

ADDENDUM

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2009 05 11

4:30 P.M.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS PLACED ON AGENDA BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- (e) Correspondence from Councillor Steve Butland is attached for the consideration of Council.

Mover - Councillor S. Butland
Seconder - Councillor T. Sheehan

Be it resolved that Council accept the information pertaining to moving the proposed Algoma Public Health Centre from a LEED silver to a gold designation; and

Be it further resolved that Mr. Freiburger, Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer in consultation with Jeff Holmes, Business Administrator, Algoma Public Health investigate the potential of using the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund to assist in achieving the desired gold designation.

- (f) The SYA report dated March 2009 entitled Review and Vision along with the 2009 Budget and News Release are attached for the information of Council.

Mover - Councillor T. Sheehan
Seconder - Councillor S. Butland

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie funded the Sault Youth Association last year from funds from the City budget and from DSSAB; and

Whereas City Council had intended the funding to be in place for two years; and

Whereas the DSSAB funding is no longer available; and

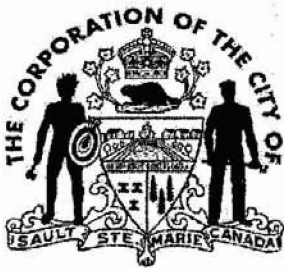
Whereas the Sault Youth Association is the City's advocate for Youth and has/is working on a number of projects for Sault Ste. Marie's youth;

Now therefore be it resolved that City Council be asked to consider \$22,500.00 from City Council's growth fund or any other appropriate funding area during budget deliberations.

- (g) Mover - Councillor P. Mick
Seconder - Councillor L. Turco

Whereas traffic along Great Northern Road south into the City continues to increase; and

7. (g) Whereas population in the area from the Fifth Line south also continues to increase; and
Whereas there has also been increased pedestrian traffic in the above area; and
Whereas there have been serious accidents along this stretch; and
Whereas residents have complained about excessive speed and running of red lights in this area;
Therefore be it resolved that Council requests appropriate staff including Sault Ste. Marie Police Services, to report on the feasibility of increased safety measures for this area including the possibility of lowering the speed limit from north of the Fifth Line.



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: April 27, 2009

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Agenda Item

MOVED BY
SECONDED BY

Councillor
Councillor

S. Butland

Whereas the proposed Algoma Public Health Centre has likely achieved a silver LEED designation; and

Whereas it is most appropriate for a health-related facility to pursue the level of LEED gold designation and become a legitimate "green building" showcase for our city and surrounding area;

Be it resolved that the architect EPOH in consultation with Algoma Public Health and Mark Lucuik, Director, Canadian Green Building Council provide a strategy to move from a silver to gold LEED designation; and

Further be it resolved that recommended changes and consequent extra costing be provided to Council for its consideration. (It is anticipated that the above be pursued only if it does not impede the completion of the project as outlined in the stimulus package outline.)

*Withdrawn pending the
information now provided*

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Follow the LEED

A proposed new consolidated Algoma Public Health building planned for a western portion of the Sault College campus would qualify for silver status under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program that's endorsed by the Canada Green Building Council.

It would be the first high-performance green building in Sault Ste. Marie and we hope it won't be the last.

LEED certified buildings show a dramatic drop in energy and water consumption compared to traditional buildings.

The LEED designation makes up to two per cent, or \$360,000, of the Health Unit's estimated cost of about \$18 million. But the added expense would be recouped in five to eight years, the designers say.

Unfortunately thinking long-term is not something politicians, who are concerned about the next election, or business people, concerned with the next quarter, do well.

In fact, it pays dividends to look at the long-term figures as opposed to short-term numbers. It also pays dividends for our health. "It fits well with our mandate (of community health)," said APH business administrator Jeff Holmes.

Buildings emit about a third of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions and consume about a third of the energy consumed by the country, said Anne Auger, vice-president of LEED Canada in a recent interview with the Kingston Whig-Standard.

"(Energy efficient) buildings are one of the cheapest ways to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions," she said. When you think of it promoting environmentally-clean buildings is not much different than the health unit's campaign against second-hand smoke.

Medical officer of health Dr. Allan Northan suggested more improvements could be made, at an additional cost, once the building is erected. Still, he's happy with the proposed structure.

"Going silver right now is far beyond what most things have gone in the community," he said.

According to Ward 1 Coun. Steve Butland, "we did move the bar from nothing to silver," he said.

These are welcome small steps toward solving a big problem and if the health unit doesn't provide leadership on this issue, who will?

LEEDing into the future

by Stephen Bauld & Kevin McGuinness

Understanding LEED standards for construction RFPs

IN A WORLD in which everyone is trying to be (or to appear to be) environmentally friendly, construction contractors need to demonstrate their willingness to be part of the solution. One step that many contractors are taking is to acquire LEED professional accreditation. The term "LEED" refers to leadership in energy and environmental design. It is the premier "green building" rating system. Developed initially by the US Green Building Council, LEED has now been adopted by the Canada Green Building Council (CGBC). In both countries, LEED has accelerated the design and construction of green buildings.

In Canada, the CGBC is not a governmental entity, but rather an industry organization that was set up in 2002. Its membership grew from an original 68 to well over 1400 at the end of July 2006. LEED has followed a similar linear growth pattern. In the second quarter of 2004, five projects were registered and one was certified. In the third quarter of 2006, there were 277 registrations and 17 certifications. Between 1994 and 2006, LEED has evolved from one standard for new construction only to a comprehensive system of six interrelated standards covering all aspects of development and construction. LEED is fast emerging as the internationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

Public Works and Government Services Canada, Alberta Infrastructure and Infra-

structure Ontario have all shown a preference for LEED buildings. At this year's Purchasing Management Association of Canada conference, the subject of LEED certification was one of the most hotly discussed subjects. Yet many purchasing professionals and construction people are still not quite sure what LEED is. One question often addressed towards construction industry trade associations is whether it is worthwhile for construction contractors to become better versed in the LEED process. In our view, the answer is unquestionably yes.

Reduced to its essence, LEED is a building certification process. It defines what is "green" by providing a common framework or language, and verifies actual performance through benchmarking and measurement. It is tied to five key areas: human and environmental health; sustainable site development; water savings; energy efficiency; materials selection; and indoor environmental quality. The LEED rating system has been designed to provide the building industry with consistent, credible standards for what constitutes a green building. The first step to LEED certification is to register a building project. To earn certification, a building project must meet certain prerequisites and performance benchmarks (credits) within each category. Projects are awarded certified, silver, gold, or platinum certification depending on the number of credits they achieve. LEED professional accreditation confirms that a contractor has the knowledge and skills required to design

and constructing buildings that will satisfy the LEED certification process.

LEED certification requires an owner to invest in design and construction, but it offers the promise of significant pay-back over the life of the building. In the United States, LEED has been successful in achieving reduced operating costs, healthier and more productive occupants, as well as conserving natural resources. LEED has been shown to drive innovation and enhance building performance. It lowers lifecycle costs. LEED certification provides an independent third party confirmation that a building has attained this level of efficiency. In some jurisdictions, buildings certified to a specified LEED standard will qualify for government incentives. LEED compliant buildings are more easily sold in the secondary market. For these reasons,



many government and private sector owners are now specifying that the purchaser/contractor must deliver a building that meets a stated LEED certification standard.

The first step toward earning LEED certification is project registration. Registering during the early phases of project design allows maximum potential for achieving certification. Once a project is registered, the project team begins to prepare the documentation and other evidence required to satisfy the prerequisite and credit submission requirements. It is at this point that the LEED accredited professional begins to play a prominent role. Such a person usually coordinates the LEED process, and ensures that all required documentation is properly prepared and submitted. To earn LEED certification, the applicant project must satisfy all of the prerequisites and obtain a minimum number of points to attain each successive LEED rating level. The certification review process includes the following:

- the formal application which will include all LEED registration information, such as project contact, project type, project size, number of occupants, date of construction completion, etc.;
- an overall project narrative including at least three project highlights;
- the LEED project checklist/scorecard indicating projected prerequisites and credits and the total score for the project; and
- drawings and photos illustrative of the project, including:
 - a site plan;
 - a typical floor plan;
 - a typical building section; and
 - a typical or primary elevation.

The costs of achieving LEED certification varies with the level of certification sought. A 2004 US General Services Administration study of courthouse construction costs indicates that the gross per square foot construction cost impact of achieving the lowest level of certification can be as little as 76¢ per square foot. Against a normal cost of \$220/GSF, the price difference is negligible. However, higher levels of certification can add significantly to overall cost. For the higher level of gold certification, the estimated cost impact is in the range of \$17.79 per square foot. Soft cost impact ranges from 41¢ per square foot to 80¢ per square foot. A 1983 study carried out by the California Sustainable Building Task Force found the cost impact to be

slightly lower, but the profile of costs was essentially the same.

Since many of the savings generated through the LEED process are of a long term nature, much of the data relating to costs savings tends to be speculative. The California Task Force study estimated that the present value of the cost saving per square foot in energy alone would be in the range of \$5.79 per square foot. At the UC Lanthier Research Center, annual energy savings have been estimated at \$341,000 with a 43 percent savings on water usage. An evaluation of the Nicola Valley Institute carried out by Keen Engineering reported energy savings of 52 percent, but the same study showed that such savings at the Kelowna Secondary School were only in the range of 13 percent, while those at the Terasen Gas Center were at the 11 percent level. However, many of the claimed cost savings relate to aspects of building usage that are difficult to measure, such as productivity and health value. Nevertheless, a higher level of user satisfaction does seem to be a result of going LEED with indoor air quality and lighting being consistently rated above comparable non-LEED buildings.

Whether the eventual cost savings generated through LEED will live up to expectations only time will tell. Whatever may happen in that regard, there is no getting away from the fact that more and more owners are specifying LEED certification as a building requirement. Faced with such a strong emerging consumer preference, the construction industry needs to demonstrate that it is able to supply such buildings. For this reason, LEED professional accreditation is likely to be the most important aspect of continuing professional development within the construction industry for the next few years.

Most larger construction firms are already sending their staff to obtain such accreditation, and are ensuring that their marketing people are able to discuss intelligently the cost and benefit of silver as opposed to gold certification. While smaller construction firms may not have the resources to match such ambitious efforts, establishing a close working relationship with qualified LEED consultants to assist in developing tenders and proposals should allow them to remain competitive. *MM*

Steve Bauld spent many years as purchasing manager at the City of Hamilton and is now vice president of the Ontario General Contractors Association. Kevin McGuinness is a lawyer with Ontario's Attorney General. Together they have collaborated on several books about procurement and leadership.

Mark Lucuik, P.Eng. LEED AP is a principal and the corporate lead in the Green Buildings and Sustainability service area within Morrison Hershfield Consulting Engineers. Morrison Hershfield is a multidisciplinary North American engineering and management firm, providing services within the Transportation, Building, Life Sciences, Municipal, Utilities and Telecommunications sectors. Mark has been involved in the field of sustainability since the early 1990's and has worked on many notable North American green buildings. Mark is also on the Board of Directors of the Canada Green Building Council, the Athena Institute and the National Capital Green Building Association. Mark chairs the LEED Development committee, and sits on the LEED Complete Steering Committee for the Canada Green Building Council. Mark also

★ Mark's expertise in embodied material effects of building materials have allowed him to work on over fifty green buildings in Canada and the United States, allowing him to perform reviews of final drawing sets and understanding the design intents for many high profile green buildings. Mark has given courses and seminars in embodied material effects to government departments, and high profile green architects and designers. Mark has also acted as an external green building expert for PWGSC, and as an embodied material effect expert on numerous projects including many LEED™ registered buildings and the 1998 and 2000 green building challenge submissions by Canada. Mark's clients in his green building related work include the Athena Institute, the Government of Canada, CMHC, DND, the Bank of Canada, the CaGBC, Canada Post and many engineering and architecture firms. Mark was recently the prime author for a 60+ page document for Industry Canada entitled "A Business Case for Green Buildings in Canada". Mark is currently the project manager and prime contact for a LEED Canada Assessment team for the Canada Green Building Council. In this role, Mark is responsible for the review of LEED Canada submissions (by other design teams) and credit interpretation rulings. Mark has also won a national engineering award for charity work for the Shepherd's of Good Hope in 2000.

Mark is a practising engineer and has specialized knowledge in the fields of durability, building science and embodied environmental material effects. Mark is a firm believer in the benefits of green construction, and the necessity of change in response to global warming. Mark demonstrates these beliefs by considering environmental effects in all professional and personal decisions.

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Algoma Public Health

LEED Gold Impact Analysis

**for the
Corporation of the City of
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario**

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Executive Summary

The Algoma Public Health unit has commissioned EPOH inc. to perform an analysis to determine the impacts to the proposed new Algoma Public Health facility should the mandate be revised to pursue a LEED Gold rating instead of the current LEED Silver objective. The impact analysis was to identify the necessary revisions to the project design, the additional benefits to the project stakeholders and the impacts to the project in terms of costs, operations and schedule. This report provides a summary of the results from the analysis which will provide the Algoma Public Health and the City of Sault Ste Marie with critical information to make an informed decision. The focus of this report therefore is to address the following:

1. **LEED Gold:** Can the design of the proposed Algoma Public Health facility be revised to target a LEED Gold rating?

Yes – the project team investigated 10 possible revisions to the project that would improve the chances of achieving a LEED Gold rating. After looking at the benefits and impacts of each of the proposed revisions, the team selected the 5 best options that would allow the project to pursue a LEED Gold rating. Attached please find a copy of the cover page from the LEED Consultants report indicating that a "Gold" rating is likely if all the changes are approved and incorporated. A detailed description of the 5 revisions can be found in the attached LEED Analysis Chart. **In summary the revisions would include the following:**

- **Reducing the rate and quantity of storm water leaving the site by 25%**
- **Using rain water to flush toilets and urinals**
- **Incorporating the use of rapidly renewable materials**
- **Purchasing Green Power for the facility**
- **Incorporating a Green Living Wall and Roof Terrace Gardens**

2. **Benefits:** What are the benefits to Algoma Public Health, the City of Sault Ste Marie, and the Public?

*Each of the proposed revisions provides the stakeholders with various benefits which are identified in the attached LEED Analysis Chart. The major benefits to Algoma Public Health include **reduced long term operating costs** and **improved occupant comfort**. The most desirable benefits to the City of Sault Ste Marie will be the **reduction in the storm water entering the city infrastructure**. The Public will be able to directly appreciate the **visually enhanced green aspects** of the project, learn about the **environmental benefits** of these unique design solutions, and be **proud of a community committed to sustainability**.*

3. **Impacts:** What are the impacts to the project costs, what are the operational implications and will the revisions result in changes to the project schedule?

*In an effort to minimize the impacts to the project, specifically the schedule, the project team weighed the impacts very carefully when selecting the 5 proposed changes outlined above. The project team was able to validate that if the proposed revisions were approved for incorporation within the next week then there should be **no impact to the current schedule**. As can be seen in the attached LEED Analysis Chart, the total cost increase for the project would be approximately **\$355,000**. This is less than a 2% increase in the overall capital cost. The impacts to operations and maintenance of the facility vary, but in general will result in a **minimal increase to the ongoing maintenance and a slight increase to the initial operating cost** of the facility due to the cost of the Green Power contract.*

EPOH trusts that this analysis will provide clarity and allow the Algoma Public Health and the City of Sault Ste Marie to make an informed decision as to whether the design team's mandate should be revised to include a target of LEED Gold.

LEED Gold Impact Analysis

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LEED Credit Considered	Description of Revision to the Project	Benefits			Impacts			
		Owner	City	Public	Capital Cost (\$)	Design Fees	Operations	Schedule
Sustainable Sites Credit 6.1 - Storm water Management: Rate and Quality	Revise the civil design such that both the rate and quantity of storm water leaving the site is reduced by 25%. This would be achieved by adding flow control drains to the catch basins in the parking lots and a cistern to collect the roof rain water to be used for flushing of toilets. The cistern also relates to WE Credit 2 see below.	There would be a reduction in domestic water required for flushing toilets. Would help achieve LEED Gold rating	There would be a reduction in the quantity and rate of storm water leaving the site	Environmental benefits such as recharging of local aquifers	20,000	14,500	Minimal reduction in domestic water costs, but the pumps and filters will require regular maintenance	None
Water Efficiency Credit 2 - Innovative Waste Water Technologies	Revise the plumbing design to reduce the municipally required water for conveyance of building sewage by 50%. This would be accomplished by incorporating a cistern to collect rain water that would be used to flush all the water closets and urinals in the main cluster of washrooms for all three levels. This system would need to include a tank located beneath the building, pumps, filters, UV system, piping and interconnections with domestic and overflows to the storm water system.	There would be a reduction in domestic water required for flushing toilets. Would help achieve LEED Gold rating	There would be a reduction in the quantity of city supplied treated water used for conveyance of sewage.	Shows leadership in conserving potable water use. Can be used as an educational tool for the public.	70,000	4,500	Minimal reduction in domestic water costs, but the pumps and filters will require regular maintenance	None
Energy & Atmosphere Credit 6 - Green Power	This would be a revision to the Operational Costs for the facility. APH would be required to provide at least 50% of the building's electricity from renewable sources by engaging in a minimum two-year renewable energy contract. Renewable sources are those that meet the Environment Canada Environmental Choice programs' EcoLogo requirements for green power supplies.	Would help achieve LEED Gold rating	Would be supporting renewable energy generation	Algoma is a significant producer of Green Energy and a commitment to the purchase of Green power will support these types of developments.	20,000	Not Applicable	Increased operational cost	None
Materials & Resources Credit 6 - Rapidly Renewable Materials	Revise the specifications for the materials used in the building to be made from rapidly renewable products. This would include revising all of the sheet vinyl flooring to a Marmolium for level 1 and changing all of the carpet tile flooring on levels 2 and 3 to Cork flooring.	Improved occupant comfort through noise reductions. Would help achieve LEED Gold Rating	Would be supporting the purchase of rapidly renewable product	Using Rapidly Renewable flooring will be apparent to building occupants thus allowing for education on the sustainability of these types of products	55,000	1,500		None
Innovation Credit 3 - Education and Outreach	Convert the two roof terraces to green roof gardens and convert a section of wall on the north side of the building to a green living wall.	Nice for building occupants and neighbours	None	The green features would be apparent to anyone passing by the facility reinforcing the need for green buildings and allowing for education on the benefits	180,000	9,500	Will require regular maintenance	None
Sub-Total					325,000	30,000		
Total Cost impact					355,000			

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LEED Canada-NC 1.0 Independent Assessment

This report is intended to serve two primary purposes:

1. It serves as an indicator of the number of LEED credits, and ultimately the LEED certification that may be obtained by a specific project.
2. It assists in understanding the risks that could lead to a failure to achieve specific LEED credits.

Project Number

2095079.00

Project Name

Algoma Public Health

Projected Cost Increase

Date

5/6/2009

Assessor:

Mark Lucuik

Rating Likely

GOLD

Credits: 41

Rating likely credits = sum of 'highly probable' and 'will pursue - Likely' 4

Official LEED Scores: Certified:26-32 Silver:33-38 Gold:39-51 Platinum: 52 +

Note: It is good practice to pursue a minimum of 3 to 5 additional credits than the required minimum. This is important due to uncertainties in the design, construction, and LEED assessment process. The ratings above include a credit contingency specifically chosen for this project.

Mark Lucuik

Explanation of Scoring

Credits

Highly Probable

19

This category represents credits and prerequisites that are very likely to be achieved with the building / project design and location presented at the time the assessment was performed.

Will Pursue - Likely

26

This category represents credits and prerequisites that are likely to be achieved with the current building / project design and location, but there remains some risk either through design or construction that the credit or prerequisite could be lost. Typically, with careful attention, the credits or prerequisites would be achieved.

Will Pursue Some Risk

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This category represents credits and prerequisites that may be achieved with the current building / project design and location, but there is significant risk either through design or construction that the credit or prerequisite could be lost. Typically, these credits or prerequisites would be achieved through attention to detail in design and / or construction.

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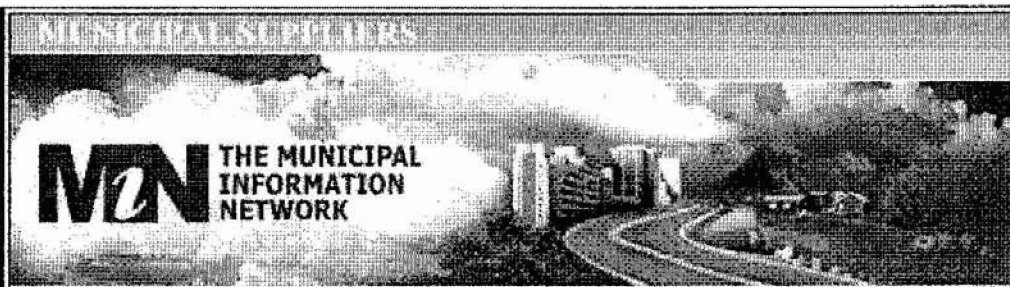
Application Guidelines

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Green Municipal Fund commits \$8,350,000 loan to the City of Kingston for a new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) police facility

Kingston, January 18, 2008 - City of Kingston Councillor Leonore Foster, a member of the National Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and Mr. Gord Brown, Member of Parliament for Leeds-Grenville, on behalf of Canada's Environment Minister, John Baird, announced a \$8,350,000 Green Municipal Fund (GMF) loan for the City of Kingston. The loan is helping the City of Kingston to finance the building of a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) police facility that was completed last fall.

"FCM's Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments," said Councillor Leonore Foster. "The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund supports the development of communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable."

"The Government of Canada is committed to protecting and preserving our environment," said Mr. Brown. "I am pleased to be here to congratulate the city of Kingston for their innovative planning and real environmental action. This is another example of the good work our Government is doing with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to create cleaner and healthier communities across our great country."

The Government of Canada has endowed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with \$550 million to establish and manage the Green Municipal Fund. The Fund supports partnerships and leveraging of both public and private sector funding to reach higher standards of air, water and soil quality, and climate protection.

Kingston has developed the first building within the City constructed to a LEED standard. This new police facility targeted LEED Silver, but strives to achieve LEED Gold standards featuring innovation in sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy, materials, resources, indoor air quality, and design.

In 2004 Kingston City Council adopted a policy whereby all new building constructions and large retrofit designs require a LEED assessment. The City of Kingston is one of a handful of Canadian Municipalities such as the City of Vancouver, City of Victoria and City of Calgary that have adopted such a policy. The LEED certification process promotes responsible economical and environmental decision making by incorporating the operating costs into capital cost considerations.

"I am proud that the City of Kingston is making every effort to construct our new municipal facilities in the most environmentally-friendly way possible," said Mayor Harvey Rosen. "Kingston's new police headquarters is the latest example of our high standards in this regard. This building will be used every day in our city for many years to come. Making use of the LEED standard in construction is certainly a responsible way for Kingston to operate our buildings, while minimizing potentially harmful damage to our environment. I am delighted that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is supporting this important municipal project."

The FCM-funded project is located on what was a brownfield site that has been remediated under the City's Community Improvement Plan, noted City of Kingston Mayor Harvey Rosen.

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"Previously this site was dormant for some time and an economic challenge for the City. Now the site is home to a state-of-the-art sustainable building containing a variety of facilities related to daily police activities."

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Introduction

1. About the Green Municipal Fund

GMF is a long-term source of financing for municipalities and their partners to develop communities that are more environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable.

The Government of Canada endowed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with \$550 million to establish GMF. This Fund:

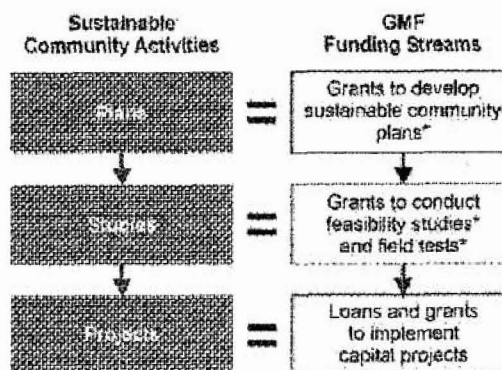
- provides below-market loans and grants to municipalities that deliver leading examples of sustainable development; and
- builds capacity and shares the knowledge and experience gained by municipal leaders through GMF-funded studies and projects.

GMF is managed by FCM and operates at arm's length from the federal government. For more information, see the FCM Green Municipal Fund website at www.fcm.ca/gmf.

2. What Is Eligible for GMF Funding?

GMF has three funding streams that finance three types of sustainable community activities:

Note: GMF invests in the plans, studies, and projects that provide the best examples of municipal leadership in sustainable development and from which other municipalities can learn and apply.



* See the [Glossary](#) for definitions of these terms.

The application forms and Application Guidelines for each funding stream are available on the FCM Green Municipal Fund website at www.fcm.ca/gmf.

3. Funding for Capital Projects

There are specific, targeted calls for applications in each of five sectors every year: brownfields, energy, transportation, waste and water. Potential recipients can apply only in response to specific targeted calls for applications in each sector.

FCM offers below-market GMF loans or below-market loans combined with grants to implement projects that represent the best examples of leadership in sustainable development in each sector, with the exception of the brownfields sector in which only loans are available.

GMF can offer financing for up to 80% of the eligible costs of some capital projects. **Grants are only offered in combination with loans.**



Call for applications: Energy

4. Objective

The objective of the call for applications in the energy sector is to decrease energy consumption in municipal buildings in Canada. FCM will offer GMF loan and grant combinations to support building retrofits and new building construction that improve energy-efficiency.

To ensure the greatest possible environmental, social, and economic impact, FCM invests GMF loans and grants in the best examples of municipal leadership in sustainable development — examples that can be replicated in other communities.

For energy efficient **building retrofits**:

- Projects must lead to an anticipated reduction in energy consumption of greater than 30 percent compared to current energy consumption levels.

For energy efficient **new building construction**:

- Projects must show an anticipated reduction in design energy consumption of greater than of 40 percent compared to the Model National Energy Code for Buildings (MNECB)



5. Eligibility

5.1 Who is eligible?

Any municipal government, or municipal utility or corporation wholly owned by a municipal government in Canada may apply for funding under this call for applications.

5.2 What projects are eligible?

Projects eligible for this call for applications fall into two categories: energy efficient building retrofits and energy efficient new building construction. This funding opportunity is restricted to buildings owned but not necessarily operated by eligible applicants.

Projects will not be approved unless they receive a minimum overall score of 60 points out of 100

AND

- Projects must seek to achieve a minimum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification or equivalent.



5.3 Prerequisites

The following activities must be complete before submitting an application:

For energy efficient **building retrofits**:

- A determination of the current energy consumption (based on the average annual energy consumption (in energy units) over the previous 3 years, normalized for weather variations); and
- A feasibility study featuring energy modeling or simulation output for comparison of the building retrofit to current energy consumption.

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For energy efficient new building construction:

- Feasibility study featuring energy modeling or simulation output for comparison of the new building construction to the MNECB.

If these prerequisites have not yet been completed, applicants are not eligible under this call for applications.

6. Funding

6.1 What funding is available for projects?

Projects approved under this call for applications will be eligible to receive funding for up to 80 per cent of the eligible project costs up to a maximum \$4 million loan and \$400,000 grant per project. The value of the grant will not exceed 10 percent of the loan request amount.

Note: FCM reserves the right to adjust the above loan limit.

6.2 What interest rates and terms are available for GMF loans?

For approved municipal governments, GMF interest rates are Government of Canada bond rate for the equivalent term minus 1.5 per cent.

For corporations or utilities wholly owned by a municipal government, interest rates will depend on the credit strength of the borrower but in no case will these rates be lower than the Government of Canada bond rate for the equivalent term minus 1.5%.

Interest rates are set at the time of loan disbursement and will be fixed for a term up to 20 years.

6.3 Which projects are eligible for a grant?

All applicants will be eligible to receive a grant up to a maximum of 5 percent of their requested loan amount.

Applicants that show that the proposed project is supported by a municipal sustainability plan demonstrating the necessity or importance of the proposed project in furthering the municipality's sustainability goals and score a minimum of 12 points out of 20 in the Other environmental considerations criterion will be eligible for a grant up to a maximum of 10 percent of the requested loan amount. A grant will only be offered in combination with a loan.

6.4 Disbursement

All applicants that accept offers of financing will be required to sign funding contracts with FCM. For additional information on the steps following approval, please consult the *Post Approval Process for Capital Projects*, as well as the *Sample Municipal Loan Agreement* documents available from the website of the FCM Green Municipal Fund <www.fcm.ca/gmf>).

Loans

Loan funds will be disbursed in one payment at project completion provided that the project is implemented as described in the application to GMF.

Grants

Grant funds will be disbursed after one year of operations and after third party verification of direct environmental results (actual reduction in energy consumption). Refer to section 10.

Projects that fail to achieve the reduction in energy consumption (as forecasted in the application) within one year following project implementation, will have their grant reduced by 50%.



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Energy efficient **building retrofit projects** that fail to achieve a **minimum 30 percent** reduction in energy consumption of within one year following project implementation, will not receive any grant.

Energy efficient **new building construction projects** that fail to achieve a **minimum 40 percent** reduction in design energy consumption compared to the MNECB within one year following project implementation, will not receive any grant.

7. Eligible Costs

7.1 What costs are eligible?

The following invoiced costs are eligible for funding. (Eligible project costs incurred on or after the date FCM receives the complete application will become receivable if the application is approved by the FCM Board.)

- a) **Capital costs**, as defined and determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP):
 - i. acquiring, developing, constructing, modernizing or leasing systems (equipment, hardware, software, etc.) that are essential for the completion of the project;
 - ii. costs of construction, renovation or modernization of facilities and structures essential for the completion of the project, such as materials and installation costs.
 - iii. Signage costs
- b) **Salaries, professional fees and remuneration:**
 - i. salaries, fees or remuneration paid to professional, technical personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in the planning, assessment, analysis, design, engineering, manufacturing, construction, monitoring, and

- reporting of the project, but not employed by the applicant;
- ii. salaries, fees or remuneration paid to professional, technical personnel, consultants and contractors directly involved in public education and promotion, survey and web site development and the development of other communication tools, directly related to the implementation of the project, but not employed by the applicant; and
- iii. salaries, fees or remuneration paid directly to employees of the applicant working on the project are eligible up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the total eligible project costs.

7.2 What costs are not eligible?

The following costs are not eligible for funding:

- a) activities related to the project that would be eligible for GMF funding under a sustainable community plan, feasibility study, or field test (refer to the Application Guidelines for Sustainable Community Plans and for Feasibility Studies and Field Tests on the website of the FCM Green Municipal Fund <www.fcm.ca/gmf>)
- b) assessment of the current energy consumption, and modeling or simulation activities associated with determining energy consumption
- c) general overhead costs of the applicant, such as insurance and other operating costs related to general maintenance and repairs in relation to the project
- d) office space for the project
- e) purchase, lease or sale of real property
- f) administrative costs not specifically listed as eligible costs, such as audit fees and legal fees



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- g) engineering costs for which grants or contributions are provided by or committed to be provided by any program of the Government of Canada
- h) conference and conference travel
- i) Provincial Sales Tax and the Goods and Services Tax for which the applicant is eligible for a tax rebate and any other costs eligible for rebates
- j) in-kind contributions, except as noted in 6.1 b) iii.

8. Application Assessment

8.1 How are applications assessed?

Applications are assessed by an independent Peer Review Committee according to the potential for the project to deliver environmental, social and economic benefits within the context of sustainable development.

FCM will offer GMF loans and grants to projects that reflect the very best examples of municipal leadership in sustainable development – projects that have high net environmental impact and that can be replicated in other communities.

Applications will also be assessed on the project management, application quality, public engagement, and municipal council or board of director commitment. In keeping with FCM's goal to share lessons learned from GMF-funded initiatives with other communities, projects will also be assessed on their innovation, potential for replication, and potential for knowledge sharing.

Direct environmental benefits:

The measures of direct environmental benefit for this call for applications will be:

For all projects:

- Where building design also includes renewable energy systems (such as solar, wind, or geothermal) or waste heat recovery, the total thermal and electrical output of these systems will be treated as energy savings for the purpose of determining direct environmental benefits.

For energy efficient building retrofits:

- The forecast reduction in energy consumption compared to the current energy consumption.

For energy efficient new building construction:

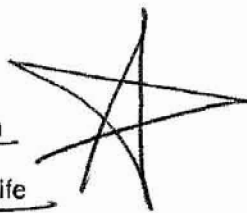
- The forecast reduction in design energy consumption compared to performance of the same facility built to the MNECB standard. 

Other environmental considerations:

Other environmental considerations for this call for applications will take into account:

- Any negative environmental impacts of the project and their proposed mitigation 
- Environmental co-benefits considering air, water, land, biodiversity and the GMF sectors (waste, transportation, brownfields, and water)
- How the project contributes to implementation of existing plans, strategies, programs, policies for sustainability, overall community vision, sustainable community plan
- Systems approach, which considers the extent to which the project deals with the root causes of the environmental issues, as opposed to "end-of-pipe" solutions that only deal with symptomatic issues

Social benefits may include:

- Protection and improvement of human health
- Improvement to community quality of life 



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- Community economic development and community revitalization
- Heritage conservation or preservation
- Affordable housing opportunities
- Increased public awareness and understanding of energy issues and options
- Partnerships between two or more municipalities

Economic benefits may include:

- Expected operation and maintenance costs, and savings of the project
- Leveraging GMF funding to secure financing from municipal governments and other public sources
- Private sector involvement in municipal environmental projects, including the increased participation of private lenders
- Investment in innovative environmental technologies, practices and processes
- Use of full-cost accounting and full-cost pricing
- Adoption of cost-effective demand-side management policies and programs
- Improved job retention, increased job creation, and generation of employment income
- Increase in property tax, sales tax and GST

9. Application Requirements

9.1 Required documents

Applicants will be required to submit the following documents with their application:

For all projects:

- Detailed feasibility study featuring energy modeling or simulation output for comparison of the building retrofit to current energy consumption, or of the new building construction to the MNECB
- Detailed architectural design or concept documents for new construction (electronic format preferred)

- Worksheets (templates to be provided by FCM with the Application Form)
- Applications or registrations for green building certification, for example, submissions to the Canadian Green Buildings Council (CAGBC) for LEED (if applicable)

For municipal applicants:

- Most recent audited financial statements
- Municipal council resolution describing the level of commitment and financial support for the proposed project and GMF application, OR a letter from the chief administrative officer or chief financial officer describing the current status of project approval
- For applicants from a municipal government **outside the Province of Quebec**, evidence of provincial consultation¹ (a template letter will be available from the website of the FCM Green Municipal Fund www.fcm.ca/gmf)

For utilities or corporations wholly owned by a municipal government:

- Most recent three years of audited financial statements and, if available, a business plan for the proposed project (note that FCM reserves the right to request further financial information)
- A letter from the chief executive officer or chief financial officer describing the current status of project approval and giving evidence of the board of directors' decision to support the proposed project and GMF application
- For applicants **outside the Province of Quebec**, evidence of provincial consultation² (a template letter will be available from the website of the FCM)

¹ Provincial consultation for applicants from municipal governments inside the Province of Quebec is acquired by way of submission to the Ministère des Affaires municipales, des Régions et de l'Occupation du territoire MAMROT.

² Provincial consultation for applicants from inside the Province of Quebec is acquired by way of submission to MAMROT.





Green Municipal Fund
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10. Project Reporting

In accordance with the agreement established between FCM and the Government of Canada, all funding recipients must report on the environmental benefits and lessons learned from the implementation of their GMF-funded project.

All approved recipients must comply with the standard GMF project reporting

requirements, which include submitting a Project Completion Report (PCR), and an Environmental Results Report (ERR) which may be prepared by a third party consultant. These reporting requirements are available on the FCM Green Municipal Fund website at <www.fcm.ca/gmf>.

Approved borrowers must also post project signage acknowledging FCM's contribution to the project, following FCM's specifications. The cost for this signage will be considered an eligible cost.



SAULT YOUTH ASSOCIATION
REVIEW AND VISION

March 2009

an advocate for youth to strengthen their community : bring us up :

Submitted to Sault Ste. Marie City Council

2008/2009 OVERVIEW

The Sault Youth Association (SYA) has begun to make its mark in the City of Sault Ste. Marie amongst youth and community alike.

With three full time staff members as of November 2008 and a guiding Board of Directors comprised of eight young professionals and students, as well as many dedicated volunteers, SYA is working hard daily to fulfill its vision and objectives over the coming months and years.

Since June of 2008 the people of SYA made remarkable gains in demonstration of our commitment to the advancement and engagement of our city's young people through a holistic community approach.

Projects and gains in 2008/early 2009 include:

- Worked closely with the Mayor's office to host a youth forum in January 2008. The Mayor proclaimed 2008 the "Year of the Youth."
- Submitted a comprehensive proposal to the Playworks Committee to have Sault Ste. Marie be declared a 'Youth Friendly Community'. This involved working closely with the entire community, including more than 250 youth voices. Status of our application and report card is due in April 2009.
- Direct outreach to engage young people including:
 - Support in development of Sault Youth Webshow:
 - Project to develop an online news segment for youth: Spearheaded by Jay Vilneff aged 24 on disability and not within the school system
 - Youth Advisory Committee:
 - Coordinated group of young people aged 13-25 to act as "Advisors" to SYA and direct the activities and projects of SYA to ensure the youth voice is consistently heard around our table
 - Visiting the youth directly to promote and discuss the work of SYA and others in the community to ensure knowledge and initiate active participation in our group and others in the community. Location visits have included
 - All secondary and post-secondary institutions
 - Indian Friendship Centre Education Unit
 - Pauline's Place Youth Shelter
 - Station Mall

- Garden River Teen Advisory Committee
 - Public Library Main Branch Teen Advisory Committee
 - Special events and concerts geared at youth
 - Garden River Youth Employment Trade-Show
- Increased working partnerships with key stakeholders in the community on a variety of initiatives and projects. This list continues to grow weekly. SYA has and/or is currently working closely with:
 - Algoma District School Board
 - Algoma Multicultural Society
 - Algoma University
 - Children's Rehabilitation Centre
 - Community Living Algoma
 - Employment Connection Programs – Sault College and YMCA
 - Enterprise Centre SSM
 - Garden River Community
 - Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board
 - Indian Friendship Centre
 - New To The Sault
 - Pauline's Place Youth Shelter
 - Sault College of Applied Arts & Technology
 - Soup Kitchen
 - The Coalition of Algoma Passenger Trains
 - Turtle Concepts
 - United Way of Sault Ste. Marie
 - YMCA
 - Sault Ste. Marie Community Quality Improvement
 - Continued growth and work in established SYA including:
 - Buskerfest 2008, which grew to two pitches to accommodate growing crowds and community support.
 - The Fresh Magazine distributed six issues with expanded distribution and meeting its goal of using entirely locally generated content.
 - Hired a Business Director to over see all SYA initiatives. Our director is showing great leadership and initiative and is a valuable part of our team.
 - Hired two interns to work on The Fresh Magazine as well as community development and events initiatives.

2009 – 2011

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTS

Strategic Objectives:

Through a strategic planning session that included the Board of Directors, Staff and interested youth, SYA finalized their strategic objectives and direction for the next two years of operation.

1. SYA will become a sustainable organization
2. SYA will support a Youth-Oriented Social Community
3. SYA will engage youth to become actively involved in their community
4. SYA will develop and implement a Community Youth Strategy
5. SYA will gather and distribute relevant youth information and data
6. SYA will foster communication to connect youth

Key Projects and Initiatives 2009 – 2010

1. Community Centre
 - a. Youth Friendly :: Café :: Marketplace :: Teen Centre Programming :: Workshops :: Toddler Zone :: Multicultural Information :: Etc.
 - b. Working collaboratively with a number of community partners to spearhead the development of a Community Centre which will offer programs and services to all members and residents of SSM.
 - c. It will also act as a Non-for-profit incubator in that those organizations housed within it must be bringing programs and people to assist with the functioning, usage and sustainability of the centre as a whole.
 - d. Our goal is to have the Community Centre open its doors by the fall of 2010.
2. Youth Weekend 2009
 - a. September 18 & 19 the downtown core will transform into a youth zone aged at young people aged 13-25
 - b. The event will feature a Friday night dance party to kick-off festivities hosted by Turtle Concepts Amphibian Lounge. Saturday will be a full day Scavenger Hunt that will unite youth with local businesses and

service providers through a variety of exciting riddles, obstacle courses and challenges. The event will end on Saturday night with a concert featuring local high-school bands.

- i. This event will also unveil a "Youth Wall" where SYA has been going around receiving the voices of the youth along a large wall. This wall and their words will be along Queen Street for all to see what the Youth Want.
 - ii. The Youth Weekend is also designed to ensure visibility of our youth and designate a youth friendly community by inviting local businesses to post a specially designed window sticker, identifying them as welcoming of our young community.
- c. The days leading up to this event / or following this event will highlight a "future leaders event" where motivational speakers will be visiting high-school students to discuss a number of topics that matter to them.
 - d. There will also be a Youth Forum held immediately after the event in early October where the past year's activities will be discussed along with issues that need to be addressed. All members of our youth community invited to participate – youth and service providers alike.

3. Youth Strategy

- a. Host youth forums, surveys, polls and events to unite the youth with key stakeholders to develop the issues for a Civic Youth Strategy.
- b. Develop and Implementation plan for the Civic Youth Strategy that involves all members of our community to recognize the issues and move forward to addressing each voice in our youth community

4. Youth-Friendly Space

- a. One of SYA's main priorities in 2009 is to find a home for themselves that is visible, easy to access and youth friendly for a place that the youth know is their own, a place they feel welcome, can become active volunteers, work on our programs and more.

5. Online and Membership Development Program

- a. SYA is in the process of finalizing the launch of a new youth website and membership structure. This will provide the youth and SYA will an easy means of cross-communication, news, forums and events that support each other in our initiatives.

6. Mentoring and Leadership Programs

- a. To be instituted moving into 2010, SYA will develop a number of workshops and seminars in leadership where participants will be

invited to be engaged in a variety of areas that help shape our current and future leaders of SSM.

- b. SYA Board, staff and volunteers will work to mentor young adults through their visions of betterment in our community and develop a mentoring program with youth mentoring youth in skills training, confidence, advocacy, event management and more.

Summary

The SYA has made great strides in less than a year since receiving its funding. The increasing level of community support, youth initiatives in development and the visible opportunities to fill essential needs within our community continuously encourages us to push forward to meet our objectives.

As we move forward into the coming years, it is imperative that SYA continues on this momentum gained and continues to raise its profile and that of all programs to the youth of the community and work daily to engage them to help shape a progressive city and develop invested future leaders.

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**Sault Youth Association
Budget**
For Fiscal Year January 1 to December 31, 2009

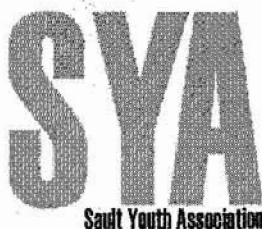
Expenses	2009	Notes
Operating Expenses		
Fresh Printing - 6 issues	\$ 17,400.00	5,500 copies per issue \$2,900 per issue at 6 per year
Fresh Distribution Racks	\$ 300.00	additional to existing
Distribution - Fresh	\$ 300.00	\$0.45/km x 100km / issue
Misc. Travel local	\$ 500.00	\$0.45/km
Sub Total	\$18,500.00	
Buskerfest		
Performers	\$ 8,000.00	
Table Rental	\$ 150.00	
Porta Potties	\$ 382.00	
Food Stand	\$ 1,000.00	
Marketing / Printing in-kind	\$ 2,500.00	
Printing - Banners	\$ 750.00	
Advertising Print	\$ 250.00	Festivals and Events Guide
Advertising Media - Radio etc.	\$ 2,000.00	
Swag T-shirt, etc.	\$ 2,000.00	
Hotel Rooms - in-kind	\$ 1,700.00	
Green Room Food	\$ 150.00	
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$ 400.00	
Sub Total	\$19,282.00	
Marketing		
Advertising - print / radio / TV	\$ 3,500.00	
Collaterals	\$ 2,500.00	printing, ad set up
On-line marketing	\$ 1,500.00	
Merchandizing / Prizing	\$ 4,000.00	swag,prizing offered, etc.
Event Sponsorship	\$ 2,500.00	
SYA Hosted Events	\$ 5,000.00	
Sub Total	\$19,000.00	
Program Costs		
Web Development		
Re-design	\$ 9,400.00	
Annual fees	\$ 315.00	
Consulting Fees		
Designers	\$ -	Design peer review
Writers	\$ -	To supplement youth writers
Legal	\$ -	Contracts, etc.
Financial	\$ 1,900.00	Accounting/Buisness Devel.
Membership		
Printing Costs	\$ 1,200.00	Membership cards and materials
Sub Total	\$12,815.00	
Administration		
Office Supplies	\$ 1,800.00	\$150 per month
Office Space - in kind	\$ 8,000.00	500 ft^2
Payroll Cost - in kind	\$ 1,200.00	\$100 / month
Internet	\$ 1,140.00	At \$95 per month approx
Phones (including long distance)	\$ 840.00	at \$70 per month aprox.
Postage	\$ 257.00	\$30 per issue
GL Insurance	\$ 675.00	
Office Furniture	\$ 2,500.00	
Software	\$ 200.00	
Computer Hardware	\$ 550.00	Server/networking
Travel - trips	\$ 1,500.00	seminars/other cities
Meeting expenses	\$ 1,760.00	Board meetings and other
Sub Total	\$20,422.00	
Salary (including empl. cont. + WSIB)		
Business Director + 2 interns	\$ 111,450.00	Salaries + employer payroll expenses
Sub Total	\$111,450.00	
Reserve Fund		
2009 Contribution	\$ 3,500.00	
Sub Total	\$3,500.00	
Grand Total Expenses	\$204,969.00	

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**Sault Youth Association
Budget
For Fiscal Year January 1 to December 31, 2009**

	2009	Notes
Revenues		
SYA		
Advertising Fresh	\$ 15,000.00	In Fresh printing @ \$2,500 per issue
Online Advertising	\$ -	
Investors	\$ -	Shareholders
Membership Dues	\$ -	
Local Initiatives Fund (LIF)	\$ 5,000.00	requested amount - pending
Sub Total	\$20,000.00	
Events		
Fundraising Events for SYA	\$ 1,500.00	In partnering organizations supporting SYA efforts
Sponsorship for SYA/Fresh Hosted Events	\$ 1,500.00	Special Events
Sub Total	\$3,000.00	
Community Partners		
Trillium	\$ 10,000.00	portion of grant to be used to salary 09/10
City of Sault Ste. Marie	\$ 30,000.00	requested amount - pending
DSSAB / NCBS	\$ 5,625.00	advance for first quarter 2009 - no more avail.
United Way	\$ 10,000.00	based on 2008 contribution
YMCA In-kind	\$ 9,200.00	Office Space and Payroll
NOHFC 1	\$ 27,500.00	
NOHFC 2	\$ 27,500.00	
Sub Total	\$119,825.00	
Buskerfest		
Corporate Sponsors	\$ 10,000.00	
Marketing / Printing In-kind	\$ 2,500.00	
Vendors (10%)	\$ 800.00	
Hotel Rooms In-kind	\$ 1,700.00	
Food Stand Sales	\$ 2,000.00	
Sub Total	\$17,000.00	
Reserve Fund		
2008 Contribution	\$ 700.00	
Sub Total	\$700.00	
Unspent revenue from all sources 2008	\$44,444.00	
Grand Total Revenues	\$204,969.00	
less expenses for 2009	\$204,969.00	
Balance	\$0.00	

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 8, 2009

Sault Ste. Marie Receives a GOLD Youth Friendly Community Designation Grade

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario (May 08, 2009) – The Sault Youth Association (SYA) announced today that the City of Sault Ste. Marie has been recognized as a GOLD Youth Friendly Community Builder.

The golden grade was achieved by meeting 15 out of 16 criteria as defined by the Play Works Partnership Committee. These criteria are used to determine whether or not a community provides opportunities for "play" to their youth.

Opportunities for "youth play," as defined by Play Works, include such things as recreation, sport, arts, drama, dance, civic engagement, youth activism, volunteerism, social clubs, and youth leadership.

Terry Sheehan, Chair of the Youth Resources Committee states, "I am absolutely delighted that our City has achieved a Gold Youth Friendly Rating. It demonstrates that the funding for Youth that City Council made last year at budget time was well worth it. This designation will definitely be an asset to us when we market our City for the purpose of attracting businesses, health professionals and students."

Sault Ste. Marie and another 11 new communities, who also applied in 2008, have joined a total of 32 Youth Friendly Communities (YFCs) across Ontario inducted since 2005. Sault Ste. Marie was the only community this year to receive Gold status, while the City of Brampton and Municipality of Port Hope received Platinum with eight others receiving either Silver or Bronze status. Fifteen communities from across the Province applied for this special recognition.

SYA also unveiled two metal signs showcasing the Youth Friendly recognition that will be displayed within our community and all organizations wishing to participate in this celebration are encouraged to incorporate the Youth Friendly logo on their marketing materials. An official recognition ceremony is slated to take place at Queen's Park in June.

"Thank you to the entire Community of Sault Ste. Marie and all of those who have supported SYA and our initiatives," comments Alvin Olar, Chair of the Sault Youth Association. He would also like to remind us that, "Sault Ste. Marie must now work together to ensure our community maintains and builds upon this recognition by putting our youth at the forefront of our activities."

Our gold status is good for five years, at which time we can reapply to achieve a platinum Youth Friendly Community Builder.

SYA are the presenters of Buskerfest and the publishers of The Fresh Magazine. SYA is an independent membership organization working as advocates to empower youth to strengthen their community.

Play Works Partnerships: The Ontario Partnership for Active Youth is a group of organizations concerned about the future of our youth who have joined forces to bring back the power of play to Ontario's young people. Key members of Play Works include the Laidlaw Foundation, Arts Network for Children and Youth, Educational Research and Youth Representatives, YMCA Ontario, and the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association.
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