



# Sudbury & District Labour Council

Labour's Voice in the Community

## Conseil du Travail de Sudbury et du District

La voix des travailleurs dans la communauté

January 31, 2008

Ms. Angie Hache, City Clerk  
City of Greater Sudbury  
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Dear Ms. Hache:

### Presentation Request to City Council

Canada's manufacturing sector has suffered a quarter million job loss within the last five years. These job losses ultimately increase demand for services that are municipally delivered.

As such, the Sudbury and District Labour Council would like the opportunity to speak upon, and present a proposed resolution (see attached) for city council to adopt; which calls upon the federal government to take action in addressing the impact of manufacturing job loss in the Greater Sudbury region.

Please advise of Council's earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

John Closs  
President

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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** Canada's manufacturing sector is a critical part of the national economy: it is highly productive, generates the highest value-added in the economy compared to all other economic sectors, accounts for two-thirds of our nation's local total exports and funds three-quarters of all private sector research;

**AND WHEREAS** over the last five years Canada has suffered a quarter million manufacturing job losses, across a diverse range of sectors including: auto assembly, auto parts, food and beverage, fish processing, ship building, electronics, electrical, rubber, plastics, steel, wood, paper, metal and general manufacturing. These job losses are the result of permanent and indefinite layoffs of workers, bankruptcies and plant closures, workplace downsizing, work relocation and production off-shoring to countries both within North America (*United States & Mexico*) and internationally. The loss of manufacturing jobs has devastated workers, families and communities from coast to coast, and restricts the amount of quality job prospects for our children and grandchildren. The loss of manufacturing jobs has placed an added financial strain on municipal governments to deliver increased demands for social services at the local level, at the same time they are experiencing a shrinking tax base;

**AND WHEREAS** the lack of federal government attention to the critical issues of unfair trade and markets closed to Canadian goods, the persistently high Canadian dollar, the deindustrialization of Canada's economy and its associated impact, investment strategy, public procurement policies and inadequate protection for workers has resulted in a crisis for Canadian manufacturing workers;

**AND WHEREAS** the report of the Advisory Panel on Municipal Mining Revenues recommended that the City of Greater Sudbury recognize the value of manufacturing incentives and opportunities to the growth of the mining and processing industry and the mining research, development and services sector in the Sudbury Basin;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Greater Sudbury has lost as many as 2,000 manufacturing jobs since 2002;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the representatives of City Council, on behalf of City residents, call on the federal government to take action in addressing the impact of manufacturing job loss in the Greater Sudbury region and in other communities across Canada by:

- Identifying the manufacturing industry as a strategic sector in Canada's economic development;
- Undertaking a comprehensive review of the causes and consequences of manufacturing job loss;
- Establishing a sectoral task force to review ways Canada can strengthen the manufacturing sector;
- Adopting a comprehensive and integrated set of economic, fiscal and monetary policies - a framework for fair trade that will both strengthen domestic manufacturing and protect manufacturing jobs, including "A Made in Canada" government procurement policies at all levels of government;
- Ensuring that all Canadian workers are protected in job loss through the improvement of bankruptcy laws, wage protection, pension protection, transition programs, improved training and relocation programs, and enhanced Employment Insurance benefits.