



Working together for a
sustainable healthy
community

Sustainable Development Challenges

The Healthy Community Expert Panel identified four major challenges for healthy sustainable development within the City of Greater Sudbury. The process of identification involved expert advice, analysis, discussion, reflection and consensus. The four identified major categories, which cover social, environmental, and economic sustainability issues were as follows:

- 1. Active Living / Healthy Lifestyle;**
- 2. Natural Environment;**
- 3. Civic Engagement / Social Capital; and**
- 4. Economic Growth.**

1. Active Living / Healthy Lifestyle

The City of Greater Sudbury Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan 2004 identifies personal, social, economic and environmental benefits of recreation.

Factors impacting the challenge of Active Living / Healthy Lifestyles are; education, income levels, Northern Ontario climate, aging infrastructure and the need for amenities that reflect the changing and varying demographic trend of our community.

- Health Status
- Health and Safety
- Aging and Outdated Facilities

2. Natural Environment

Sudbury's mining legacy has had profound environmental impacts. Although improved mining processes have greatly reduced impacts of current activities, the influence of past activities remains evident on the landscape.

- Impaired Ecosystems
- Lake Water Quality

3. Civic Engagement/Social Capital

Factors impacting the challenge of civic engagement/social capital are the large geographic spread of citizens across our community, level of educational attainment, income levels and changing demographics of our community.

- Homelessness
- Family Poverty
- Educational Attainment

4. Economic Growth

Factors impacting the challenge of Economic Growth are; employment opportunities for young people, creation of meaningful job opportunities, support of a vibrant and creative arts and culture sector and addressing the need for facility renewal and replacement.

- Out-migration
 - Unemployment
 - Arts and Culture
 - Infrastructure
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