Presentations and Delegations

Request for Recommendation **Priorities Committee**



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Meeting Date October 12, 2005				Report Date	October 7, 2005							
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Report Title

2004 Children First Report Card

	Policy Implications + Budget Impact
	This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified
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Х	Background attached

Recommendation

That City Council accept the 2004 Children First Report Card produced by the volunteers on the Children First Roundtable Research Subcommittee.

Recommendation attached

Recommended by the General Manager

Catherine Matheson General Manager Community Development Recommended by the C.A.O.

Chief Administrative Officer

Title: 2004 Children First Report Card

Date: October 12, 2005

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Background

The Mayor and Council's Children First Roundtable is a committed partnership of elected representatives, local experts, businesses and citizens working together to build a sense of civic responsibility to improve the quality of life for Greater Sudbury's children. It was created to bring together community members with knowledge, skills, insights and experience in the issues impacting children. The Roundtable advises the Mayor and Council on children's issues and promotes community initiatives and actions which put children first.

The Roundtable identified several priority areas, including: policy development, public education, public recognition of success and research. The focus of the Research Subcommittee is research related to children's issues in our community. This subcommittee is charged with working to meet one of the Roundtable's key goals:

To ensure that a set of indicators to determine our community's progress is developed and to engage local researchers in the development of an annual Report Card on Children that tracks successes and progress.

The 2002 Children First Report Card highlighted extreme baseline data from community organizations, the 2001 Census and the Northern Ontario Perinatal and Child Health Survey. The present report builds on the previous document and includes a more broad-based statistical overview of Greater Sudbury. With the publication of the second Children First Report Card, the goals of the Roundtable are closer to being achieved. The 2004 Children First Report Card, provides a snapshot of how Greater Sudbury's children are doing. The document reflects a complete twelve month period and provides the most recent data available on the indicators selected for evaluation.

Each indicator tells a story of how well our children are doing, where we are doing well and where we have room to improve. The current document explores the City of Greater Sudbury's demographic profile; basic needs; health and physical and emotional well-being; education and safety. There a numerous highlights throughout the 2004 Children First Report Card, including the recognition of the City of Greater Sudbury Diversity Thrives Here! Plan and the Social Planning Council Social and Economic Inclusion Initiative, both of which address the growing Aboriginal population in the District. Further, the report lists and statistically references the many local programs that are available in the community to children and their families, including: services for low income families, prenatal programming, childcare options, bullying and education opportunities, and finally childhood protection awareness.

The efforts that were invested in the development of the 2004 Children First Report Card will continue into the coming year. The team of dedicated professionals and volunteers meet monthly to discuss ways of furthering the community's knowledge about children's issues.

(2004 Children First Report Card under separate cover)





Mission

The Mayor and Council's "Children First" Roundtable is a committed partnership of elected representatives, local experts, businesses and citizens working together to build a sense of civic responsibility to improve the quality of life of children.



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Functions of the Report Card

- To be a reference document on the welfare of children in the City of Greater Sudbury.
- To measure progress in improving the status of children as stated in the Children First Charter.
- To help raise public awareness and understanding of the needs of children.
- To serve as a planning tool for service providers and elected officials so that they can make decisions about the allocation of resources.
- To act as a stimulus for political and community action to improve the situation of children.



2002 and 2004 Reports



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Greater Sudbury Highlights 2004

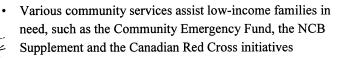


- 20.7% of children under six and 18.1% of children under 15 are living in low-income households
- In 2001, 22% of 15 to 19 year olds were not attending school compared to 16% in 1996
- The proportion of families led by a single parent is 16.5%, with 17% being led by males and 83% led by females
- In Sudbury, 27% of the food bank users are under 18 years
- During The *Time 7: Report on Homelessness in Sudbury (July 2003)*, a total of 608 people were identified as being homeless. Of those, 12% were 0-12 and 20% were 13-19 years of age
- Youths charged per 100,000 youth population: 9475.8 (9.5%)



More Highlights....

- The rate of bilingualism is increasing; 49% percent of the youth population is bilingual
 - Social Inclusion is promoted through projects such as the Diversity Thrives Here! and the Social Inclusion of Children initiative



- 78% of mothers who had a child in the last 5 years in the SDHU area breastfed or tried to breastfeed their last child
- There is a greater focus on anti-bullying programs through efforts from the Roots of Empathy program and the Anti-Bullying program from the Greater Sudbury Police



Community Efforts

- Relaxed eligibilities for Childcare Subsidies
- Full access to preschool learning opportunities through local Nursery Schools, Early Years Centres and Child Care Centres
- The Best Start initiative is underway in the City of Greater Sudbury
- The Early Development Instrument has been completed in 2002 and 2005





The data in this report provides us with excellent information that we hope community leaders and advocates will use for broad-based community planning and ultimately take action to improve and enhance programs for the benefit of all children in our community.



Questions?

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Report Title

Roads Needs Assessment Template

Policy Implications + Budget Impact	Recommendation
This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified	THAT Council approve Overall Condition Index (OCI) rating system for the 2006 ar beyond Capital Road Budget, all in accordance with the report and presentat from the General Manager of Infrastructu and Emergency Services, dated October 2005
	Recommendation attached

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Title: Roads Needs Assessment Template Page: 1

Date: October 5, 2005

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Background:

The City of Greater Sudbury currently uses a Pavement Management System (PMS) called D tims CT developed by Deighton Associates Ltd. of Bomanville, Ontario, to help set priorities in establishing the Capital road rehabilitation program.

Currently:

The current Pavement Management System is made up of two components, the database segment and the evaluation segment. The database component provides information on each road section physical condition. This includes data on structural cracking, non-structural cracking, roughness and rutting.

In 2005, a complete review of our paved road system was carried out by Integrated Management Services (IMS). The evaluation was done using the latest technology and provides objective, repeatable condition information on each road segment. This information collected is used to develop a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for each road segment.

The second part of the PMS uses the PCI along with data on the road construction, type of road, traffic information and various rehabilitation strategies to maximize the benefits to costs for each road section. The analysis then develops a network strategy to maximize the benefits and develop a road priority within the budget guidelines adopted by Council in December 2004.

The guidelines are as follows:

Major Roads and arterials	30%
Minor Roads, local streets and collectors	20%
New roads/widenings	20%
Bridge rehabilitation	15%
Storm water system	5%
Engineering consulting services	5%
Traffic signals, new and upgrades	1%
Miscellaneous (street lighting, crack sealing, contingencies)	4%

The Capital Road Program is currently developed using these as guidelines and the pavement management system.

Roads by type	PCI	Evaluation	PMS
Arterial Collector Locals	ranked from worst to best by roads segment	maximizes the benefits to cost for each	maximizes benefits to cost for the road network within the allocated budget

Title: Roads Needs Assessment Template

Date: October 5, 2005

Proposed:

Staff are currently working with Deighton to develop an Overall Condition Rating (OCI) rating for our roads that will take into consideration the other factors that have been established by Council for evaluation. These include, safety priorities, water and waste water priorities, economic development priorities and traffic congestion/environmental benefits.

These factors will be developed on the following basis:

The safety factor will include both the geometrics of the road and the traffic accident history to develop a rating.

The water and waste water factor will include a rating based on the condition of the underground services and there anticipated life span.

The economic development factor will reflect the importance of the road to the economy of the City as well as identified current and future residential, commercial or industrial projects.

The traffic congestion and environmental factor will incorporate traffic capacity issues looking at directional and peak hour capacities. This factor will incorporate reductions in Green House Gas Emissions and travel time savings.

These factors will be weighted according to the criteria established by Council.

Safety	25%
Water Waste Water	20%
Economic Development	15%
Traffic Congestion and Environment	10%
PMS	30%

This will result in an Overall Condition Index (OCI) being developed for each segment of road across the City.

When the 2006 Budget is presented to Council, a list of roads in priority using the OCI will be included for Council's review and approval.

In addition to the review/upgrading of the Capital Roads Criteria, a parallel study is currently underway by City staff in conjunction with Covenco and is presented in a second report to Council.

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