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Community Vision Forum le forum communautaire

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Speak Up Sudbury! Community Visioning Forum Feedback

Approximately 150 community members participated in the project launch. Participants were invited to provide comments and feedback on the Downtown Sudbury Master Plan project and process through a series of four staffed 'Activity Station'. The interactive Activity Stations allowed participants to engage directly with members of the project team on as well as record their own views on the current condition of the downtown, its future opportunity and priorities for change. Importantly, the format of the Activity Stations also allowed participants to read the views of others and understand concerns and ideas of their fellow residents.

Sudbury prend la parole! Interventions au forum d'articulation d'une vision communautaire

Environ 150 membres de la communauté ont participé au lancement du projet. On a invité les participants et les participantes à émettre leurs commentaires et leurs réactions à propos du Plan directeur du centre-ville de Sudbury et à circuler parmi quatre « postes d'activité » pourvus de personnel. Ces postes d'activité interactifs permettaient aux participants et aux participantes d'avoir des échanges directs avec des membres de l'équipe du projet et de consigner leurs propres opinions sur l'état actuel du centre-ville, ses possibilités futures et les changements à prioriser. Notamment, les postes d'activité étaient conçus de manière à pouvoir lire les opinions des autres et de prendre conscience de leurs inquiétudes et de leurs idées.

Activity Station #1

The Good: Please identify the best things about Downtown Sudbury

Poste d'activité no 1

Ce qui est bon : Veuillez indiquer les meilleurs aspects du centre-ville de Sudbury.

Name and Locate Your Favourite Place in the Downtown:

Nommez et situez votre endroit préféré au centre-ville:

Memorial Park

Mix of old and new buildings

Local businesses

Cultural diversity (Fromagerie Elgin, GNO, etc.)

Great food!

Nightlife

A few very good deco buildings that have survived

It is central

Herds of seniors live and hang out downtown and we get to learn from them as they all have experience in life

Central location at transit terminal

New street signs

Churches in the city core

Savour the Street!

Laughing Buddha / night life / restaurants

Durham St.

Festivals

Elgin St.

Arts District

Cultural community

Short blocks

Financial centre

Walkable

Festivals! RibFest!

Respect is Burning

Durham St & Elgin St Cafes and art galleries and shops

N. Ontario's largest urban section centre

Farmers Market (an economic engine without planned gearing to the BIA downtown

Medical, legal, governmental, professional centres (without one rep on the BIA Board)

Samaritan centre → gives people a chance to get ahead → helpful to those in need

Laughing Buddha → beer selection!

Historical buildings, churches

Bikeable from south end

Hospitality

Entertainment

Niche retail

Running into everyone I know

The restaurants!

People watching

A sense of something new

People know one another

5 minutes from Nolin creek

The potential

Eat Local Sudbury cooperative

An existing Market (but quite dysfunctional)

YMCA

Heritage Buildings Preserved

Few "big box" retail

Architecture

Alleys

Sixty-Six

Savour the Street

Frank's

Potential of empty/underused buildings and underutilized intellectual physical human resources

Sudbury is the capital of Northern Ontario so the feds and province want us to be successful. Monetary support isn't the only way of being supportive. Philosophical support is important too!

Small business entrepreneurship – great to see young people, young ideas, and people that don't necessarily have a lot of cash taking risks, unlike the big boxes with big cash sucking the life out of the community.

Activity Station #2

The Not So Good: Please identify the biggest issues with the Downtown

Poste d'activité no 2
Ce qui n'est pas très bon : Veuillez indiquer les principaux problèmes du centre-ville.

Name and Locate Your Favourite Place in the Downtown: **Nommez et situez votre endroit préféré au centre-ville:**

Sudbury Theatre Centre
The green spaces and rocks around downtown
The water towers as landmarks
Neighbourhoods on the hills – unique
Memorial Park
Proximity to Bell Park
The Laughing Buddha
Patio at the Buddha
Arts Co-op on Elgin
Durham Street
Growing arts & culture atmosphere
People watching at lunch in Boulangerie
Coming soon...the Spa at 61 Elm!
The market – but should be year round
Connections to the creek
Ste Annes de Pines
Central library
Sudbury Secondary School

The worst of my downtown is... **Le pire aspect de mon centre-ville est...**

Loitering
Insufficient / bad lighting
Tom Davies Square “Wasteland” → this space is so underused and ugly
The intersection of the Tim Horton's/Liquor Store & Public Transit → where were the City Planners? Horton's congested Drive Thru, Liquor Store “Hang Outs”.
No bike parking! Where am I supposed to park my bike? Forget about cars!
Tear down the water towers!!! Put in housing
Nothing is open in the evenings / weekends
City has poor image – too much visible police and security guards – bad for business
Can't take Greyhound bus or Via Rail downtown
Bus service better but still bad especially on Sunday
Treat people like criminals when they are not shopping (don't want them to sit on benches and watch the world go by)
Not enough encouragement for buskers / street performers
Litter (i.e. cigarette butts)
Lack of trees
Bike paths & bike racks
Store hours
No playgrounds (not family friendly)
Ugly parking lots
Lack of attractive public space
Lack of 24/7 anchors
Railroad tracks
Downtown has very little curb appeal
Poor business hours (affected by big box stores)
Too few places to socialize
The underpass
No cycle lanes

Needles

Rail lands, especially near Farmers market

Ugly buildings

Some streets with no cars

Create walking areas, benches, plants, statues, etc.

Parking doesn't have to be horizontal ... can we think of above ground and underground to maximize without using too much space?

Heritage preservation

Centre for sex trade and drugs in N. Ontario (!!)

Too much worry over other peoples' morality

Prostitution

Drugs

Crime

Samaritan centre

Underuse of Farmers Market

Political representation on council: a Ward – "Sudbury Centre" – for council person (elected). The two currently on board – BIA also represent a major urban section centre elsewhere in the city.

The Mayor, Council and the Police tried to turn the Downtown into a ghetto!

Manque de layer abordable pour agencies á but non-lucratif

Poor street lighting

Too much parking, not enough density

Not enough positive police presence @ bar closing time

No bus service late at night

Poor/low lighting encourages crime

Bus service should run later on Fri/Sat nights for after bar crowd

Safety/security is an issue

Farmers Market is being wasted

Derelict buildings (Ledo, Shaunessy, Samaritan Centre block)

Traffic congestion (Elgin St. up through Morris to Howey Dr.)

I can't park my car securely at my office building 96 Larch St.

I have pretty home that is surrounded by ugliness

Safety issues (not comfortable walking in evening)

There is only one street that is interesting/vibrant in the downtown

The downtown has just a "grimy, desperate, hopeless" ambiance

Seems disconnect (buildings, parks, businesses) NO FLOW

Massively dysfunctional Farmers Market

No streets solely for pedestrians (close some off)

No use of rooftops for meeting (socializing/working), greening, eating, etc.

Parking is next to Farmers market which is a destination – if we want to train people to walk downtown, we need to use destinations like this

Riverside underpass needs help somehow! Feels unsafe

Inadequate transit system

Inadequate residential properties

"Perception" of high crime area

Too much parking! – Its' ugly!

Not enough "green" businesses, projects, solutions to our challenges

Business community lives in the past – no imagination – put up or shut up

Greyhound station is outside the core downtown but can we please have the city partner to make this traveler friendly

Activity Station #3 Downtown Sudbury Tomorrow

Poste d'activité no 3 Le centre-ville de Sudbury à l'avenir

Name and locate those parts of Downtown Sudbury that you feel need to be improved the most.

Nommez et situez les lieux du centre-ville qui, selon vous, ont le plus besoin d'amélioration.

The parking area next to Farmers' Market –gives you no reason to explore rest of downtown
People driving too fast on Brady Street
Sts Anne Street is hard to cross
Tim's, LCBO, Bus Depot combo – they have to go!
Lack of greenspace in downtown – need to be creative with how this happens: green roofs, walls and community gardens
Elm Street looks like a Highway
Elm Street needs street trees
Alleyways
The Samaritan Centre
Downtown needs to feel safer
More bike lanes are needed
Gateways need to be beautified – especially on Brady Street
Ledo is a problem area
King's Mount area is physically separated from downtown
Pedestrians take their life in your their on Paris Street
Arena, Theatre Centre, Market Square and Art Gallery are in the wrong locations

Please write a short statement on what you think that the future of Downtown Sudbury should look and feel like.

Veillez rédiger un court énoncé qui décrit l'apparence et l'ambiance que le centre-ville devrait avoir.

Sudbury is the centre of the northeast – it has to be ready to serve the northeast
The idealism of the project needs to force the reality of the automotive world – improve transit!
LRT from New Sudbury to downtown via rotary trail and to the university
MCTV broadcast from downtown
A Nurse Practitioner Clinic downtown to address the health needs of the seniors as well as homeless who have greater difficulty traveling than the rest of the population due to issues such as poverty and chronic illness.
It's important to plan for the right future. With changing climate, peak oil, and the food/water/security issues that crisis bring, we cannot plan for a future which is predicated on the notion that tomorrow will be the same as today.
Ask the community for heritage artifacts and house/develop them in the Bell Museum for a mining/history museum
Be willing to take changes. Do things as pilots to see if they work. There is nothing to lose. People can't envision everything → they need to SEE it. Take a leap of faith.
Council support for residential housing with incentives
Moratorium on multiple unit dwellings outside of downtown
Community "space" where people can socialize, learn, share/cook meals, where it's green and inclusive (something centred around food will draw people together); local food will support the local economy.

Use the core walk shown in presentation to create a walking tour that could be marketed and developed as a tourist attraction.

Expand the market and have year round availability.

Trees that have been planted in 2010 – need to replace diseased trees that have been taken down!

All new developments meet LEED certification (or other similar programs)

Green roofs

More people able to live downtown

Palais des Congrès

Local, green sustainable energy systems

Smart, sustainable use of water resources/management

Transportation hub for Northern Ontario

Open morning, noon & night

Inclusive youth musical → artistic, vibrant, thriving

Focused

Cultural

Multi-use zoning

No mandatory minimum parking

Edible landscapes to go with greening initiatives

Somewhere that I can live and have access to everything I need.

I want to live without being dependent on a car

More Art

More pubs

Less surface parking

Attractive high-rise apartments/condos to brighten the sky line and to bring people to live downtown – a downtown landmark

Extend store hours downtown

Capital of Northern Ontario – economic, cultural, social, environmental

Artistic community supported

Cultural diversity

Excellent transit system

24/7 terraces

Green/eco town (++)

Farmers Market expanded and diverse

Much more access to local foods, goods, local entertainment

Increase infrastructure to support local businesses

Walkable, bikeable, accessible for those with challenges (e.g. disabilities, older adults)

Not big box

Safe

Inviting and Vibrant

Niche shopping

Lots of green space

Outdoor cafes

Family friendly

Lots of residential housing

Historical

Place to park bikes

Unique

Pedestrian

Mine!!

Browse

Entertain (free, outdoor, theatre, movie under the stars)

Activity Station #4 Building Downtown

Poste d'activité no 4 Bâtir le centre-ville

Please share with us what your list of urban experiences and uses would be to make a successful downtown. Identify what you think the most important ingredients are for a successful Downtown Sudbury.

Veillez nous offrir une liste de vos expériences et de vos raisons de fréquenter le centre-ville qui pourraient contribuer au succès du centre-ville. Précisez les éléments qui sont selon vous les plus importants pour assurer le succès du centre-ville.

BIG / GRANDE ENVERGURE>

- Bring VIA Downtown
- Arts Centre
- School of Architecture
- Conference Centre
- Library & Art Gallery
- NP Clinic
- Franklin Carmichael Art Gallery
- A Plan for the Rail Yards
- A true Museum telling our past, our present and to be a collector of our future
- An LRT to tie New Sudbury to Downtown via railyards
- Make sure that the Master Plan makes the city ready for when the railyards go.
- Tear down the water towers and hold international design competition to construct sister buildings
 - on the sites
- Build new business/residential community on rail lands
- Keep the water towers and celebrate architectural heritage!
- Turn whole city into a park – Bruce Mau idea
- Rail yards need to be cleaned as priority number one
- Attract the native population coming here as a potential middle class, living downtown, owning businesses, etc.
- Private sector led redevelopment of rail lands based on community vision incorporating green space, trails connecting all communities in Greater Sudbury with Lake Ramsay and downtown businesses.
- Become passenger rail hub for Northern Ontario
- To get people downtown, we need to improve transit and build a 2 to 5 storey parking structure.

MEDIUM / MOYENNE ENVERGURE

- Farmers' Market with year round uses
- Pedestrian bridges across major roads (Paris and Brady)
- Fix the Farmers' Market: bring colour to the market; tie events to the market use (eg. July 1st);
- Refresh displays more frequently; make displays look more professional; change photos annually; be more interactive.
- Promote green infrastructure and buildings through CIP
- Have a mixed community downtown where different socio-economic groups live together
- Use Section 37 powers to enhance density in downtown
- Provide incentives to create market housing opportunities
- Use housing as a catalyst for job creation and retention
- Use a revitalized downtown to attract more businesses and residents
- Urban agriculture – community gardens, social enterprise, green roofs on Tom Davies Square
- Make the downtown winter-friendly.
- Outdoor theatre potential in Durham Street Pit
- Close Durham Street to cars and allow restaurants to use the space for patios, events, etc.
- Un lieu rassembleur pour la communauté Francophone – pourrait être un espace/lieu artistique et culturel qui peut servir à la population mais qui a son cachet, sa signature francophone.
- Rooftop gardens
- Incentives for residential building and conversions
- Ability to cross rail yards – pedestrian, cycle, roads





Targeted Youth Engagement: Consultation Feedback

The consultant team met with young people from the N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre in Downtown Sudbury on November 10th, 2010. Members of the project team led a 90 minute working session with approximately 20 students. This informal session was undertaken to collect the views of young people on how they use the downtown, what problems they feel exist in the Downtown and what the best things are about the Downtown that need to be protected and made even better. Findings are summarized below.

Sollicitation ciblée de la jeunesse Résultats de la consultation

L'équipe des experts-conseils a rencontré des jeunes du N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre au centre-ville de Sudbury le 10 novembre 2010. Les membres de l'équipe du projet ont animé une séance de travail de 90 minutes à laquelle ont participé 20 étudiants et étudiantes. Cette séance à ambiance décontractée avait pour but d'obtenir les opinions des jeunes sur leur fréquentation du centre-ville, les problèmes que connaît le centre-ville à leur avis et les aspects les meilleurs du centre-ville qu'il faut protéger et améliorer. Les résultats de cette consultation sont résumés ci-dessous.

I use the Downtown for...

Je fréquente le centre-ville pour...

Daycare
Bus station
School
Tim Horton's
Salvation Army support services
Banking
Working after school (in the mall)
Doctors
Food shopping – but it's expensive
Entertainment – bars, theatre, the Wolves
Skating
The YMCA
The Job Bank
Post office
The Action Centre (Youth Centre)
LCBO
Ribfest
Santa Clause parade

The worst things about the Downtown are...

Les pires côtés du centre-ville sont...

Drugs – especially at the bus station
Safety & Security – even though there are cameras everywhere
It looks unattractive
There is lots of turn-over in retail
Shops are too expensive
Most of the restaurants are too expensive
Billboard in the bus depot has to be fixed
Nowhere to buy clothes for young people
Too many older buildings are empty
It shuts down at 5pm
There are no gas stations
Sometimes there is not enough parking
Not enough for children to do
Downtown needs more places to sit

The best things about the Downtown are...

Les meilleurs côtés du centre-ville sont...

Jubilee Heritage CC
The Rainbow Centre
Farmers' Market
Diamonds (!)
The YMCA – spending time with my children and being healthy
Native Health Centre
Odd Jobs
Daycare that is open late for parents who work late
Medical Centre
The walk-in Health Clinic
My School
Native Friendship Centre
Rainbow Cinemas
Bus Station
Salvation Army
City Hall (where I get support services)
The bars
The arena
The Theatre Centre
The mall has really been fixed up

