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***OurTowns-OurCity Institute is a grass roots organization established to inform and engage the citizens of the City of Greater Sudbury.***

Today's News Release provides insight to the Greater Sudbury environmental issues. Society is responsible for the stewardship and sustainability of the Atmospheric, Aquatic, Terrestrial, and Spatial environments in which we live. Knowledge of the relationship has been fading over the last seven years, at an alarming rate.

Society in general seems to recognize the terms "Climate Change Emergency", and "Net Zero Emissions", with only superficial understanding of what those terms mean. The track record speaks for itself.

Making a declaration of concern, then approving **UNKNOWN** projects for **UNKNOWN** purposes, to achieve **UNKNOWN** results, adding a \$1 billion debt burden to future generations for the optics of **UNKNOWN** actions.

Doubling emissions of existing assets by twinning those assets at **UNKNOWN** cost, repurposing them to **UNKNOWN** use with more emissions at **UNKNOWN** cost, or wasting invested embodied carbon by demolishing the existing asset at **UNKNOWN** cost, will only increase the problems; waste, beyond credibility, of natural and human resources.

Approving projects that destroy drinking water sources in the aquatic environment, for future generations, with **UNKNOWN** replacement supply, **UNKNOWN** environmental impact and **UNKNOWN** economic costs.

Deliberately misleading an **UNKNOWING** public to believe economic activity is economic development, a belief that is stagnating the city and destroying socio-economics for future generations.

Valuing an iconic structure over utility, or needs for the future structure, adding **UNKNOWN** emissions, with **UNKNOWN** economic impact, and costing future generations an **UNKNOWN** amount of taxes.

Spending \$1 million on an **UNKNOWN** plan to attract tourism, with the environmental and economic impacts **UNKNOWN** locally. Worldwide, tourism accounts for well over eight (8) percent of carbon dioxide emissions as evidenced in the Environmental Impact Study for the FIFA World CUP 2022 (3.6 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions for two months of competitions).

A scarcity of knowledge in a deluge of information, has been taking the city on trips into a world of at least seventeen major **UNKNOWN**s that has made the last seven years a long, disappointing, counter-productive, environmental journey for Greater Sudbury.

**PLATITUDES and ACTIONS WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE, DO NOT CURE PROBLEMS.**

These actions are even more disappointing considering Greater Sudbury's past reputation as a leader in environmental stewardship worldwide, built on recovery from Acid Rain and the Regreening of an industry-ravaged landscape. We can recover from these too, by correcting the direction our Councils have been following. Redirection towards trust in the science, innovation, and practitioners thereof, so amply demonstrated in achieving the well-earned environmental reputation, will require a Council prepared to head in the right direction again.

The Societal environment in Greater Sudbury is in desperate need of retooling, starting with a Board of Directors (Council) more concerned with managing, than politics. Decisions and Actions, that can accomplish **KNOWN** positive results, start with you the voter, on election day, 2022.

Or be an uninformed voter and you will endorse more of the same un-knowing representation on council that takes your money for granted, because they don't connect your wallet and their lack of knowing. Your choice!

There are less than **347** days until candidates present themselves.

There are **468** days until candidate selection.

