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Thom M. Mowry, City Clerk,
City of Greater Sudbury,
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SEFPO

Dear Mr. Mowry,

Further to our telephone conversation, I am writing to request that our delegation come before the Priorities Committee of Council on January 22, 2003. We hope that we will be able to address Council regarding the gross under funding throughout the continuum of addiction services within our community.

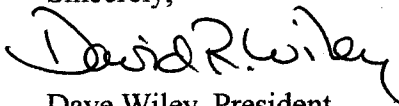
We will ask for Councils' support and intervention with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care by encouraging the Ministry to provide appropriate funding for all addiction services within the City of Greater Sudbury.

Our Delegation will include Mr. Rick Grylls, President, Mine Mill Local 598/CAW; Mr. Dave Mellor, Area Co-ordinator, United Steel Workers of America and myself, Dave Wiley, President, Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 666 along with some of our members.

If you require any further information, please contact me by telephone at 522-0702, email at davewiley@hotmail.com or mail at 4471 Long Lake Rd., Sudbury, ON P3G1K4.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Dave Wiley, President.

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cc: Rick Grylls
Mine Mill 598/CAW
Dave Mellor,
USWA Local 2020

Request for Recommendation Priorities Committee



Type of Decision

Meeting Date	January 22, 2003				Report Date	January 15, 2003			
Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	Closed

Report Title

Developing a Community-based Framework to Implement Council's Strategic Priority on Healthy Communities

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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Background attached

Recommendation

That Council accept this report and support the ongoing work of the Healthy Communities Working Group to develop a framework to implement Council's priority on Healthy Communities, by approving the one-time allocation of \$45,000 from the Official Plan fund to support the completion of the Healthy Communities implementation framework.

Recommendation attached

Recommended by the General Manager

Name

Recommended by the C.A.O.

Name

Date: January 15, 2003

Report Authored By
Members of the Healthy Communities Working Group
Name and Title

Division Review
Name and Title

DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY-BASED FRAMEWORK TO IMPLEMENT COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PRIORITY ON HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Executive Summary

This report highlights progress to date on implementing Council's Healthy Communities priority, including findings from the workshop held to seek community input. It also addresses the role of Community Action Networks in implementing Council's Healthy Communities priority.

This report also recommends the necessary next steps for Council and the community in implementing this priority of Council.

Introduction

In both 2001 and 2002, City Council adopted as one of its strategic priorities a Healthy Communities (or integrated) approach to community planning. In 2002 Council's priority was worded as follows:

Implementation of the principles of the Healthy Communities movement through the support of Community Action Networks and a Healthy Communities implementation framework.

Further, on June 14, 2001, Council passed a resolution to "... adopt and promote within its area of competency, public policies and strategies which enhance the overall health status of its population."

In the fall of 2002, a multi-sectoral working group, the Healthy Communities Working Group, received Council's endorsement to develop a community-based framework implementing Council's strategic priority on Healthy Communities.

Community Action Networks (CANs)

The concept of Community Action Networks (CANs) emerged from the Mayor's Roundtable on Community Involvement and Volunteerism. A CAN is an organized group of neighbours who

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meet regularly to act on neighbourhood projects and talk about neighbourhood issues.

Council's 2002 priority on Healthy Communities included support for the development of CANs. Three pilot CANs are presently in development, in Levack, Capreol and Minnow Lake. At its meeting of January 9, 2003, Council decided to await advice on CANs from the Healthy Communities Working Group.

At the January 8th meeting of the Priorities Committee, Council heard through its annual citizen survey that many people are feeling disenfranchised and disconnected from their municipal government, particularly in the former area municipalities. Community Action Networks offer Council a means of reconnecting with citizens and obtaining regular input from them. They offer a way to engage citizens with their local community and potentially, the wider community of Greater Sudbury – an important aspect of a Healthy Communities approach.

Accordingly, the action steps and recommendations outlined in this report address the role of CANs in implementing Council's Healthy Communities priority.

Findings from the Healthy Communities Workshop

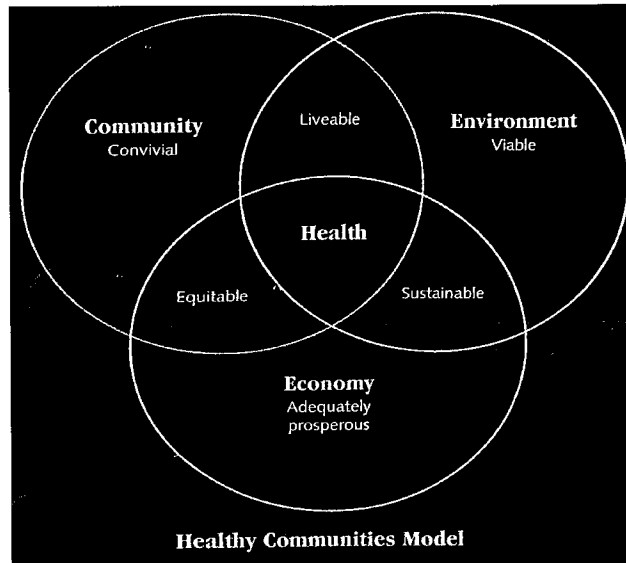
Over 55 community leaders, civic entrepreneurs and active citizens met November 15 at the Trillium Centre. Workshop participants included representatives from Greater Sudbury's labour, business, francophone, multicultural and youth communities. Over 1000 hours of dedication and hard work by a committed group of community partners made the workshop possible.

Participants in this day-long event completed several important implementation tasks, as outlined briefly below.

Inventory of Healthy Communities Activities

Workshop participants generated a list of Healthy Communities activities already underway or completed in Greater Sudbury. Three are highlighted here, each representing one of the interlocking circles of the Healthy Communities model.

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source: Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition

- **Environmental:** Cleanup of Junction Creek
Over the past three years (2000-2002), volunteers have removed 27,500 kg of refuse from the creek and shoreline, planted 6500 trees along the creek corridor and introduced 4,000 brook trout into the creek. More than 3,000 participants have been involved in restoration and enhancement projects.
- **Economic:** Economic impact of the non-profit sector
The Social Planning Council of Sudbury believes the contribution of non-profit organizations to the City's economy needs to be better recognized. The Social Planning Council is currently studying the economic impact of the non-profit sector, including the contributions of volunteers, under a grant from FedNor. A similar study in Thunder Bay attributed a total economic impact of \$100 million to non-profits and identified almost 3,000 active volunteers.
- **Social/Health:** 100% Smoke-free Bylaw
On November 14, 2002, City Council unanimously passed a bylaw creating 100% smoke-free public spaces and workplaces in Greater Sudbury, effectively protecting all citizens from second-hand smoke. This was arguably one the most important public health decisions a municipal council can make. The decision was fueled by the work of the Sudbury & District Health Unit in creating a comprehensive community-driven strategy undertaken by a coalition of healthcare organizations, business and labour leaders, and community citizens. The smoke-free bylaw will

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significantly impact the health of our citizens and confirm Greater Sudbury's leadership in promoting a healthy community.

Need for a Healthy Communities Coordinating Body

Having inventoried the wealth of existing Healthy Communities initiatives, workshop participants reviewed the advantages of a coordinating structure or body for Healthy Communities:

- Encouraging activities that integrate the sectors
- Publicizing current activities
- Coordinating activities to ensure cooperation and avoid duplication
- Encouraging research in Healthy Communities

The Sudbury Roundtable on Health, Economy and Environment (the Roundtable) was presented as a model that could evolve to become the required coordinating body. Participants identified several benefits of adapting the Roundtable as a model structure, including its 10-year track record of promoting individual environmental action and organizing a series of Healthy Communities conferences.

Key Steps/Strategies for Developing a Healthy Communities Implementation Framework

Participants also set out the following key steps required to move Council's Healthy Communities priority forward:

- 1) Keep the present Healthy Communities Working Group in place as an interim steering committee to continue developing an implementation framework for Healthy Communities.
- 2) Expand the present working group to make it more representative of the community and inclusive in terms of sectors represented.
- 3) Support the development of Community Action Networks in the City of Greater Sudbury.

The Official Plan and Healthy Communities

The Planning Committee of Council, at its meeting of November 12, approved a recommendation that the City of Greater Sudbury "proceed with development of the new Official Plan according to the principles and process outlined in the staff report of November 1, 2002." On page 3 of the staff report, the connection between Healthy Communities and the Official Plan is made:

"The Healthy Communities model recognizes that economic, environmental, social development, physical development and health conditions are all determinants of the

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health and well-being of a community's residents. Council has embraced the Healthy Communities model and this must be reflected in the Official Plan.

The Plan must be seen as a healthy community plan and address healthy community determinants to the extent feasible in an Official Plan."

On Page 4 of the November 1 staff report, Healthy Communities is identified as one of the four key principles of the Official Plan.

Recommendations to City Council

Based on input from the November 15 workshop, the Healthy Communities Working Group makes the following recommendations to Council, through its Priorities Committee.

WHEREAS City Council has requested that the Working Committee develop an implementation framework for its Healthy Communities priority, and further development of the framework is required; and

WHEREAS the Healthy Communities model is one of the key principles of the forthcoming Official Plan for the City of Greater Sudbury; and

WHEREAS the 2002 citizen survey has indicated the need for re-engagement and ongoing communication with citizens; and

WHEREAS citizen engagement is an important aspect of the Healthy Communities model, and Community Action Networks offer a mechanism through which Council can engage and communicate with citizens;

NOW THEREFORE the Priorities Committee of Council recommends to City Council:

THAT Council accept this report and support the ongoing work of the Healthy Communities Working Group to develop a framework to implement Council's priority on Healthy Communities, by approving the one-time allocation of \$45,000 from the Official Plan fund to support the completion of the Healthy Communities implementation framework.