



Working together for a
sustainable healthy
community

Healthy Community Charter

We, the members of the Healthy Community Cabinet for the City of Greater Sudbury, believe a healthy community is one which embraces a broad vision of health through intentional and balanced economic, environmental and social development. We believe that when the values of the healthy community are shared, we will enhance overall public health and sustainability.

We embrace the World Health Organization's definition of a Healthy Community as a place which is constantly improving its physical and social environment and, using the resources of the community, enables its citizens to help each other carry out their daily tasks and develop their potential.

We support the United Nations University Regional Centres of Expertise model for sustainable development, which seeks to engage people of all ages in the assumption of responsibility for creating a sustainable future through public awareness, education and training.

The Healthy Community Charter focuses on four priorities:

- Active Living / Healthy Lifestyle;
- Natural Environment;
- Civic Engagement / Social Capital; and
- Economic Growth.

This Healthy Community Charter will bring together expertise from government, education, business, planning, parks and recreation, economic development, public health, public safety, emergency services, community groups and individual residents, to create a supportive and caring environment that fosters active living and wellness, now and into the future.

We see progress towards a healthier sustainable community requiring strong political leadership, broad participation and community engagement. Through concerted effort and action, we can improve the quality of our community and individual health through:

- capacity building for leadership and diversity;
- partnerships;
- education; and
- advocacy for change.

We, the members of the Healthy Community Cabinet of the City of Greater Sudbury, recognize our civic responsibility as stewards of the community and the importance of taking action, through:

- mentoring
 - modeling
 - education
 - advocacy
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