO BE HOUSING THEM

### Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

BUILD 100 UNIT A YEAR OF HOUSING PROJECT FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS. LET THE HOMELESS CITIZENS TAKE FIRST HAND.

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**Date:** 2/2/2015 12:08 AM  
**Subject:** 2015 Budget Public Input

This form was sent at: 2-Feb-2015 12:08 AM

NAME: Charles Tossell

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COMMENTS1: Our city should do like Barrie

<http://www.thebarrieexaminer.com/2015/01/30/mayor-jeff-lehman-sets-sights-on-affordable-housing>

Building a solution to solve housing 'crisis'

This is a continuing series discussing the reduction of poverty and homelessness in Barrie and how it affects volunteers and those they help.

thebarrieexaminer.com

DESCRIPTION: More and more cities are looking into taking upon the responsibility of offering housing and social services to the homeless citizens as it costs more to the taxpayers to be ignoring the homeless citizens then it is to offer them a guaranteed affordable housing under Ontario works but not forced to look for work for the first year of being housed and if weather or not they need to be on ODSP.

That said in the article it goes on to say that it has a saving of almost 22\$ for every 10\$ spent towards housing the homeless citizens and offering them a PSW from an agency like CCAC for example.

ONETIME: Millions of dollars is needed in order to build as many 100-unit buildings as possible for the 600 homeless citizens and 800 folks in poverty /at risk of becoming homeless that are on the housing wait list

ONGOING: 50,000\$-100,000\$ a year in maintenance of the new buildings (if chosen to be built)

Ontario works earnings offered to the homeless citizen

Personal support worker services offered from different organizations for helping homeless citizen re-introduce themselves back into the real world sort of speak.

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Name

owner of Bingo Pro & Berri Books

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Email

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IMPLEMENT AN EYE SORE TAX on properties + structures that are in POOR TO TERRIBLE CONDITION. Just east of civic square the back of buildings along Carlton St. are falling apart. The shacks along the Kingsway are an insult to all the citizens who take pride in maintaining their properties. like the old Kingsway Hotel, if the owners won't care for them, tear them down + send them the bill.

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This form was sent at: 27-Jan-2015 10:51 AM

NAME: Elizabeth Davis

ORGANIZATION: Louis Street Community Association

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COMMENTS1:

DESCRIPTION: The Louis Street Association is a community organization that is run first hand by the members of the community on a volunteer basis. We do not receive any funding at this time as we are not registered. However, the HCI fund has supported the organization with the cost of covering or phone/internet for our office which supports an After-school tutoring program, Crafts, and our some of our snack provisions for these programs. In the past we have had community projects partnered with Myths and Mirrors which highlighted community engagement on a larger scale which help to produce Art pieces that are on display in our community. Without the HCI funds, we would have not been able to run the programs to the degree that we have been. We have been paying out of pocket for many of our expenses just to ensure that this Organization stays vital within the Louis Street area. HCI funds many areas that are important to keeping community events and organizations functioning which is allowing for us to become a stronger and healthier partner in the Sudbury region. Please really look at how much has changed in many areas due to the help of the HCI funds before you take it away. Thank you

ONETIME:

ONGOING: I am not sure what this area is however I would like to express that because of the HCI support we have strengthened our community with lower calls for service with the Greater Sudbury Police. There has to be a cost saving factor there for sure. Check it out

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Gabriel Keresztes

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### Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

We need a municipal bus schedule that is expanded in times and routes. There is a lack of buses on evenings and sundays in particular

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### Comments/Suggestions/Opportunities for Savings:

### Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

*We need a Handi-transit system that makes an effort to include people who can use its service - it needs to be more inclusive and better funded*

Estimated one-time cost or saving: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated on-going costs or savings: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

We need generous, stable and improved CHPII funding.

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Estimated one-time cost or saving: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESENTATION TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

# **2015 PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION**

BY THE

GREATER SUDBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 4, 2015



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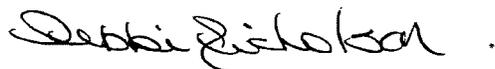
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**RE: 2015 Municipal Pre-Budget Submission**

Dear Mayor, Council and Finance and Administration Committee,

Please find a copy of our pre-budget submission attached.

Thank you for your consideration of our submission.



DEBBI M. NICHOLSON  
PRESIDENT & CEO



GEOFF JEFFERY  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the 2015 municipal budget. The chamber appreciates the difficult decisions council is faced with to overcome fiscal challenges and balance economic responsibilities. We also understand that council is in a difficult position considering recent cuts in Ontario Municipal Partnership Grant (OMPF) funding.

The Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce represents the voice of 1,000 businesses that employ over 35,000 employees in this city. Through the participation of our member volunteers on committees and task forces we work as the "voice of business" to influence federal, provincial and local legislation affecting business.

We feel it is admirable that council is focused on delivering a zero percent tax increase for the 2015/16 year. While the chamber is an advocate for turning over every stone to seek out increased municipal efficiencies and effectiveness, we would caution that there will be considerable pressure to withdraw from reserves or to make up the lost revenues in the remaining years of your term. We urge you to make certain that real changes are made to ensure municipal government services are delivered in an efficient and affordable way for the benefit of Sudburians. Our submission focuses on four specific areas which we believe will assist in enhancing the overall competitiveness of the City of Greater Sudbury and strengthen our position as a regional hub: development charges, Maley Drive, downtown development and municipal red tape.

***Development charges:***

Last year, council voted to freeze development charges for two years and phase in increases over the following three years. Although this will and has temporarily provided relief to the development sector, the chamber is concerned about the impact of these increases following the two year freeze on future investment and growth in the city. At the time of the by-law review, the chamber made a written submission to council outlining our position that there should be a zero percent increase in development charges to allow our city to remain competitive with surrounding jurisdictions in Northern Ontario and to attract new investment. Greater Sudbury and North Bay are the only two major cities in the north that collect development charges. The reduction of building permits and new housing start-ups over recent years is a concern for our city.

When a city is self-sustaining in terms of industrial development, investment may continue despite high development charges. Greater Sudbury is still in the process of enhancing its industrial base, attracting growth and recovering lost jobs. In this situation, development charges will negatively factor into investment decisions and subsequently raise the costs of doing business. This may have a negative impact on the city as developers and builders may choose to develop in another nearby jurisdiction with no or lower development charges, or will choose not to develop at all. Businesses seek out jurisdictions with business friendly regulations. Businesses continue to pay significantly higher taxes while receiving fewer services than residents. Due to these concerns, the chamber believes that council should consider eliminating development charges in the city as soon as reasonably possible. In the interim, the chamber urges Council to extend the period of time that increases in development charges are in hiatus. It is our understanding that the city recovers on average \$4 million a year in development charges. The elimination of development charges would represent a relatively

small impact on the budget, while the benefits include increased investment, development, job creation and community growth. Community growth and the corresponding increase in the tax base are, in the chamber's view, critical to the future of the community.

***Maley Drive:***

Efficient transportation networks and the relief of traffic congestion have been main priorities of our members for quite some time. In October 2014, the chamber struck a Maley Drive taskforce to examine the current status of the extension, investigate challenges, and to advocate for its advancement. The chamber would like to reiterate our support for the Maley Drive extension. Recently a letter was sent to council outlining the chamber's position on Maley Drive. It is estimated that the construction of the Maley Drive extension will create approximately 1,400 jobs and contribute an estimated \$156 million to the national gross domestic product. Additionally, the extension will reduce traffic by as much as 4,000 vehicles a day on routes including the Kingsway and Lasalle Boulevard, remove heavy truck traffic from major arterial routes, enhance safety, improve access to core business and retail areas and increase the efficiency of transporting aggregate and ore within the city. The extension will also serve to reduce wear and tear on roads as damage caused by one heavy truck can be equivalent to that of a thousand passenger vehicles. We also believe the extension will enhance business opportunities on Lasalle and create freer movement of raw materials, helping to position the city as an attractive destination for future business opportunities, such as the Ring of Fire.

It is our understanding that the city has set aside \$2.4 million a year since 2009 to advance the project and that more than \$4 million has been spent by the local government to maintain Maley Drive in a construction ready state. The provincial government has agreed to allocate \$26.7 million towards the first phase of the project. In recent months it was announced that the province has included Maley Drive in its list of priority projects that has been forwarded on to the federal government for proposed funding through the new Building Canada fund. It is also our understanding that the design and engineering for the project is largely complete.

While the Maley Drive extension will not solve all of the community's road congestion and maintenance cost issues, the chamber is of the view that it is a good first step toward resolving these issues. We believe that Maley Drive should continue to be a priority of council and continue to be included in the budget. If funding is approved at the federal level, as expected, this is a more than 53 million dollars investment in our city by the provincial and federal government (as well as local investment) that would be lost if this very worthwhile project is not advanced.

***Downtown Development and Community Projects:***

In a 2014 public policy survey the chamber conducted with its members, downtown growth and community projects were rated as the second and third top municipal issues of concern preceded only by economic development. In October 2014, the chamber struck a *Downtown Development/Community Projects Task Force* with the mandate of seeking to further develop and revitalize the downtown through the promotion of community projects of value in partnership with stakeholders and to advance the downtown as an attractive centre for arts and culture, business, tourism and residents. The task force has met with city staff as well as different

community groups to discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with advancing different community initiatives.

We thank council for its commitment to the Downtown Master Plan and advocate that projects under the plan continue to be prioritized within the budget. As part of the Downtown Master Plan, the city has been advancing the Elgin Street Greenway. We believe the Elgin Street Greenway will do much to enhance the face of the downtown and will improve connectivity between several of downtown's most popular destinations and, indeed, to Bell Park.

It is our understanding that the detailed design and final costing for the Greenway is near completion. We furthermore acknowledge the city has set aside \$1.2 million for the project. It is our recommendation that there continue to be funds allocated for the advancement of the Downtown Master Plan and for projects within the plan such as the Elgin Street Greenway.

***Red Tape Reduction:***

The chamber has been active on the municipal red tape reduction file since 2009. In 2012, the chamber presented a Municipal Red Tape Progress Report to council in follow-up to its 2010 report which outlined a series of red tape concerns in the municipality. We would like to acknowledge there has been considerable progress made at city hall to reduce bureaucracy for businesses including enhanced information sharing, pre-consultation meetings with businesses, customer service training, zoned site inspections, talent management programs, and a shortened timeline for the release of deposits associated with site plans. City staff are also working on the development of an automated property/application management system that will improve timeliness and allow applicants to follow their progress on online applications.

The chamber asks that the budget continue to provide financial resources to these forms of red tape reduction initiatives to strive towards continued municipal service improvement.

The chamber also recommends that the city examine the possibility of a Municipal Service Improvement Review Committee, consisting of representatives from the business community and senior department staff to review existing practices, policies and procedures and by-laws to make them more streamlined and business-friendly.

We trust that our recommendations will assist you, offer some food-for-thought, and provide an idea of some of the priorities of the business community during your work ahead. Thank you for the opportunity to share our input on this very important pre-budget process.

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*Improve your "by-law" & have people keep snow on their own yards instead of shovelling it on to left or right an neighbors e.g. more & covering up the fire hydrant than city sends 1 man & 1/2 ton truck to MARK where fire hydrants are located & later 2 men & 1/2 ton truck to locate & keep hydrants clean of snow by shovelling out hydrant. Reduculatis*

**Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):**

*Every body has a yard big enough to keep snow on "their" own property & not chaw snow by little engine or snow truck removal onto neighbors property and cover up fire hydrants - which at present is what spuer before permits*

Estimated one-time cost or saving: *1/2 T truck, 2 men, + equip, + gas, + labour*  
 Estimated on-going costs or savings: *4 months + 2-3 a month of shovelling to remove snow from fire-hydrant*

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NAME: Jesse Fram

ORGANIZATION:

PHONE: 705 525 8853

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COMMENTS1:

DESCRIPTION: Designated shade structure for Ridgecrest playground.

1437 Roy Ave.

In the last few years there have been many fantastic upgrades to the playground including a splash pad. I believe a shade structure at the park will be a great benefit for all who attend the park. There is minimal natural shade for the young children, parents, and grandparents to find refuge from the intense heat of the sun. Thank you for your consideration.

ONETIME: \$10,000 - \$25,000

There are many options for shade structures and the price can vary quite significantly. I suggest a decision be made by the respective Councillor, CAN, and the playground volunteers to design a structure that best suits the available space.

ONGOING: This is a one time cost to the city.

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Comments/Suggestions/Opportunities for Savings:

Cost Containment Program and Process for Staff and Management, as implemented by other municipalities.

Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

Potential savings of millions of dollars management and staff direct and indirect costs

See reverse for details.

Estimated one-time cost or saving:

savings of millions of dollars

Estimated on-going costs or savings:

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### Cost Savings and Containment Process – Management and Staff:

Staff direct and indirect costs are a major component of municipal expenditures. Control can take a variety of forms depending on contractual obligations and operating requirements. Examples from other municipalities can be helpful such as Windsor where there has been no municipal tax increase for 6 years.

Wage and hiring freezes: Wage freezes for non contractual workers such as management and non-union employees can be implemented over various time frames. Hiring should only take place for essential workers in critical operational areas.

New contracts should not include provision for percentage wage increases but only for “lump sum” yearly bonus payments depending on overall operating costs. Layoffs might be necessary to balance the overall operating budget.

Capital projects should be funded on a pay as you go approach or through accumulated savings avoiding debt and interest charges.

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Comments/Suggestions/Opportunities for Savings:  
Reconsideration of Maley Drive Project as no longer necessary taking into consideration the changing environment since first proposed and the necessity of present infrastructure maintenance.

Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):  
Potential savings of millions of dollars in initial construction costs and continuing maintenance.  
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Estimated one-time cost or saving: savings of 25-50 million dollars  
Estimated on-going costs or savings: annual million dollar savings

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From a report by Mr. Tom Price, a former INCO project manager and currently private consultant to Councillor Micheal Vagnini (released with his permission). Full report is available at [www.yessudbury.ca](http://www.yessudbury.ca):

Since the early 1980's there have been a number of proposals to construct an alternative route across the former City of Sudbury, somewhere north of Lasalle Boulevard. The proposals have been put forward for a variety of reasons over the years but those reasons have been either negated or altered by changing demographics and technologies together with changing industry and commercial practices.

Increasing population density in the portion of the CGS north of the former City of Sudbury has changed the traffic densities on the east/west access routes as well as imposing an increased traffic density on the main north/south routes that services those areas. (The Maley Drive does little to address these changes offering very little relief in comparison to a possible extension northward of Barrydowne Road to Hanmer at far less cost).

Changes in industry practices have had a major impact on traffic flows within the CGS and the consequences of those traffic flows.

- a) The mining companies are no longer the major employers within the CGS.
- b) Ore haulage, concentrate slurry and silica flux haulage account for less than 2% of the traffic on Lasalle Boulevard.
- c) Mine locations have altered much of the mining industry related traffic away from the east/west roads within the CGS core. The west-end mines (operating and under development) have no potential to impact on the east/west traffic densities across the CGS core.

Changes in commercial practices are a major driving force to traffic flows and have created additional east/west traffic across the CGS. The majority of that increase is unable to realize benefit from the extension of Maley Drive. No one will travel north to a Maley Drive extension, cross to the north/south access of their choice then travel south again to reach their destination. With the proposed routing of the Maley Drive extension, traffic from the communities north of Lasalle Boulevard with limited exceptions would need to travel back northward again (about 1 km) before then heading southward again adding about 2 km to their trip into the area of their choice. The Maley Drive extension offers minimal attraction to either traffic load and therefore will only contribute very minimally to adding more east/west traffic capacity.

The focal points of commercial enterprise have changed from being the New Sudbury Shopping area and the City core in the former City of Sudbury to now being primarily the shopping complexes at Barrydowne and Kingsway intersection and the Barrydowne and Lasalle intersection with the City core as a secondary and smaller focal point. The vast majority of traffic moves to and from these three focal points. Residential development in the south end of the CGS must travel across the CGS core in order to access these enterprises.

Advantages to connecting a northern arterial road to Highway 17 East at the same location as the South-east bypass from Highway 69 to Highway 17 as part of a ring road. Traffic flow from the east heading towards the City core or the shopping focal point on the Kingsway will see no difference. Traffic flow from the east heading towards the New Sudbury shopping focal point will encounter far less difficulty travelling to Barrydowne and proceeding north on Barrydowne than they will travelling along Lasalle Boulevard from the east end. The fastest and easiest route for traffic from the Valley towards North Bay, Ottawa and Toronto will remain down Notre Dame to Lasalle, across Lasalle to Barrydowne and down Barrydowne to the Kingsway. A northern arterial road connection to Highway 17 E offers only minimal attraction towards diverting traffic load away from the main roads in the CGS core. The ring road aspect of this reason has no foreseeable western component to in fact create a ring road.

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Implementation of Lean Management Techniques and Program for City Management and Staff such as that in Kawartha Lakes (similar size to Sudbury).

Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

Potential savings of millions of dollars in operational expenses and better service to citizens. See reverse for details and the internet for further information.

Estimated one-time cost or saving:

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City of Kawartha Lakes staff and council have realized more than \$3 million in financial savings, cost avoidance and total productivity gains in the initial round of Green and Black Lean Six Sigma projects.

"Process management is changing the culture and way in which our organization operates," said City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Ric McGee. "Our staff has worked diligently to ensure our residents are getting the greatest value for their tax dollars."

Since October 2013, six Black Belt projects have been undertaken with \$2,926,250.98 in identified savings, for total savings of \$3,125,035.98 for both Green and Black Belt projects.

Six Sigma is a set of techniques and tools for process improvement and seeks to improve the quality of process outputs. It uses a set of quality management methods, including statistical methods, and creates a special infrastructure of people within the organization who are experts in the methods.

Each Six Sigma project carried out within an organization follows a defined sequence of steps and has quantified value targets, for example: reduce process cycle time, reduce pollution, reduce costs and increase customer satisfaction.

"Implementing the Lean Six Sigma program in the City of Kawartha Lakes has been transformational," explained Director of Development Services Ron Taylor. "Staff have embraced this process improvement philosophy, and we are seeing immediate results. This approach is quickly becoming our way of doing business; process improvements that enhance the customer experience, establish processing efficiencies and save scarce taxpayer dollars for core service delivery optimization."

"I want to commend and thank all of our staff and council in embracing this process improvement initiative and am thrilled to be able to announce these incredible savings today," said Mark Fisher, CAO for the City of Kawartha Lakes. "These savings represent a commitment on the part of all of our staff and council to be a leading edge and progressive municipality in addressing change management and process improvement."

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Name	Organization (if applicable)
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### Comments/Suggestions/Opportunities for Savings:

Withdraw plans for proposed intersection of Bancroft Drive and Silver Hills road as this would contribute to additional traffic on Howey, Bellevue, Bancroft corridor already at or approaching capacity, limiting further development in this area.

Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

If traffic flows increases possible widening of corridor would require estimated 60 million dollars. For detailed analysis please see reverse.

Estimated one-time cost or saving:	1.5 to 2 million dollar savings
Estimated on-going costs or savings:	potential \$60 million savings

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**Withdraw plans for proposed intersection of Bancroft Drive and Silver Hills Road as this would contribute to additional traffic on Howey, Bellevue, Bancroft corridor already at or approaching capacity. Silver Hills subdivision would exit to the north towards Kingsway. Resultant savings of estimated \$1.5 – \$2 million dollars initially and \$60 million eventually.**

**Objective:** Limit increase of traffic flow on Howey, Bellevue Bancroft Corridor:

**Prevention vs Cure:** If traffic flow continues to increase in this corridor the cure suggested by city roads staff is widening of the road, a projected current cost of approximately 60 million dollars. Prevention is obviously less expensive as outlined in this document.

**Background:** Traffic on the Howey, Bellevue, Bancroft corridor has increased significantly over the past number of years, becoming a **secondary route to the Kingsway** for through traffic. The route, although longer than the Kingsway through to Falconbridge Road, has fewer traffic signals and therefore is actually faster, especially taking into consideration the often traffic slowing bottleneck on the still four lane sections of the Kingsway, **a project to expand to five lanes long overdue**, and a viable solution to congestion on this artery and potential diversion of traffic from the Howey, Bellevue, Bancroft corridor to the Kingsway.

The city has rejected a proposed residential (Dalron) development on Howey Drive (near the curling club) due to predicted traffic volume increases. A satisfactory remedy has not been forthcoming, outside of widening of the roadway or reducing or limiting traffic flow, particularly through traffic.

**Concerns:** The creation of a new north-south artery from this corridor to the Kingsway, such as the Silver Hills road through the new Inter-Paving residential development south of the big box stores to a reconstructed intersection at the corner of Bellevue and Bancroft would be counter-productive and increase traffic flow particularly westward on Bellevue and Howey Drive.

**Proposal:** With new developments planned in the Minnow Lake area to the south and east, it is suggested that access to the Silver Hills residential development be from the North to the Kingsway, Barrydown Road and Falconbridge Road. A secondary emergency gated access to the south could be provided through Barry Street. Most residential subdivisions in the city including new developments (Sunrise Ridge Estates, Waterview and Grandview) do not have secondary access. Through traffic in a residential subdivision presents important social, environmental and safety concerns, as well as presenting added expense to the developer being passed on to residents.

**Savings:** The cost of the reconstructed intersection at Bellevue and Bancroft to accommodate the junction of the Silver Hill Road would be likely between one and a half to two million dollars, an unnecessary expense especially considering the negative consequences with respect to traffic flow in the Howey, Bellevue, Bancroft corridor.

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Comments/Suggestions/Opportunities for Savings:  
Creation of modern roundabout at Second Avenue and Scarlet Drive eliminating need for extra traffic lanes or signaled intersection while addressing environmental, safety and cost concerns.

Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):  
Potential initial estimated savings of between 3 and 4 million dollars and ongoing yearly savings of up to \$100,000 a year. For detailed analysis please see reverse.

Estimated one-time cost or saving:	3 to 4 million dollar savings
Estimated on-going costs or savings:	\$100,000 annual savings

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**Creation of modern roundabout at Second Avenue and Scarlet Drive eliminating need for extra traffic lanes or signaled intersection. Potential initial savings of up to 3 million dollars and ongoing annual maintenance savings of approx \$50,000 - \$100,000 per year.**

**Objective:** Create efficient traffic flow pattern and cross street access on Second Avenue taking into consideration environmental, social, safety and other factors related to community well-being.

**Background:** With respect to the **Second Avenue** reconstruction project, there are a number of factors involved including environmental, safety and cost concerns. Adoption of a modern one lane roundabout, like those incorporated and accepted in ever increasing numbers in other municipalities could be the answer. Roundabouts have been proven to be more environmentally friendly requiring fewer traffic lanes, no traffic signals and are inherently safer. As well, they enjoy wide public acceptance (up to over 85% after installation). **Generally less costly (no traffic signals) to construct and less maintenance. Fewer traffic lanes mean less construction and upkeep costs.**

**Potential:** A one lane roundabout can handle up to **26,000 vehicles per day**, far in excess of any volumes predicted by city staff for this corridor. Peak period volume traffic flow can be moderated by existing traffic signals at Donna Drive and Second Avenue and the relocated traffic signal at Kenwood. These allow for regular breaks in the traffic flow at peak times for cross street and pedestrian access, if necessary, during these periods. City roads staff has acknowledged to council that space is available and a roundabout is possible at this location.

We have been advised in consultation with other municipalities that **professional roundabout consultants** be involved to evaluate this possibility and determine actual cost and other benefits, also in conjunction with up to date **independent study** of current and projected traffic flows to more accurately evaluate impact on future development in the area and how best to accommodate with cost effective infrastructure taking into consideration important environmental, social and safety factors.

**Savings:** While possible equal in cost to a conventional signaled intersection a roundabout has limited ongoing maintenance costs. A roundabout does not require additional traffic lanes thereby saving considerable infrastructure costs and ongoing road maintenance while being more environmental friendly and safer, plus more attractive. A quote from citizen's group about a London Ontario new one lane roundabout "The roundabout has justifiably been recognized as, not only an extraordinarily functional traffic mover but also for its beautiful design". More information on the Internet and a webcam view of a roundabout similar to what could be built for Second Avenue is at: <http://www.london.ca/residents/Roads-Transportation/traffic-management/Pages/Hale-Trafalgar-Live-Camera.aspx>.

**From:** 2015 Budget Public Input <webmaster@greatersudbury.ca>  
**To:** <budget@greatersudbury.ca>  
**Date:** 1/21/2015 7:38 PM  
**Subject:** 2015 Budget Public Input

This form was sent at: 21-Jan-2015 7:38 PM

NAME: Judy Hywarren

ORGANIZATION:

PHONE: 705-566-4176

EMAIL: judyhywarren@fibreop.ca

COMMENTS1:

DESCRIPTION: Please consider the permanent repair of the road that leads to Nickel District Pool. It has been a constant problem for at least 6 years and 2 or 3 times a year city staff fill in the potholes. Within a week or 2 or after the first rainfall, the potholes return. The only time that the road is hole-free is in the winter when the holes are filled with snow. This is one of the busiest pools in the city and I think that it deserves your immediate attention.

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**To:** <budget@greatersudbury.ca>  
**Date:** 1/26/2015 11:42 AM  
**Subject:** 2015 Budget Public Input

This form was sent at: 26-Jan-2015 11:42 AM

NAME: Julie Courtemanche

ORGANIZATION: Collège Notre-Dame

PHONE: (705) 674 7484

EMAIL: julie.courtemanche@nouvelon.ca

COMMENTS1: My students have been involoved in the green stairs project with Joscelyne Landry-Altman for the past five years. This iniviative has clearly shown them how a community can come together and make positive changes to their environment. This is one example how the HCI has given Sudbury's youth an opportunity to be active in their community!

DESCRIPTION: The HCI gives ownership to the members of our community, like my students. It is by giving ownership that we build a community. The funds for HCI must be maintained or augmented. If not we are not moving forwards!

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**Subject:** 2015 Budget Public Input

This form was sent at: 18-Jan-2015 8:08 AM

NAME: Laura Depatie

ORGANIZATION:

PHONE: 7056264849

EMAIL: capreolhawks@live.com

COMMENTS1:

DESCRIPTION: We need an investment in the Capreol gym. If you want to increase your membership you need to have the equipment maintained regularly, not just when it breaks. You need to expand the hours by hiring some more staff. I myself would go there as I live in Capreol but it is closed for the one and only workers break. So I end up going to Howard Armstrong and have to fight to get on equipment as there isn't enough there for the amount of memberships. Please consider an investment in this.

Thanks

ONETIME:

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**Date:** 1/18/2015 11:33 AM  
**Subject:** 2015 Budget Public Input

This form was sent at: 18-Jan-2015 11:32 AM

NAME: Linda C. Makela

ORGANIZATION:

PHONE: 705-690-6125

EMAIL: the4makelas@persona.ca

COMMENTS1: I see police services as one area in which services should NOT be cut. We need MORE police on our streets. Another area in which we must not reduce services is homelessness. Animal control is yet another. Roads. So how do we identify opportunities for savings if there are so many areas of the budget which must not be cut? I say staff time. Make sure it's not wasted. Look to efficiencies in who does what. Rather than a receptionist at multiple areas in Tom Davies Square, can we do with less of them? Can paperwork be trimmed, done more efficiently? Many small savings will add up to a big one. How does Sudbury measure in staff \$ compared to other cities? I believe an audit should be done of efficiency at Tom Davies Square. Some reorganization should easily squeeze some dollars out of the office budgets. The employees themselves likely have suggestions for savings. Has anyone asked them?

DESCRIPTION: Animal control. More money needs to be allotted for veterinary care of our impounded pets - including improvements to the euthanasia procedure which were identified as preferred by the public in a survey done last year by the city. Concrete suggestions have been made for the use of additional monies, and costing has been provided by the animal control contractor. As a member of the pet-loving community within the greater city, I was quite disappointed to see that the contractor was restricted to no improvements when the contract was awarded. The costly additions to the contract which provide more control to the city of the way animal control is conducted, did not offer any additional consideration to the well-being of the animals.

ONETIME: Provided in the tender documents submitted by Rainbow District Animal Control last summer.

ONGOING: Minuscule, looking at the big picture.

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Rachel Anna Ross  
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### Comments/Suggestions/Opportunities for Savings:

Possible Revenue of < 4,000,000,00 annually

### Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

Minimal costs to run such a program or registry.

Estimated one-time cost or saving: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated on-going costs or savings: \_\_\_\_\_

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Our vital services are regulated by legislation and our ministries are in control of upholding these rights. They are in turn trained and educated in those fields. As a landlord, there is no stipulation on requirements to deal with these vital services. Property owners have assumed the role of our clean water, clean air, by-law and building codes without any prerequisites. At minimum, enforcing a small course on the Landlord and Tenant Board ought to include such concerns. Tenants are also not aware of building codes etc...therefore I make request to have landlords take a minimal training course on vital services and health and safety. This is also a great venture for our Colleges to increase their own revenue by offering such a course.

Lack of pride tops the list, but neglectful properties could be a thing of the past with this registry.

#### Possible Community contributions from a landlord Registry

- Landlord College Course for health, safety and building code. (the training before registering as a Landlord)
- More jobs with the construction and labor forces
- More jobs with the city.(electrical, health, building services...)
- Registry will also create jobs
- The city will profit from fines for neglectful owners
- The landfill will also profit from the "property sweep"
- The number of homes claimed by the city for non compliance should also decrease.
- Legal court rooms are also backed up from the lack of preventative measures.

As a new registry begins, a "property sweep" should give a good starting point to ensuring Sudbury is on the right track for beautification.

What this means is that once a Landlord registers, they will be required to allow a minimal inspection by the city to ensure Vital services and health and safety are present. Some properties may fall under the minimum requirements and should at that time be prioritized as "pressing".

Landlords as stated earlier are taxed on Income alone. There will never be enough reasoning for not re-investing in their properties with the income they receive. A course will also prevent Landlords from saying "I wasn't aware of that" which seems to take up the bulk of the courts with the landlord and tenant Act.

I believe there is much potential with a Landlord Registry. The revenue created from it can surely change how we take pride in our community. All information given here is estimated. Imagine the possibilities. Instead of 0.625% imagine 2.2% that's a difference of \$11,848,033.00 ....that's millions!

I would be happy to be a part of any planning committee to get this project underway.

As a 10 year plan, What could this community lose!

Thank you, Rachel Anna Ross

We, as citizens of Sudbury, and the province of Ontario, have the right to legislated services such as clean water, clean air, heat, and safe housing. In our current position, we may not get any of these.

Examples:

- 1- Boil water advisories for 5 years + 1 year don't boil. (Sudbury area) 371 Dryden rd. east
    - where was the enforcement for providing clean water by the health board to the owner instead of getting water from a beaver swamp??
  - 2- Floor collapsing? (Garson)
  - 3- How would you like to eat your breakfast on a sump pump box? (Lasalle Blvd.) How is this possible?
  - 4- Jump over moldy blood stains? (Gatchell)
  - 5- Watch TV with a 200 gallon oil tank behind your couch? (Capreol)
  - 6- Get a unit that was already on a work order from sewage backup? (Coniston)
  - 7- Win your case, oops landlord doesn't exist? Good luck collecting what's owed!
  - 8- Windows and doors you cannot lock or open.
  - 9- Asbestos hanging from the ceilings.
  - 10- Feces in laundering areas.
  - 11- Moldy furnace filters, moldy caulking, moldy counter tops.
  - 12- Surfaces you can't wash, duct-work blowing cat and dog hair collected over 20 years.....
  - 13- Fire alarms that can't be used because there are no exhaust fans in kitchen or bathroom areas and are set off at least 3 times a day making you deaf.
- The list goes on, what can we do?

Building Code services and By-Law enforcement officers, as well as the Electrical safety authority, the Sudbury Health Unit, Housing and affairs....are all separate entities dealing with the same problems...neglected properties!

A Landlord registry could in turn change the way our organizations work together with our citizens. Many tenants refuse to bother their neglectful landlords in fear of a dispute and also refuse to pay a fee at the Landlord and Tenant Board for services they are legally entitled to. Here is an example of how it could work:

- A complaint would be taken by a dispatch with the registry.
- This complaint would be forwarded to both the appropriate organization (electrical, building code...) with corresponding address and also to the landlord.
- The Landlord having thus being warned and given a, eg. 2 day deadline to address the issue.
- Should that 2 day period pass without landlord communication with either the tenant or the Registry dispatch for addressing the complaint, the appropriate organization can move forward with a minimal inspection and fine the owner if need be for failure to comply with the building code. Landlords not registering should be fined for non compliance.

Canada Revenue Agency does not require special forms from Landlords. They pay taxes as Income only. The city of Sudbury also has no way of knowing who the Landlords are without some sort of registration. Knowing the property owners name does not mean enough when 4 owners are on the list! The Landlord in essence collects the rent and assures services!

This does not imply that tenants are not also responsible for the decline in home comfort. Neglect is just so, whether from the landlord or the tenant. It is thus the Landlords responsibility to assess the damage and proceed accordingly. We already have enough homes boarded up!

## Example of Revenue generated by Landlord Registry

Statistics used in this summary are derived from the Sudbury Regional Business center.

Total private dwellings	72, 736
Total number of occupied private dwellings by structural type of dwelling	<u>67,765</u>
-Single detached house	42, 215
-Apartment, building with 5 or more storeys	4, 465
-Movable dwellings	575
-Semi-detached house	3,180
-Row house	2,860
-Apartment, Duplex	3,830
-Apartment, building that has fewer than five storeys	10, 445
-Other single attached house	195

Rents range from \$450./mth to \$ 1,400.00/mth

Average is then \$925.00/mth

Landlord Registry fee per unit is 0.625 %

$\$925 \times 0.625 \% = \$5.78$

$\$800 \times 0.625 \% = \$ 5.00$

$\$700 \times 0.625 \% = \$ 4.38$

If in fact there are 67, 765 apartment units at an average of \$925 rent, this can yield a monthly revenue of \$ 391,681.70 and a yearly revenue of \$ 4,700,180.00 with the registry alone.

Impressive revenue to clean up Sudbury!

Jobs, pride....prosperity.

Side note: A landlord renting 6 units at \$800 each earns \$57, 600 a year and is taxed accordingly. Considering the very very part time work a landlord puts in his property with tenants residing and the monies earned from it shows a lack of human regard when taxing landlords. Perhaps this will finally make them work for their money!

Note 2: Mpac could also be helpful with this matter with the existing registry on tax roll numbers and property owners.

Thank you for your time, sincere, concerned citizen, Rachel Anna Ross

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Feb 2nd, 2015

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Tracy Chenier, on June 8th, 2011 my husband Jason Chenier and his co-worker Jordan Fram were killed at Stobie Mine in a mining accident. Vale plead guilty in the matter and the city was awarded a significant fine.

Last fall, the Fram family and myself spoke to Mayor Matichuk whom supported the idea of using a small portion of the fine to enhance both our local parks (Jeanne D'arc to commemorate Jason and Ridge Crest to commemorate Jordan). This would consist of installing a small structure at each site in memory of the men.

It would mean very much to both our families and enhance the community at the same time. We have had a chance to speak to both Councillors Lapierre and Altmann. They have been kind and supportive of our endeavors.

Please give the attached request your consideration,

Sincerely,  
Tracy Chenier



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When Vale was found guilty in the accidental deaths of Jason Chenier and Jordan Frain the City received one million in fines. The former Mayor was looking into putting a structure in place for each of the men in Commemoration.

### Description of project/program requiring funding and why this project/program would benefit the community (if applicable):

I am requesting a saucer swing (similar to attached) be placed at Jeanne D'arc Parc in Hammer. - Honor of Jason In addition one at RidgeCrest - Honor of Jordan.

Estimated one-time cost or saving: \* Estimated cost for one park  
 Estimated on-going costs or savings: 12 927.98 - includes swing, freight, installation, sand, sight prep.

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Sample of swing we are asking to have installed. This can be done over a sandy surface.

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Melissa at CRCs 705-522-4984

Price quoted for

- Saucer Swing
- Installation
- freight
- sand
- sight prep.

\* 12 927.98.

\* Ginette Forget Rose has also been helping with pricing and sight inspection for Jeanne D'Arc location.