

Major Projects Task Force (MPTF) Outcomes Report

June 30, 2017

Mandate:

The Major Projects Task Force will provide leadership in seeking to advance the development of one or more of the four major projects in the City of Greater Sudbury (art gallery/library, events centre/arena, Synergy Centre, and Place des Arts).

Outcomes:

- 1. The Task Force will undertake a fact-finding exercise to determine the current status of each of the projects.**
 - On 26 October 2016, MPTF received an update from chamber staff on the status of each of the four major projects.
 - On 29 March 2017, MPTF received a summary of the report written by PwC for the City of Greater Sudbury regarding the proposed arena/events centre.
 - MPTF heard nine presentations on the statuses of the various major projects.
- 2. The Task Force will research the process City Council has laid out for moving each of the projects through to the decision-making stage.**
 - By soliciting input from those involved with each of the four major projects, MPTF sought to remain informed of the development of each process and the decision making process of city council.
 - MPTF heard a presentation from CAO Ed Archer and Ian Wood regarding the four major projects and council's decision making process.
- 3. The Task Force will research the business plans and economic spin-off of each project, to gain a better understanding of the merits of each of the projects.**
 - During presentations to the MPTF, presenters explained the business plans of their respective projects and the economic impact of their project. Questions from task force members often focused on economic feasibility and impact.
- 4. Based on the information it gathers, the Task Force may choose to make recommendations to City Council to encourage a more expeditious advancement of one or more of the projects.**
 - On 4 April 2017, the chamber submitted a letter to Ron Henderson, General Manager, City of Greater Sudbury emphasizing the importance of economic development in selecting a site for a new arena/events centre. Mayor Bigger, city council, CAO Ed Archer, and Ian Wood, GSDC were cc'd on the letter.
 - On 9 June 2017, MPTF met to discuss recommendations it would make to the Board in advance of council's decisions 27 and 28 June 2017.
 - On 22 June 2017, on the direction of the Board of Directors, the chamber submitted a letter to Mayor Bigger and City Council in support of the construction of a new arena/events centre and in support of locating the arena in the downtown.
- 5. Lobby the senior levels of government in support of funding one or more of the major projects.**

- The chamber has not formally lobbied the senior levels of government in support of funding any of the major projects.
- 6. Share with our members and the broader business community our positions if and when feasible.**
- On 21 June 2017, the chamber published a media release in support of the construction of a new arena/events centre and in support of locating the arena in the downtown.

Meetings:

From October 2016 to June 2017, MPTF met 8 times (26 October 2016, 2 December 2016, 25 January 2017, 13 February 2017, 28 March 2017, 26 April 2017, 31 May 2017, and 9 June 2017). There was no meeting in November 2016.

Guest Speakers:

On 26 October 2016, MPTF heard a presentation from Paulette Gagnon, Director of Development, and Stéphane Gauthier, Chair of the Board, Place des Arts.

On 5 December 2016, MPTF heard a presentation from John Caruso, Chair of the Steering Committee, Synergy Centre.

On 25 January 2017, MPTF heard a presentation from Brian Harding, Manager of Libraries and Heritage Museums, City of Greater Sudbury regarding the proposed library/art gallery.

On 13 February 2017, MPTF heard a presentation from Demetra Christakos, Director/Curator and Josée Forest-Niesing, Chair, Art Gallery of Sudbury regarding the proposed library/art gallery.

On 28 March 2017, MPTF heard a presentation from Ian Wood, Director of Economic Development and Ed Archer, CAO, City of Greater Sudbury. They provided an update on the four major projects, focusing on the arena/events centre.

On 26 April 2017, MPTF heard a presentation from Jeff MacIntyre, Downtown Sudbury regarding site selection for the proposed arena/events centre. He advocated for locating the events centre in the downtown.

On 26 April 2017, MPTF heard a presentation from Andrew Dale and Blaine Smith, Sudbury Wolves on behalf of Dario Zulich regarding the proposed arena/events centre. The presentation outlined Dario Zulich's proposal for the arena/events centre.

On 31 May 2017, MPTF heard a presentation from Ron Henderson, General Manager, City of Greater Sudbury regarding the site selection process for the arena/events centre.

On 31 May 2017, MPTF heard a presentation from Dr. David Robinson, Associate Professor of Economics, Laurentian University regarding economic analysis of site selection for the proposed arena/events centre.