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Input to the 2014 City of Greater Sudbury Municipal Budget

We, Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury, Connect the Creek, Eat Local Sudbury, The Foodshed Project, Friends of the Roxborough Greenbelt, Friends of Sudbury Transit, Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance, Junction Creek Stewardship Committee, Laurentian University Environmental Science Program, Minnow Lake Restoration Group, Ramsey Lake Stewardship Committee, reThink Green, Simon Lake Community Stewardship Group, Sudbury Cyclists Union, and Vermilion River Stewardship make the following recommendations for the 2014 City of Greater Sudbury municipal budget:

To find resources within existing budgets, and to allocate new funding where required to:

1. Provide staff time to the role of Community Garden Coordinator.

There is growing interest in community gardens in Greater Sudbury. To support start up of new gardens, provide support to and increase sustainability of existing gardens, and to connect residents to community gardens, there is a need for a community garden coordinator.

2. Acquire high priority green space, as outlined in the Green Space Advisory Panel Final Report.

High priority green spaces have a high recreation and/or conservation value, and are also at high risk to be lost from development or other pressures. Timely action is required to protect these important areas in perpetuity. The Final Report of the Green Space Advisory Panel recommends an annual amount of \$100,000 - \$200,000, which will also assist in leveraging outside funding.

In addition, we support the completion of the Junction Creek Waterway Park trail.

3. Complete priority watershed and sub-watershed studies

Council recently passed a motion to immediately begin these studies which are necessary to protect water quality in our lakes and waterways, protect residents from flooding, and to make an informed decision on any development application within a watershed.

4. Meet the objectives, timelines, and budget requirements of the Sustainable Mobility Plan and the Bicycle Technical Master Plan to make walking, cycling and transit safe, accessible, and convenient in the City of Greater Sudbury.

We support the Sudbury Cyclists Union recommendation that a minimum of 1% of the capital roads budget be dedicated to priority on-road cycling infrastructure, above and beyond regular budget spending on cycling and pedestrian infrastructure during roadworks.

These recommendations support the top overall priorities identified by the local environmental community:

Thank-you for your consideration.

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Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury

Connect the Creek Partnership

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Based on top priorities of the local environmental community

Community Garden Coordinator



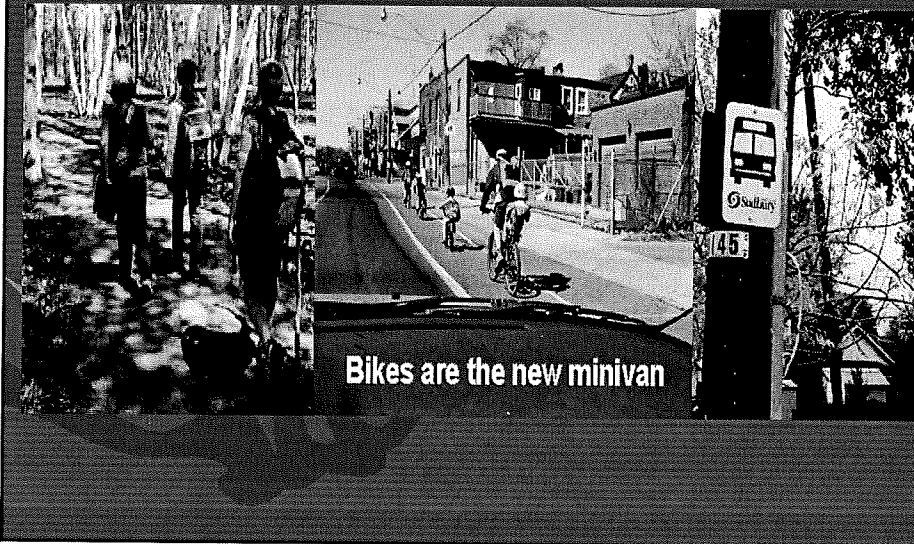
Acquire high priority green space



Complete priority watershed and sub-watershed studies



Implement Sustainable Mobility Plan



Overview

- **Community Garden Coordinator**
 - Options: no extra cost (add to duties of existing staff), ~\$3000 (NOHF intern), or additional summer or full-time staff position
- **Acquire high priority green space**
 - Recommended: \$100,000 - \$200,000 annual funding + requested funding for Connect the Creek
- **Complete priority watershed and sub-watershed studies**
 - Recommended: minimum \$250,000 annual funding
- **Meet the objectives, timelines, and budget requirements of the Sustainable Mobility Plan and the Bicycle Technical Master Plan to make walking, cycling and transit safe, accessible, and convenient in the City of Greater Sudbury.**
 - Recommended: minimum of 1% of the capital roads budget be dedicated to priority on-road cycling infrastructure, above and beyond regular budget spending on cycling and pedestrian infrastructure