

Eric Lachance – Ward 4

As a candidate running for city council in Ward 4, I generally agree with the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce election platform for the 2018 municipal election. Supporting growth through economic development is very important.

The Kingsway Entertainment District and The Junction need to proceed forward. I do have a concern about The Junction also being a 950 seat convention centre. This seating capacity could possibly take away from other establishments in the area like the Caruso Club, Holiday Inn Hotel and the Steelworkers Hall to name a few. I do agree that all stakeholders need to be engaged on these projects. Everyone needs to be better informed as to the fully costed financial plan, how these projects will affect the city's finances and future tax burden, and also include ongoing progress and cost containment reports.

We need to plan our infrastructure investments. The City of Greater Sudbury should adopt a risk ranked, strategic and comprehensive approach to infrastructure development and renewal. With a well understood plan the disruptions from this construction work could be better co-ordinated and reduced. Let's have a long-term plan that shows the prioritization of infrastructure improvement projects spread across the communities in the City of Greater Sudbury.

I am in favour with all the solutions presented to support business at Tom Davies Square. City Hall needs to reduce the red tape and be more pro-active and solution driven. Supporting the building of a skilled workforce is essential. We should work collaboratively to introduce practices to attract and train skilled labour in Greater Sudbury. We also need to make our community a more attractive place to live, learn, work, and play.

The Water/Wastewater Masterplan (WWMP) has to be well-communicated with ongoing public consultations and allow for scrutiny and input from subject matter experts.

If elected, I look forward to working with the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce and I hope this clarifies your inquiry into my support of your 2018 Municipal Election Platform.

Thank You,
Take Care,

Eric Lachance