

# **PRIORITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**to be held on  
Wednesday, November 24, 2004  
at  
7:00 p.m.**

**Councillor  
Terry Kett  
Chair**



**Councillor  
Frances Caldarelli  
Vice-Chair**



# **Priorities Committee AGENDA**

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***EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE  
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOM DAVIES SQUARE***

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## **COUNCILLOR KETT, IN THE CHAIR**

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1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

**ANY ITEMS NOT DEALT WITH BY THE ADJOURNMENT HOUR OF 10:00 P.M.  
WILL BE CARRIED OVER TO THE DECEMBER 15, 2004 MEETING OF THE  
PRIORITIES COMMITTEE.**

## **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

## **PAGE NO.**

2. Presentation from Rainbow Routes Association regarding Trail Building for 2005 through to 2007. Letter dated 2004-10-22 attached. **1**  
**(ELECTRONIC PRESENTATION) (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**
  - Mr. Kirk Dopson, President, Rainbow Routes Association
  
3. Presentation from Sudbury Action Centre for Youth regarding their programs and services offered. Letter dated 2004-10-13 attached. **2**  
**(ELECTRONIC PRESENTATION) (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**
  - Ms. Marlene Gorman, Executive Director
  
4. Verbal report on Lake Water Quality in the City of Greater Sudbury.  
**(ELECTRONIC PRESENTATION) (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**
  - Dr. David Pearson, Laurentian University

(Dr. David Pearson, professor of earth Sciences at Laurentian University, will provide Council with a brief update on the status of Lake Water Quality Improvements in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Greater Sudbury rightfully claims the title of “City of Lakes” as no other city in Canada, and probably in the world, and has a greater number and diversity of lakes within its borders. Sudbury’s lakes provide essential services such as drinking water and wastewater disposal, and are an impressive recreational and aesthetic community asset.

Public and political awareness of the need to protect lake-water quality in Sudbury is growing. A water quality protection and improvement program, involving widespread monitoring and lake stewardship groups, is underway. It is believed that the same scientific and community cooperation that brought trees to our hillsides will also benefit our water.)

## **MANAGERS’ REPORTS**

**{NONE}**

5. Report dated 2004-11-17 from the General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services regarding Community Trail Development Overview. **3 - 11**  
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

**(BOUND REPORTS ENTITLED "TRANS CANADA TRAIL MASTER PLAN, AUGUST, 2001" AND "JUNCTION CREEK WATERWAY PARK, SEPTEMBER, 1991" UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

(Over the course of the next few months a series of community meetings and public input sessions designed to review current trail plans and trail development ideas will be held by City staff in consultation with community partners. A list of prioritized trail development projects will be developed and presented at the end of March for Council's consideration.)

**ADJOURNMENT (10:00 P.M.) (RESOLUTION PREPARED)**

***{MAJORITY REQUIRED TO PROCEED PAST 10:00 P.M.}***

**2004-11-19**

**COUNCILLOR KETT  
CHAIR**

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COUNCIL SECRETARY**

# **Presentations and Delegations**

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Thom Mowry  
City Clerk  
City of Greater Sudbury

October 22, 2004

Dear Mr. Mowry,

On behalf of the Rainbow Routes Board of Directors I would like to request the opportunity to present to the Priorities Committee on November 24, 2004.

Rainbow Routes is actively building trail in Greater Sudbury and we are seeking the financial support of council for trail building for 2005 through to 2007. We will have a short presentation in Corel Presentations and it should last no longer than 10 minutes.

We look forward to your response to our request.

Sincerely,



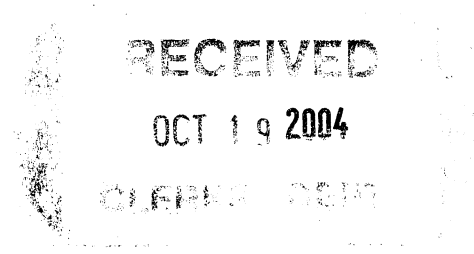
Kirk Dopson  
President

# **SUDBURY ACTION CENTRE FOR YOUTH / CENTRE D'ACTION DE SUDBURY POUR LA JEUNESSE**

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October 13, 2004

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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past eighteen years, the Sudbury Action Centre For Youth has evolved into a multi-service organization that has proven to be a valuable resource for at-risk youth and individuals of all ages who are chronically unemployed, homeless and/or injection drug users. The Centre provides a safe, non-judgmental environment where youth are able to access the programs and services they need.

I am writing this letter in order to request the opportunity to conduct a presentation to the Priorities Committee. The purpose of the presentation is to provide information about the programs and services offered at the Sudbury Action Centre For Youth.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Marlene Gorman  
Executive Director

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# **Correspondence for Information Only**

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# Request for Recommendation Priorities Committee





Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	November 24, 2004				Report Date	November 17, 2004			
Recommendation		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No		Priority		High	Low
	Direction Only					Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open	Closed

Report Title
<b>Trail Development Overview</b>

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

Recommendation	
<p><b>FOR INFORMATION</b></p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendation attached

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

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

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**Report Authored By**

Caroline Hallsworth  
General Manager, Citizen and Leisure Services

**Division Review**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

According to the Leisure Master Plan, "trails are desired by all ages and especially adults and seniors, they are well suited to the demographic profile of Greater Sudbury". The Leisure Master Plan and a number of other planning documents identify opportunities for trail development in the City of Greater Sudbury. However, no consolidated trail plan document is available which prioritizes trail development projects for the City of Greater Sudbury. Over the course of the next few months, staff in consultation with community partners, including Rainbow Routes, will be holding a series of community meetings and public input sessions designed to review current trail plans and trail development ideas and develop a list of prioritized trail development projects which will be presented to Council at the end of March for their consideration.

**BACKGROUND**

At the workshop to review the Leisure Master Plan held in early September, Councillors focused on the importance of trails and identified the need to develop an overall picture of trails so that as a community, we can build on the trail work that has been completed and identify the trail projects with the best development potential. Councillors suggested that we engage community groups and CAN's in trail development initiatives and that we organize meetings with all community trail groups to identify priorities for trail development. At the Council Strategic Workshop held this fall, Council identified trail development as an emerging priority and the trail development implementation plan is one of the operational strategies emanating from those priorities.

**LEISURE MASTER PLAN**

The Guiding Principles of the Leisure Master Plan are "grounded in the recognition that parks and leisure provide numerous physical, social, economic, and environmental benefits that are essential to creating a healthy community for all current and future citizens." Some of the planning principles which apply to trail development are that "the City will continue to implement a community development approach to leisure service delivery through the support of volunteers and community capacity building " and that "partnerships with outside parties in the provision and delivery of facilities and services are desired where there is sufficient benefit to the City and community." Another principle described in the Leisure Master Plan is that "the City will continue to be the primary provider of infrastructure for parks and leisure within the community" and "that there will be an equitable distribution of parks and leisure infrastructure across the entire community."

The specific recommendations of the Leisure Master Plan as they relate to trails are provided in italics below:

*The City works in partnership with the Rainbow Routes Association and local community groups in the development of trails across Greater Sudbury. At present, there are approximately 156*

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kilometres of off-road nature and paved trails available for walking, cycling, inline skating, and cross-country skiing. The trail network continues to grow, particularly since 2001 when substantial grants were secured through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund.

The following are non-motorized trails or varying surfaces that are formally recognized as municipal/public trails. The source of this information is Trans Canada Trail Master Plan (2001) and may require updating by the City. An extensive network of snowmobile trails also exists within the City and is not reflected in the inventory due to the inherent conflicts with non-motorized use.

Former City of Sudbury (85 kilometres)

1. Junction Creek Waterway Park (8 km)
2. Nolin Creek Trail (2 km)
3. Twin Forks Trail (2 km)
4. Rotary Park Trail (2 km)
5. Mallard's Landing Trail (1 km)
6. Ramsey Lake Greenway Trail:
  - Bell Park Walkway (3 km)
  - Lake Laurentian Conservation Trail Network (50 km)
  - Blueberry Hill Trail (2 km)
  - Oak Forest Park Trail (3 km)
  - Camp Sudaca Trails (2 km)
  - Laurentian University Trails (10 km)

Former City of Valley East (4 kilometres)

7. Recreational Trail (1 km)
8. Dominion Drive / Pinecrest / Carol Richard Trail (3 km)

Former Town of Capreol (2 kilometres)

9. River Trail (2 km)

Former Town of Onaping Falls (25 kilometres)

10. A.Y. Jackson Lookout Trails (10 km)
10. Windy Lake Cross Country Ski Trails (15 km)

Former Town of Rayside-Balfour (12 kilometres)

11. Chelmsford Trail (6 km)
12. Azilda (6 km)

Former Town of Nickel Centre (1 kilometre)

13. Jane Goodall Trail (1 km)

Former Town of Walden (27 kilometres)

14. Meatbird Lake Trails (2 km)
15. Fielding Park Trail Network (2 km)
16. Naughton Trails (19 km)
17. Centennial Park "Mosquito Trail" (1.5 km)
18. Hillcrest to Fielding Park Trail (2.5 km)

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*In addition to the aforementioned multi-use trails, the City's five volunteer cross-country skiing clubs (located in Dowling, Naughton, Capreol, Sudbury and Azilda) operate and maintain an extensive series of ski trails totalling approximately 90 to 100 kilometres. The Naughton and Azilda clubs are located in City-owned lands and the City provides grants to all five organizations to assist in their annual operation. Cross-country skiing is a significant winter recreational activity in Greater Sudbury, with approximately 3,000 members between the five clubs.*

*In 2001, Rainbow Routes prepared the "Trans Canada Trail Master Plan" in partnership with the City. The plan identifies a Trans Canada Trail route as well as conceptual trail links to communities not on the proposed route in an attempt to connect the disjointed and disparate network of existing trails. Connections to major recreational, educational, residential, and commercial points of interest played an important role in determining the proposed route. When completed, the Trans Canada Trail through the City of Greater Sudbury will be approximately 133 kilometres in length, more than half of which exists in the form of developed trails and rights-of-way.*

*While the Trans Canada Trail will provide valuable linkages between communities both within and outside of Greater Sudbury, other significant trails exist within the City. For instance, the Master Plan for Greenway Park, which is situated on Lake Ramsey (a community and tourist focal point), proposes a continuous linked trail around Ramsey Lake and the purchase of additional acreage to create a 430 hectare park (the City's largest) at the east end of the lake. Trails at Ramsey Lake and Bell Park were the most frequently mentioned projects at the public workshops, as was the general need for additional trails throughout the City.*

*Trends research and surveys undertaken in other municipalities indicate that **walking is the second most popular leisure activity**, behind only reading. Furthermore, as age increases, so too does the propensity to identify walking as a favourite leisure time activity. This bodes well for future demand given that the 55+ age group is expected to grow substantially over the course of the planning period. Although bicycling and walking are somewhat limited as modes of transportation in the City due to the length and severity of the winter climate, the topography of some areas and the dispersed nature of land use patterns, they are important parts of a sustainable and efficient transportation system.*

*The public consultation process has provided strong support for the expansion of Greater Sudbury's trail network. Several individuals have also provided input regarding the need for a comprehensive cycle/pedestrian transportation system consisting of trails, bike lanes, and on-street routes.*

*Trail development many positive benefits for local residents, including in addition to recreation, an increase in community livability, an increase in transportation options, patronage to trail-side businesses, an increase in personal health and fitness, tourism development, scenic beautification, and improved air and water quality (Rails to Trails Conservancy 1999). Furthermore, trails provide opportunities for both residents and visitors to travel to and experience local heritage, recreation, and cultural attractions.*

*The most easily identifiable benefits of a multi-use recreational trail program involve recreational opportunities. Leisure trends suggest an increasing demand for "unprogrammed" active living recreational opportunities that are more compatible with the lifestyles of the aging population. The use of trails is unorganized and spontaneous and thus more attractive for busy individuals whose leisure time is at a premium and often unplanned. Trails appeal to people of all ages and abilities*

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*because of their flexibility, low cost, and accessibility. Skill is not a factor – the same trail is equally attractive to people with varying levels of fitness and expertise.*

*The increasing age of the average user will influence fitness program structure and provision. As a result, the City of Greater Sudbury will need to reassess its programming concentrations to include a stronger focus on seniors' leisure and recreational activities. Though people over the age of 55 continue to pursue active lifestyles, it is in a more passive fashion (e.g., walking is replacing jogging for many individuals). Trails are an especially flexible and responsive type of facility as they permit "unprogrammed" fitness or "active living" activities for both older adults and the young.*

*The City's current multi-use recreational trail system is comprised of three classes as defined in the Trans Canada Trail Master Plan and identified below:*

*Class I - Path/Trail*

*A trail designated for the use of the recreation user that is separated from the travelled portion of existing roadways. "Major Trails" are typically linear, goal-oriented, hard-surfaced, and are designed for a wide range of users. "Hiking / Nature Trails" are located in natural environment areas and designed for aesthetic enjoyment and nature appreciation.*

*Class II - Walk/Bicycle Lane*

*Comprised of a designated lane within a street or roadway designed for one-way pedestrian or cyclist use (e.g., painted strip, wider paved shoulder, etc.).*

*Class III - Signed Route*

*A trail route local along a road right-of-way or public open space which is signed including, but not limited to, sidewalks.*

*Action Plans*

*In 2001, it was estimated that nearly \$5 million is required to fully implement the recommendations of the Trans Canada Trail Master Plan over a 10-year period, exclusive of property acquisition and easement costs. The Leisure Services Division has budgeted approximately \$1 million over the next ten years for general trail development and an additional \$250,000 for Junction Creek trails. Given the substantial support expressed by the public for the expansion of the trail network, the health and transportation-related benefits to such as system, and the potential link with tourism initiatives, the City needs to allocate more money to trail development over the coming years.*

- ★ *Trails are as much of a recreational "facility" as arenas, parks, and sports fields. The City should recognize the importance of this "facility" by making multi-use trail development a high priority, as reflected by annual and long-range budgets.*
- ★ *The extension and maintenance of trails should be a high priority in the City. Priority should be given to completion of existing trails and creating bicycle routes from the two major growth areas of New Sudbury and South End to the City core and major points of attraction and/or employment lands.*
- ★ *The proposed route and recommendations contained within the Trans Canada Trail Master Plan should be implemented over time, with an immediate focus on over/underpass crossings at major physical obstacles.*

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*The City cannot achieve a comprehensive multi-use trail system without partnerships with community organizations, local and provincial agencies, and landowners. For example, the Rainbow Routes Association is the lead advocate for the development, management, use and preservation of the Trans Canada Trail within the City of Greater Sudbury. The Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) is also a major landowner and trail provider in the municipality. The City needs to continue to support the efforts of these organizations and encourage them to expand their trail networks in the interests of all Greater Sudbury residents. For example, the NDCA owns a 30-acre park parcel along the Whitson River in Blezard Valley; this site could be expanded to accommodate walking trails within a natural setting, which are desired amenities for all ages, including the growing number of older adults.*

- ★ *The development of an extensive and comprehensive trail network is a significant undertaking and the City cannot do it alone. The City should continue to work in co-operation with local, provincial, and national organizations to develop and maintain the trail network.*

*The issue of cyclists in City streets has been a source of controversy in the former City of Sudbury for a number of years. In 1997, the City of Sudbury's Bicycle Advisory Committee prepared a Reference Manual to present a vision for improving the opportunities for cycling in Sudbury. This document chronicles the extensive work undertaken during the 1990's to make the former City of Sudbury more bicycle-friendly and also outlines the key values, barriers, benefits, operating principles, and issues associated with cycling in the City. The study also developed a conceptual bicycle path system combined of various street and path routes throughout the former City of Sudbury. Many of the document's six strategic directions – including the development of a bicycle route system master plan – have not yet been fully implemented. There remains merit in developing and implementing an integrated system of trails, lanes and routes for bicycles and pedestrians.*

- ★ *Through guidance provided by the City's Official Plan, the Trans Canada Trail Master Plan, and the work of the former City of Sudbury's Bicycle Advisory Committee, Class II (Walk/Bicycle Lane) and Class III (Signed Route) trails should be integrated with existing and planned Class I (Path/Trail) trails in order to provide a connected and destination-oriented multi-use trail system.*

*The issue of poor trail maintenance was raised as a concern during the public consultation program. Despite the fact that the cost to maintain most trails represents a fraction of the cost of many other facilities, the City does not allocate enough staff or financial resources to this matter. This is a common issue in many other municipalities – a balance is required between trail maintenance and expansion because both are desired and essential to a successful trail system.*

- ★ *In consultation with Rainbow Routes and other City Departments, the Leisure Services Division should develop a Trail Maintenance Policy. This Policy would establish maintenance standards and scheduling practices to ensure that trails are kept in good repair and that the maintenance budget is maximized.*
- ★ *The addition of a City employee responsible for both trail development and playground safety should be considered.*

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## PLANNING DOCUMENTS - TRAILS

As described in the Leisure Master Plan, there are a number of planning documents which are either dedicated to, or include sections on, trail planning. Some of the key planning documents for the development of trails in the City of Greater Sudbury are described below:

### *Trans-Canada Trail Master Plan, 2001*

Prepared in 2001, the Trans-Canada Trail Master Plan was developed by the Rainbow Routes Association in partnership with the City of Greater Sudbury as a conceptual plan for trail development. "The Trans-Canada Trail is envisioned to become the largest shared recreation trail in the world. Spanning the continent, the trail will be over 16,000 kilometers in length and will connect Canada from Sea to Sea." The goal of the Greater Sudbury Trans-Canada Trail project is to have the Trans-Canada Trail "act as the central spine and catalyst to effectively connect rural, semi-urban and urban communities into a comprehensively linked open space network." A copy of the Trans-Canada Trail Master Plan, which includes maps of the trails proposed for development in conjunction with this project, is provided under separate cover for the information of Council.

### *Junction Creek Waterway Park Community Improvement Plan, 1991*

As described in the Junction Creek Waterway Park Community Improvement Plan, the primary purpose of the plan is "to propose the development of an urban waterway park along Junction Creek from Maley and Nickeldale Conservation Areas to Kelly Lake." Over the course of the past decade, portions of this trail network have been completed and significant funds have been expended on the acquisition of land to move this plan towards completion. This plan continues to be worked on, as for example in the case of the redevelopment of the Supermall, which will include some work on the portion of the Junction Creek Waterway Park which passes through that property. A copy of the Junction Creek Waterway Park Community Improvement Plan is provided under separate cover for the information of Council.

### *Minnow Lake Community Improvement Plan, 1991*

The Minnow Lake CIP recommends the establishment of a recreational pedestrian route around Minnow Lake which route would provide waterfront access where possible. The plan recommends establishment of a pedestrian route between Hillside Avenue, Oakforest Lookout and Bancroft Drive, and linking Blueberry Hill to a recreational trail recommended for development along the Regional Watermain Right of Way. While some elements of this plan, including the Blueberry Hill and Oakforest Trails have been developed, there is still trail work to be completed in Minnow Lake.

### *Ramsey Lake Community Improvement Plan, 1992*

The basis for this planning document is the "long term significance of Ramsey Lake and its whole watershed is as a healthy functioning ecosystem" and includes the provision of "opportunities for individual and community growth and the enhancement of local lifestyle". The plan envisions a "network of links and nodes . . . to provide links to increase access to and along the lake and throughout the watershed with . . . an interpretive and recreational trail for pedestrians, cyclists, joggers, skiers around the lakeshore of the lake, with side linkages to backshore sites eventually linking to adjacent watersheds in the City and Region." One of the recommendations in the Ramsey Lake CIP was the construction of a boardwalk/bridge connection between Science North and Bell Park. The Jim Gordon Boardwalk is estimated to attract as many as 300,000 walker visits annually.

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*Bell Park Master Plan, 2000*

The Bell Park Master Plan recommends increasing access to and connections within Bell Park as well as reinforcing linkages to areas outside the park. The plan includes in its themes the enhancement of pedestrian trails in the park as well as the provision of linkages to community trails and the use of signage and walkway surfaces to connect Bell Park, over the Iron Bridge, to downtown.

*Fielding Memorial Park Master Plan, 2000*

As described in the plan, “the connection of the Park to the Trans Canada and Junction Creek Trail will make Fielding Memorial Park a major destination node in a City-wide trail system” and will “maximize pedestrian access from a larger community” In addition to linkages to trails that extend beyond the park, there are trails within Fielding Memorial Park that are geared for seasonal usage.

*Greenway Park: East End Ramsey Lake Master Plan, 2001*

Proposed for the East End of Ramsey Lake, Greenway Park would be “an ecological and recreationally linked open space network”. The plan recommends that “it is imperative that a continuous trail to be developed around the lake” and envisions the Ramsey Lake Urban Trail as a Class 1 trail with linkages to the Trans Canada Trail. The Greenway Park Plan recognizes the existing trail networks between Moonlight Beach and the Conservation Area and recommends development of a trail along the South Shore of Ramsey Lake.

**NEXT STEPS: REVIEW OF TRAIL PLANS AND PRIORITIZATION OF TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

The Leisure Master Plan and a number of other planning documents, including those described above, identify opportunities for trail development in the City of Greater Sudbury. However, no consolidated trail plan document is available which prioritizes trail development projects for the City of Greater Sudbury. Over the course of the next few months, staff will be using the community development model of consultation to work with partners to review current trail plans and trail development ideas and develop a list of prioritized trail development projects.

As part of the review of trail development priorities, staff and community partners will be asked to identify those opportunities which are currently available and which will provide positive first steps in the development of a linked network of community trails. Examples of current opportunities include the initiation of a standard recognizable signage system to help people access existing trails and the formalizing of relationships with cross country ski groups as many ski trails can be used in the summer months for hiking and mountain biking.

There are opportunities to utilize the five percent land allocation for trail development purposes by selecting linear right of ways, rather than lots from new subdivisions. Korpela Park is an example of a walking loop that has been developed as part of a plan of subdivision. A new opportunity to create trails linking residential neighbourhoods and the University and Conservation area trails is being explored as part of a subdivision proposed for the LoEllen Park area.



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Projects like the Rotary Park Trail in the Adanac/Rotary Park area exemplify the importance of community groups and volunteers in trail development. The Rotary Park Trail has been developed as a project of the Rotary Clubs, who bring resources including volunteer labour, funds and valuable community contacts to trail development projects.

Recognizing these opportunities and the importance of community support for trail development, Leisure Services staff will be working with Rainbow Routes over the next three months to engage community partners in building on existing trail plans and both known and new opportunities to develop an overview of trail development projects across the entire City of Greater Sudbury. Recommendations will be made as to how these trail development projects can be prioritized. Amongst the community partners who will be consulted through this process are:

Bio Ski/Laurentian University  
Capreol Cross Country Ski Club  
City of Greater Sudbury Community Action Networks (CANs)  
Friends of Walden Trails  
Junction Creek Restoration Committee  
Laurentian Nordic Ski Club  
Nickel District Conservation Authority  
Nickel City Walkers  
Onaping Falls Nordic Ski Club  
Rainbow Routes  
Rayside Balfour Leisure Trails  
Rotary Club of Sudbury and Rotary Club Sunrisers  
Seniors Advisory Panel  
Sudbury Trail Plan  
Sudbury Cycling Club  
Sudbury Hiking Club  
Trans Canada Trail Association (National in scope)  
Voyageur Ski Club (Azilda)  
Walden Cross Country Ski Club

In addition to meetings and consultations with these partner organizations, public meetings will be held early in 2005 to ensure that the broadest perspectives on trail planning are considered. We hope to host the public meetings in partnership with Rainbow Routes, Community Action Networks and the trail groups in each area of the community.

The outcome of this process will be the development of a consolidated document which summarizes and maps the trail plans currently in place, which reviews the current opportunities available for trail development, which identifies criteria for prioritizing trail development projects and which uses those criteria as the basis for making recommendations to Council as to priorities for trail development projects. The report will be presented to Council at the end of March for your consideration.