

# **Public & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

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Mr. Jim Gordon  
Mayor, City of Greater/Grand Sudbury  
City Hall/Tom Davies Square  
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Dear  Gordon :

It is with some interest that we have been reading the Sudbury Star's **50 Years Ago** page lately. It brings us back to a very different era. We have been focusing especially on the reporting and the editorials about Mr. J. Leo Gauthier, as he was called in the newspaper.


Mr. Gauthier's name was Léoda, he was born in Copper Cliff, and he was very well known in Northern Ontario. In writing his biography last year: **Léoda Gauthier, un homme du peuple**, I researched his life as much as I could, given the means that I had at my disposal. I therefore wrote the book mostly from the memories I had of my father. The particular editorial that was published in the Sudbury Star on September 14 1951 is quite complimentary towards my Dad, going so far as to propose that the airport be named after him, and I quote : *"We think it would be fitting tribute to our member at Ottawa, to honour him by designating the name of the new airfield as the Gauthier Airfield. In the States, La Guardia was thus honoured, and at Kingston, Ontario, the name of Norman Rogers was likewise honoured."* We could add other names : the Jack Garland Airport in North Bay, the Pearson International Airport in Toronto, to name a few. I gather that the fact that J. Leo Gauthier was responsible for bringing the airport to Sudbury must have been quite an achievement.

I think that the airport is no less important to Greater/Grand Sudbury now than it was then. I also think that the City should have recognized Mr. Gauthier's efforts by naming the airport after him fifty years ago. It is still time, and now I propose that the present Greater/Grand Sudbury Council take the necessary steps to give our airport a name: **L'aéroport Léoda Gauthier de Sudbury Léoda Gauthier Airport.**

I would be available to make a presentation to City Council on the achievements of Léoda Gauthier for the development and advancement of this region.

Please accept my thanks for your diligence in bringing this proposal to fruition.

Very sincerely,

  
Liliane Beauchamp (née Gauthier)

cc David Courtemanche, Councillor, Ward 6  
Lionel Lalonde, Councillor, Ward 2



# Request for Recommendation Priorities Committee



## Type of Decision

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| Meeting Date   | December 11, 2002 |     |                                     |    | Report Date     | December 2, 2002                    |      |  |        |
| Recommendation |                   | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | Priority        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | High |  | Low    |
|                | Direction Only    |     |                                     |    | Type of Meeting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Open |  | Closed |

## Sub-Committee Check-Off

Please indicate which sub-committee will deal with this issue

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Viability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public & Intergovernmental Affairs | <input type="checkbox"/> | Financial & Program Accountability |
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## Report Title

Activities of Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors Issues Update

### Policy Implications + Budget Impact

This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified

For Information Only

Background attached

### Recommendation

N/A

Recommendation attached

### Recommended by the General Manager

Catherine Sandblom  
Acting General Manager, Health and Social Services

### Recommended by the C.A.O.

Mark Mieto  
C.A.O.

**Report Authored By**



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**Division Review**

Name  
and Title

The Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues was established June, 2001, with a mandate to:

- . respond to requests from the Mayor and Council on matters relating to older adults
- . ensure older adults are actively involved in planning for their concerns
- . make recommendations on the development of policies and programs to address the needs of older adults in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Over the past year, the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues addressed the following strategic areas related to seniors:

- . Injury Prevention
- . Safety and Security
- . Long-Term Care (*Rest and Retirement Home By-Law development*)
- . Information, Education and Communications
- . Public Meetings

A variety of other issues were addressed, and are included in the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues Annual Report 2002 (under separate cover).

## **2. STRATEGIC ISSUES**

### **2.1 Injury Prevention**

The following motion passed by City Council in June, 2002:

*THAT the City of Greater Sudbury needs to address inactivity and falls prevention, particularly among older adults, and*  
*THAT private sector partners be sought to fund an expansion of the pedometer program, and*  
*THAT Community Activity Programs such as walking, tai chi etc., be pilot tested by Community Development Officers in various parts of the City of Greater Sudbury, and*  
*THAT the proposed Fall Busters Program be developed by the Coalition for the Prevention of Injuries in Older Adults, in collaboration with the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues, with input from seniors themselves, and*  
*THAT a Wellness Incentive Pilot Project, providing an incentive to persons 55 years of age or over be developed by City staff, with input from the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues, and others as appropriate, and begin in the 2003 fiscal year.*

Work is proceeding on implementing these recommendations, in cooperation with Citizens' and Leisure Services, the Sudbury and Manitoulin District Health Unit and the Economic Development and Planning Departments.

## **2.2 Safety and Security**

The "***Accessing Justice for Seniors***" conference held at College Boreal, in the City of Greater Sudbury on October 1, 2002, was attended by approximately 90 persons, representing a mix of seniors, seniors' advocates, service providers, law enforcement professionals and students ( a report on this conference is available under separate cover). The purposes of the Conference were:

- to address the need to access the justice system by the increasing number and proportion of seniors in the City of Greater Sudbury
- to portray the roles of the presenters in the justice system
- to provide an informative and educational opportunity for seniors, students and professionals related to how to access the Ontario Justice System to redress crimes and other wrongs perpetrated against seniors

Public and media response to the Conference were overwhelmingly positive. The following recommendations emanated from this Conference, and were adopted by the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board and City Council in November, 2002:

- (1) That the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues, the Sudbury Elder Abuse Committee or others as appropriate, should meet with Provincial Government leaders to advocate and assist with a study into the viability of a Senior Aid Society based out of Sudbury.
- (2) That the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues, the Sudbury Elder Abuse Committee, or others as appropriate, work with Provincial Government leaders to consider enacting mandatory reporting of all forms of elder abuse or signs of neglect, with options to laying of criminal charges or other measures for dealing with elder crime that may include but not limited to restorative justice, alternative measures, referrals or other methods unique to the environment to address the issue. The reporting of elder crime or neglect could be made to a proposed 'Seniors Aid Society', or similar body established to protect the interests of seniors.
- (3) That the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues work with Federal Government leaders to conduct a feasibility study into the creation of specific laws relative to seniors.
- (4) That copies of this report be forwarded to the Regional Director of Crown Attorneys and the Regional Director of Courts Administration, Ontario Ministry of the Attorney-General, for possible remedial action to be taken at the Sudbury Court House to make the Justice System in Sudbury truly accessible to seniors.

- (5) That copies of this report be distributed to City Council, local Provincial Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament, to relevant Ministers and Ministry officials, for information and action as appropriate.
- (6) That copies of this report be available on request.

## 2.3 Long-Term Care

### 2.3.1 Rest and Retirement Home By-Law Development

Work continues on the development of a *draft Rest and Retirement Home By-Law*. Drafts of a compilation of similar by-laws from other municipalities in Ontario have been circulated internally, and comments received have been incorporated or addressed. A draft of the proposed Municipal Act has also been reviewed by the Working Group in this context. A telephone survey of other municipalities with similar by-laws has also been conducted. Stakeholder meetings are planned, and an "Expert Panel" will be struck to assist in marshalling the final proposed measure through the appropriate city procedures in early 2003.

### 2.3.2 Addressing the Needs of an Aging Population

The Vision of the City of Greater Sudbury is to be "***a growing, world-class community bringing talent, technology and a great northern lifestyle together***". Seniors are a key demographic group whose needs must be considered and addressed if this vision is to be realized. At the March, 2002 meeting of the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues, the following MOTION passed unanimously:

**" That a ...Plan to address the needs of an aging population be developed for the City of Greater Sudbury, and that gaps in service and economic opportunities to address the unique needs of this growing market be identified, and that an Action Plan be included in this Master Plan, and That Maire Laurikainen be the MCCSI representative on the expert panel established to oversee this project and report to the MCCSI, and that minutes of the meetings of this panel be circulated to MCCSI members."**

Ongoing discussions with community stakeholders have led the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues and others to seek to understand the economic development impact and identify opportunities associated with addressing the needs of seniors, and to develop a clear vision along with an actionable Plan which contains clearly defined opportunities for public, non-profit and for - profit enterprises to help further establish Sudbury as a leader in catering to the rapidly changing demographics of our society, based on its competitive advantages. Work on this matter will be done in the context, and in support of the Official Plan update.

## **2.4 Information, Education and Communications and Seniors (formerly Information Technology)**

### **2.4.1 Huntington University/ MCCSI/ Oracle Survey of Seniors - 2002**

In cooperation with the Mayor and Council's Committee on Seniors' Issues, a class of Third Year Gerontology students from Huntington University, along with Oracle Poll Research conducted a survey of 300 seniors in the City of Greater Sudbury. Findings of this survey are included in a report entitled ***PROFILE OF SENIORS IN THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY, JUNE, 2002***. One of the key findings was that an overwhelming majority of seniors want a "***Seniors' Information Phonenumber***".

### **2.4.2 Seniors' "Warm Line"**

A number of venues for a Seniors' telephone ***Warm Line*** for information have been explored. A community forum will be planned to discuss merits of developing a Seniors' ***Warm Line*** for information for early 2003.

### **2.4.3 Information and Communication with Seniors**

The *City's Leisure Guide* is being explored as a vehicle for seniors' information-sharing. A Seniors' Section has been established, and it was suggested that more seniors' activity-focussed information be developed and included in future items for the *Leisure Guide*, which is published twice annually.

## **2.5 Public Meetings and Input**

There have been four public meetings held in Azilda (Ward Two), Garson (Ward Four), Minnow Lake (Ward Six), and in Valley East (Ward Three) in June and December, 2002.

As a result of these meetings, a deal was brokered between GSPS and the Sudbury Elder Abuse Committee re: accommodations. The Sudbury Elder Abuse Committee's offices will be located at 720 Bruce Street. Greater Sudbury Police Services will be hosting these offices, where seniors will be able to visit or call concerning cases of suspected abuse or neglect.

Additional public meetings are being planned for Wards 1, 2 and 5. A report, documenting these public meetings will be compiled in early 2003.