

2026 Mayoral Campaign Platform

Continuing the Momentum.

When I first decided to run for Mayor, it wasn't because I thought Greater Sudbury needed to reinvent itself. I ran because I believed we were capable of more.

I have always believed this city had everything it needed to succeed. We have hardworking people, world-class industries, incredible natural assets and communities that care deeply about where they live. What we needed was leadership that brought people together, focused on getting things done and isn't afraid to think bigger.

That's what we have worked to build over the past four years.

Today, there's a different feeling in Greater Sudbury.

You can see it in the new housing projects taking shape across our community. You can see it in the businesses choosing to invest here. You can see it in the new funding we have secured for major infrastructure projects.

You can see it in the growing confidence Greater Sudburians have that our city is moving in the right direction.

None of that happened overnight, and none of it happened because of one person. It happened because people across Greater Sudbury pulled in the same direction. Residents, businesses, Indigenous partners, community organizations, post-secondary institutions, City staff, Council and other levels of government all played a role.

My job has been to help bring those people together around common goals and make sure City Hall is a partner in building our future, rather than a barrier to it. I'm running for re-election because I believe we've built real momentum, and I don't think this is the time to lose it.

The next four years matter just as much as the last four. Maybe even more. We've laid the foundation. Now we have to build on it.

That means continuing to grow our economy, building more homes, improving our infrastructure and making Greater Sudbury an even better place to live. It also means staying focused on the things people talk about around their own kitchen tables: finding a family doctor, feeling safe in their neighbourhood, getting around the city, and knowing their kids will have opportunities here when they grow up.

Those priorities have guided me from the beginning, and they'll continue to guide me if I'm given the opportunity to serve another term.



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A Different Approach to Leadership

I've always believed that how you lead matters just as much as what you accomplish.

Municipal government works best when people trust each other enough to solve problems together. That's why we've worked hard to build a professional, pragmatic and collaborative culture at City Hall.

Good ideas don't belong to one person or one level of government. Some of our biggest successes have come from sitting down with people who see the world differently, finding common ground and getting to work.

That's how we've attracted new investment. It's how we've moved housing projects forward. It's how we've secured funding for major infrastructure. It's how we've strengthened relationships with our Indigenous communities, our business community, our healthcare partners and senior governments.

We've shown that Greater Sudbury can lead when we're willing to work together.

That doesn't mean every decision has been easy. It doesn't mean everyone has agreed with every choice we've made.

Leadership isn't about avoiding difficult decisions. It's about making them for the right reasons, being honest about why they matter and staying focused on what's best for the community over the long term.

That's the approach I'll continue to bring to City Hall.



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Building a City Where People Want to Live

People don't choose a community because of one project or one announcement. They choose it because they can picture a life there.

They want good schools and good jobs. They want parks where their kids can play, trails they can enjoy, libraries and community centres that bring people together, and neighbourhoods where they know their neighbours.

They also want to know they'll be able to see a doctor when they need one. Health care has to be part of the conversation about growth. A stronger healthcare system makes life better for the people who already live here, but it also helps us attract families, workers and businesses that are deciding where to invest and where to call home.

That's why we've made healthcare advocacy a priority. We've worked with hospitals, physicians, post-secondary institutions and the Province to recruit more healthcare professionals, expand capacity and make the case that Greater Sudbury deserves the investments needed to serve a growing community.

The same is true for recreation and community spaces. Whether it's a new playground, improvements to an arena, investments in our trail network, upgrades to our libraries or support for arts and culture, these aren't extras. **They're part of what makes a community feel like home.**



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Safe Communities Take More Than One Solution

When people tell me what matters most to them, safety is always part of the conversation.

They want to feel comfortable walking downtown, raising a family, opening a business or enjoying their neighbourhood. That's a reasonable expectation, and one we all share.

Over the past four years, we've made historic investments in policing because our officers need the people and resources to do their jobs well. We've strengthened emergency services and continued supporting initiatives that make our neighbourhoods safer.

At the same time, we've invested in the services that help people before they reach a crisis. Supportive housing, mental health services, addiction treatment and homelessness initiatives are all part of building a safer community.

I've never believed we have to choose between public safety and compassion. The strongest communities understand that both matter.



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Building for the Future

**Growth doesn't happen by chance.
It happens because a city is ready for it.**

That's why we've invested in roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure, public transit and the services that allow neighbourhoods and businesses to grow.

Anyone who's lived in Greater Sudbury for a while knows these investments have been needed for a long time. We didn't inherit those challenges overnight, and we won't solve them overnight either. But we've made real progress, and we have to keep going.

The same is true for housing.

Communities across Canada are facing a housing shortage, and Greater Sudbury is no exception. The answer isn't one type of housing or one single project. We need more homes across the board. Affordable housing. Rental housing. Family homes. Housing for seniors. Supportive housing. Market housing.

That's why we've worked with builders, non-profit organizations and governments to speed up approvals, remove barriers and create the conditions for more housing to be built.

We're seeing the results, but there's still more work ahead.



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An Economy That Creates Opportunity

I've always believed that one of the most important jobs of a municipal government is creating the conditions for success.

Businesses create jobs. Entrepreneurs take risks. Workers build careers. City Hall's role is to make those things easier, not harder.

Over the past four years, we've worked to make Greater Sudbury a place where investment is welcomed, partnerships are valued and good ideas can move forward.

We've seen companies expand, new employers choose Greater Sudbury and significant private investment flow into our community. We've continued building on our strengths in mining and critical minerals while supporting innovation, advanced manufacturing, tourism, health care, education and small business.

We're not growing for the sake of growth.

We're growing because a stronger economy creates opportunities for everyone. It gives young people more reasons to stay, attracts new talent, supports local businesses and generates the revenue we need to invest in the services residents rely on.



The Work Isn't Finished

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Every generation has a chance to shape the future of the place it calls home and create a lasting positive impact for future generations. I believe this is ours.

We've made meaningful progress, but no one should pretend the work is done. We still have roads to rebuild, homes to build, doctors to recruit, businesses to attract and challenges around homelessness, addiction and community safety that demand our attention.

I'm optimistic because I've seen what this community can accomplish when we stop asking whether something is possible and start asking how we make it happen.

That's the spirit I want to keep building on.

I'm proud of what we've accomplished together, but I'm even more excited about what's next.

**We've built momentum.
Now let's keep it going.**



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